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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

REALTY INCOME CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6798
(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)
600 La Terraza Boulevard

33-0580106
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2012

JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

To the Stockholders of Realty Income Corporation and the Stockholders of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.:

Realty Income Corporation, which we refer to as Realty Income, and American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., which we refer to as ARCT, have entered into an agreement and plan of merger dated as of September 6, 2012, as it may be amended from time to time, which we refer to as the merger agreement and which is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to the merger agreement, ARCT will merge with and into a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income, which we refer to as Merger Sub, at which time the separate existence of ARCT will cease, and Realty Income will be the parent company of Merger Sub and ARCT's subsidiaries. The obligations of Realty Income and ARCT to effect the merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of several conditions set forth in the merger agreement. If the merger is completed pursuant to the merger agreement, each ARCT stockholder will receive 0.2874 of a share of Realty Income common stock for each share of ARCT common stock held immediately prior to the effective time. The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect changes in the stock price of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock. Realty Income common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **O** and ARCT common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol **ARCT**.

In connection with the proposed merger, Realty Income and ARCT will each hold a special meeting of their respective stockholders. At Realty Income's special meeting, Realty Income stockholders will be asked to vote on (i) a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, and (ii) a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. At ARCT's special meeting, ARCT stockholders will be asked to vote on (i) a proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, (ii) on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and (iii) a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

The record date for determining the stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Realty Income special meeting and the ARCT special meeting is October 24, 2012. The merger cannot be completed unless (i) Realty Income stockholders approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the votes cast on the proposal, provided that the total votes cast on the proposal represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock, and (ii) ARCT stockholders approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote.

Realty Income's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders, (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote **FOR** the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

ARCT's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby. ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote **FOR** the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, **FOR** the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

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This joint proxy statement/prospectus contains important information about Realty Income, ARCT, the merger, the merger agreement and the special meetings. This document is also a prospectus for the shares of Realty Income common stock that will be issued to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. **We encourage you to read this joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully before voting, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 23.**

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, as applicable, please submit a proxy to vote your shares as promptly as possible. To submit a proxy, complete, sign, date and mail your proxy card in the preaddressed postage-paid envelope provided or submit your proxy by one of the other methods specified in this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the accompanying notices. Submitting a proxy will ensure that your vote is counted at the applicable special meeting if you do not attend in person. If your shares of common stock are held in street name by your broker or other nominee, only your broker or other nominee can vote your shares and the vote cannot be cast unless you provide instructions to your broker or other nominee on how to vote or you obtain a legal proxy from your broker or other nominee. You should follow the directions provided by your broker or other nominee regarding how to instruct your broker or other nominee to vote your shares. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted. Please review this joint proxy statement/prospectus for more complete information regarding the merger and Realty Income's special meeting and ARCT's special meeting, as applicable.

Thomas A. Lewis

William M. Kahane

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors,

Chief Executive Officer, President and Director American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

Chief Executive Officer Realty Income Corporation

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, nor any state securities regulatory authority has approved or disapproved of the merger or the securities to be issued under this joint proxy statement/prospectus or has passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the disclosure in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This joint proxy statement/prospectus is dated [], 2012, and is first being mailed to Realty Income and ARCT stockholders on or about [], 2012.

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Realty Income Corporation

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2012

To the Stockholders of Realty Income Corporation:

A special meeting of the stockholders of Realty Income Corporation, a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as Realty Income, will be held at The Fairmont Newport Beach, 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach, California, 92660 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. to consider and vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to the stockholders of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as ARCT, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 6, 2012, as it may be amended from time to time, which we refer to as the merger agreement, by and among Realty Income, Tau Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income, and ARCT (a copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/prospectus accompanying this notice); and
2. to consider and vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

We do not expect to transact any other business at the special meeting. Realty Income's board of directors has fixed the close of business on October 24, 2012 as the record date for determination of Realty Income stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, Realty Income's special meeting and any adjournments of the special meeting. Only holders of record of Realty Income common stock at the close of business on the record date are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Realty Income special meeting.

Approval of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the votes cast on the proposal, provided that the total votes cast on the proposal represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock. Approval of the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

Realty Income's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders; (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby; and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please submit a proxy to vote your shares as promptly as possible. To submit a proxy, complete, sign, date and mail your proxy card in the preaddressed postage-paid envelope provided or, if the option is available to you, call the toll free telephone number listed on your proxy card or use the Internet as described in the instructions on the enclosed proxy card to submit your proxy. Submitting a proxy will assure that your vote is counted at the special meeting if you do not attend in person. If your shares of Realty Income common stock are held in street name by your broker or other nominee, only your broker or other nominee can vote your shares of Realty Income common stock and the vote cannot be cast unless you provide instructions to your broker or other nominee on how to vote or obtain a legal proxy from your broker or other nominee. You should follow the directions provided by your broker or other nominee regarding how to instruct your broker or other nominee to vote your shares of Realty Income common stock. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted. Please review the joint proxy statement/prospectus accompanying this notice for more complete information regarding the merger and Realty Income's special meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Michael R. Pfeiffer
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary*

Escondido, California

[], 2012

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American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2012

To the Stockholders of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.:

A special meeting of the stockholders of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as ARCT, will be held at The Core Club located at 66 East 55th Street, New York, New York, 10022 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. to consider and vote on a proposal to approve the merger of ARCT with and into Tau Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income Corporation, a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as Realty Income, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 6, 2012, as it may be amended from time to time, which we refer to as the merger agreement, by and among Realty Income, Tau Acquisition LLC and ARCT (a copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/prospectus accompanying this notice), and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;
2. to consider and vote, on a non-binding, advisory basis, on the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger; and
3. to consider and vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

We do not expect to transact any other business at the special meeting. ARCT's board of directors has fixed the close of business on October 24, 2012 as the record date for determination of ARCT stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, ARCT's special meeting and any adjournments of the special meeting. Only holders of record of ARCT common stock at the close of business on the record date are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the ARCT special meeting.

Approval of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. Approval of (i) the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and (ii) the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement each requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

ARCT's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby. ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and FOR the

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proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

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Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please submit a proxy to vote your shares as promptly as possible. To submit a proxy, complete, sign, date and mail your proxy card in the preaddressed postage-paid envelope provided or, if the option is available to you, call the toll-free telephone number listed on your proxy card or use the Internet as described in the instructions on the enclosed proxy card to submit your proxy. Submitting a proxy will assure that your vote is counted at the special meeting if you do not attend in person. If your shares of ARCT common stock are held in street name by your broker or other nominee, only your broker or other nominee can vote your shares of ARCT common stock and the vote cannot be cast unless you provide instructions to your broker or other nominee on how to vote or obtain a legal proxy from your broker or other nominee. You should follow the directions provided by your broker or other nominee regarding how to instruct your broker or other nominee to vote your shares of ARCT common stock. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted. Please review the joint proxy statement/prospectus accompanying this notice for more complete information regarding the merger and ARCT's special meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors of American Realty

Capital Trust, Inc.

Susan E. Manning

Chief Accounting Officer and Secretary

New York, New York

[], 2012

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This joint proxy statement/prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about Realty Income and ARCT from other documents filed with the SEC that are not included or delivered with this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See **Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference** beginning on page 156.

Documents incorporated by reference are also available to Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders without charge upon written or oral request. You can obtain any of these documents by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at the following addresses and telephone numbers.

Realty Income Corporation

Attention: Corporate Secretary

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To receive timely delivery of the requested documents in advance of the applicable special meeting, you should make your request no later than [], 2012.

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

Attention: Corporate Secretary

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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This joint proxy statement/prospectus, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed by Realty Income with the SEC, constitutes a prospectus of Realty Income for purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued to ARCT stockholders in exchange for shares of ARCT common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. This joint proxy statement/prospectus also constitutes a proxy statement for each of Realty Income and ARCT for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. In addition, it constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of Realty Income stockholders and a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting of ARCT stockholders.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this document. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this document. This document is dated [], 2012. You should not assume that the information contained in this document is accurate as of any date other than that date. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference into this document is accurate as of any date other than the date of such incorporated document. Neither our mailing of this document to Realty Income stockholders or ARCT stockholders nor the issuance by Realty Income of shares of its common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement will create any implication to the contrary.

This joint proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction in which or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding Realty Income has been provided by Realty Income and information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding ARCT has been provided by ARCT.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following are some questions that Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders may have regarding the proposals being considered at Realty Income's special meeting and ARCT's special meeting and brief answers to those questions. Realty Income and ARCT urge you to read carefully this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the Annexes, and the other documents to which this joint proxy statement/prospectus refers or incorporates by reference because the information in this section does not provide all the information that might be important to you. Unless stated otherwise, all references in this joint proxy statement/prospectus to Realty Income are to Realty Income Corporation, a Maryland corporation; all references to ARCT are to American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation; all references to Merger Sub or the surviving company are to Tau Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income; all references to the merger agreement are to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 6, 2012, by and among Realty Income, Merger Sub and ARCT, as it may be amended from time to time, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference; and all references to the merger are to the merger of ARCT with and into Merger Sub pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement.

Q: What is the proposed transaction?

A: Realty Income and ARCT have entered into a merger agreement pursuant to which ARCT will merge with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the merger as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income. At the effective time of the merger, each issued and outstanding share of ARCT common stock will be converted automatically into the right to receive 0.2874 of a share of Realty Income common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as described under "The Merger Agreement—Merger Consideration; Conversion or Cancellation of Shares in the Merger" beginning on page 132.

Q: Why are Realty Income and ARCT proposing the merger?

A: Among other reasons, the board of directors of Realty Income believes that the merger will enhance the credit quality of Realty Income's real estate portfolio, immediately increase and be accretive to Realty Income's funds from operations and further diversify Realty Income's real estate portfolio generally. Similarly, the board of directors of ARCT believes that the merger will provide a premium over the current implied value of ARCT's common stock and permit ARCT's stockholders to benefit from a combined company of increased size and scale, with access to multiple forms of capital and an investment grade balance sheet, as well a more diversified portfolio by asset class. To review the reasons of the boards of directors of Realty Income and ARCT for the merger in greater detail, see "The Merger—Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 64 and "The Merger—Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 66.

Q: Why am I receiving this joint proxy statement/prospectus?

A: Realty Income's and ARCT's boards of directors are using this joint proxy statement/prospectus to solicit proxies of Realty Income and ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger agreement and the merger. In addition, Realty Income is using this joint proxy statement/prospectus as a prospectus for ARCT stockholders because Realty Income is offering shares of its common stock to be issued in exchange for shares of ARCT common stock in the merger.

In order to complete the merger, Realty Income stockholders must vote to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, and ARCT stockholders must vote to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. ARCT stockholders will also vote on a non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger.

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Realty Income and ARCT will hold separate special meetings of their respective stockholders to obtain these approvals. This joint proxy statement/prospectus contains important information about the merger and the special meetings of the stockholders of Realty Income and ARCT, and you should read it carefully. The enclosed voting materials allow you to vote your shares of Realty Income common stock and/or ARCT common stock, as applicable, without attending the applicable special meeting.

We encourage you to submit your proxy as promptly as possible.

Q: When and where is the special meeting of Realty Income stockholders?

A: Realty Income's special meeting will be held at The Fairmont Newport Beach, 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach, California, 92660 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time.

Q: When and where is the special meeting of ARCT stockholders?

A: ARCT's special meeting will be held at The Core Club located at 66 East 5th Street, New York, New York, 10022 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time.

Q: Who can vote at the special meetings?

A: All Realty Income stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 24, 2012, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at Realty Income's special meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at Realty Income's special meeting. As of the record date, there were 133,452,011 shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Realty Income special meeting, held by approximately 8,079 holders of record. Each share of Realty Income common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at Realty Income's special meeting.

All ARCT stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 24, 2012, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at ARCT's special meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at ARCT's special meeting. As of the record date, there were 158,478,679 shares of ARCT common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the ARCT special meeting, held by approximately 2,437 holders of record. Each share of ARCT common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at ARCT's special meeting.

Q: What constitutes a quorum?

A: Realty Income's bylaws provide that the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARCT's bylaws provide that the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast constitutes a quorum at a meeting of its stockholders.

Shares that are voted and shares abstaining from voting are treated as being present at each of the Realty Income special meeting and the ARCT special meeting, as applicable, for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

Q: What vote is required to approve the proposals at Realty Income's special meeting and ARCT's special meeting?

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- A: Approval of the proposal of Realty Income to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the votes cast on such proposal, provided that the total votes cast on the proposal represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. Approval of the proposal of Realty Income to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty

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Income common stock pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal. Approval of the proposal of ARCT to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. Approval of (i) the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and (ii) the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement each requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

Your vote is important. We encourage you to submit your proxy as promptly as possible.

Q: If my shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock are held in street name by my broker or other nominee, will my broker or other nominee vote my shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock for me? What happens if I do not vote for a proposal?

A: Unless you instruct your broker or other nominee how to vote your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock, as applicable, held in street name, your shares will **NOT** be voted. This is referred to as a broker non-vote. If you hold your shares in a stock brokerage account or if your shares are held by a bank or other nominee (that is, in street name), you must provide your broker or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares. Please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker or other nominee on the enclosed voting instruction card. You should also be aware that you may not vote shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock held in street name by returning a proxy card directly to Realty Income or ARCT or by voting in person at Realty Income or ARCT's special meetings unless you provide a legal proxy, which you must obtain from your broker or other nominee.

If you are a Realty Income stockholder, abstentions will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum, but broker non-votes will not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote cast **AGAINST** the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast on such proposal, and as such, broker non-votes could result in there not being sufficient votes cast on such proposal. Abstentions will have no effect on the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will also have no effect on such proposal as long as a quorum is present at the meeting.

If you are an ARCT stockholder, abstentions will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum, but broker non-votes will not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes cast **AGAINST** the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement but will have no effect on the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger or the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes cast **AGAINST** the approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, but will have no effect on the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger or the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement as long as a quorum is present at the meeting.

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Q: If I am an ARCT stockholder, should I send in my stock certificates with my proxy card?

A: **NO.** Please **DO NOT** send your ARCT stock certificates with your proxy card. If the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are approved, you will be sent written instructions for exchanging your stock certificates.

Q: What are the anticipated U.S. federal income tax consequences to me of the proposed merger?

A: It is expected that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the completion of the merger is conditioned on the receipt by each of ARCT and Realty Income of an opinion from its outside counsel to the effect that the merger will qualify as a reorganization. If the merger qualifies as a reorganization, ARCT stockholders generally will not recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the receipt of Realty Income common stock in exchange for ARCT common stock in connection with the merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Realty Income common stock. ARCT stockholders should read the discussion under the heading "The Merger Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger" beginning on page 111 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and consult their tax advisors as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger, as well as the effects of state, local and non-U.S. tax laws.

Q: Are ARCT stockholders entitled to appraisal rights?

A: No. Under Section 3-202 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, ARCT stockholders are not entitled to exercise the right of objecting stockholders to receive fair value of their shares because, among other things, shares of ARCT common stock are listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

Q: How does Realty Income's board of directors recommend that Realty Income stockholders vote?

A: Realty Income's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders; (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby; and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. For a more complete description of the recommendation of Realty Income's board of directors, see "The Merger Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 64.

Q: How does ARCT's board of directors recommend that ARCT stockholders vote?

A: ARCT's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and FOR the

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proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. For a more complete description of the recommendation of ARCT's board of directors, see "The Merger Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 66.

Q: Do any of ARCT's executive officers or directors have interests in the merger that may differ from those of ARCT stockholders?

A: ARCT's executive officers and directors have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, their interests as ARCT stockholders. The members of the ARCT board of directors were aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating the merger agreement and the merger, and in recommending that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. For a description of these interests, refer to the section entitled "The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger" beginning on page 100.

Q: How will Realty Income stockholders be affected by the merger and share issuance?

A: After the merger, each Realty Income stockholder will continue to own the shares of Realty Income common stock that the stockholder held immediately prior to the merger. As a result of the merger, each Realty Income stockholder will own shares in a larger company with more assets. However, because Realty Income will be issuing new shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in the merger, each outstanding share of Realty Income common stock immediately prior to the merger will represent a smaller percentage of the aggregate number of shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding after the merger.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After you have carefully read this joint proxy statement/prospectus, please respond by completing, signing and dating your proxy card or voting instruction card and returning it in the enclosed preaddressed postage-paid envelope or, if available, by submitting your proxy by one of the other methods specified in your proxy card or voting instruction card as promptly as possible so that your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock will be represented and voted at Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, as applicable.

Please refer to your proxy card or voting instruction card forwarded by your broker or other nominee to see which voting options are available to you.

The method by which you submit a proxy will in no way limit your right to vote at Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting if you later decide to attend the meeting in person. However, if your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, you must obtain a legal proxy, executed in your favor, from your broker or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting.

Q: How will my proxy be voted?

A: All shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly completed proxies received prior to Realty Income's special meeting, and not revoked, will be voted at Realty Income's special meeting as instructed on the proxies. If you properly sign, date and return a proxy card, but do not indicate how your shares of Realty Income common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of Realty Income common stock represented by your proxy will be voted as Realty Income's board of directors recommends and therefore FOR the approval of the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT.

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stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of Realty Income common stock will NOT be voted at the meeting and will be considered broker non-votes.

All shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly completed proxies received prior to ARCT's special meeting, and not revoked, will be voted at ARCT's special meeting as instructed on the proxies. If you properly sign, date and return a proxy card, but do not indicate how your shares of ARCT common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of ARCT common stock represented by your proxy will be voted as ARCT's board of directors recommends and therefore FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of ARCT common stock will NOT be voted at the meeting and will be considered broker non-votes.

Q: Can I revoke my proxy or change my vote after I have delivered my proxy?

A: Yes. You may revoke your proxy or change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, as applicable. If you are a holder of record, you can do this in any of the three following ways:

by sending a written notice to the Secretary of Realty Income or the Secretary of ARCT, as applicable, at the address set forth below, in time to be received before Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, as applicable, stating that you would like to revoke your proxy;

by completing, signing and dating another proxy card and returning it by mail in time to be received before Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, as applicable, or by submitting a later dated proxy by the Internet or telephone in which case your later-submitted proxy will be recorded and your earlier proxy revoked; or

by attending the Realty Income special meeting or the ARCT special meeting, as applicable, and voting in person. Simply attending Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting without voting will not revoke your proxy or change your vote. If your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock are held in an account at a broker or other nominee and you desire to change your vote or vote in person, you should contact your broker or other nominee for instructions on how to do so.

Q: What should I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials for Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting?

A: You may receive more than one set of voting materials for Realty Income's special meeting or ARCT's special meeting, including multiple copies of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock in more than one brokerage account, you will receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock. If you are a holder of record and your shares of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock are registered in more than one name, you may receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive or, if available, please submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet.

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Q: What happens if I am a stockholder of both Realty Income and ARCT?

A: You will receive separate proxy cards for each company and must complete, sign and date each proxy card and return each proxy card in the appropriate preaddressed postage-paid envelope or, if available, by submitting a proxy by one of the other methods specified in your proxy card or voting instruction card for each company.

Q: Who can answer my questions?

A: If you have any questions about the merger or how to submit your proxy or need additional copies of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the enclosed proxy card or voting instructions, you should contact:

If you are a Realty Income stockholder:
Realty Income Corporation
Attention: Corporate Secretary
600 La Terraza Boulevard
Escondido, California 92025-3873
(760) 741-2111
www.realtyincome.com

Proxy Solicitor:
Georgeson Inc.

199 Water Street, 26th Floor

New York, NY 10038-3560

Banks and Brokers Call (212) 440-9800

All Others Call Toll-Free (800) 314-4549

E-mail: realtyincome@georgeson.com

If you are an ARCT stockholder:
American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.
Attention: Corporate Secretary
405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor

New York, New York 10022

(646) 937-6900
www.arctreit.com

Proxy Solicitor:
D.F. King

48 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005

Call Toll-Free (800) 314-4549

E-mail: americanrealty@dfking.com

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SUMMARY

*The following summary highlights some of the information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete description of the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, Realty Income and ARCT encourage you to read carefully this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the attached Annexes. In addition, Realty Income and ARCT encourage you to read the information incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus, which includes important business and financial information about Realty Income and ARCT that has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus without charge by following the instructions in the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference*.*

The Companies

Realty Income Corporation

Realty Income is The Monthly Dividend Company[®]. Realty Income is a Maryland corporation which is organized to operate as an equity real estate investment trust, commonly referred to as a REIT. Realty Income's primary business objective is to generate dependable monthly cash distributions from a consistent and predictable level of funds from operations, which we refer to as FFO, per share. Additionally, Realty Income seeks to increase distributions to common stockholders and FFO per share through both active portfolio management and the acquisition of additional properties.

Realty Income is a fully integrated, self-administered real estate company with in-house acquisition, leasing, legal, credit research, real estate research, portfolio management and capital markets expertise. As of September 30, 2012, Realty Income owned a diversified portfolio of 2,838 properties located in 49 states, with over 34.3 million square feet of leasable space leased to 144 different retail and other commercial enterprises doing business in 44 separate industries. Of the 2,838 properties in the portfolio at that date, 2,822, or 99.4%, were single-tenant properties, and the remaining 16 were multi-tenant properties. At September 30, 2012, of the 2,822 single-tenant properties, 2,739, or 97.1%, were leased with a weighted average remaining lease term (excluding rights to extend a lease at the option of the tenant) of approximately 11.0 years.

Realty Income common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, and trades under the symbol *O*.

Realty Income's principal executive offices are located at 600 La Terraza Boulevard, Escondido, California 92025-3873, and its telephone number is (760) 741-2111.

Tau Acquisition LLC, which we refer to as Merger Sub, is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income that was formed for the purpose of entering into the merger agreement.

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

ARCT is a Maryland corporation incorporated in August 2007 that qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. ARCT was formed to acquire a diversified portfolio of commercial real estate, which consists primarily of freestanding single tenant properties net leased to credit worthy tenants on a long-term basis. In January 2008, ARCT commenced an initial public offering on a best efforts basis to sell up to 150.0 million shares of common stock, excluding 25.0 million shares issuable pursuant to a distribution reinvestment plan, offered at a price of \$10.00 per share, subject to certain volume and other discounts, which we refer to as the ARCT IPO. In March 2008, ARCT commenced real estate operations. The ARCT IPO closed in July 2011 and ARCT operated as a non-traded REIT through February 29, 2012.

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Effective as of March 1, 2012, ARCT internalized the management services previously provided by American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC and its affiliates, which we refer to as the Internalization, as a result of which ARCT became a self-administered REIT managed full-time by its own management team.

Concurrent with the Internalization, ARCT listed its common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which we refer to as NASDAQ, and commenced trading under the symbol ARCT, which we refer to as the Listing, and ARCT's common stock continues to be so listed and trades under such symbol.

Substantially all of ARCT's business is conducted through American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, which we refer to as the ARCT OP, of which ARCT is the sole general partner.

As of September 30, 2012, ARCT owned 507 properties with 15.8 million square feet of leasable area, 100% leased with a weighted average remaining lease term of 12.7 years. In constructing the portfolio, ARCT has been committed to diversification by industry, tenant and geography.

ARCT's principal executive offices are located at 405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022, and its telephone number is (646) 937-6900.

The Merger and the Merger Agreement

Subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, at the effective time of the merger, ARCT will merge with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the merger as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income. In the merger, each share of ARCT common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will be converted into the right to receive 0.2874 of a share of Realty Income common stock, which we refer to as the merger consideration, as described under The Merger Agreement Merger Consideration; Conversion or Cancellation of Shares in the Merger. Cash will be paid in lieu of any fractional shares.

Based on the closing price of Realty Income common stock on October 31, 2012, the aggregate value of the merger consideration to be received by ARCT stockholders is expected to be approximately \$1.8 billion, based on the number of shares of outstanding ARCT common stock on October 31, 2012. The market value of the merger consideration ultimately received by ARCT stockholders will depend on the closing price of Realty Income common stock on the day that the merger is consummated. See Risk Factors Risk Factors Relating to the Merger beginning on page 23. Because the merger consideration is fixed and the market price of shares of Realty Income common stock may fluctuate, ARCT stockholders cannot be sure of the value of the merger consideration they will receive.

A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. Realty Income and ARCT encourage you to carefully read the merger agreement in its entirety because it is the principal document governing the merger.

Voting Agreement

Realty Income and ARCT have entered into a voting agreement with Nicholas S. Schorsch and William M. Kahane, which we refer to as the voting agreement. In the voting agreement, each of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane has agreed to vote all of his shares of ARCT common stock in favor of approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, subject to certain limitations, and to vote against certain actions that would reasonably be expected to impede the merger.

A copy of the voting agreement is attached as Annex B to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Side Letter

Realty Income has entered into a side letter agreement, which we refer to as the side letter, with AR Capital, LLC, which we refer to as AR Capital, and Mr. Schorsch. In the side letter, each of AR Capital and Mr. Schorsch has agreed, among other things, to (i) reimburse Realty Income for certain transaction expenses of ARCT in excess of \$15 million, (ii) indemnify Realty Income and the surviving entity against costs and expenses resulting from the termination of ARCT employees and certain leases and personal property of ARCT and (iii) not purchase certain real properties that are currently contemplated to be purchased by ARCT. AR Capital has also agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to unwind all joint ventures of ARCT and to waive all fees in connection with the unwinding of certain joint ventures to which ARCT is a party.

A copy of the side letter is attached as Annex C to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference.

Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors

Realty Income's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders; (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors

ARCT's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby.

ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, which we at times refer to as merger-related compensation, and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Summary of Risk Factors Related to the Merger

You should consider carefully all the risk factors together with all of the other information included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus before deciding how to vote. The risks related to the merger and the related transactions are described under the caption "Risk Factors - Risks Relating to the Merger" beginning on page 23.

The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted in the event of any change in either Realty Income's or ARCT's stock price.

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The merger and related transactions are subject to approval by stockholders of both Realty Income and ARCT.

Realty Income and ARCT stockholders will be diluted by the merger.

If the merger does not occur, one of the companies may incur payment obligations to the other.

Failure to complete the merger could negatively impact the stock prices and the future business and financial results of Realty Income and ARCT.

The pendency of the merger could adversely affect the business and operations of Realty Income and ARCT.

Some of the directors and executive officers of ARCT have interests in seeing the merger completed that are different from, or in addition to, those of the other ARCT stockholders.

The merger agreement contains provisions that could discourage a potential competing acquirer of ARCT or could result in any competing proposal being at a lower price than it might otherwise be.

If the merger is not consummated by March 6, 2013 (unless extended), either Realty Income or ARCT may terminate the merger agreement.

Stockholders Entitled to Vote; Vote Required

Realty Income

Realty Income stockholders who owned shares of Realty Income common stock at the close of business on October 24, 2012, which is referred to as Realty Income's record date, are entitled to notice of and to vote at Realty Income's special meeting. On Realty Income's record date, there were 133,452,011 shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at Realty Income's special meeting, held by approximately 8,079 holders of record. Each share of Realty Income common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal to be voted on at Realty Income's special meeting.

At Realty Income's special meeting, the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting shall constitute a quorum. Abstentions will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present at Realty Income's special meeting.

Approval of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the votes cast on the proposal, provided that the total votes cast on the proposal represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote on the proposal. Approval of the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

See page 43 for a description of the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to the above proposals.

Your vote is very important. You are encouraged to submit your proxy as promptly as possible. If you do not indicate how your shares of Realty Income common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of Realty Income common stock represented by your properly executed proxy will be voted as Realty Income's board of directors recommends and therefore **FOR** the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock

to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. If

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you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of Realty Income common stock will NOT be voted at the meeting and will be considered broker non-votes.

ARCT

ARCT stockholders who owned shares of ARCT common stock at the close of business on October 24, 2012, which is referred to as ARCT's record date, are entitled to notice of and to vote at ARCT's special meeting. On ARCT's record date, there were 158,478,679 shares of ARCT common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at ARCT's special meeting, held by approximately 2,437 holders of record. Each share of ARCT common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal to be voted on at ARCT's special meeting.

At ARCT's special meeting, the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting shall constitute a quorum. Abstentions will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present at ARCT's special meeting.

Approval of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. The approval of (i) the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and (ii) the proposal to adjourn ARCT's special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement in each case the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

See page 47 for a description of the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to the above proposals.

Your vote is very important. You are encouraged to submit your proxy as promptly as possible. If you do not indicate how your shares of ARCT common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of ARCT common stock represented by your properly executed proxy will be voted as ARCT's board of directors recommends and therefore **FOR** the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, **FOR** the proposal to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of ARCT common stock will NOT be voted at the meeting and will be considered broker non-votes.

Opinions of Financial Advisors

Opinions of Realty Income's Financial Advisors

BofA Merrill Lynch. In connection with the merger, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, which we refer to as BofA Merrill Lynch, one of Realty Income's financial advisors, delivered to Realty Income's board of directors a written opinion, dated September 5, 2012, as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger. The full text of the written opinion, dated September 5, 2012, of BofA Merrill Lynch, which describes, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as Annex D to this document and is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. **BofA Merrill Lynch provided its opinion to Realty Income's board of directors (in its capacity as such) for the benefit and use of Realty Income's board of directors in connection with and for purposes of its evaluation of the**

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exchange ratio from a financial point of view. BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and no opinion or view was expressed as to the relative merits of the merger in comparison to other strategies or transactions that might be available to Realty Income or in which Realty Income might engage or as to the underlying business decision of Realty Income to proceed with or effect the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how to vote or act in connection with the proposed merger or any related matter.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. In connection with the merger, Realty Income's board of directors received an opinion, dated September 5, 2012, of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, one of Realty Income's financial advisors, which we refer to as Wells Fargo Securities, as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of such opinion, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger pursuant to the merger agreement. The full text of the written opinion is attached as Annex E to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. The written opinion sets forth, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations on the review undertaken by Wells Fargo Securities in rendering its opinion. **The opinion was addressed to Realty Income's board of directors (in its capacity as such) for its information and use in connection with its evaluation of the exchange ratio from a financial point of view to Realty Income and Wells Fargo Securities expressed no opinion or view with regard to any other terms, aspects or implications of the merger. Wells Fargo Securities' opinion did not address the merits of the underlying decision by Realty Income to enter into the merger agreement or the relative merits of the merger compared with other business strategies or transactions available or that have been or might be considered by Realty Income's management or board of directors or in which Realty Income might engage. The opinion does not constitute a recommendation to Realty Income's board of directors or any other person or entity in respect of the merger, including as to how any stockholder should vote or act in connection with the merger or any other matters.**

See "The Merger" Opinions of Realty Income's Financial Advisors beginning on page 71.

Opinion of ARCT's Financial Advisor

On September 6, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT board of directors, Goldman, Sachs & Co., which we refer to as Goldman Sachs, rendered to the board of directors of ARCT its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, that, as of September 6, 2012, and based upon and subject to the limitations and assumptions set forth therein, the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock to be paid for each share of ARCT common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders (other than Realty Income and its affiliates) of shares of ARCT common stock.

The full text of the written opinion of Goldman Sachs, dated September 6, 2012, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken in connection with the opinion, is attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex F. The summary of the Goldman Sachs opinion provided in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the written opinion. Goldman Sachs' advisory services and opinion were provided for the information and assistance of the board of directors of ARCT in connection with its consideration of the proposed merger and the opinion does not constitute a recommendation as to how any holder of shares of ARCT common stock should vote with respect to the proposed merger or any other matter.

See "The Merger" Opinion of ARCT's Financial Advisor beginning on page 88.

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Treatment of ARCT Stock Options, Restricted Shares and LTIP Units

Treatment of Stock Options. Pursuant to, and as further described in the merger agreement, each option to purchase ARCT common stock that is outstanding and unexercised at the effective time of the merger will be deemed subject to a cashless exercise and the holder of such option will be deemed to receive a number of shares of ARCT common stock equal to (i) the number of shares of ARCT common stock subject to such option, less (ii) the number of shares of ARCT common stock equal in value to the aggregate exercise price of such option, assuming a fair market value of a share of ARCT common stock equal to the closing price of ARCT common stock on the last completed trading day immediately prior to the consummation of the merger, which shares of ARCT common stock will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration.

Treatment of Restricted Shares. Pursuant to, and as further described in the merger agreement, each share of ARCT restricted stock outstanding as of immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will become fully vested and will convert into the right to receive the merger consideration.

Treatment of LTIP Units. Pursuant to, and as further described in the merger agreement, each award of long term incentive plan units in ARCT OP, which we refer to as LTIP Units, that is outstanding at the effective time of the merger will become fully vested immediately prior to the merger and will be adjusted as set forth in the merger agreement.

See The Merger Agreement Merger Consideration; Conversion or Cancellation of Shares in the Merger Treatment of ARCT Stock Options, Restricted Shares and LTIP Units beginning on page 132.

Directors and Management of Realty Income After the Merger

Realty Income currently anticipates that the directors and officers of Realty Income prior to the merger will continue as directors and officers of Realty Income after the merger.

Share Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers of Realty Income

At the close of business on October 24, 2012, the directors and executive officers of Realty Income and their affiliates held and were entitled to vote 1,447,290 shares of Realty Income common stock, collectively representing approximately 1.08% of the shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on that date. The directors and executive officers of Realty Income have each indicated that they expect to vote **FOR** the proposal to approve the issuance of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Share Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers of ARCT

At the close of business on October 24, 2012, the directors and executive officers of ARCT and their affiliates held and were entitled to vote 1,467,135 shares of ARCT common stock (including shares held by AR Capital), collectively representing approximately 0.9% of the shares of ARCT common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on that date. The directors and executive officers of ARCT have each indicated that they expect to vote **FOR** the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, **FOR** the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and **FOR** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. In addition, under the terms of the voting agreement, each of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane has agreed to vote all of his shares of

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ARCT common stock in favor of approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, subject to certain limitations.

Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger

In considering the recommendation of ARCT's board of directors to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, ARCT stockholders should be aware that ARCT's directors and executive officers have certain interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of ARCT stockholders generally. These interests include those discussed below.

In connection with the Listing, and prior to any revisions made as a result of ARCT's negotiations with Realty Income in connection with the merger, AR Capital, an entity majority-owned and controlled by Nicholas S. Schorsch, chairman of the board of directors of ARCT, and William M. Kahane, ARCT's chief executive officer, president and a director, was entitled to a subordinated incentive listing fee, payable in the form of a promissory note, equal to 15% of the amount, if any, by which (a) the market value of ARCT's outstanding common stock plus distributions paid by ARCT prior to the Listing exceeded (b) the sum of the total amount of capital raised from stockholders during the ARCT IPO and the amount of cash flow necessary to generate a 6% annual cumulative, non-compounded return to such stockholders. For this purpose, (i) the market value of ARCT's common stock was to be calculated based on the average market value of the shares issued and outstanding at Listing over the 30 trading days beginning 180 days after the shares are first listed or included for quotation, and (ii) the promissory note would be non-transferable with a maturity of three years, bearing interest at the applicable federal rate established by the Internal Revenue Service on the date the note is issued, and subject to mandatory amortization payments from any sale proceeds (except for the interest imputed for tax purposes). Further, the promissory note was to be convertible by AR Capital, at its option, into shares of ARCT common stock and, if AR Capital elected to convert any unpaid portion of the note into shares of ARCT common stock, the number of shares of ARCT common stock that would be issued upon such conversion would be valued for this purpose at the average market value of ARCT's shares over the 30 trading days beginning 180 days after ARCT's shares were first listed. We refer herein to such promissory note as the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note.

In connection with the merger, ARCT and the ARCT OP (acting through and at the direction of ARCT's independent directors) and AR Capital, entered into an Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement, dated as of September 6, 2012, by and among ARCT, ARCT OP, and AR Capital, as amended by a First Amendment to Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement on September 10, 2012 which, as amended, we refer to as the Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement, and a letter agreement, dated September 6, 2012, between Realty Income and AR Capital, pursuant to which the parties agreed to modify the terms of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note, if and to the extent issued, to (i) add a cap of \$76,000,000 on its principal amount, (ii) add a floor of \$58,600,000 on its principal amount, (iii) provide that, until October 31, 2012, such note shall be due and payable upon demand on not less than five (5) business days' prior written notice by AR Capital, (iv) eliminate AR Capital's right to convert the principal amount of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note into shares of ARCT's common stock at maturity and (v) clarify that the average market value of ARCT's common stock for purposes of the calculation of the amount of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note would be based on the volume-weighted average of the daily volume-weighted average price, as reported by Bloomberg Financial, increased by the cumulative ARCT dividends paid during the measurement period for each day following the ex-dividend date of each respective dividend on September 5, 2012 and October 3, 2012, as declared by NASDAQ, of the shares issued and outstanding at the Listing over the 30 trading days beginning 180 days after the Listing (which measurement period commenced August 28, 2012 and ended on October 9, 2012). Other than the modifications listed above, the Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement did not modify the terms of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note.

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Pursuant to the terms of the Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement, the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note was issued to AR Capital on October 9, 2012, the end of the calculation period, with a principal amount of \$63,189,091. On October 12, 2012, the outstanding principal amount, plus \$1,201.25 in accrued interest, was paid to AR Capital in full satisfaction of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note. Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane own 63.6% and 13.5%, respectively, of the equity interests in AR Capital and, accordingly, indirectly received \$40.2 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, of such payment. Such payment represented gross income to AR Capital, not net income distributable to the equity holders of AR Capital.

In connection with the merger, on September 5, 2012, ARCT entered into a letter agreement, which we refer to as the letter agreement, with Realty Capital Securities, LLC, which we refer to as RC Securities, and ARC Advisory Services, LLC, which we refer to as ARC Advisory Services, to act as non-exclusive financial advisor and information agent, respectively, to ARCT in connection with the merger and the related proxy solicitation seeking approval of the merger by ARCT's stockholders and to pay an aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 in consideration for the services provided under the letter agreement and such fee will be payable upon the closing of the merger; provided that if the merger is not consummated, ARCT will be responsible for the payment of such fee. The letter agreement is subject to the expense cap under the terms of the side letter. See Side Letter on page 150 and The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Letter Agreement on page 102.

In connection with the merger, on September 5, 2012, ARCT and the ARCT OP entered into a certain Legal Services Agreement, which we refer to as the Legal Services Agreement, with ARC Advisory Services, pursuant to which ARCT, on its own behalf and, as general partner of the ARCT OP, on behalf of the ARCT OP, retained ARC Advisory Services to perform legal support services in connection with the merger agreement. ARCT and the ARCT OP will pay to ARC Advisory Services an aggregate amount of \$350,000 in consideration for the services provided under the Legal Services Agreement; provided that if the merger does not occur, ARCT will be responsible for the payment of such fee. The Legal Services Agreement is subject to the expense cap under the terms of the side letter. See Side Letter on page 150 and The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Legal Services Agreement on page 102.

In connection with the merger, on September 5, 2012, ARCT and the ARCT OP entered into a certain Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement, which we refer to as the Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement, with ARC Advisory Services, pursuant to which ARCT, on its own behalf and, as general partner of the ARCT OP, on behalf of the ARCT OP, reaffirmed the retention of ARC Advisory Services for the performance of legal support services in connection with the merger agreement rendered prior to the date of the Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement. ARCT and the ARCT OP will pay to ARC Advisory Services an aggregate amount of \$1,200,000 in consideration for the services provided under the Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement. The Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement is subject to the expense cap under the terms of the side letter. See Side Letter on page 150 and The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement on page 103.

In connection with the merger, on September 5, 2012, ARCT and the ARCT OP entered into a certain Transition Services Agreement, which we refer to as the Transition Services Agreement, with ARC Advisory Services, pursuant to which ARC Advisory Services and ARCT, on its own behalf and, as general partner of the ARCT OP, on behalf of the ARCT OP, memorialized ARC Advisory Services' obligation to perform the following services, which it has historically performed for, and for which it has historically been compensated by, ARCT and the ARCT OP: legal support, accounting support, marketing support, acquisition support, investor relations support, public relations support, event coordination, human resources and administration, general human resources duties, payroll services, benefits services, insurance and risk management, information technology services, telecom and internet services and services relating to office supplies. The Transition Services Agreement does not govern any legal support services rendered in connection with the merger

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agreement and its related transactions, which will be governed by the Legal Services Agreement and the Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement. ARCT and the ARCT OP will pay to ARC Advisory Services the actual costs and expenses incurred by ARC Advisory Services in connection with providing the services contemplated by the Transition Services Agreement. See *The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Transition Services Agreement* on page 103.

RC Securities and ARC Advisory Services are each wholly owned by AR Capital, and Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane own 63.6% and 13.5%, respectively, of the equity interests in AR Capital. Payments under the letter agreement, the Legal Services Agreement, the Legal Services Reimbursement Agreement and the Transition Services Agreement represent gross income to the applicable affiliate of AR Capital, not net income distributable to the equity holders of such affiliate of AR Capital.

Some of the directors and executive officers of ARCT are entitled to certain contractual *change of control* payments, benefits and incentive awards in connection with the merger, as described below.

Summary of Accelerated Vesting of Incentive Compensation

OPP Agreements

Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane were each granted LTIP Units in ARCT OP under 2012 Outperformance Award Agreements between them, ARCT and ARCT OP made as of March 1, 2012 and August 29, 2012, which we collectively refer to as the OPP Agreements. Under the terms of the OPP Agreements, the LTIP Units may be earned at the end of a three-year performance period ending on February 28, 2015, and thereafter vest as to 25% of the earned LTIP Units on each of February 28, 2015 and February 28, 2016, and as to 50% of the earned LTIP Units on February 28, 2017, based on continued service. Under the OPP Agreements, Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane will be eligible to earn and vest in LTIP Units in connection with a *change in control* (as defined in the OPP Agreements) under certain circumstances. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will constitute a change in control under the OPP Agreements.

In connection with entering into the merger agreement, ARCT and Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane agreed, subject to the consummation of the merger, that the value of the awards under the OPP Agreements and the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (as discussed below, which we refer to as the ARCT Annual Plan, and together with the OPP Agreements as the ARCT Incentive Plans) will be capped and reduced to an aggregate value not to exceed \$22,000,000 (which we refer to as the Incentive Cap). Accordingly, in connection with the Incentive Cap and as required under the merger agreement, on September 6, 2012, ARCT and ARCT OP entered into amendments to the OPP Agreements with Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane (which we refer to as the OPP Amendments) pursuant to which, subject to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, effective as of immediately prior to the effective time of the merger the number of vested and earned LTIP Units under the OPP Agreements in connection with the change in control would be based on a reduced aggregate value of \$19,000,000, allocated \$14,825,000 for Mr. Schorsch and \$4,175,000 for Mr. Kahane, divided by \$11.506 (the average closing trading price of ARCT's common stock during the ten-day trading period ending August 31, 2012). As a result, under the OPP Amendments, Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane would have earned an aggregate of 1,288,458 and 362,854 fully vested LTIP Units, respectively, in connection with the consummation of the merger. Subsequent to the execution of the merger agreement, the amounts that will be earned by Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane under the OPP Agreements in connection with the consummation of the merger were further reduced to an aggregate of 1,255,080 and 353,454 fully vested LTIP Units, respectively, and the remainder of their LTIP Units granted under the OPP Agreements will be automatically cancelled and forfeited without payment of any consideration. Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane have acknowledged and agreed to these further reductions.

Table of Contents***Annual Incentive Compensation Plan***

Under the ARCT Annual Plan Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane have the opportunity to earn annual awards from a bonus pool that is funded through both a discretionary component and a formulaic performance component. Upon a change in control of ARCT under the ARCT Annual Plan, they will be eligible to receive cash bonus awards as equitably adjusted in accordance with the ARCT Annual Plan to reflect the shortened plan year (ending on the date of the change in control), paid in one lump-sum within 45 days following the change in control. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will constitute a change in control under the ARCT Annual Plan. In connection with the Incentive Cap and as required under the merger agreement, under the OPP Amendments, on the date on which the effective time of the merger occurs, ARCT will pay a reduced lump-sum cash payment in the amount of \$1,500,000 to each of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane in full satisfaction of any rights they may have under the ARCT Annual Plan, less any applicable tax withholdings.

Summary of Change in Control Payments

Set forth below is a summary of the estimated payments that ARCT executives will be entitled to receive in connection with the change in control that will occur as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the merger agreement:

i. Nicholas S. Schorsch:

Payment	Amount (\$)
Reduced payment under the ARCT Annual Plan	1,500,000
Cash value of reduced number of earned and vested LTIP Units under the OPP Agreements assuming the conversion into shares of ARCT common stock at a price per share of ARCT common stock of \$12.18 (the average closing price of ARCT common stock over the first five business days following September 6, 2012)	15,286,874
Total	16,786,874

ii. William M. Kahane:

Payment	Amount (\$)
Reduced payment under the ARCT Annual Plan	1,500,000
Cash value of reduced number of earned and vested LTIP Units under the OPP Agreements assuming the conversion into shares of ARCT common stock at a price per share of ARCT common stock of \$12.18	4,305,070
ARCT's estimated costs for continued health and welfare benefits for a period of 18 months following a termination without cause, for good reason or due to Mr. Kahane's death or disability.	33,839
Total	5,838,909

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iii. Brian Jones

Payment	Amount (\$)
Severance payment equal to Mr. Jones' annual base salary if he does not accept employment with AR Capital, LLC or its affiliates within six months following the consummation of the merger	325,000
Value of the acceleration of 13,502 unvested shares of ARCT restricted stock as of the effective time of the merger assuming a price per share of ARCT common stock of \$12.18	164,454
ARCT's estimated costs for continued health and welfare benefits for a period of 18 months following a termination without cause, for good reason or due to Mr. Jones' death or disability.	26,596
Total	516,050

See The Merger Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger and The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

Listing of Shares of Realty Income Common Stock; Delisting and Deregistration of Shares of ARCT Common Stock

Approval of the listing on the NYSE of the shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, subject to official notice of issuance, is a condition to each party's obligation to complete the merger. Realty Income has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement to be approved for listing on the NYSE prior to the effective time of the merger, subject to official notice of issuance. If the merger is completed, shares of ARCT common stock will be delisted from NASDAQ and deregistered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act.

No Stockholder Appraisal Rights in the Merger

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, neither Realty Income stockholders nor ARCT stockholders are entitled to exercise appraisal rights in connection with the merger. See No Appraisal Rights beginning on page 150.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger

A number of conditions must be satisfied or waived, where legally permissible, before the merger can be consummated. These include, among others:

the approval by Realty Income's stockholders of the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement;

the approval by ARCT's stockholders of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the absence of injunction or law prohibiting the merger;

the effectiveness of the Form S-4 registration statement, of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus is a part;

the approval for listing on the NYSE of the shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, subject to official notice of issuance;

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the accuracy of all representations and warranties made by the parties in the merger agreement and performance by the parties of their obligations under the merger agreement (subject in each case to certain materiality standards);

the absence of any material adverse effect being experienced by either party;

the receipt of a legal opinion from each party's legal counsel regarding such party's qualification as a REIT;

the receipt by each party of an opinion from such party's legal counsel to the effect that the merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code; and

receipt by ARCT of certain debt consents.

Neither Realty Income nor ARCT can give any assurance as to when or if all of the conditions to the consummation of the merger will be satisfied or waived or that the merger will occur.

For more information regarding the conditions to the consummation of the merger and a complete list of such conditions, see "The Merger Agreement - Conditions to Completion of the Merger" beginning on page 136.

Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger

The merger may be subject to the regulatory requirements of municipal, state and federal, domestic or foreign, governmental agencies and authorities. Nevertheless, neither Realty Income nor ARCT is aware of any regulatory approvals that are expected to prevent the consummation of the merger. See "The Merger - Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger" beginning on page 111.

No Solicitation and Change in Recommendation

Under the merger agreement, ARCT has agreed not to, and to cause its subsidiaries not to (and not authorize and use reasonable best efforts to cause its officers, directors, managers and other representatives not to), directly or indirectly, (i) solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or facilitate any inquiry, discussion, offer or request that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, a competing acquisition proposal, (ii) engage in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any third party any nonpublic information in connection with, or knowingly facilitate in any way any effort by, any third party in furtherance of any competing acquisition proposal or inquiry, (iii) approve or recommend a competing acquisition proposal, or enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, acquisition agreement, merger agreement, share purchase agreement, asset purchase agreement, share exchange agreement, option agreement or other similar definitive agreement providing for or relating to a competing acquisition proposal, or (iv) propose or agree to do any of the foregoing.

However, prior to the approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement by ARCT stockholders, ARCT may, under certain specified circumstances, engage in discussions or negotiations with and provide nonpublic information regarding itself to a third party making an unsolicited, bona fide written competing acquisition proposal. Under the merger agreement, ARCT is required to notify Realty Income promptly if it receives any competing acquisition proposal or inquiry or any request for nonpublic information in connection with a competing acquisition proposal.

Before the approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement by ARCT stockholders, ARCT's board of directors may, under certain specified circumstances, withdraw its recommendation of the merger if ARCT's board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with

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outside legal counsel, that failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' duties under applicable law. For more information regarding the limitations on ARCT and its board of directors to consider other proposals, see [The Merger Agreement - Covenants and Agreements - No Solicitation of Transactions by ARCT](#) beginning on page 140.

Termination of the Merger Agreement

Realty Income and ARCT may mutually agree to terminate the merger agreement before completing the merger, even after approval of the Realty Income stockholders or approval of the ARCT stockholders.

In addition, either Realty Income or ARCT (so long as it is not at fault) may decide to terminate the merger agreement if:

the merger is not consummated by March 6, 2013, unless as of March 6, 2013, all conditions to closing have been satisfied or waived other than the obligation of ARCT to obtain certain debt consents, in which case this date will be extended to April 8, 2013;

there is a final, non-appealable order or injunction prohibiting the merger;

ARCT stockholders fail to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

Realty Income stockholders fail to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger; or

the other party materially breaches the merger agreement and does not cure such breach within a specified period.

ARCT may also terminate the merger agreement prior to the ARCT stockholder approval in order to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement with respect to a superior proposal provided that ARCT concurrently pays the termination fee. Realty Income may also terminate the merger agreement if (i) the ARCT board of directors has made an adverse recommendation change, (ii) ARCT materially breaches its obligations regarding the preparation of the Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the holding of ARCT's stockholder meeting, or (iii) ARCT enters into a definitive agreement with respect to an alternative acquisition proposal. For more information regarding the rights of Realty Income and ARCT to terminate the merger agreement, see [The Merger Agreement - Termination of the Merger Agreement](#) beginning on page 146.

Expenses and Termination Fees

Generally, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be paid by the party incurring those expenses. However, under the side letter, AR Capital and Mr. Schorsch have agreed to reimburse Realty Income for certain transaction expenses of ARCT in excess of \$15 million. In addition, the merger agreement provides that if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, ARCT may be obligated to pay Realty Income a termination fee of \$51 million plus \$4 million in expense reimbursement. In certain other circumstances, Realty Income or ARCT may be required to pay \$4 million in expense reimbursement to the other party, even if, in the case of payment by ARCT, the termination fee is not payable.

For more information regarding the termination fee and expense reimbursement, see [The Merger Agreement - Termination of the Merger Agreement - Termination Fee and Expenses Payable by ARCT to Realty Income](#) beginning on page 147 and [The Merger Agreement - Termination of the Agreement - Expenses Payable by Realty Income to ARCT](#) beginning on page 148.

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Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger

It is expected that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, and it is a condition to the completion of the merger that Realty Income and ARCT receive written opinions from their respective counsel to the effect that the merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Assuming the merger qualifies as such a reorganization, U.S. holders of ARCT common stock generally will not recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exchange of their ARCT common stock for Realty Income common stock pursuant to the merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Realty Income common stock.

For further discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger, see [The Merger](#) [Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger](#) beginning on page 111.

Holders of ARCT common stock should consult their tax advisors to determine the tax consequences to them (including the application and effect of any state, local or non-U.S. income and other tax laws) of the merger.

Accounting Treatment of the Merger

Realty Income will account for the merger using the purchase method of accounting under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which we refer to as GAAP. The merger will be accounted for by applying the purchase method, with Realty Income treated as the acquiror.

Comparison of Rights of Realty Income Stockholders and ARCT Stockholders

At the effective time of the merger, ARCT stockholders will become Realty Income stockholders. Realty Income's charter and bylaws contain provisions that are different from ARCT's charter and bylaws as currently in effect.

For a summary of certain differences between the rights of Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders, see [Comparison of Rights of Realty Income Stockholders and ARCT Stockholders](#) beginning on page 151.

Recent Developments

During the first nine months of 2012, Realty Income acquired properties with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$717.6 million. Moreover, in addition to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, Realty Income has entered into agreements to acquire additional properties with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$283 million. The total acquired properties and contracted property acquisitions for the second half of 2012 consist of approximately 145 single-tenant properties net leased to 26 different tenants, and all are of property types that Realty Income already has in its portfolio. In aggregate, during all of 2012, Realty Income anticipates acquiring in excess of \$1.0 billion of new properties. On an aggregate basis, no single tenant of the properties that Realty Income has acquired or anticipates acquiring during 2012 will account for more than 10% of Realty Income's assets as of December 31, 2011, which is the date of the last audited balance sheet.

Similarly, ARCT has acquired or entered into agreements to acquire properties with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$78 million during the second half of 2012 and first half of 2013. These acquisitions consist of approximately 40 single-tenant properties net leased to 12 different tenants, and all are in industries and of property types that ARCT already has in its portfolio. On an aggregate basis, no single tenant of the properties that ARCT has acquired or anticipates acquiring during 2012 and the first half of 2013 will account for more than 10% of ARCT's assets as of December 31, 2011, which is the date of ARCT's last audited balance sheet.

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The acquisitions that have not closed yet are subject to various customary conditions to closing, the failure of which could delay the closing of one or more of these proposed acquisitions or result in one or more of these proposed transactions not closing or closing on terms that are different from those currently contemplated. Realty Income expects to fund any of these acquisitions that close in the future (including any ARCT acquisitions that close after the merger) with borrowings under its acquisition credit facility or possible issuances of additional securities. ARCT is expected to fund any of its acquisitions that are to close before the merger closes with borrowings under its credit facility.

On October 2, 2012, Realty Income issued \$350 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.00% senior unsecured notes due January 2018, or the 2018 Notes, and \$450 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.25% senior unsecured notes due October 2022, or the 2022 Notes. The price to the investors for the 2018 Notes was 99.910% of the principal amount for an effective yield of 2.017% per annum. The price to the investors for the 2022 Notes was 99.382% of the principal amount for an effective yield of 3.323% per annum. The total net proceeds of approximately \$790.7 million from these offerings were used to repay all outstanding borrowings under Realty Income's acquisition credit facility, and the remaining proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include additional property acquisitions.

Selected Historical Financial Information of Realty Income

Presented below is the selected consolidated financial data of Realty Income as of and for the periods indicated. The selected historical consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from Realty Income's historical audited consolidated financial statements, which were adjusted for discontinued operations and are incorporated by reference herein. The selected historical consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were derived from Realty Income's historical audited consolidated financial statements, which were adjusted for discontinued operations but not included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus or incorporated by reference herein.

The historical financial data as of September 30, 2012 and 2011 and for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were derived from Realty Income's historical unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which are incorporated by reference herein. In Realty Income's opinion, such unaudited financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the interim September 30, 2012 financial information. Interim results for the nine months ended and as of September 30, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of, and are not projections for, the results to be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

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You should read this selected historical financial information together with the financial statements included in reports that are incorporated by reference in this document and their accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial condition of Realty Income contained in such reports.

	Historical as of or for the nine months ended September 30,		Historical as of or for the years ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(In thousands, except per share data)						
Total assets (book value)	\$ 5,036,326	\$ 4,274,774	\$ 4,419,389	\$ 3,535,590	\$ 2,914,787	\$ 2,994,179	\$ 3,077,352
Cash and cash equivalents	2,794	5,543	4,165	17,607	10,026	46,815	193,101
Total debt	2,492,394	1,914,750	2,055,181	1,600,000	1,354,600	1,370,000	1,470,000
Total liabilities	2,593,623	1,999,232	2,164,535	1,688,625	1,426,778	1,439,518	1,539,260
Total stockholders' equity	2,442,703	2,275,542	2,254,854	1,846,965	1,488,009	1,554,661	1,538,092
Net cash provided by operating activities	208,528	199,247	298,952	243,368	226,707	246,155	318,169
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,371)	12,064	(13,442)	7,581	(36,789)	(146,286)	182,528
Total revenue	349,932	303,486	416,730	339,642	318,589	318,371	284,002
Income from continuing operations	113,188	108,518	148,079	118,128	116,083	105,514	118,549
Income from discontinued operations	6,941	7,509	8,953	12,656	15,044	26,327	21,860
Net income	120,129	116,027	157,032	130,784	131,127	131,841	140,409
Preferred stock cash dividends	(30,435)	(18,190)	(24,253)	(24,253)	(24,253)	(24,253)	(24,253)
Excess of redemption value over carrying value of preferred shares redeemed	(3,696)						
Net income available to common stockholders	85,998	97,837	132,779	106,531	106,874	107,588	116,156
Cash distributions paid to common stockholders	175,719	161,276	219,297	182,500	178,008	169,655	157,659
Net income per common share, basic and diluted	0.65	0.79	1.05	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.16
Cash distributions paid per common share	1.3173125	1.3010625	1.736625	1.721625	1.706625	1.662250	1.560250
Cash distributions declared per common share	1.3232500	1.3020000	1.737875	1.722875	1.707875	1.667250	1.570500
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	132,731,984	123,921,317	126,142,696	105,869,637	103,577,507	101,178,191	100,195,031
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding	132,845,970	124,013,142	126,189,399	105,942,721	103,581,053	101,209,883	100,333,966

Selected Historical Financial Information of ARCT

The following selected historical financial information for each of the years during the three-year period ended December 31, 2011 and the selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 have been derived from ARCT's audited consolidated financial statements contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on May 11, 2012, which has been incorporated into this document by reference. The selected historical financial information for each of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 and as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 has been derived from ARCT's audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated into this document by reference.

The selected historical financial information for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and as of September 30, 2012 has been derived from ARCT's unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in ARCT's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012, which has been incorporated into this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. The selected historical financial information as of September 30, 2011 has been derived from ARCT's unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in ARCT's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30,

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2011, which has not been incorporated into this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. In ARCT's opinion, such unaudited financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the interim September 30, 2012 financial information. Interim results for the nine months ended and as of September 30, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of, and are not projections for, the results to be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

You should read this selected historical financial information together with the financial statements included in reports that are incorporated by reference in this document and their accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial condition of ARCT contained in such reports.

	Historical as of September 30,		2011	Historical as of December 31,			2008	2007
	2012	2011		2010	2009	2008		
	(In thousands, except per share data)							
Total real estate investments, at cost	\$ 2,169,394	\$ 1,843,115	\$ 2,126,171	\$ 882,593	\$ 338,556	\$ 164,770	\$	
Total assets	2,059,501	2,133,164	2,130,575	914,054	339,277	164,942	938	
Short-term borrowings					15,878	30,926		
Mortgage notes payable	511,144	649,068	673,978	372,755	183,811	112,742		
Mortgage discount and premium, net	756	716	679	1,163				
Long-term notes payable				12,790	13,000	1,090		
Note payable	235,000							
Revolving credit facilities	202,307		10,000					
Total liabilities	1,039,524	718,307	730,371	411,390	228,721	163,183	738	
Total equity	1,019,977	1,424,857	1,400,204	502,664	110,556	1,759	200	

	Historical Results For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		2011	Historical Results For the Years Ended December 31,			2008	Historical Results for the Period from August 17, 2007 (date of inception) to December 31, 2007
	2012	2011		2010	2009	2008		
	(In thousands, except per share data)							
Total revenue	\$ 137,324	\$ 86,029	\$ 129,120	\$ 44,773	\$ 14,964	\$ 5,546	\$	
Expenses:								
Acquisition and transaction related costs	1,233	23,377	30,005	12,471	506			
Property operating	7,488	2,666	5,297					
Fees to affiliate	4,143	2,572	5,572	1,350	145	4		
General and administrative	6,600	1,104	2,691	1,013	507	380	1	
Equity-based compensation	1,955	1,099	1,477	431				
Depreciation and amortization	78,521	45,015	68,939	21,654	8,315	3,056		
Listing and internalization	85,766							
Total operating expenses	185,706	75,833	113,981	36,919	9,473	3,440	1	
Operating income (loss)	(48,382)	10,196	15,139	7,854	5,491	2,106	(1)	
Other income (expenses):								
Interest expense (includes extinguishment of debt)	(30,447)	(25,879)	(35,950)	(18,109)	(10,352)	(4,774)		
Extinguishment of debt	(6,902)	(720)	(1,423)					
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint venture	36	71	96					
Other income (loss), net	1,980	(473)	766	765	51	3		
Gains (losses) on derivative instruments						(1,618)		
	(4,055)	(2,967)	(2,539)	(305)	495			
Gains (losses) on disposition of property		(44)	(44)	143				

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Total other expenses	(39,388)	(29,066)	(39,094)	(17,506)	(9,806)	(6,389)
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	Historical Results For the			Historical Results For the			Historical Results for the Period from August 17, 2007 (date of inception) to December 31, 2007
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012	2011	2011	Years Ended December 31, 2010	2009	2008	
	(In thousands, except per share data)						
Net loss	(87,770)	(18,870)	(23,955)	(9,652)	(4,315)	(4,283)	(1)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	(526)	(830)	(1,121)	(181)	49		
Net loss attributable to American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.	\$ (88,296)	\$ (19,700)	\$ (25,076)	\$ (9,833)	\$ (4,266)	\$ (4,283)	\$ (1)
Other data							
Net loss per common share basic and diluted	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.74)	\$ (6.02)	
Distributions declared	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.65	\$
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	165,271,199	119,235,958	133,730,159	32,539,393	5,768,761	711,524	

Selected Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information

The following tables set forth selected unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information. The pro forma consolidated financial information combines the historical financial statements of Realty Income and ARCT after giving effect to the merger using the purchase method of accounting and Realty Income's preliminary estimates, assumptions and pro forma adjustments as described below and in the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with Realty Income's historical consolidated financial statements and ARCT's historical consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. The selected unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information has been derived from and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information and accompanying notes included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus beginning on page F-1.

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The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not purport to be indicative of the results that would actually have occurred if the transactions described above had occurred as presented in such statements or that may be obtained in the future. In addition, future results may vary significantly from the results reflected in such statements.

	Nine months ended September 30, 2012 (in thousands, except for per share data)	Year ended December 31, 2011
Statement of operations data:		
Total revenue	\$ 487,098	\$ 597,746
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$ (3,528)	\$ 105,976
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders per common share:		
Basic	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.62
Diluted	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.62
	As of September 30, 2012	
Balance sheet data:		
Total real estate, at costs	\$ 8,196,879	
Total assets	\$ 8,087,111	
Line of credit payable	\$ 1,095,800	
Mortgages payable, net	\$ 660,538	
Notes payable	\$ 1,750,000	
Total liabilities	\$ 3,709,489	
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 4,353,580	
Total equity	\$ 4,377,622	

Unaudited Comparative Per Share Information

The following tables set forth, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, selected per share information for Realty Income common stock on a historical and pro forma combined basis and for ARCT common stock on a historical and pro forma equivalent basis, each on an unaudited basis after giving effect to the merger using the purchase method of accounting. The data is derived from and should be read in conjunction with the Realty Income and ARCT audited consolidated financial statements and related notes, the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Realty Income and ARCT and related notes, and the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information and related notes, which are included elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

The pro forma consolidated ARCT equivalent information shows the effect of the merger from the perspective of an owner of ARCT common stock. The information was computed by multiplying the Realty Income pro forma combined information by the exchange ratio of 0.2874.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated per share data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial position that would have occurred if the transactions had been consummated at the beginning of the earliest period presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of future operating results or financial position. The pro forma adjustments are estimates based upon information and assumptions available at the time of the filing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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The pro forma income from continuing operations per share includes the combined income (loss) from continuing operations of Realty Income and ARCT on a pro forma basis as if the transactions were consummated on January 1, 2011.

	Realty Income		ARCT	
	Historical	Pro Forma Combined	Historical	Pro Forma Equivalent
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.60	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.01)
Diluted	\$ 0.60	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.01)
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.38
Book value per common share	\$ 13.74	\$ 20.91	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.01

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.20)	\$ 0.18
Diluted	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.20)	\$ 0.18
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.74	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.50
Book value per common share	\$ 14.39	\$ 21.41	\$ 7.75	\$ 6.15

Comparative Realty Income and ARCT Market Price and Dividend Information**Realty Income's Market Price Data**

Realty Income's common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol **O**. This table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per share of Realty Income's common stock, as reported by the NYSE, and distributions declared per share of Realty Income common stock.

	Price Per Share of Common Stock		Distributions Declared Per Share(1)
	High	Low	
2010			
First Quarter	31.18	25.30	0.429313
Second Quarter	34.53	28.42	0.430250
Third Quarter	34.79	29.12	0.431188
Fourth Quarter	35.97	32.92	0.432125
2011			
First Quarter	36.12	33.40	0.433063
Second Quarter	36.35	32.19	0.434000
Third Quarter	35.03	27.95	0.4349375
Fourth Quarter	35.76	29.78	0.4358750
2012			
First Quarter	39.03	34.30	0.4368125
Second Quarter	41.98	36.87	0.4377500
Third Quarter	44.22	40.35	0.4486875

(1) Common stock cash distributions currently are declared monthly by Realty Income, based on financial results for the prior months.

Table of Contents**ARCT's Market Price Data**

ARCT's common stock is listed on NASDAQ under the symbol ARCT. This table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the range of high and low sales prices for ARCT's common stock as reported on NASDAQ. ARCT's fiscal year ends on December 31 of each year.

	Price Per Share of Common Stock		Distributions Declared Per Share
	High	Low	
2012			
First Quarter	10.58	5.54	0.17499
Second Quarter	11.25	9.76	0.17499
Third Quarter	12.74	10.62	0.17624

If Realty Income continues to pay monthly cash dividends at the rate of \$0.1514375 per share after the merger, this dividend, from the perspective of a holder of ARCT common stock, would be equivalent to a monthly dividend of approximately \$0.04352 per share of ARCT common stock, based on the exchange ratio of 0.2874, which is approximately 27% less than ARCT's most recent monthly dividend of \$0.05958 per share of ARCT common stock.

Recent Closing Prices

The following table sets forth the closing per share sales prices of Realty Income's common stock and ARCT's common stock as reported on the NYSE and NASDAQ, respectively, on September 5, 2012, the last full trading day before the public announcement of the execution of the merger agreement by Realty Income and ARCT, and on October 31, 2012, the latest practicable trading day before the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus:

	Realty Income Common Stock	ARCT Common Stock
September 5, 2012	\$ 42.48	\$ 11.96
October 31, 2012	\$ 39.27	\$ 11.27

The market price of Realty Income common stock and ARCT common stock will fluctuate between the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and the effective time of the merger. Because the number of shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued in connection with the merger for each share of ARCT common stock is fixed in the merger agreement, the market value of Realty Income common stock to be received by ARCT stockholders at the effective time of the merger may vary significantly from the prices shown in the table above.

Following the transaction, Realty Income common stock will continue to be listed on the NYSE and, until the completion of the merger, ARCT's common stock will continue to be listed on NASDAQ.

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RISK FACTORS

*In addition to the other information included and incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the matters addressed in the section entitled **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**, you should carefully consider the following risks before deciding whether to vote for (i) if you are a Realty Income stockholder, the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger, or (ii) if you are an ARCT stockholder, the approval of the merger and other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, the approval of the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger and the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. In addition, you should read and consider the risks associated with each of the businesses of Realty Income and ARCT because these risks will also affect the combined company. These risks can be found in Realty Income's and ARCT's respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and other reports filed by Realty Income and ARCT with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. You should also read and consider the other information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See **Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference** beginning on page 156.*

Risk Factors Relating to the Merger

The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted in the event of any change in either Realty Income's or ARCT's stock price.

Upon the consummation of the merger, each share of ARCT common stock will be converted into the right to receive 0.2874 of a share of Realty Income common stock, with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares. This exchange ratio was fixed in the merger agreement and will not be adjusted for changes in the market price of either Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock. Changes in the price of Realty Income common stock prior to the merger will affect the market value of the merger consideration that ARCT stockholders will receive on the date of the merger. Stock price changes may result from a variety of factors (many of which are beyond our control), including the following factors:

market reaction to the announcement of the merger and the prospects of the combined company;

changes in our respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities and prospects;

changes in market assessments of the business, operations, financial position and prospects of either company;

market assessments of the likelihood that the merger will be completed;

interest rates, general market and economic conditions and other factors generally affecting the price of Realty Income's and ARCT's common stock;

federal, state and local legislation, governmental regulation and legal developments in the businesses in which ARCT and Realty Income operate; and

other factors beyond the control of Realty Income and ARCT, including those described or referred to elsewhere in this **Risk Factors** section.

The price of Realty Income common stock at the closing of the merger may vary from its price on the date the merger agreement was executed, on the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and on the date of the special meetings of Realty Income and ARCT. As a result, the market value of the merger consideration represented by the exchange ratio will also vary. For example, based on the range of closing prices of Realty Income common stock during the period from September 5, 2012, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger, through

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proxy statement/prospectus, the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock represented a market value ranging from a low of \$11.29 to a high of \$12.29.

Because the merger will be completed after the date of the special meetings, at the time of your special meeting, you will not know the exact market value of the Realty Income common stock that ARCT stockholders will receive upon completion of the merger. You should consider the following two risks:

If the price of Realty Income common stock increases between the date the merger agreement was signed or the date of the Realty Income special meeting and the effective time of the merger, ARCT stockholders will receive shares of Realty Income common stock that have a market value upon completion of the merger that is greater than the market value of such shares calculated pursuant to the exchange ratio when the merger agreement was signed or the date of the Realty Income special meeting, respectively. Therefore, while the number of shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued per share of ARCT common stock is fixed, Realty Income stockholders cannot be sure of the market value of the consideration that will be paid to ARCT stockholders upon completion of the merger.

If the price of Realty Income common stock declines between the date the merger agreement was signed or the date of the ARCT special meeting and the effective time of the merger, including for any of the reasons described above, ARCT stockholders will receive shares of Realty Income common stock that have a market value upon completion of the merger that is less than the market value of such shares calculated pursuant to the exchange ratio on the date the merger agreement was signed or on the date of the ARCT special meeting, respectively. Therefore, while the number of shares of Realty Income common stock to be issued per share of ARCT common stock is fixed, ARCT stockholders cannot be sure of the market value of the Realty Income common stock they will receive upon completion of the merger or the market value of Realty Income common stock at any time after the completion of the merger.

The merger and related transactions are subject to approval by stockholders of both Realty Income and ARCT.

In order for the merger to be completed, ARCT stockholders must approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, which requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. In addition, while a vote of Realty Income stockholders is not required to approve the merger, Realty Income stockholders' approval is required under applicable NYSE rules in order for Realty Income to be authorized to issue the shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders as part of the merger consideration. Approval of the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders under NYSE rules requires approval by holders of at least a majority of the total votes cast, provided that the total votes cast represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote on such proposal.

Realty Income and ARCT stockholders will be diluted by the merger.

The merger will dilute the ownership position of the current Realty Income stockholders, and result in ARCT stockholders having an ownership stake in Realty Income that is smaller than their current stake in ARCT. Following the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, Realty Income stockholders and the former ARCT stockholders are expected to hold approximately 74.4% and 25.6%, respectively, of the combined company's common stock outstanding immediately after the merger, based on the number of shares of common stock of each of Realty Income and ARCT currently outstanding and various assumptions regarding share issuances by each of Realty Income and ARCT prior to the effective time of the merger. Consequently, Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders, as a general matter, will have less influence over the management and policies of Realty Income after the merger than each currently exercise over the management and policies of Realty Income and ARCT, as applicable.

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If the merger does not occur, one of the companies may incur payment obligations to the other.

If the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, ARCT may be obligated to pay Realty Income a termination fee of \$51 million plus \$4 million in expense reimbursement, or Realty Income may be required to pay ARCT \$4 million in expense reimbursement. See

The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement Termination Fee and Expenses Payable by ARCT to Realty Income beginning on page 147 and The Merger Agreement Termination of the Agreement Expenses Payable by Realty Income to ARCT beginning on page 148.

Failure to complete the merger could negatively impact the stock prices and the future business and financial results of Realty Income and ARCT.

If the merger is not completed, the ongoing businesses of Realty Income and ARCT could be adversely affected and each of Realty Income and ARCT will be subject to several risks, including the following:

ARCT being required, under certain circumstances, to pay to Realty Income a termination fee of \$51 million and/or \$4 million in expense reimbursement or Realty Income being required, under certain circumstances, to pay to ARCT \$4 million in expense reimbursement;

having to pay certain costs relating to the proposed merger, such as legal, accounting, financial advisor, filing, printing and mailing fees; and

diversion of management focus and resources from operational matters and other strategic opportunities while working to implement the merger.

If the merger is not completed, these risks could materially affect the business, financial results and stock prices of Realty Income or ARCT.

The pendency of the merger could adversely affect the business and operations of Realty Income and ARCT.

In connection with the pending merger, some customers or vendors of each of Realty Income and ARCT may delay or defer decisions, which could negatively impact the revenues, earnings, cash flows and expenses of Realty Income and ARCT, regardless of whether the merger is completed. In addition, due to operating covenants in the merger agreement, each of Realty Income and ARCT may be unable, during the pendency of the merger, to pursue certain strategic transactions, undertake certain significant capital projects, undertake certain significant financing transactions and otherwise pursue other actions that are not in the ordinary course of business, even if such actions would prove beneficial.

Some of the directors and executive officers of ARCT have interests in seeing the merger completed that are different from, or in addition to, those of the other ARCT stockholders.

Some of the directors and executive officers of ARCT have arrangements that provide them with interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of the stockholders of ARCT. These interests include, among other things, an incentive listing fee note agreement, a financial advisory and information letter agent agreement, a legal services agreement, a legal services reimbursement agreement, a transition services agreement, a facilities license agreement, certain change of control payments, benefits and certain incentive awards. These interests, among other things, may influence the directors and executive officers of ARCT to support or approve the merger. See The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100.

In addition, Realty Income and ARCT have entered into a voting agreement with Nicholas S. Schorsch, the chairman of the board of directors of ARCT, and William M. Kahane, the chief executive officer, president and a director of ARCT, in their capacities as stockholders of ARCT. The voting agreement requires Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane to vote in favor of the proposals to be voted on at the ARCT special meeting of stockholders and to vote against certain actions. The voting agreement specifically does not limit or restrict the rights and obligations of Mr. Schorsch as a director of ARCT or Mr. Kahane as a director and officer of ARCT, and it in no way

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restricts Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane from exercising their fiduciary duties to ARCT. However, the voting agreement does limit the rights of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane, solely in their capacity as stockholders, to vote against the proposals to be voted on at ARCT's special meeting of stockholders and for certain other actions. A copy of the voting agreement can be found attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B and is incorporated herein by reference.

The merger agreement contains provisions that could discourage a potential competing acquirer of ARCT or could result in any competing proposal being at a lower price than it might otherwise be.

The merger agreement contains no shop provisions that, subject to limited exceptions, restrict ARCT's ability to solicit, encourage, facilitate or discuss competing third-party proposals to acquire all or a significant part of ARCT. In addition, Realty Income generally has an opportunity to offer to modify the terms of the proposed merger in response to any competing acquisition proposals that may be made before the ARCT board of directors may withdraw or qualify its recommendation. Upon termination of the merger agreement in certain circumstances, ARCT may be required to pay a termination fee and/or expense reimbursement to Realty Income, and in certain other circumstances, Realty Income may be required to pay an expense reimbursement to ARCT. See The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions by ARCT beginning on page 140, The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement Termination Fee and Expenses Payable by ARCT to Realty Income beginning on page 147, and The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement Expenses Payable by Realty Income to ARCT beginning on page 148.

These provisions could discourage a potential competing acquirer that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant part of ARCT from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share cash or market value than the market value proposed to be received or realized in the merger, or might result in a potential competing acquirer proposing to pay a lower price than it might otherwise have proposed to pay because of the added expense of the termination fee and/or expense reimbursement that may become payable in certain circumstances.

If the merger is not consummated by March 6, 2013 (unless extended), either Realty Income or ARCT may terminate the merger agreement.

Either Realty Income or ARCT may terminate the merger agreement if the merger has not been consummated by March 6, 2013, unless as of March 6, 2013, all conditions to closing have been satisfied or waived other than the obligation of ARCT to obtain certain debt consents, in which case this date will be extended to April 8, 2013. However, this termination right will not be available to a party if that party failed to fulfill its obligations under the merger agreement and that failure was a principle cause of, or resulted in, the failure to consummate the merger. For more information, please see the section titled The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 146.

Risk Factors Relating to Realty Income Following the Merger

Realty Income expects to incur substantial expenses related to the merger.

Realty Income expects to incur substantial expenses in connection with completing the merger and integrating the business, operations, networks, systems, technologies, policies and procedures of ARCT with those of Realty Income. There are several systems that must be integrated, including accounting and finance and asset management. While Realty Income has assumed that a certain level of transaction and integration expenses would be incurred, there are a number of factors beyond its control that could affect the total amount or the timing of its integration expenses. Many of the expenses that will be incurred, by their nature, are difficult to estimate accurately at the present time. As a result, the transaction and integration expenses associated with the merger could, particularly in the near term, exceed the savings that Realty Income expects to achieve from the elimination of duplicative expenses and the realization of economies of scale and cost savings related to the integration of the businesses following the completion of the merger.

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Following the merger, the combined company may be unable to integrate successfully the businesses of Realty Income and ARCT and realize the anticipated benefits of the merger or do so within the anticipated timeframe.

The merger involves the combination of two companies which currently operate as independent public companies. Even though the companies are operationally similar, the combined company will be required to devote significant management attention and resources to integrating the business practices and operations of Realty Income and ARCT. In addition, ARCT's real estate portfolio includes a number of U.S. General Services Administration assets, among others, and Realty Income has less experience with this type of property than with its historical property base. It is possible that the integration process could result in the distraction of the combined company's management, the disruption of the combined company's ongoing business or inconsistencies in the combined company's operations, services, standards, controls, procedures and policies, any of which could adversely affect the ability of the combined company to maintain relationships with customers, vendors and employees or to fully achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger.

The future results of the combined company will suffer if the combined company does not effectively manage its expanded operations following the merger.

Following the merger, the combined company may continue to expand its operations through additional acquisitions and other strategic transactions, some of which may involve complex challenges. The future success of the combined company will depend, in part, upon its ability to manage its expansion opportunities, integrate new operations into its existing business in an efficient and timely manner, successfully monitor its operations, costs, regulatory compliance and service quality, and maintain other necessary internal controls. The combined company cannot assure you that its expansion or acquisition opportunities will be successful, or that the combined company will realize its expected operating efficiencies, cost savings, revenue enhancements, synergies or other benefits.

The market price of Realty Income common stock may decline as a result of the merger.

The market price of Realty Income common stock may decline as a result of the merger if the combined company does not achieve the perceived benefits of the merger as rapidly or to the extent anticipated by financial or industry analysts, or the effect of the merger on Realty Income's financial results is not consistent with the expectations of financial or industry analysts.

In addition, following the effective time of the merger, Realty Income stockholders and former ARCT stockholders will own interests in a combined company operating an expanded business with a different mix of properties, risks and liabilities. Current stockholders of Realty Income and ARCT may not wish to continue to invest in the combined company, or for other reasons may wish to dispose of some or all of their shares of Realty Income common stock. If, following the effective time of the merger, large amounts of Realty Income common stock are sold, the price of Realty Income common stock could decline.

After the merger is completed, ARCT stockholders who receive Realty Income common stock in the merger will have different rights that may be less favorable than their current rights as ARCT stockholders.

After the closing of the merger, ARCT stockholders who receive Realty Income common stock in the merger will have different rights than they currently have as ARCT stockholders. For a detailed discussion of the significant differences between your rights as a stockholder of ARCT and your rights as a stockholder of Realty Income, see [Comparison of Rights of Realty Income Stockholders and ARCT Stockholders](#) beginning on page 151.

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Realty Income cannot assure you that it will be able to continue paying dividends at the current rate.

As noted elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, Realty Income plans to continue its current monthly dividend practices following the merger. However, Realty Income stockholders may not receive the same dividends following the merger for various reasons, including the following:

as a result of the merger and the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, the total amount of cash required for Realty Income to pay dividends at its current rate will increase;

Realty Income may not have enough cash to pay such dividends due to changes in Realty Income's cash requirements, capital spending plans, cash flow or financial position;

decisions on whether, when and in which amounts to make any future distributions will remain at all times entirely at the discretion of the Realty Income board of directors, which reserves the right to change Realty Income's dividend practices at any time and for any reason;

Realty Income may desire to retain cash to maintain or improve its credit ratings; and

the amount of dividends that Realty Income's subsidiaries may distribute to Realty Income may be subject to restrictions imposed by state law, restrictions that may be imposed by state regulators, and restrictions imposed by the terms of any current or future indebtedness that these subsidiaries may incur.

Realty Income's stockholders have no contractual or other legal right to dividends that have not been declared.

The merger will likely result in a reduction in per share equivalent dividend payments for holders of ARCT common stock after the merger.

If Realty Income continues to pay monthly cash dividends at the rate of \$0.1514375 per share after the merger, this dividend, from the perspective of a holder of ARCT common stock, would be equivalent to a monthly dividend of approximately \$0.04352 per share of ARCT common stock, based on the exchange ratio of 0.2874, which is approximately 27% less than ARCT's most recent monthly dividend of \$0.05958 per share of ARCT common stock.

In connection with the announcement of the merger agreement, eight lawsuits have been filed and are pending, as of October 31, 2012, seeking, among other things, to enjoin the merger and rescind the merger agreement, and an adverse judgment in any of the lawsuits may prevent the merger from becoming effective within the expected timeframe (if at all).

As of October 31, 2012, purported stockholders of ARCT have filed eight lawsuits against ARCT, its directors, Realty Income and Merger Sub, challenging the merger. The complaints allege that ARCT's directors breached their fiduciary duties to ARCT stockholders and/or to ARCT itself in connection with the merger, and further claim that Realty Income and Merger Sub aided and abetted those alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. The various amended complaints add allegations that disclosures regarding the proposed merger in the joint proxy statement/prospectus filed on October 1, 2012 are inadequate. The complaints seek injunctive relief, including enjoining or rescinding the merger, and an award of unspecified attorneys' and other fees and costs, in addition to other relief (including damages). We may also be the target of similar litigation in the future.

While Realty Income and ARCT management believe that the allegations in the complaints are without merit and intend to defend vigorously against these allegations, we cannot assure you as to the outcome of these, or any similar future lawsuits, including the costs associated with defending these claims or any other liabilities that may be incurred in connection with the litigation or settlement of these claims. If plaintiffs are successful in obtaining an injunction prohibiting the parties from completing the merger on the agreed-upon terms, such an injunction may prevent the completion of the merger in the expected time frame, or may prevent it from being

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completed altogether. Whether or not the plaintiffs' claims are successful, this type of litigation is often expensive and diverts management's attention and resources, which could adversely affect the operation of our businesses. For more information about litigation related to the merger, see "The Merger - Litigation Relating to the Merger" beginning on page 130.

Counterparties to certain significant agreements with ARCT may have consent rights in connection with the merger.

ARCT is party to certain agreements that give the counterparty certain rights, including consent rights, in connection with a change in control transactions. Under certain of these agreements, the merger will constitute a change in control and, therefore, the counterparty may assert its rights in connection with the merger. Any such counterparty may request modifications of its agreements as a condition to granting a waiver or consent under those agreements and there can be no assurance that such counterparties will not exercise their rights under the agreements, including termination rights where available.

Realty Income may incur adverse tax consequences if ARCT has failed or fails to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If ARCT has failed or fails to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the merger is completed, Realty Income may inherit significant tax liabilities, and Realty Income could lose its REIT status should disqualifying activities continue after the merger.

REITs are subject to a range of complex organizational and operational requirements.

In order to qualify as a REIT, each of Realty Income and ARCT must distribute with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of its net income (excluding capital gains) to its stockholders. A REIT must also meet certain requirements with respect to the nature of its income and assets, and the ownership of its stock. For any taxable year that Realty Income or ARCT fails to qualify as a REIT, it will not be allowed a deduction for dividends paid to its stockholders in computing taxable income and thus would become subject to U.S. federal income tax as if it were a regular taxable corporation. In such an event, Realty Income or ARCT, as the case may be, could be subject to potentially significant tax liabilities. Unless entitled to relief under certain statutory provisions, Realty Income or ARCT, as the case may be, would also be disqualified from treatment as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year in which it lost its qualification. If Realty Income or ARCT failed to qualify as a REIT, the market price of Realty Income common stock may decline, and Realty Income may need to reduce substantially the amount of distributions to its stockholders because of its increased tax liability.

Realty Income's anticipated level of indebtedness will increase upon completion of the merger and will increase the related risks Realty Income now faces.

In connection with the merger, Realty Income will assume certain indebtedness of ARCT and will be subject to increased risks associated with debt financing, including an increased risk that the combined company's cash flow could be insufficient to meet required payments on its debt. At September 30, 2012, Realty Income had indebtedness of \$2.5 billion, including \$609.0 million of outstanding borrowings under its acquisition credit facility, a total of \$1.75 billion of outstanding unsecured senior debt securities and \$133.4 million of outstanding mortgage debt. Taking into account Realty Income's existing indebtedness and the assumption of indebtedness in the merger, Realty Income's pro forma consolidated indebtedness as of September 30, 2012, after giving effect to the merger, would be approximately \$3.5 billion, including \$660.5 million of mortgage debt.

Realty Income's increased indebtedness could have important consequences to holders of its common stock and preferred stock, including ARCT stockholders who receive Realty Income common stock in the merger, including:

increasing Realty Income's vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

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limiting Realty Income's ability to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate requirements;

requiring the use of a substantial portion of Realty Income's cash flow from operations for the payment of principal and interest on its indebtedness, thereby reducing its ability to use its cash flow to fund working capital, acquisitions, capital expenditures and general corporate requirements;

limiting Realty Income's flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in its business and its industry; and

putting Realty Income at a disadvantage compared to its competitors with less indebtedness.

If Realty Income defaults under a mortgage loan, it will automatically be in default under any other loan that has cross-default provisions, and it may lose the properties securing these loans. Although Realty Income anticipates that it will pay off its mortgage payables as soon as prepayment penalties and other costs make it economically feasible to do so, Realty Income cannot anticipate when such payment will occur.

Realty Income and ARCT Face Other Risks.

The risks listed above are not exhaustive, and you should be aware that following the merger, Realty Income and ARCT will face various other risks, including those discussed in reports filed by Realty Income and ARCT with the SEC. See [Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference](#) beginning on page 156.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This joint proxy statement/prospectus, including information included or incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, may contain certain forecasts and other forward-looking statements within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Generally, the words expects, anticipates, targets, goals, projects, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, variations, and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements and any statements regarding the benefits of the merger, or Realty Income's or ARCT's future financial condition, results of operations and business are also forward-looking statements. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, certain statements contained in the sections The Merger Background of the Merger, The Merger Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger, The Merger Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger, The Merger Certain Prospective Financial Information Reviewed by Realty Income and The Merger Certain Prospective Financial Information Reviewed by ARCT constitute forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond Realty Income's and ARCT's control. These include the factors described above in Risk Factors and under the caption Risk Factors in Realty Income's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and in ARCT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 as well as:

each company's success in implementing its business strategy and its ability to identify, underwrite, finance, consummate and integrate diversifying acquisitions or investments;

the nature and extent of future competition;

increases in each company's cost of borrowing as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors;

each company's ability to pay down, refinance, restructure and/or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due;

the ability and willingness of each company's tenants to renew their leases upon expiration of the leases and each company's ability to reposition its properties on the same or better terms in the event such leases expire and are not renewed by the tenants or in the event either company exercises its right to replace an existing tenant upon default;

the impact of any financial, accounting, legal or regulatory issues or litigation that may affect either company or its major tenants;

risks associated with the ability to consummate the merger and the timing of the closing of the merger;

the risk that the anticipated benefits from the merger may not be realized or may take longer to realize than expected;

unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities that may arise from the transaction, whether or not consummated; and

each company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a REIT due to economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described above or elsewhere in reports incorporated by reference herein occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

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You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements, which speak only as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the date of any document incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, as applicable.

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All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. This cautionary statement should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that Realty Income, ARCT or persons acting on their behalf may issue.

Except as otherwise required by applicable law, Realty Income and ARCT disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section. See also [Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference](#).

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THE COMPANIES

Realty Income Corporation and Tau Acquisition LLC

Realty Income is The Monthly Dividend Company[®]. Realty Income is a Maryland corporation organized to operate as an equity real estate investment trust, commonly referred to as a REIT. Realty Income's primary business objective is to generate dependable monthly cash distributions from a consistent and predictable level of FFO per share. Additionally, Realty Income seeks to increase distributions to common stockholders and FFO per share through both active portfolio management and the acquisition of additional properties.

Realty Income is a fully integrated, self-administered real estate company with in-house acquisition, leasing, legal, credit research, real estate research, portfolio management and capital markets expertise. As of September 30, 2012, Realty Income owned a diversified portfolio of 2,838 properties located in 49 states, with over 34.3 million square feet of leasable space leased to 144 different retail and other commercial enterprises doing business in 44 separate industries. Of the 2,838 properties in the portfolio at that date, 2,822, or 99.4%, were single-tenant properties, and the remaining 16 were multi-tenant properties. At September 30, 2012, of the 2,822 single-tenant properties, 2,739, or 97.1%, were leased with a weighted average remaining lease term (excluding rights to extend a lease at the option of the tenant) of approximately 11.0 years.

Realty Income common stock is listed on the NYSE and trades under the symbol **IO**.

Realty Income's principal executive offices are located at 600 La Terraza Boulevard, Escondido, California 92025-3873, and its telephone number is (760) 741-2111.

Tau Acquisition LLC, referred to as Merger Sub, is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income that was formed for the purpose of entering into the merger agreement.

Additional information about Realty Income and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See **Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference** on page 156.

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

ARCT is a Maryland corporation incorporated in August 2007 that qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. ARCT was formed to acquire a diversified portfolio of commercial real estate, which consists primarily of freestanding single tenant properties net leased to credit worthy tenants on a long-term basis. In January 2008, ARCT commenced an initial public offering on a **best efforts** basis to sell up to 150.0 million shares of common stock, excluding 25.0 million shares issuable pursuant to a distribution reinvestment plan, offered at a price of \$10.00 per share, subject to certain volume and other discounts. In March 2008, ARCT commenced real estate operations. The ARCT IPO closed in July 2011 and ARCT operated as a non-traded REIT through February 29, 2012.

Effective as of March 1, 2012, ARCT internalized the management services previously provided by American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC and its affiliates, as a result of which ARCT became a self-administered REIT managed full-time by its own management team.

Substantially all of ARCT's business is conducted through ARCT OP, of which ARCT is the sole general partner.

As of September 30, 2012, ARCT owned 507 properties with 15.8 million square feet of leasable area, 100% leased with a weighted average remaining lease term of 12.7 years. In constructing the portfolio, ARCT has been committed to diversification by industry, tenant and geography.

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Concurrent with the Internalization, ARCT listed its common stock on NASDAQ, and commenced trading under the symbol ARCT, and ARCT's common stock continues to be so listed and trades under such symbol.

ARCT's principal executive offices are located at 405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022, and its telephone number is (646) 937-6900.

Additional information about ARCT and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference on page 156.

Property Portfolio Information

At September 30, 2012, Realty Income owned a diversified portfolio:

Of 2,838 properties;

With an occupancy rate of 97.0%, or 2,754 properties leased and only 84 properties available for lease;

Leased to 144 different retail and other commercial enterprises doing business in 44 separate industries;

Located in 49 states;

With over 34.3 million square feet of leasable space; and

With an average leasable space per property of approximately 12,100 square feet.

At September 30, 2012, of Realty Income's 2,838 properties, 2,739 were leased under net-lease agreements. A net lease typically requires the tenant to be responsible for minimum monthly rent and property operating expenses including property taxes, insurance and maintenance. In addition, Realty Income's tenants are typically subject to future rent increases based on increases in the consumer price index (typically subject to ceilings), additional rent calculated as a percentage of the tenants' gross sales above a specified level, or fixed increases.

At September 30, 2012, ARCT owned a diversified portfolio:

Of 507 properties;

With an occupancy rate of 100%;

Leased to 63 different retail and other commercial enterprises doing business in 20 separate industries;

Located in 43 states and in Puerto Rico;

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With over 15.8 million square feet of leasable space; and

With an average leasable space per property of approximately 31,000 square feet.

The following tables present the pro-forma combination of the Realty Income and ARCT portfolios:

Of 3,345 properties, including 2,838 Realty Income properties at September 30, 2012 and 507 ARCT properties at September 30, 2012;

With an occupancy rate of 97.5%;

Leased to 188 different retail and other commercial enterprises doing business in 48 separate industries;

Located in 49 states and in Puerto Rico;

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With over 50.1 million square feet of leasable space; and

With an average leasable space per property of approximately 15,000 square feet.

Combined Property Portfolio

All of the following property portfolio information is provided to illustrate the combined property portfolio of Realty Income and ARCT post-merger. This information includes an illustration of the combined portfolio by industry, property type and geography, as well as a combined lease expiration schedule. The Realty Income information is for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The ARCT information represents quarterly information for the 507 properties owned at September 30, 2012.

Industry Diversification

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the property portfolios classified according to the business of the respective tenants, expressed as a percentage of total rental revenue:

Percentage of Rental Revenue

Industries	Realty Income⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	ARCT⁽³⁾	Combined Total
Retail Industries			
Apparel stores	1.4%	%	1.1%
Automotive collision services	1.2		0.9
Automotive parts	1.0	1.6	1.2
Automotive service	3.1	4.0	3.3
Automotive tire services	4.7		3.4
Book stores	0.1		0.1
Business services	*		*
Child care	4.5		3.3
Consumer electronics	0.5		0.4
Convenience stores	16.3	2.4	12.6
Crafts and novelties	0.3	0.5	0.3
Dollar stores	3.0	3.9	3.2
Drug stores	3.5	17.2	7.2
Education	0.7		0.5
Entertainment	1.0		0.7
Equipment services	0.1		0.1
Financial services	0.2	7.6	2.2
General merchandise	0.5	3.7	1.4
Grocery stores	3.7	2.5	3.3
Health and fitness	6.7		4.9
Home furnishings	1.0	1.2	1.1
Home improvement	1.5	2.6	1.8
Jewelry		0.4	0.1
Motor vehicle dealerships	2.0		1.5
Office supplies	0.8		0.6
Pet supplies and services	0.6	2.1	1.0
Restaurants casual dining	7.3	2.6	6.0
Restaurants quick service	5.9	2.6	5.0
Shoe stores	0.1	3.7	1.1
Sporting goods	2.4		1.8

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Industries	Realty Income⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	ARCT⁽³⁾	Combined Total
Theaters	9.5		6.9
Transportation services	0.2		0.1
Video rental	0.0		0.0
Wholesale clubs	2.8	0.5	2.2
Other	0.1		0.1
	86.7	59.1	79.4
<u>Other Industries</u>			
Aerospace	1.0	0.6	0.9
Beverages	5.1		3.8
Consumer appliance	0.2	1.9	0.6
Consumer goods	*	3.8	1.0
Diversified industrial	*		
Equipment services	0.2		0.2
Financial services	0.4		0.3
Food processing	1.2	1.1	1.1
Government services		4.5	1.2
Healthcare		8.8	2.4
Home furnishings		0.9	0.2
Insurance	0.1		
Machinery	0.2		0.1
Other manufacturing		2.2	0.6
Packaging	0.6		0.4
Paper	0.1		0.1
Telecommunications	0.8	0.6	0.8
Transportation services	2.3	16.5	6.1
Other	1.1		0.8
	13.3%	40.9%	20.6%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* Less than 0.1%

(1) The Realty Income information is for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

(2) Realty Income's percentages exclude revenue from properties owned by Crest Net Lease, Inc., which we refer to as Crest.

(3) The ARCT information represents quarterly rental revenue for the properties owned at September 30, 2012.

Property Type Diversification

The following table sets forth certain property type information regarding the property portfolios (dollars in thousands):

Realty Income

Property Type	Number of Properties	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended	Percentage of Rental Revenue
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			Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽¹⁾	
Retail	2,771	25,697,200	\$ 102,959	85.8%
Agriculture	15	184,500	5,138	4.3
Distribution	20	4,741,500	4,578	3.8
Office	9	824,000	3,000	2.5
Manufacturing	8	2,030,300	2,745	2.3
Industrial	15	850,500	1,570	1.3
Totals	2,838	34,328,000	\$ 119,990	100.0%

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Property Type	Number of Properties ⁽²⁾	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Quarterly Rental Revenue ⁽²⁾	Percentage of Rental Revenue
Retail	438	5,325,200	\$ 23,636	53.6%
Distribution	38	9,007,900	13,820	31.4
Office	31	1,421,100	6,569	15.0
Totals	507	15,754,200	\$ 44,025	100.0%

Combined

Property Type	Number of Properties ⁽²⁾	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Total Rental Revenue ^{(1) (2)}	Percentage of Total Rental Revenue
Retail	3,209	31,022,400	\$ 126,595	77.2%
Distribution	58	13,749,400	18,398	11.2
Office	40	2,245,100	9,569	5.8
Agriculture	15	184,500	5,138	3.1
Manufacturing	8	2,030,300	2,745	1.7
Industrial	15	850,500	1,570	1.0
Totals	3,345	50,082,200	\$ 164,015	100.0%

(1) Includes rental revenue for all properties owned by Realty Income at September 30, 2012, including revenue from properties reclassified as discontinued operations of \$168. Excludes revenue of \$23 from three properties owned by Crest.

(2) The ARCT information represents quarterly rental revenue for the properties owned at September 30, 2012.

Geographic Diversification

The following table sets forth certain state-by-state information regarding the property portfolios (dollars in thousands):

Realty Income

State	Number of Properties	Percent Leased	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of Rental Revenue
Alabama	65	94%	450,500	\$ 1,799	1.5%
Alaska	2	100	128,500	307	0.3
Arizona	97	98	713,300	3,417	2.8
Arkansas	17	100	105,100	320	0.3
California	137	100	3,670,500	15,729	13.1
Colorado	59	95	507,400	1,961	1.6

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Connecticut	25	96	456,500	1,283	1.1
Delaware	16	100	29,500	391	0.3
Florida	188	97	2,088,900	7,917	6.6
Georgia	144	93	1,274,900	4,993	4.2
Hawaii					
Idaho	12	100	80,700	332	0.3
Illinois	104	99	1,367,400	6,156	5.1

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State	Number of Properties	Percent Leased	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of Rental Revenue
Indiana	84	96	830,600	3,750	3.1
Iowa	28	89	1,876,600	1,211	1.0
Kansas	53	94	790,500	1,512	1.3
Kentucky	23	96	138,900	629	0.5
Louisiana	39	100	384,600	1,419	1.2
Maine	3	100	22,500	139	0.1
Maryland	30	100	492,500	2,255	1.9
Massachusetts	64	92	575,400	2,280	1.9
Michigan	64	100	374,700	1,492	1.2
Minnesota	150	100	1,003,600	6,756	5.6
Mississippi	77	95	775,300	1,817	1.5
Missouri	77	99	1,047,300	3,857	3.2
Montana	2	100	30,000	89	0.1
Nebraska	20	100	204,100	561	0.5
Nevada	16	100	333,700	1,054	0.9
New Hampshire	15	93	217,200	944	0.8
New Jersey	32	94	258,000	1,934	1.6
New Mexico	17	100	139,000	401	0.3
New York	44	98	899,800	4,271	3.6
North Carolina	94	97	851,800	2,878	2.4
North Dakota	6	100	36,600	59	*
Ohio	143	97	1,678,100	4,584	3.8
Oklahoma	42	95	813,400	1,458	1.2
Oregon	20	100	384,200	1,240	1.0
Pennsylvania	105	98	1,092,500	4,173	3.5
Rhode Island	3	100	11,000	37	*
South Carolina	99	98	426,700	2,469	2.1
South Dakota	10	100	89,800	186	0.2
Tennessee	133	97	1,076,000	2,992	2.5
Texas	284	96	3,759,900	11,149	9.3
Utah	9	100	159,300	413	0.3
Vermont	4	100	12,700	130	0.1
Virginia	110	97	1,680,800	4,707	3.9
Washington	35	94	298,100	1,086	0.9
West Virginia	2	100	23,000	125	0.1
Wisconsin	32	94	645,500	1,265	1.1
Wyoming	3	100	21,100	63	0.1
Totals/Average	2,838	97%	34,328,000	\$ 119,990	100.0%

ARCT

State	Number of Properties	Percent Leased	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Quarterly Rental Revenue ⁽²⁾	Percentage of Rental Revenue
Alabama	16	100%	158,400	\$ 599	1.4%
Alaska					
Arizona	5	100	368,800	1,333	3.0
Arkansas	6	100	397,500	657	1.5
California	10	100	727,000	2,279	5.2

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State	Number of Properties	Percent Leased	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Quarterly Rental Revenue ⁽²⁾	Percentage of Rental Revenue
Colorado	5	100	97,000	282	0.6
Connecticut	1	100	19,100	89	0.2
Delaware					
Florida	22	100	204,100	1,337	3.0
Georgia	24	100	984,400	1,985	4.5
Hawaii					
Idaho	2	100	16,800	112	0.3
Illinois	20	100	1,948,400	2,896	6.6
Indiana	4	100	50,900	348	0.8
Iowa	7	100	801,600	677	1.5
Kansas	9	100	636,700	1,012	2.3
Kentucky	10	100	329,300	1,308	3.0
Louisiana	21	100	191,300	714	1.6
Maine	2	100	45,100	253	0.6
Maryland	2	100	165,500	1,034	2.3
Massachusetts	19	100	127,200	685	1.6
Michigan	27	100	450,000	1,226	2.8
Minnesota	5	100	122,900	407	0.9
Mississippi	6	100	59,600	293	0.7
Missouri	30	100	686,500	2,446	5.6
Montana					
Nebraska	4	100	157,300	632	1.4
Nevada	2	100	32,300	159	0.4
New Hampshire	1	100	46,000	149	0.3
New Jersey	33	100	181,800	737	1.7
New Mexico	2	100	12,200	79	0.2
New York	33	100	1,046,500	5,218	11.9
North Carolina	14	100	119,200	804	1.8
North Dakota	1	100	29,400	58	0.1
Ohio	26	100	2,013,600	3,147	7.1
Oklahoma	7	100	70,100	359	0.8
Oregon	3	100	10,700	97	0.2
Pennsylvania	42	100	610,200	2,253	5.1
Rhode Island					
South Carolina	16	100	171,300	1,131	2.6
South Dakota	1	100	43,800	74	0.2
Tennessee	8	100	213,300	592	1.3
Texas	40	100	1,032,000	4,045	9.2
Utah	2	100	578,300	712	1.6
Vermont					
Virginia	6	100	51,500	424	1.0
Washington	2	100	79,000	181	0.4
West Virginia	5	100	146,500	479	1.1
Wisconsin	2	100	492,200	508	1.1
Wyoming					
Puerto Rico	4	100	28,900	215	0.5
Totals/Average	507	100%	15,754,200	\$ 44,025	100.0%

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State	Number of Properties	Percent Leased	Approximate Leasable Square Feet	Total Rental Revenue⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Percentage of Total Rental Revenue
Alabama	81	95%	608,900	\$ 2,398	1.5%
Alaska	2	100	128,500	307	0.2
Arizona	102	98	1,082,100	4,750	2.9
Arkansas	23	100	502,600	977	0.6
California	147	100	4,397,500	18,008	11.0
Colorado	64	95	604,400	2,243	1.4
Connecticut	26	96	475,600	1,372	0.8
Delaware	16	100	29,500	391	0.2
Florida	210	98	2,293,000	9,254	5.6
Georgia	168	94	2,259,300	6,978	4.3
Hawaii					
Idaho	14	100	97,500	444	0.3
Illinois	124	99	3,315,800	9,052	5.5
Indiana	88	97	881,500	4,098	2.5
Iowa	35	91	2,678,200	1,888	1.2
Kansas	62	95	1,427,200	2,524	1.5
Kentucky	33	97	468,200	1,937	1.2
Louisiana	60	100	575,900	2,133	1.3
Maine	5	100	67,600	392	0.2
Maryland	32	100	658,000	3,289	2.0
Massachusetts	83	94	702,600	2,965	1.8
Michigan	91	100	824,700	2,718	1.7
Minnesota	155	100	1,126,500	7,163	4.4
Mississippi	83	95	834,900	2,110	1.3
Missouri	107	99	1,733,800	6,303	3.8
Montana	2	100	30,000	89	*
Nebraska	24	100	361,400	1,193	0.7
Nevada	18	100	366,000	1,213	0.7
New Hampshire	16	94	263,200	1,093	0.7
New Jersey	65	97	439,800	2,671	1.6
New Mexico	19	100	151,200	480	0.3
New York	77	99	1,946,300	9,489	5.8
North Carolina	108	97	971,000	3,682	2.2
North Dakota	7	100	66,000	117	0.1
Ohio	169	98	3,691,700	7,731	4.7
Oklahoma	49	96	883,500	1,817	1.1
Oregon	23	100	394,900	1,337	0.8
Pennsylvania	147	99	1,702,700	6,426	3.9
Rhode Island	3	100	11,000	37	*
South Carolina	115	98	598,000	3,600	2.2
South Dakota	11	100	133,600	260	0.2
Tennessee	141	97	1,289,300	3,584	2.2
Texas	324	97	4,791,900	15,192	9.3
Utah	11	100	737,600	1,127	0.7
Vermont	4	100	12,700	130	0.1
Virginia	116	97	1,732,300	5,131	3.1
Washington	37	95	377,100	1,267	0.8
West Virginia	7	100	169,500	604	0.4
Wisconsin	34	94	1,137,700	1,773	1.1

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Wyoming	3	100	21,100	63	*
Puerto Rico	4	100	28,900	215	0.1
Totals/Average	3,345	98%	50,082,200	\$ 164,015	100.0%

* Less than 0.1%

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- (1) Includes rental revenue for all properties owned by Realty Income at September 30, 2012, including revenue from properties reclassified as discontinued operations of \$168. Excludes revenue of \$23 from properties owned by Crest.
- (2) The ARCT information represents quarterly rental revenue for the properties owned at September 30, 2012.

Lease Expirations

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the property portfolios and the timing of the lease term expirations (excluding rights to extend a lease at the option of the tenant) on net leased, single-tenant properties (dollars in thousands):

Year	Number of Leases Expiring ⁽²⁾	Approx. Leasable Sq. Feet	Realty Income ⁽¹⁾			
			Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽³⁾	Percentage of Quarterly Rental Revenue	Annualized Rental Revenues ⁽⁵⁾	Percentage of Annualized Rental Revenue
2012	59	430,000	\$ 1,503	1.3%	\$ 5,771	1.1%
2013	157	1,232,800	4,020	3.4	16,183	3.2
2014	155	1,024,300	3,716	3.1	14,938	3.0
2015	156	834,500	3,583	3.0	14,816	2.9
2016	175	885,200	3,739	3.2	15,422	3.0
2017	146	1,816,700	4,581	3.9	21,375	4.2
2018	116	1,863,300	5,265	4.5	22,392	4.4
2019	142	1,505,700	7,274	6.2	29,162	5.8
2020	85	1,928,400	5,219	4.4	21,513	4.3
2021	163	2,272,900	7,351	6.2	32,999	6.5
2022	122	2,085,900	5,422	4.6	27,900	5.5
2023	255	2,272,900	10,545	9.0	42,606	8.4
2024	61	676,900	2,459	2.1	11,015	2.3
2025	255	2,713,600	12,267	10.4	53,873	10.7
2026	112	1,918,200	7,487	6.4	30,482	6.0
2027-2043	580	8,494,700	33,299	28.3	144,844	28.7
Totals	2,739	32,675,600	\$ 117,730	100.0%	\$ 505,291	100.0%

Year	Number of Leases Expiring ⁽²⁾	Approx. Leasable Sq. Feet	ARCT ⁽⁴⁾			
			Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽³⁾	Percentage of Quarterly Rental Revenue	Annualized Rental Revenues ⁽⁵⁾	Percentage of Annualized Rental Revenue
2012			\$	%	\$	%
2013						
2014	2	9,800	40	0.1	160	0.1
2015						
2016	3	27,700	120	0.3	480	0.3
2017	1	12,600	45	0.1	180	0.1
2018	69	1,006,700	2,968	6.8	11,872	6.8
2019	19	1,172,600	2,123	4.8	8,492	4.8
2020	14	1,253,700	2,211	5.0	8,844	5.0
2021	26	3,048,400	4,971	11.3	19,884	11.3

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2022	60	2,648,600	5,097	11.6	20,388	11.6
2023	50	1,267,300	5,300	12.0	21,200	12.0
2024	30	1,128,000	2,822	6.4	11,288	6.4
2025	37	637,300	2,560	5.8	10,240	5.8
2026	80	1,238,600	3,913	8.9	15,652	8.9
2027-2043	116	2,302,900	11,855	26.9	47,420	26.9
Totals	507	15,754,200	\$ 44,025	100.0%	\$ 176,100	100.0%

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Year	Number of Leases Expiring ⁽²⁾	Approx. Leasable Sq. Feet	Combined ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ Rental Revenue for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2012 ⁽³⁾	Percentage of Quarterly Rental Revenue	Annualized Rental Revenue ⁽⁵⁾	Percentage of Annualized Rental Revenue
2012	59	430,000	\$ 1,503	0.9%	\$ 5,771	0.8%
2013	157	1,232,800	4,020	2.5	16,183	2.4
2014	157	1,034,100	3,756	2.3	15,098	2.2
2015	156	834,500	3,583	2.2	14,816	2.2
2016	178	912,900	3,859	2.4	15,902	2.3
2017	147	1,829,300	4,626	2.9	21,555	3.2
2018	185	2,870,000	8,233	5.1	34,264	5.0
2019	161	2,678,300	9,397	5.8	37,654	5.5
2020	99	3,182,100	7,430	4.6	30,357	4.4
2021	189	5,321,300	12,322	7.6	52,883	7.8
2022	182	5,454,500	10,519	6.5	48,288	7.1
2023	305	3,539,800	15,845	9.8	63,806	9.4
2024	91	1,804,900	5,281	3.3	22,303	3.3
2025	292	3,350,900	14,827	9.2	64,113	9.4
2026	192	3,156,800	11,400	7.0	46,134	6.8
2027-2043	696	10,797,600	45,154	27.9	192,264	28.2
Totals	3,246	48,429,800	\$ 161,755	100.0%	\$ 681,391	100.0%

- (1) The Realty Income information is for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.
- (2) Excludes 15 multi-tenant properties and 84 vacant unleased properties, one of which is a multi-tenant property. The lease expirations for properties under construction are based on the estimated date of completion of those properties.
- (3) Includes rental revenue of \$168 from properties reclassified as discontinued operations and excludes revenue of \$2,261 from 15 multi-tenant properties and from 84 vacant and unleased properties at September 30, 2012. Excludes revenue of \$23 from three properties owned by Crest.
- (4) The ARCT information represents rental revenue for the properties owned at September 30, 2012.
- (5) Annualized rental revenue for net leases is rental revenue annualized on a straight-line basis for properties held as of September 30, 2012, which includes the effect of tenant concessions such as free rent, as applicable. For modified gross leased properties amount is rental income on a straight-line basis as of September 30, 2012, which includes the effect of tenant concessions such as free rent, as applicable, plus operating expense reimbursement revenue less property operating expenses.

THE REALTY INCOME SPECIAL MEETING**Date, Time, Place and Purpose of Realty Income s Special Meeting**

The special meeting of the stockholders of Realty Income will be held at The Fairmont Newport Beach, 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach, California, 92660 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time. The purpose of Realty Income s special meeting is:

1. to consider and vote on a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement; and
2. to consider and vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

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Recommendation of the Board of Directors of Realty Income

Realty Income's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders; (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby; and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. For the reasons for this recommendation, see The Merger Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger beginning on page 64.

Record Date; Who Can Vote at Realty Income's Special Meeting

Realty Income's board of directors has fixed the close of business on October 24, 2012 as the record date for determination of Realty Income stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, Realty Income's special meeting and any adjournments of the special meeting. Only holders of record of Realty Income common stock at the close of business on the record date are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, Realty Income's special meeting. As of the record date, there were 133,452,011 shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at Realty Income's special meeting, held by approximately 8,079 stockholders of record.

Each share of Realty Income common stock is entitled to one vote on the proposals to approve issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock pursuant to the merger agreement and to solicit additional proxies.

Vote Required for Approval; Quorum

Approval of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the votes cast on the proposal, provided that the total votes cast on the proposal represent at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. Approval of the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

Realty Income's bylaws provide that the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting constitutes a quorum at a meeting of its stockholders. Shares that are voted and shares abstaining from voting are treated as being present at Realty Income's special meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Abstentions will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum, but broker non-votes will not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote cast AGAINST the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast on such proposal, and as such, broker non-votes could result in there not being sufficient votes cast on such proposal. Abstentions will have no effect on the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will also have no effect on such proposal as long as a quorum is present at the meeting.

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Manner of Submitting Proxy

Realty Income stockholders may submit their votes for or against the proposals submitted at Realty Income's special meeting in person or by proxy. Realty Income stockholders may be able to submit a proxy in the following ways:

Internet. Realty Income stockholders may submit a proxy over the Internet by going to the website listed on their proxy card or voting instruction card. Once at the website, they should follow the instructions to submit a proxy.

Telephone. Realty Income stockholders may submit a proxy using the toll-free number listed on their proxy card or voting instruction card.

Mail. Realty Income stockholders may submit a proxy by completing, signing, dating and returning their proxy card or voting instruction card in the preaddressed postage-paid envelope provided.

Realty Income stockholders should refer to their proxy cards or the information forwarded by their broker or other nominee to see which options are available to them.

The Internet and telephone proxy submission procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders and to allow them to confirm that their instructions have been properly recorded. If you submit a proxy over the Internet or by telephone, then you need not return a written proxy card or voting instruction card by mail. The Internet and telephone facilities available to record holders will close at 11:59 p.m. central time on December 12, 2012.

The method by which Realty Income stockholders submit a proxy will in no way limit their right to vote at Realty Income's special meeting if they later decide to attend the meeting and vote in person. If shares of Realty Income common stock are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, Realty Income stockholders must obtain a proxy, executed in their favor, from the broker or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at Realty Income's special meeting.

All shares of Realty Income common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly completed proxies received prior to Realty Income's special meeting, and not revoked, will be voted at Realty Income's special meeting as instructed on the proxies. **If Realty Income stockholders of record do not indicate how their shares of Realty Income common stock should be voted on a proposal, the shares of Realty Income common stock represented by their properly executed proxy will be voted as Realty Income's board of directors recommends and therefore FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock pursuant to the merger agreement.** If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of Realty Income common stock will NOT be voted and will be considered broker non-votes.

Shares Held in Street Name

If Realty Income stockholders hold shares of Realty Income common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee and they wish to vote such shares, they must return their voting instructions to the broker or other nominee.

If Realty Income stockholders hold shares of Realty Income common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee and attend Realty Income's special meeting, they should bring a letter from their broker or other nominee identifying them as the beneficial owner of such shares of Realty Income common stock and authorizing them to vote.

Shares of Realty Income common stock held by brokers and other nominees will NOT be voted unless such Realty Income stockholders instruct such brokers or other nominees how to vote.

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Revocation of Proxies or Voting Instructions

Realty Income stockholders of record may revoke their proxy at any time before it is exercised by timely sending written notice to Realty Income's Secretary that they would like to revoke their proxy, by timely delivering a properly executed, later-dated proxy (including over the Internet or telephone) or by voting by ballot at Realty Income's special meeting. Simply attending Realty Income's special meeting without voting will not revoke your proxy. Realty Income stockholders who hold shares of Realty Income common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee may revoke their voting instructions by following the instructions provided by their broker or other nominee.

Tabulation of the Votes

Realty Income will appoint an Inspector of Election for Realty Income's special meeting to tabulate affirmative and negative votes and abstentions.

Solicitation of Proxies

Realty Income will pay the cost of soliciting proxies. Directors, officers and employees of Realty Income may solicit proxies on behalf of Realty Income in person or by telephone, facsimile or other means, for which they will not receive any additional compensation. Realty Income has engaged Georgeson Inc. to assist it in the solicitation of proxies. Realty Income has agreed to pay Georgeson Inc. a fee not expected to exceed \$65,500, which includes the payment of certain fees and expenses for its services to solicit proxies.

In accordance with the regulations of the SEC and the NYSE, Realty Income also will reimburse brokerage firms, and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses incurred in sending proxies and proxy materials to beneficial owners of shares of Realty Income common stock.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO REALTY INCOME STOCKHOLDERS

Share Issuance Proposal

(Proposal 1 on the Realty Income Proxy Card)

If the merger is consummated pursuant to the merger agreement, ARCT stockholders will receive 0.2874 of a share of Realty Income common stock for each share of ARCT common stock held by ARCT stockholders at the effective time of the merger. The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect changes in the stock price of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock.

Under the NYSE Listed Company Manual, a company listed on the NYSE is required to obtain stockholder approval prior to the issuance of common stock, or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, in any transaction or series of related transactions if the number of shares of common stock to be issued is, or will be upon issuance, equal to or in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the number of shares of common stock outstanding before the issuance of the common stock or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock. If the merger is completed pursuant to the merger agreement, we estimate that Realty Income will issue or reserve for issuance approximately 45,893,290 shares of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger. On an as-converted basis, the aggregate number of shares of Realty Income common stock that Realty Income will issue in the merger will exceed 20% of the shares of Realty Income common stock outstanding before such issuance, and for this reason Realty Income must obtain the approval of Realty Income stockholders for the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

The approval of this proposal by Realty Income stockholders is a condition to the closing of the merger. In the event this proposal is not approved by Realty Income stockholders, the merger cannot be consummated. In the event this proposal is approved by Realty Income stockholders, but the merger agreement is terminated (without the merger being completed) prior to the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT

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stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, Realty Income will not issue the shares of Realty Income common stock.

Realty Income is asking Realty Income stockholders to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger agreement.

Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors

Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

The Realty Income Adjournment Proposal

(Proposal 2 on the Realty Income Proxy Card)

Realty Income's special meeting may be adjourned to another time or place, if necessary or appropriate, to permit, among other things, further solicitation of proxies, if necessary or appropriate, to obtain additional votes in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

If, at Realty Income's special meeting, the number of shares of Realty Income common stock present or represented and voting in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement is insufficient to approve the proposal, Realty Income intends to move to adjourn Realty Income's special meeting in order to enable Realty Income's board of directors to solicit additional proxies for approval of the proposal.

Realty Income is asking Realty Income stockholders to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors

Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.

Other Business

At this time, Realty Income does not intend to bring any other matters before Realty Income's special meeting, and Realty Income does not know of any matters to be brought before Realty Income's special meeting by others. If, however, any other matters properly come before Realty Income's special meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy, or their duly constituted substitutes, acting at Realty Income's special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof will be deemed authorized to vote the shares represented thereby in accordance with the judgment of management on any such matter.

THE ARCT SPECIAL MEETING

Date, Time, Place and Purpose of ARCT's Special Meeting

The special meeting of the stockholders of ARCT will be held at The Core Club located at 66 East 55th Street, New York, New York, 10022 on December 13, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m., local time. The purpose of ARCT's special meeting is:

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1. to consider and vote on a proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;
2. to consider and vote, on a non-binding, advisory basis, on the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger; and
3. to consider and vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors of ARCT

ARCT's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and has approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby. ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. For the reasons for this recommendation, see "The Merger Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 66.

Record Date; Who Can Vote at ARCT's Special Meeting

Only holders of record of ARCT common stock at the close of business on October 24, 2012, ARCT's record date, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, ARCT's special meeting and any adjournment of the special meeting. As of the record date, there were 158,478,679 shares of ARCT common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at ARCT's special meeting, held by approximately 2,437 holders of record. Each share of ARCT common stock owned on ARCT's record date is entitled to one vote on each proposal at ARCT's special meeting.

Vote Required for Approval; Quorum

Approval of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal. Approval of (i) the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and (ii) the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement each requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

ARCT's bylaws provide that the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast constitutes a quorum at a meeting of its stockholders. Shares that are voted and shares abstaining from voting are treated as being present at the ARCT special meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Abstentions will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum, but broker non-votes will not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes cast AGAINST the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement but will have no effect on the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become

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payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger or the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes cast AGAINST the approval of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, but will have no effect on the non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger or the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement as long as a quorum is present at the meeting.

Manner of Submitting Proxy

ARCT stockholders may submit their votes for or against the proposals submitted at ARCT's special meeting in person or by proxy. ARCT stockholders may also be able to submit a proxy in the following ways:

Internet. ARCT stockholders may submit a proxy over the Internet by going to the website listed on their proxy card or voting instruction card. Once at the website, follow the instructions to submit a proxy.

Telephone. ARCT stockholders may submit a proxy using the toll-free number listed on their proxy card or voting instruction card.

Mail. ARCT stockholders may submit a proxy by completing, signing, dating and returning their proxy card or voting instruction card in the preaddressed postage-paid envelope provided.

ARCT stockholders should refer to their proxy card or the information forwarded by their broker or other nominee to see which options are available to them.

The Internet and telephone proxy submission procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders and to allow them to confirm that their instructions have been properly recorded. If you submit a proxy over the Internet or by telephone, then you need not return a written property card or voting instruction card by mail. The Internet and telephone facilities available to record holders will close at 11:59 p.m. central time on December 12, 2012.

The method by which ARCT stockholders submit a proxy will in no way limit their right to vote at ARCT's special meeting if they later decide to attend the meeting in person. If ARCT stockholders' shares of ARCT common stock are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, ARCT stockholders must obtain a proxy, executed in their favor, from the broker or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at ARCT's special meeting.

All shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly completed proxies received prior to ARCT's special meeting, and not revoked, will be voted at ARCT's special meeting as instructed on the proxies. **If ARCT stockholders of record do not indicate how their shares of ARCT common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of ARCT common stock represented by their properly executed proxy will be voted as ARCT's board of directors recommends and therefore, FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger, and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.** If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares of ARCT common stock will NOT be voted and will be considered broker non-votes.

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Shares Held in Street Name

If ARCT stockholders hold shares of ARCT common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee and they wish to vote such shares, they must return their voting instructions to the broker or other nominee. If ARCT stockholders hold shares of ARCT common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee and attend ARCT's special meeting, they should bring a proxy from their broker or other nominee identifying them as the beneficial owner of such shares of ARCT common stock and authorizing them to vote.

Shares of ARCT common stock held by brokers and other nominees will NOT be voted unless such ARCT stockholders instruct such brokers or other nominees how to vote.

Revocation of Proxies or Voting Instructions

ARCT stockholders of record may change their vote or revoke their proxy at any time before it is exercised at ARCT's special meeting by:

submitting notice in writing to ARCT's Secretary at American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., 405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022, that you are revoking your proxy;

executing and delivering a later-dated proxy card or submitting a later-dated proxy by telephone or on the Internet; or

voting in person at ARCT's special meeting.

Attending ARCT's special meeting without voting will not revoke your proxy.

ARCT stockholders who hold shares of ARCT common stock in an account of a broker or other nominee may revoke their voting instructions by following the instructions provided by their broker or other nominee.

Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies from ARCT stockholders is made on behalf of ARCT's board of directors. ARCT will pay the cost of soliciting proxies from ARCT stockholders. Directors, officers and employees of ARCT may solicit proxies on behalf of ARCT in person or by telephone, facsimile or other means, but will not receive any additional compensation for doing so. ARCT has engaged D.F. King to assist it in the solicitation of proxies. ARCT has agreed to pay D.F. King a fee not expected to exceed \$65,500, which includes the payment of certain fees and expenses for its services to solicit proxies.

In accordance with the regulations of the SEC and NASDAQ, ARCT also will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses incurred in sending proxies and proxy materials to beneficial owners of shares of ARCT common stock.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO ARCT STOCKHOLDERS

Merger Proposal

(Proposal 1 on the ARCT Proxy Card)

ARCT stockholders are asked to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. For a summary and detailed information regarding this proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, see the information about the merger agreement and the merger throughout this joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the information set forth in sections entitled "The Merger" beginning on page 53 and "The Merger Agreement" beginning on page 131. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Pursuant to the merger agreement, approval of this proposal is a condition to the closing of the merger. If the proposal is not approved, the merger will not be completed even if the other proposals related to the merger are approved.

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ARCT is requesting that ARCT stockholders approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Approval of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of ARCT common stock entitled to vote on such proposal.

Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors

ARCT's board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders, and (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby. ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Advisory Vote Regarding Merger-Related Compensation

(Proposal 2 on the ARCT Proxy Card)

Merger-Related Compensation. In accordance with SEC requirements, ARCT is required to include in this joint proxy statement/prospectus a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation that may be paid or become payable to each of ARCT's named executive officers, as determined in accordance with Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K, in connection with the proposed merger pursuant to arrangements entered into with ARCT, and ARCT therefore is asking its stockholders to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation that will or may be paid or become payable to American Realty Capital Trust's named executive officers in connection with the merger, as disclosed in the table entitled "Golden Parachute Compensation" pursuant to Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K, including the associated narrative discussion and the agreements or understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable, as set forth in this proposal titled "Advisory Vote Regarding Merger-Related Compensation" is hereby APPROVED.

The information set forth in the table below is intended to comply with Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K, which requires disclosure of information about certain compensation for each of ARCT's named executive officers, which we refer to as the NEOs, that is based on or otherwise relates to the transactions contemplated under the merger agreement. For this purpose, ARCT's NEOs are Nicholas Schorsch, ARCT's non-executive chairman, William Kahane, ARCT's chief executive officer, and Brian Jones, ARCT's chief financial officer. No other executive officer of ARCT is entitled to receive any payments or benefits in connection with the transactions contemplated under the merger agreement.

Please note that the amounts indicated below are estimates based on the material assumptions described in the notes to the table below, which may or may not actually occur. Some of these assumptions are based on information currently available and, as a result, the actual amounts, if any, that may become payable to a NEO may differ in material respects from the amounts set forth below. Furthermore, for purposes of calculating such amounts, we have assumed:

A closing date for the merger of October 31, 2012, the latest practicable date prior to the filing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus;

The consummation of the merger constitutes a "change in control" for purposes of the applicable plan or agreement;

A qualifying termination of the NEO's employment in connection with a change in control on October 31, 2012; and

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A price per share of ARCT common stock of \$12.18, which equals the average closing price of ARCT common stock over the first five business days following September 6, 2012.

The amounts reported in the table below are estimates based on multiple assumptions that may or may not actually occur, including the assumptions described above, and elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. These estimates will not be used to determine actual benefits paid or provided which will be calculated in accordance with terms of the merger agreement, the NEO's agreements with ARCT or any other related agreement, plan or arrangement, as applicable, and may materially differ from these estimates. As a result, the compensation, if any, to be received by an NEO may materially differ from the amounts set forth below.

Golden Parachute Compensation

Named Executive Officers	Cash (\$)(1)	Equity (\$)(2)	Perquisites/ Benefits (\$)(3)	Total (\$)
Nicholas S. Schorsch	1,500,000	15,286,874	0	16,786,874
William M. Kahane	1,500,000	4,305,070	33,839	5,838,909
Brian D. Jones	325,000	164,454	26,596	516,050

- (1) For Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane this amount reflects a lump sum cash payment under the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and in accordance with the Omnibus Amendments to the OPP Agreements, which we refer to as the OPP Amendments, payable on the date that the effective time of the merger occurs. For Mr. Jones this amount reflects a lump severance payment equal to his annual base salary, payable six months and one day following the consummation of the merger, assuming Mr. Jones does not accept employment with AR Capital or its affiliates within six months following the consummation of the merger. Mr. Jones is not currently a participant in the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and ARCT's board of directors has not set, nor do they currently intend to set, an amount for his 2012 discretionary bonus under his employment agreement. Accordingly, the table above does not reflect a pro-rated bonus for Mr. Jones for 2012.
- (2) For Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane this amount reflects the value of the LTIP Units in ARCT OP that would become earned and fully vested in connection with the consummation of the merger, assuming the conversion thereof into shares of ARCT common stock immediately prior to the merger. For Mr. Jones this amount reflects the value of the acceleration of 13,502 unvested shares of ARCT restricted stock as of the effective time of the merger. Under the OPP Amendments, Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane agreed and acknowledged that, from and after the effective time of the merger, they will have no right to additional amounts under the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan or the OPP Agreements, including the right to (i) earn any additional LTIP Units or (ii) receive any other amounts under the OPP Agreements and the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) Amounts represent ARCT's costs for continued health and welfare benefits and life insurance premiums for a period of 18 months following a termination without cause, for good reason or due to the executive's death or disability. Life insurance policies have not been purchased on the lives of Messrs. Kahane and Jones; accordingly, the table above does not reflect the continued payment of life insurance premiums.

Narrative Disclosure to Golden Parachute Compensation Table. ARCT has entered into employment agreements with Messrs. Kahane and Jones which provide for severance payments and/or benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment or in connection with a change in control. For more information related to these agreements, see "The Merger" Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Employment Agreements on page 108.

Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane participate in the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan pursuant to which they are eligible to earn a bonus award in connection with a change in control of ARCT. They also are party to OPP Agreements with ARCT and ARCT OP, pursuant to which they were granted and are eligible to earn and vest in LTIP Units in ARCT OP. In connection with entering into the merger agreement, ARCT, ARCT

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OP and each of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane entered into an Omnibus Amendment to their respective OPP Agreements, pursuant to which the parties determined the amounts that would be earned by each of Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Kahane under the ARCT Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and their respective OPP Agreements in connection with the merger. Subsequent to the execution of the merger agreement, the amounts that will be earned by Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane under the OPP Agreements in connection with the consummation of the merger were further reduced, pursuant to that certain letter agreement between ARCT and each of Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane dated September 28, 2012, which we refer to as the OPP letter. For additional information related to these arrangements, see *The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger OPP Agreements, Treatment of LTIP Units and ARCT Annual Plan Payments* on page 105.

In connection with the merger, all outstanding ARCT restricted stock held by Mr. Jones will accelerate and vest in full. For more information, see *The Merger Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Treatment of ARCT Restricted Stock* on page 105.

Vote Required and Board of Directors Recommendation

The vote regarding this proposal on merger-related compensation is a vote separate and apart from the vote on the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Because the vote regarding merger-related compensation is advisory only, it will not be binding on either ARCT or the surviving company regardless of whether the merger is completed. Accordingly, if the merger is completed, the merger-related compensation will become payable in connection with the merger and a qualifying termination of employment, subject only to the conditions applicable thereto, regardless of the outcome of this non-binding, advisory vote.

Approval of the merger-related compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal.

Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors

ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends that ARCT stockholders vote **FOR the proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may become payable to ARCT's named executive officers in connection with the merger.**

ARCT Adjournment Proposal

(Proposal 3 on the ARCT Proxy Card)

ARCT's special meeting may be adjourned to another time or place, if necessary or appropriate, to permit, among other things, further solicitation of proxies, if necessary or appropriate, to obtain additional votes in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

If, at ARCT's special meeting, the number of shares of ARCT common stock present or represented by proxy and voting in favor of the merger proposal is insufficient to approve the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, ARCT intends to move to adjourn ARCT's special meeting in order to enable ARCT's board of directors to solicit additional proxies for approval of the proposal.

ARCT is requesting that ARCT stockholders approve the adjournment of ARCT's special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to another time and place for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

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Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors

ARCT's board of directors unanimously recommends ARCT stockholders vote FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Other Business

At this time, ARCT does not intend to bring any other matters before ARCT's special meeting, and ARCT does not know of any matters to be brought before ARCT's special meeting by others. If, however, any other matters properly come before ARCT's special meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy, or their duly constituted substitutes, acting at ARCT's special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof will be deemed authorized to vote the shares represented thereby in accordance with the judgment of management on any such matter.

THE MERGER

The following is a description of the material aspects of the merger. While Realty Income and ARCT believe that the following description covers the material terms of the merger, the description may not contain all of the information that is important to Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders. Realty Income and ARCT encourage Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders to carefully read this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the merger agreement attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A and incorporated herein by reference, for a more complete understanding of the merger.

General

Each of Realty Income's and ARCT's boards of directors has unanimously approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby. In the merger, ARCT will merge with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the merger as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Realty Income. ARCT stockholders will receive the merger consideration described below under "The Merger Agreement—Merger Consideration; Conversion or Cancellation of Shares in the Merger."

Background of the Merger

Realty Income's board of directors and its management have periodically, and in the ordinary course of business, evaluated and considered a variety of strategic opportunities as part of its long term strategy to maximize Realty Income's stockholder value. In particular, the Realty Income board of directors and management have considered opportunities that would, among other things, (i) enhance the credit quality of Realty Income's real estate portfolio, (ii) increase Realty Income's funds from operations and adjusted funds from operations, (iii) allow Realty Income to increase its dividend, (iv) provide Realty Income with higher occupancy rates and average lease terms, (v) further diversify Realty Income's real estate portfolio by industry, tenant and asset class and (vi) increase Realty Income's size and scale, while maintaining the strength of its balance sheet.

ARCT was founded in 2007 by AR Capital as a non-exchange traded, externally-advised REIT to focus on the acquisition and operation of free standing, single tenant commercial real estate properties net leased on a long-term basis to investment grade credit rated and other creditworthy tenants. AR Capital is majority-owned and controlled by Nicholas S. Schorsch, the chairman of ARCT's board of directors, which we sometimes refer to as the ARCT Board, and William M. Kahane, ARCT's chief executive officer, president, and a member of the ARCT Board. Between 2008 and 2011, ARCT raised equity capital to finance its real estate investment activities primarily through a continuous initial public offering of its common stock for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$1.8 billion.

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Because of the relatively stable nature of the assets owned and operated by ARCT, including the fact that such assets were primarily net leased to tenants subject to long-term leases, ARCT's management was of the view that continuing to hold ARCT's assets and maintaining ARCT's status as a non-traded REIT following the completion of its offering of common stock would not likely maximize value for its stockholders. In light of the foregoing, it was the view of ARCT's management that ARCT should undertake an evaluation of strategic alternatives with a view toward increasing stockholder value. Accordingly, the ARCT Board directed management to identify financial advisors who would be appropriate to assist in an analysis of the potential strategic alternatives available to ARCT. Proskauer Rose LLP, which we refer to as Proskauer, ARCT's outside legal counsel, gave advice to the ARCT Board regarding its obligations as this process evolved.

In furtherance of the foregoing, on April 21, 2011, 10 investment banks with significant experience advising REITs, including Goldman, Sachs & Co., which we refer to as Goldman Sachs, met with ARCT's management and presented materials relating to their capabilities. ARCT's management's criteria for selecting an investment bank to act as ARCT's financial advisor included, among other things, the investment bank's institutional knowledge of the non-traded and traded REIT industries, its capacity to provide the functions of a full service investment bank and the investment banking team's past experience advising other companies in connection with similar transactions. Based upon these criteria, four of those banks, including Goldman Sachs, were selected to attend a meeting of the ARCT Board held on May 17, 2011, and give separate presentations regarding their qualifications to represent ARCT. At this meeting, each investment banking team delivered a presentation to the ARCT Board that described the bank's experience in the non-traded and traded REIT industries and its views on the current state of the financial markets. The investment banking teams also discussed various strategic alternatives for consideration by the ARCT Board with the goal of maximizing ARCT's stockholder value.

After due and careful consideration, at a meeting of the ARCT Board held on May 23, 2011, the ARCT Board approved the engagement of Goldman Sachs to act as ARCT's financial advisor in connection with its strategic review process, and Goldman Sachs was so engaged on May 27, 2011.

Beginning in early June 2011, Goldman Sachs, at the direction of ARCT, reached out to over 40 third parties regarding their interest in engaging in a strategic transaction with ARCT. Such third parties included REITs, financial sponsors, life insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds and pension funds, and were selected based on, among other things, ability to consummate a transaction of the size suggested by ARCT's value, strategic imperative, liquidity, perceived decision making efficiency, experience and track record. Of the third parties contacted by Goldman Sachs, 18 (including nine REITs) executed confidentiality agreements and were provided access to ARCT's online data room, which contained certain non-public information concerning ARCT's business and operations. In early June 2011, members of Realty Income's management and ARCT's management met in person in New York, along with representatives of Goldman Sachs, at which meeting the parties discussed their respective companies' strategies and the strategic review process being run by Goldman Sachs for ARCT. Realty Income executed a confidentiality agreement with ARCT on June 13, 2011.

On June 23, 2011, at the direction of ARCT, Goldman Sachs provided interested third party bidders, including Realty Income, with a process letter requesting that bids for a potential transaction be submitted by June 28, 2011.

Goldman Sachs continued to actively manage this process through mid-September 2011. Six of the third parties previously contacted by Goldman Sachs submitted non-binding indications of interest regarding a potential strategic transaction with ARCT, including Realty Income, as described below. ARCT's board of directors and its management thoroughly considered each of these proposals, including the fact that none of the third parties that had submitted proposals valued ARCT at or above its initial public offering price of \$10.00 per share, one of the proposals was solely to provide financing to other acquirers in connection with a potential transaction, and several of the proposals only related to the acquisition of a portion of ARCT's real estate portfolio rather than the complete portfolio. The ARCT Board felt it was important that any sale transaction (i) provide an adequate consideration price based on cost and current market conditions; (ii) provide an attractive

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mix of consideration if other than cash; (iii) not include lock-ups of ARCT's stockholders; (iv) not result in negative tax repercussions for ARCT's stockholders; and (v) provide for the sale of the entire company. Accordingly, ARCT's board of directors and its management ultimately concluded that none of these proposals would result in a strategic transaction that would maximize stockholder value.

On June 29, 2011, Realty Income submitted a preliminary non-binding indicative proposal, which proposal remained subject to approval by Realty Income's investment committee and the Realty Income board of directors, to acquire the real estate portfolio held by ARCT as of May 31, 2011 (which consisted of 350 properties) at a price based on an enterprise value for such assets of \$1.474 billion, with similar valuation metrics to be applied for any properties purchased by ARCT after May 31, 2011. Realty Income proposed using consideration in the form of an unspecified mix of cash, restricted and unrestricted common stock and convertible preferred stock. After discussion and due consultation with ARCT's management and the members of the ARCT Board, Mr. Schorsch communicated to John Case, the Chief Investment Officer of Realty Income, that ARCT did not view Realty Income's proposal as a bona fide proposal to engage in a strategic transaction with ARCT because, among other things, it: (i) failed to provide an adequate consideration price based on cost and current market conditions; (ii) included a mix of consideration other than cash or Realty Income unrestricted common stock, including a difficult to value convertible security; (iii) included lock-ups of ARCT's stockholders; and (iv) provided for an asset sale, instead of a sale of the entire company. Each of the foregoing reasons contributed to a proposal that was problematic and not favorable to ARCT's stockholders and which did not deliver maximum value to ARCT's stockholders. Mr. Schorsch also communicated to Mr. Case that ARCT had significant equity that it had yet to invest in new properties and before considering further a strategic transaction ARCT intended to deploy the funds.

Following Realty Income's initial preliminary proposal, Realty Income responded orally to an inquiry by Goldman Sachs in early July 2011 that Realty Income would be interested in possibly acquiring the portfolio of 258 properties held by ARCT as of December 31, 2010, at a price of \$905 million. Later in the summer of 2011, Realty Income orally indicated to Goldman Sachs a price range for the portfolio of 258 properties of \$930 million to \$950 million, payable in an unspecified mix of cash, restricted and unrestricted common stock and convertible preferred stock. After consultation with ARCT's management and members of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs informed Mr. Case that ARCT did not view Realty Income's revised proposal to acquire the portfolio of 258 properties as being in the best interest of ARCT's stockholders and that at the present time ARCT intended to continue to execute on its current business plan of investing its existing equity in the acquisition of additional properties.

On August 25, 2011, Mr. Case updated Realty Income's board of directors on current strategic acquisition opportunities, including a potential transaction with ARCT. Mr. Case provided an overview of ARCT and discussed the strategic rationale for, benefits of, and considerations for a possible transaction with ARCT.

In September 2011, at the direction of ARCT, Goldman Sachs again informed Mr. Case that ARCT intended to invest its existing equity, which ARCT anticipated would occur in late 2011 or early 2012, prior to considering further any strategic transaction. ARCT's management and Goldman Sachs believed that, out of all the previously interested parties, Realty Income showed the greatest level of interest in engaging in a strategic transaction with ARCT, due to, among other things, its size, demonstrated access to and cost of capital, and strategic objectives of increasing its revenue generated by investment grade tenants and further diversifying its portfolio outside of the retail industry.

U.S. financial market conditions worsened in the fall of 2011, and it became clear to the ARCT Board that none of the discussions or proposals arising out of the 2011 strategic process managed by Goldman Sachs would result in a transaction that would maximize ARCT's stockholder value, ARCT management turned its attention to the consideration of other strategic alternatives. In conjunction with the foregoing, during the fall of 2011, ARCT, with the assistance of Goldman Sachs, evaluated potential leveraged recapitalization scenarios, but concluded that it was not feasible to execute a recapitalization that would return sufficient proceeds to ARCT's stockholders while at the same time maintaining the safety of ARCT's dividend. In addition, ARCT management

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continued to focus on completing the acquisition of ARCT's real estate portfolio, thereby demonstrating its ability to close on ARCT's pipeline of proposed acquisitions, improving its credit ratings, and building and improving ARCT's balance sheet through the restructuring of debt and lowering of financing costs.

In late December 2011, ARCT management informed Goldman Sachs that it was evaluating a potential strategic transaction with American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., which we refer to as ARCP, a NASDAQ-listed REIT that is externally advised by an affiliate of AR Capital.

On January 12, 2012, Goldman Sachs provided an update of the status of the ARCT strategic review process. Such discussion included an update of the marketed process of ARCT, status of dialogues with potential third parties, the continuing growth of ARCT's portfolio through 2011 and a review of current market conditions. In addition, Goldman Sachs provided a financial review of the proposed merger with ARCP. After a thorough deliberation, the ARCT Board agreed to further consider the proposed merger with ARCP and requested that Goldman Sachs continue to review this potential transaction.

On January 23, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs provided a further financial review of the proposed merger with ARCP. At this meeting, the ARCT Board agreed to form a special committee to be composed of each independent director of the ARCT Board, which committee would be charged with deliberating on ARCT's strategic alternatives. The next day, ARCT's management informed Goldman Sachs that the special committee had determined not to move forward with the proposed merger with ARCP because of the significant debt leverage that would be associated with such transaction, and the fact that ARCP had indicated that it had decided to pursue an independent strategy. Furthermore, ARCT's management, upon consultation with the ARCT Board, instead began to explore a direct listing of ARCT's shares of common stock on a national securities exchange.

In late January 2012, at the direction of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs contacted Realty Income to gauge Realty Income's interest in a possible transaction with ARCT for the entire company. Based on ARCT's understanding that Realty Income would consider submitting a revised proposal to engage in a strategic transaction with ARCT subject to further due diligence, on January 24, 2012, Realty Income was granted access to ARCT's online data room with updated information to conduct further due diligence. No other interested parties contacted Goldman or ARCT with respect to a strategic transaction involving ARCT or its assets at this time.

On January 27, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, ARCT's management presented an additional strategic alternative for consideration by the ARCT Board, specifically (i) the exploration of an internalization of ARCT's management, (ii) the filing of a registration statement with the SEC relating to an underwritten offering of shares of ARCT common stock, (iii) the listing of the outstanding ARCT common stock on a national securities exchange and (iv) the implementation of a share repurchase by ARCT. After a thorough deliberation, the ARCT Board agreed to consider this proposed strategic alternative further. At this meeting the ARCT Board also disbanded the special committee that had previously been established to consider a transaction with ARCP.

On February 2, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs reviewed various strategic alternatives, including maintaining the status quo, pursuing an institutionally oriented public offering and an associated listing of ARCT's common stock, and a potential transaction with Realty Income. After due and careful deliberation, the ARCT Board approved ARCT management's plan to provide ARCT's stockholders an opportunity to either take advantage of a full liquidity opportunity or remain with ARCT and ARCT's management and grow with ARCT by listing ARCT's common stock on a national exchange. Accordingly, on February 15, 2012, ARCT publicly announced its plan to internalize ARCT's management, list ARCT's shares of common stock on NASDAQ, effect a public offering of its shares of common stock, and commence a self-tender offer for a portion of its shares of common stock.

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On February 7, 2012, the Realty Income board of directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at which Realty Income's management updated the Realty Income board of directors on current strategic acquisition opportunities, including a potential strategic transaction with ARCT.

Shortly after ARCT's February 15, 2012 announcement, Party A, one of the third parties that had not originally submitted a proposal after being contacted by Goldman Sachs as part of the 2011 strategic process, contacted Goldman Sachs to inquire about the announced listing. After conducting a reevaluation of the ARCT real estate portfolio, Party A indicated that it could not value ARCT at or above its initial public offering price of \$10.00 per share, which would make any offer less favorable to ARCT's stockholders and not maximize value to ARCT's stockholders.

On February 20, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, ARCT's management informed the ARCT Board that a proposal from Realty Income to engage in a strategic transaction with ARCT might be forthcoming.

On February 21, 2012, the Realty Income board of directors held a meeting. At the meeting, Realty Income's management reviewed for the Realty Income board of directors the progress of negotiations with ARCT and provided an updated summary of the current proposal, including the anticipated benefits and considerations of the proposed transaction to Realty Income's stockholders. Following such review and discussion, the Realty Income board of directors authorized Realty Income's management to continue to discuss a possible transaction with ARCT.

On February 21, 2012, ARCT received a new written non-binding indicative proposal from Realty Income, subject to final approval of the Realty Income board of directors, at a price of \$10.25 per share, composed of a fixed exchange ratio of 0.168 shares of Realty Income common stock and \$4.10 in cash. Realty Income's proposal contemplated that 50% of the stock consideration would be subject to a 45-day lock-up and that the remaining 50% would be subject to an additional six month lock-up. Realty Income's proposal contemplated a four week exclusivity and due diligence standstill period that would require the termination of ARCT's internalization and listing process, which process ARCT's management believed would create value for ARCT's stockholders through the market's determination of a more accurate enterprise value. Realty Income's proposal included a per share purchase price significantly lower than ARCT's management's estimates of ARCT's trading price once listed on NASDAQ, based on ARCT's anticipated operating performance, trading levels of comparable companies and a dividend discount analysis.

Goldman Sachs, at the direction of ARCT, engaged in multiple discussions with Realty Income to better understand the indication of interest and explore improvements in the proposed terms.

On February 22, 2012, ARCT communicated to Realty Income that it declined to proceed with further discussions with Realty Income because, among other things, it viewed the proposed consideration as inadequate since it: (i) failed to provide an adequate consideration price based on cost and current market conditions; (ii) included a mix of consideration other than cash or Realty Income unrestricted common stock; (iii) failed to take into consideration any negative tax repercussions to ARCT's stockholders resulting from such form of consideration; (iv) included lock-ups of ARCT's stockholders, and (v) included exclusivity and due diligence standstill provisions that made the proposal too speculative, as Realty Income's previous proposal had been. Each of the foregoing reasons contributed to a proposal that was problematic and less favorable to ARCT's stockholders and which did not deliver maximum value to ARCT's stockholders. ARCT and Realty Income were unable to agree on terms for a potential transaction. As a result, in its ongoing effort to maximize value for its stockholders, the ARCT Board chose to focus on the listing of its common stock on NASDAQ, internalizing its management and completing the proposed underwritten offering and common stock repurchase, and thereby providing immediate liquidity to its non-traded REIT investors.

On March 1, 2012, ARCT internalized the management services previously provided to it by its former sponsor, AR Capital and its affiliates, listed its common stock on NASDAQ, which we refer to as the Listing, and

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commenced a Dutch auction self tender offer at a price range of \$10.50 to \$11.00 per share. At the time of Listing, 100% of ARCT's common stock was held by retail investors, rather than institutional holders.

In connection with the Listing, pursuant to ARCT's charter that had been adopted in connection with ARCT's initial public offering in January 2008, AR Capital was entitled to a subordinated incentive listing fee equal to 15% of the amount, if any, by which (a) the market value of ARCT's outstanding common stock plus distributions paid by ARCT prior to listing exceeds (b) the sum of the total amount of capital raised from stockholders during ARCT's initial public offering and the amount of cash flow necessary to generate a 6% annual cumulative, non-compounded return to such stockholders. For this purpose, (i) the market value of ARCT's common stock is calculated based on the average market value, adjusted to add back any dividends declared during the applicable period, of the shares issued and outstanding at listing over the 30 trading days beginning 180 days after the shares are first listed or included for quotation, and (ii) ARCT had agreed with the Ohio Division of Securities that such fee would be paid by the issuance of a non-interest bearing, non-transferrable promissory note with a maturity of three years that would be subject to mandatory amortization payments from any sale proceeds (except for the interest imputed for tax purposes). Further, if AR Capital elected to convert any unpaid portion of the note into shares of ARCT common stock, the number of shares of ARCT common stock that would be issued upon such conversion would be valued for this purpose at the average market value, adjusted to add back any dividends declared during the applicable period, of ARCT's shares over the 30 trading days beginning 180 days after ARCT's shares were first listed.

In connection with the Listing, the compensation committee of the ARCT Board (consisting entirely of independent directors) approved a performance-based multi-year Outperformance Plan, which we refer to as the OPP. For a description of the OPP Agreements and the amendment thereof, see the section entitled Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

On March 29, 2012, ARCT publicly announced the repurchase of approximately 11.7% of its outstanding shares of common stock at a price of \$10.50 per share pursuant to the self-tender offer. Due to the oversubscription of the tender offer and pursuant to the terms thereof, ARCT accepted for purchase on a pro rata basis approximately 73.3% of tendered shares. On April 4, 2012, ARCT completed its self-tender offer.

In addition to the completion of the self-tender offer, in the months following the Listing, ARCT's management focused on several initiatives as a listed REIT to improve ARCT's stockholder value, including: (i) increasing sell-side research analyst coverage; (ii) recapitalizing certain high cost mortgage indebtedness; (iii) exercising the accordion feature of its revolving line of credit and obtaining a new term loan facility to increase ARCT's access to growth capital; (iv) meeting with institutional investors; and (v) operating and expanding its investment portfolio. By early August 2012, approximately 46% of ARCT's common stock was held by institutional holders, rather than by retail investors, reflecting the transformative effect of the Listing and the resulting immediate liquidity offered to ARCT's initial non-traded REIT investors. From the time of the Listing to July 31, 2012, approximately 234 million shares of ARCT's common stock traded on NASDAQ with an average daily trading volume of 2.2 million shares. From the period beginning with the Listing through August 21, 2012, ARCT's stock price ranged from \$10.23 to \$11.21.

On August 9, 2012, Mr. Case contacted Mr. Schorsch and indicated Realty Income's interest in revisiting a possible strategic transaction with ARCT. Prior to Mr. Case's contact, no other third party, whether one of the original third parties previously involved in the strategic transaction process led by Goldman Sachs or otherwise, had contacted ARCT or Goldman Sachs in respect of a possible strategic transaction since the Listing. During this discussion, Mr. Case recalled Realty Income's earlier proposals that had been deemed unacceptable by ARCT, and stated that Realty Income was interested in discussing a revised offer to purchase ARCT. Mr. Schorsch stated that any offer must, among other things, be a proposal that (i) included a mix of consideration of only cash or Realty Income unrestricted common stock, (ii) included no lock-ups of ARCT's stockholders, (iii) provided for the sale of the entire company, and (iv) included a premium to ARCT's stockholders. Mr. Case

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informed Mr. Schorsch that any transaction would need to be consistent with Realty Income's strategic objectives, including, increasing Realty Income's funds from operations and adjusted funds from operations on a per share basis and being essentially balance sheet neutral for Realty Income. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case discussed that the size and scale of the combined company following a transaction could make it eligible for inclusion in additional indices and provide the combined company with a better cost of capital, which in turn would benefit ARCT's and Realty Income's respective stockholders. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case also discussed the fact that there would be no issues relating to integration of the employees of the two entities, as none of ARCT's management or employees would become employees of Realty Income in connection with the proposed transaction despite the Internalization that had previously taken place. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case discussed potential synergies and cost savings that might be realized by the combined company as a result of the proposed transaction and the fact that the proposed transaction would result in a larger, more profitable combined company. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case agreed that the parties would need to further discuss the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note and the OPP. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case discussed that any negotiations between the parties must be conducted confidentially on an expedited basis in order to avoid leaks of material non-public information.

The next day, Mr. Case and Mr. Schorsch continued to discuss a possible strategic transaction between Realty Income and ARCT. Mr. Schorsch reiterated that any transaction must be at a premium to ARCT's stockholders. Mr. Case and Mr. Schorsch also discussed the attractiveness of adding ARCT's real estate portfolio to Realty Income's existing portfolio and strong balance sheet. Mr. Case and Mr. Schorsch also agreed that a stock-for-stock transaction would be beneficial to both ARCT's stockholders and Realty Income's stockholders. The same day, Mr. Schorsch advised ARCT's management and members of the ARCT Board of his conversations with Mr. Case and of Realty Income's interest in a transaction with ARCT. From August 9, 2012 through September 5, 2012, Mr. Case and Mr. Schorsch had numerous discussions with each other and with their respective boards of directors and management, regarding various aspects of the proposed transaction.

On August 11, 2012, ARCT had internal calls with ARCT's management, ARCT's internal legal counsel and Proskauer to discuss the possible transaction with Realty Income.

On August 13, 2012, the ARCT Board held a meeting during which the ARCT Board discussed the indication of interest by Realty Income, with considerable attention paid to the potential that such proposal might result in substantial long-term value creation for ARCT's stockholders. The ARCT Board also discussed that the indication of interest by Realty Income (i) provided an adequate consideration price based on cost and current market conditions; (ii) provided an attractive mix of consideration; (iii) did not include lock-ups of ARCT's stockholders; (iv) did not result in negative tax repercussions for ARCT's stockholders; and (v) provided for the sale of the entire company. After due and careful deliberation, the ARCT Board granted ARCT's management approval to initiate discussions with Realty Income and agreed to entertain a possible proposal from Realty Income, subject to conducting a thorough due diligence review and analysis of Realty Income and the terms and conditions of any proposal, further discussions and deliberations with ARCT's management, and the discharge of the ARCT Board's fiduciary duties to its stockholders. On the same day, ARCT and Realty Income executed an amendment to the existing mutual nondisclosure agreement.

On August 16, 2012, the Realty Income board of directors held a meeting. At the meeting, Realty Income's management provided an overview of ARCT's business and an update on the status of due diligence and negotiations with ARCT's management regarding the proposed transaction. Realty Income's management also reviewed with the Realty Income board of directors financial information and analysis regarding ARCT, the proposed merger, various issues pertaining to ARCT and the strategic rationale, the anticipated benefits and the considerations of the proposed transaction to Realty Income's stockholders. Additionally, the Realty Income board of directors discussed formally engaging BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities as financial advisors, which investment banking firms have had longstanding relationships with Realty Income, are familiar with Realty Income and its business and are considered premier financial advisory firms for REIT merger and acquisition transactions. Accordingly, Realty Income decided to engage both investment banking firms as

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financial advisors to provide greater depth and diversity of financial advice and no distinction was made as to specific roles of each financial advisor. The engagements of BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities were finalized by the end of August 2012.

On August 16, 2012, Mr. Case contacted Mr. Schorsch regarding the exchange ratio in a stock for stock transaction. Mr. Case initially proposed an exchange ratio of 0.2841 shares of Realty Income common stock in exchange for each share of ARCT common stock, which would equate \$11.80 per share of ARCT common stock based on the closing price of Realty Income's common stock of \$41.54 per share on August 16, 2012. Mr. Schorsch indicated to Mr. Case that the proposed exchange ratio of 0.2841 was not acceptable as it did not maximize ARCT's stockholder value.

On August 17, 2012 after further discussion by Mr. Case with Realty Income's management and with Mr. Schorsch, Mr. Case proposed to Mr. Schorsch a revised exchange ratio of 0.2874, which at Realty Income's after market price on August 17, 2012 of \$41.75 per share, would equate to \$12.00 per share of ARCT common stock, and based on the closing price for ARCT's common stock of \$11.30, represented a 6.2% premium. Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case also discussed the reduction of management compensation contractually due under existing obligations, including forgoing a portion of the amounts payable under the OPP Agreements and creating a cap and a floor of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note. Finally, Mr. Schorsch and Mr. Case discussed the potential positive impact that the proposed transaction would have on each of ARCT's stockholders and Realty Income's stockholders. The same day, Mr. Schorsch advised ARCT management of the discussions with Mr. Case.

Also on that date, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs presented a review of the 2011 strategic process, including Realty Income's participation in the process, and Realty Income's earlier proposals in 2012. Goldman Sachs also discussed ARCT's and Realty Income's stock market performance since March 1, 2012, and the premium represented by the proposed exchange ratio of 0.2874. After due and careful deliberation, the ARCT Board concluded that it was in the best interests of ARCT's stockholders to authorize ARCT management, with the advice of counsel and its financial advisor, to continue discussions with Realty Income. Accordingly, the Board approved authorizing ARCT management to negotiate a proposed transaction with Realty Income on the terms presented to the Board, subject to conducting thorough and extensive due diligence on Realty Income, further detailed analysis by the ARCT Board, management and its advisors of the terms of the proposal, and a complete analysis of the benefits and risks of any merger, and customary conditions for transactions of this size and scope. The ARCT Board viewed this proposal as compelling because, among other things, Realty Income was willing to acquire ARCT as a whole, the exchange ratio implied a capitalization rate for ARCT's assets of 5.9%, the transaction could be effectuated on a tax-free basis, and Realty Income possessed, in the view of ARCT management, a strong balance sheet and the most attractive common stock currency in the publicly-traded net lease REIT market. The ARCT Board also approved the engagement of Proskauer to begin work related to the proposed transaction.

On August 18, 2012, Mr. Case and Mr. Schorsch continued to have discussions regarding the structure of the transaction and the OPP Agreements. These discussions also covered a proposed floor and cap on the amount of the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee and cap on certain of ARCT's transaction expenses. On the same day, ARCT received from Realty Income a draft indicative non-binding term sheet, subject to final approval of the Realty Income board of directors, reflecting a stock-for-stock merger pursuant to which ARCT's stockholders would receive Realty Income shares at a fixed exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock for each share of ARCT common stock, as well as an exclusivity agreement that contemplated a four week due diligence and exclusivity period. The draft indicative non-binding term sheet also contemplated a floor and a cap to amounts payable under the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note and caps on certain of ARCT's transaction expenses and change of control payments under management agreements and company plans.

On August 19, 2012, after multiple internal calls over the weekend between ARCT's management, Goldman Sachs, ARCT's internal legal counsel and Proskauer, the exchange of multiple drafts of the term sheet and

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exclusivity agreement between Proskauer and Latham & Watkins LLP, which we refer to as Latham & Watkins, outside legal counsel to Realty Income, and a call between Proskauer and Latham & Watkins, the term sheet was finalized and agreed to by the parties and ARCT signed an exclusivity agreement providing for a due diligence and exclusivity period through September 7, 2012.

Later that day, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, after due and careful discussion, the ARCT Board unanimously (i) reaffirmed, ratified and approved the execution of the exclusivity agreement and the agreement on the term sheet as consistent with its previously provided authorization, and (ii) affirmed, ratified and approved the engagement of Proskauer and Venable LLP, which we refer to as Venable, as ARCT's external New York and Maryland legal counsel, respectively, and the continued engagement of Goldman Sachs as ARCT's financial advisor. Venable also made a presentation to the members of the ARCT Board regarding the duties of directors under Maryland law. In addition, Goldman Sachs reviewed the anticipated next steps relating to financial and property due diligence for the proposed transaction with Realty Income.

On August 21, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs provided an overview of Realty Income's business, dividend history, management and board composition, current types of securities outstanding, share price performance and historical and current trading multiples. Proskauer also reviewed a due diligence memorandum provided to the ARCT Board prior to the meeting regarding its review of Realty Income's recent public filings, and ARCT's management made a presentation to the ARCT Board regarding its preliminary due diligence review. ARCT's management also presented to the ARCT Board materials prepared by FTI Consulting, which we refer to as FTI, and their materials, which we refer to as the FTI Report, an independent consulting firm that advised ARCT and the independent directors of the ARCT Board in connection with the OPP, summarizing amounts due to ARCT's management in connection with a transaction that would be deemed to be a change of control transaction under the ARCT's existing incentive plans. Such analysis determined that approximately \$31.573 million would be due to ARCT's management under the existing incentive plans (assuming the maximum amount of LTIP Units under the OPP Agreements were issued under such plans) if a contractually defined change of control or similar transaction were to occur. Under the agreed upon term sheet with Realty Income, change of control payments under management agreements and company plans, including under ARCT's incentive plans, would be capped at \$22 million.

Also on that day, ARCT and its advisors were provided access to Realty Income's online data room, which contained certain non-public information concerning Realty Income's business and operations.

On August 22, 2012, Latham & Watkins circulated to ARCT, Goldman Sachs and Proskauer an initial draft of the merger agreement in connection with the possible transaction.

On August 23, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs reviewed Realty Income's stock price movements relative to ARCT's stock price movements, as well as illustrative share price calculations. In addition, ARCT's management presented updated due diligence materials regarding Realty Income's portfolio and the combined portfolio of Realty Income and ARCT following the proposed merger.

On August 23, 2012, the Realty Income board of directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at which it discussed the proposed merger with ARCT. At the meeting, Realty Income management reviewed the strategic rationale and the anticipated benefits and considerations of the proposed transaction to Realty Income's stockholders, the history of negotiations with ARCT and an updated summary of the negotiations regarding the proposed merger. BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities then discussed financial information regarding ARCT, Realty Income and the proposed merger.

On August 24, 2012, Proskauer circulated to Latham & Watkins comments to the draft merger agreement. Also on that day, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs reviewed further background information on Realty Income's and ARCT's respective portfolios and financial condition, and ARCT's management reported on the status of negotiations with Realty Income.

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In addition, on August 24, 2012, at a meeting of the independent directors of the ARCT Board, the independent directors considered two conditions of the proposed transaction that Realty Income required of ARCT. First, the independent directors considered the requirement that the maximum amount payable under ARCT's annual plan and the vested value of any LTIP Units issued pursuant to the OPP Agreements be capped at \$22 million. The independent directors discussed the FTI Report and FTI's determination that \$31.573 million would be the minimum amount due under ARCT's incentive plans as of August 17, 2012. The independent directors pointed out that management was accepting a substantial reduction in the amount of the payments in respect of their OPP awards and a change in the structure of the OPP to satisfy Realty Income's requirements. Based upon the FTI Report, the fact that the cap had been requested by Realty Income, management's willingness to accept the capped payments in respect of their OPP awards, and the positive effect of the changes on ARCT's stockholders, the independent directors unanimously approved a contingent resolution, effective only if the proposed transaction with Realty Income was consummated, to cap the amounts payable under ARCT's incentive plans at \$22 million for 2012. Second, the independent directors considered Realty Income's requirement that the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note be changed to include a cap of \$76 million and its agreement to a floor of \$58.6 million, its requirement that the conversion feature be eliminated, and its requirement that the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note be fully paid at or before the closing of the proposed merger. The independent directors considered a sensitivity analysis prepared by management and discussed the possibility that the 30-day trading price of ARCT's common stock during the applicable measurement period (August 28, 2012 through October 8, 2012) could produce a lower or higher face amount for the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note than the floor and cap discussed with Realty Income. The independent directors also discussed the fact that the modification requires AR Capital, as the holder of the note, to forgo significant potential upside given the fact that it had the right to exchange the note three years after issuance for common stock based on the exchange price that equals the average price of ARCT's common stock during the 30 trading days between August 28, 2012 and October 8, 2012. Based upon those considerations, the independent directors provisionally supported the proposed modification with the ultimate approval being subject to final approval by the independent directors of the proposed transaction in its entirety. For a further description of the ARCT Incentive Plans and the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note, see the section entitled "Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger" beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

On August 26, 2012, Latham & Watkins circulated to Proskauer comments to the revised draft of the merger agreement.

The next day, Proskauer, Latham & Watkins and representatives from ARCT had a conference call to discuss the revised draft of the merger agreement that Latham & Watkins had circulated to Proskauer.

On August 27, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs provided further background information on Realty Income, and ARCT's management reported on the status of negotiations with Realty Income.

On August 29, 2012, Proskauer circulated to Latham & Watkins comments to the revised draft of the merger agreement as well as an initial draft of ARCT's disclosure letter to the merger agreement. Also on that day, at a meeting of the Board, ARCT's management reported on the status of negotiations with Realty Income. When the LTIP unit pool was adopted by the independent directors of the ARCT Board on March 1, 2012, it was their intention that 100% of the LTIP pool be allocated to eligible participants. In connection with the agreement that the incentive payments to Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane be reduced and limited to the Incentive Cap, the ARCT Board determined that to the extent possible such amounts should be paid from the LTIP unit pool because (i) since the LTIP units subject to pool were already reserved for issuance, they would not further dilute ARCT stockholders, and (ii) it would not require any additional cash payments from ARCT. Accordingly, the ARCT Board determined that the remaining LTIP unit pool should be allocated to Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane, subject to the Incentive Cap. After taking into account the grant of the remaining LTIP unit pool to Messrs. Schorsch and Kahane, the amounts that they will be eligible to receive, subject to the Incentive Cap, will still be less than the

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amounts that they otherwise would have been entitled to receive pursuant to their original LTIP units under the Incentive Plans absent the Incentive Cap.

In addition, on August 29, 2012, at a meeting of the independent directors of the ARCT Board, the independent directors unanimously approved the grant of the remaining 30% of the LTIP Units under the OPP that had not been granted to date, which additional awards would also be subject to the \$22 million cap required by Realty Income. The independent directors also considered further Realty Income's requirement that the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note be changed to have a cap of \$76 million and Realty Income's agreement to a floor of \$58.6 million.

On August 30, 2012, at a meeting of the independent directors of the ARCT Board, the independent directors further discussed Realty Income's required changes to the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note. After discussion, the independent directors unanimously approved the following modifications to the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note: (i) a maximum principal amount of \$76 million; (ii) the note would be payable on demand in cash upon five days' written notice of AR Capital, the holder of the note; (iii) AR Capital would relinquish its right to convert the principal amount of the note into ARCT common stock; and (iv) the floor amount of the note would be the lesser of \$58.6 million or the implied average trading price for ARCT's common stock based on applying the exchange ratio of 0.2874 to the average trading price of Realty Income's common stock, commencing on August 28, 2012, and ending on the day before the merger agreement is executed and publicly announced.

On August 31, 2012, Proskauer, Latham & Watkins and representatives from ARCT had multiple conference calls to discuss, among other things, the revised draft of the merger agreement that Proskauer had circulated to Latham & Watkins.

On September 2, 2012, Proskauer, Latham & Watkins, representatives from ARCT and representatives from Realty Income had a conference call to discuss the revised draft of the merger agreement that Proskauer had circulated to Latham, including, among other things, the restrictions on ARCT's and Realty Income's operations between the execution of the merger agreement and the closing, the force-the-vote provision that had been requested by Realty Income (which provision was not included in the final version of the merger agreement, at ARCT's insistence), and the provisions regarding the termination fee and expense reimbursement, including the amounts thereof, and the instances in which they would be payable.

On September 3, 2012, Latham & Watkins circulated to Proskauer comments to the revised draft of the merger agreement and an initial draft of the voting agreement.

On September 4, 2012, Proskauer circulated to Latham & Watkins comments to the revised draft of the merger agreement. On the same day, Latham & Watkins circulated to Proskauer an initial draft of Realty Income's disclosure letter and an initial draft of the side letter relating to, among other things, certain of ARCT's transaction expenses.

On September 5, 2012, Latham & Watkins circulated to Proskauer comments to the revised draft of the merger agreement. On each of September 5, 2012 and September 6, 2012, representatives of ARCT and Realty Income, as well as their respective counsel, continued to negotiate the terms of the merger agreement and the other transaction documents and continued to exchange drafts of such.

On September 5, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs presented its financial analysis of the transaction, Proskauer provided the ARCT Board a detailed review of the merger agreement and a detailed update of its legal due diligence review with respect to Realty Income, and management made another presentation regarding its due diligence review with respect to Realty Income. In addition, at a meeting of the independent directors of the ARCT Board, the independent directors considered a modification requested by AR Capital with respect to the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note, which modification would remove the cap of

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\$76 million on the principal amount of the note if the proposed transaction with Realty Income was not consummated. The independent directors agreed to this request, but AR Capital later withdrew it, and it did not become a part of the ultimate agreement concerning the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note.

Also on September 5, 2012, the Realty Income board of directors held a special meeting to discuss the proposed merger with ARCT. At the meeting, Realty Income's management provided an update to the Realty Income board of directors on the negotiation of the proposed merger and summarized the results of its due diligence review of ARCT. Representatives of Latham & Watkins then reviewed the material terms of the proposed merger agreement and addressed and discussed the results of its due diligence review of ARCT. Also at this meeting, BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities each separately reviewed with the Realty Income board of directors its financial analysis of the 0.2874 exchange ratio provided for in the merger and each separately delivered to the Realty Income board of directors an oral opinion, which was confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated September 5, 2012, to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various assumptions and limitations described in its opinion, such exchange ratio was fair, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income. Following discussions and deliberations by Realty Income's board of directors, the Realty Income board of directors unanimously approved the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

On the morning of September 6, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT Board, Goldman Sachs rendered to the ARCT Board its oral opinion, which was subsequently confirmed in writing, that, as of September 6, 2012, and based upon and subject to the limitations and assumptions set forth in the written opinion, the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock to be paid for each share of ARCT common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders (other than Realty Income and its affiliates) of ARCT common stock. Following deliberations, the ARCT Board determined it was in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders to enter into the merger agreement with Realty Income. Accordingly, the ARCT Board (i) unanimously determined that the merger agreement, merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders and approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby and (ii) recommended that the stockholders approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

On the morning of September 6, 2012, before the U.S. stock markets opened, ARCT and Realty Income executed and delivered the merger agreement and certain ancillary documents and issued a joint press release announcing the merger.

Recommendation of Realty Income's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger

By vote at a meeting held on September 5, 2012, Realty Income's board of directors unanimously (i) determined that the merger agreement and the merger, including the issuance of Realty Income common stock in connection with the merger, are advisable and in the best interests of Realty Income and its stockholders; (ii) approved the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby; and (iii) approved the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement. **Realty Income's board of directors unanimously recommends that Realty Income stockholders vote FOR the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement.**

In evaluating the merger agreement, Realty Income's board of directors consulted with Realty Income's management and legal and financial advisors and, in deciding to approve the merger agreement and to recommend that Realty Income stockholders vote to approve the issuance of Realty Income common stock to

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ARCT stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement, Realty Income's board of directors considered several factors that it viewed as supporting its decision, including the following material factors:

because a substantial portion of the rental revenue added by the merger will be generated by investment-grade tenants, the merger is expected to significantly advance Realty Income's strategic objective to further enhance the credit quality of its real estate portfolio;

the belief that the merger will immediately increase and be accretive to Realty Income's funds from operations and adjusted funds from operations and that, following the merger, Realty Income will be able to increase its dividend, while maintaining a conservative payout ratio;

following the merger, Realty Income's real estate portfolio will be more diversified by industry, tenant and asset class;

the combined real estate portfolio will have higher occupancy rates and average lease term, and the merger is expected to reduce Realty Income's exposure to near-term lease expirations;

based on current stock prices, the merger will create the largest publicly traded net lease REIT by equity value, which is expected to enhance Realty Income's ability to execute large, accretive transactions;

the expectation that the merger will be essentially balance sheet neutral, despite substantially growing the overall size of Realty Income's balance sheet;

because none of the employees of ARCT will remain with the combined company and all of the properties owned by ARCT are net leased properties similar to Realty Income's existing property portfolio, any integration, additional resources or ongoing expenses required to integrate the ARCT properties are expected to be minimal;

the exchange ratio is fixed and will not fluctuate as a result of changes in the price of Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock, and a fixed exchange ratio limits the impact of external factors on the transaction;

the Realty Income board of directors' and management's strong understanding of the business, operations, financial condition, earnings and prospects of Realty Income and ARCT, taking into account the results of Realty Income's due diligence review of ARCT, as well as of the current and prospective environment in which Realty Income and ARCT operate, including economic and market conditions;

the separate opinions, each dated September 5, 2012, of BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities to Realty Income's board of directors as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of such date, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger pursuant to the merger agreement, which opinions were based on and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations on the review undertaken as more fully described below in the section entitled "Opinions of Realty Income's Financial Advisors"; and

the commitment of both parties to complete the merger pursuant to their respective obligations under the terms of the merger agreement, and the likelihood that the stockholder approvals needed to complete the merger will be obtained in a timely manner,

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which is supported in part by the voting agreement entered into by Nicholas S. Schorsch, the chairman of the board of directors of ARCT, and William M. Kahane, the chief executive officer, president and a director of ARCT, with Realty Income and ARCT to vote in favor of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

Realty Income's board of directors also considered a variety of risks and other potentially negative factors concerning the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by it, including the merger. These factors included:

the possibility that the merger may not be completed, or that completion may be unduly delayed, including because ARCT stockholders may not approve the merger and the other transactions

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contemplated by the merger agreement, Realty Income stockholders may not approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger or because of reasons beyond the control of Realty Income and/or ARCT;

the risk that failure to complete the merger could negatively affect the price of Realty Income common stock and future business and financial results of Realty Income;

the potential risk of diverting management focus and resources from operational matters and other strategic opportunities while working to implement the merger;

the risk of not capturing all of the anticipated operational synergies and cost savings between Realty Income and ARCT and the risk that other anticipated benefits might not be realized in the expected timeframe or at all;

the substantial costs to be incurred in connection with the transaction, including the costs of integrating the businesses of Realty Income and ARCT and the transaction expenses arising from the merger;

the restrictions on the conduct of Realty Income's business between the date of the merger agreement and the date of the closing of the merger;

the obligation to pay to ARCT \$4 million in expense reimbursement if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances; and

other matters described under the caption "Risk Factors."

This discussion of the information and factors considered by Realty Income's board of directors in reaching its conclusion and recommendations is not intended to be exhaustive and is not provided in any specific order or ranking. In view of the wide variety of factors considered by Realty Income's board of directors in evaluating the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by it, including the merger, and the complexity of these matters, Realty Income's board of directors did not find it practicable to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weight to those factors. In addition, different members of Realty Income's board of directors may have given different weight to different factors. Realty Income's board of directors did not reach any specific conclusion with respect to any of the factors considered and instead conducted an overall review of such factors and determined that, in the aggregate, the potential benefits considered outweighed the potential risks or possible negative consequences of approving the merger agreement and the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock thereunder.

This explanation of the reasoning of Realty Income's board of directors and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under the heading "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements."

Recommendation of ARCT's Board of Directors and Its Reasons for the Merger

The ARCT board of directors has unanimously approved the merger agreement and determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the merger, are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of ARCT and its stockholders. The decision of the ARCT board of directors to enter into the merger agreement was the result of careful consideration by the ARCT board of directors of numerous factors, including the following material factors:

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the value of the merger consideration, which, based on the closing price per Realty Income common share on September 5, 2012 (the last full trading day before announcement of the proposed merger), implied a value of \$12.21 per share of ARCT common stock, representing a premium of approximately 6.8% over the average closing price per share of ARCT common stock over the 30 calendar days prior to September 5, 2012 and a premium of approximately 12.3% over the average closing price per share of ARCT common stock since March 1, 2012, the date that ARCT's common stock was listed on the NASDAQ;

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as a result of its increased size and scale, the combined company, which will be the largest publicly traded net lease REIT by enterprise value and equity market capitalization and one of the largest publicly traded REITs in the U.S., is expected to have a strategic advantage over its competitors in successfully executing on large acquisition opportunities;

the expectation that after the closing of the merger, ARCT's former stockholders will benefit from improved liquidity as a result of the increased equity capitalization and the increased stockholder base of the combined company;

the combined company will have a property portfolio with greater diversification by asset class and tenant/operator than ARCT currently possesses;

as a result of its larger size, access to multiple forms of capital and investment grade balance sheet, the combined company will have lower cost of debt capital than ARCT on a stand-alone basis and substantially all of its competitors operating in the net lease real estate market, thereby enabling the combined company to fund its external acquisition growth strategy at a lower cost;

as shareholders of the combined company, former ARCT shareholders will immediately benefit from the investment grade credit rating of the combined company without the time and risk that would be associated with ARCT potentially achieving an investment grade rating on its own;

as an experienced issuer of public securities, the combined company should be able to raise capital in the public capital markets more easily and cheaply than would ARCT which has not previously completed an underwritten offering of equity or debt securities;

the combined company will be able to achieve greater economies of scale than ARCT on a stand-alone basis by allocating Realty Income's operating platform over a larger portfolio;

the combination of ARCT and Realty Income is expected to result in the realization of annual general and administrative cost savings of approximately \$4 million;

because the merger consideration consists of Realty Income common stock and the exchange ratio is fixed, ARCT stockholders will benefit from any increase in the trading price of Realty Income common shares between the announcement of the merger and the closing of the merger and any increases following the closing of the merger, whether from future growth in funds from operations per share or as a result of any premium paid to Realty Income stockholders in connection with a future acquisition of Realty Income;

the merger is expected to be immediately accretive to Realty Income's funds from operations and funds available for distribution, and that the combined company's stockholders after the closing of the merger will benefit from a stable and secure dividend with above-average growth potential;

the ARCT board of directors' understanding of the information concerning ARCT's and Realty Income's respective businesses, financial performance, condition, operations, management, competitive positions, prospects and stock performance, including the report of ARCT's management on the results of ARCT's due diligence review of Realty Income and its assets, liabilities, earnings, financial condition, business and prospects, which confirmed the positive view of Realty Income's business and supported the ARCT board of directors' determination that the combined company would have a strong foundation for growth and improved performance;

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in light of the review of potential strategic alternatives conducted by ARCT in May 2011 (see the section entitled "Background of the Merger" beginning on page 53 of this proxy statement/prospectus), the ARCT board of directors did not believe that it was likely that another party would make or accept an offer to engage in a transaction with ARCT that would be more favorable to ARCT and its stockholders than the merger;

the oral opinion of Goldman Sachs rendered to the ARCT board of directors, which was subsequently confirmed in writing, to the effect that as of September 4, 2012, and subject to the limitations and

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assumptions set forth in Goldman Sachs' written opinion, the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock to be paid for each share of ARCT common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders (other than Realty Income and its affiliates) of shares of ARCT common stock. For a discussion of Goldman Sachs' opinion and the financial analyses presented by Goldman Sachs to the ARCT board of directors in connection with the delivery of its opinion, please refer to the section entitled "Opinion of ARCT's Financial Advisor" beginning on page 88 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

the ability to complete the merger within a reasonable period of time, including the likelihood of receiving the Realty Income and ARCT stockholder approvals necessary to complete the transaction in a timely manner and the necessary third party consents and other approvals in light of the efforts ARCT and Realty Income agreed to use in order to complete the transaction;

the merger agreement provisions permitting ARCT to furnish non-public information to, and engage in discussions with, a third party that makes an unsolicited bona fide written proposal to engage in a business combination transaction, provided that the ARCT board of directors determines in good faith, (i) after consultation with outside legal counsel and financial advisors, that the proposal is reasonably likely to result in a transaction that, if consummated, would be more favorable to ARCT stockholders than the merger, and (ii) after consultation with outside legal counsel, that failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' duties under applicable law (see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions by ARCT" beginning on page 140 of this proxy statement/prospectus);

the merger agreement provisions permitting the ARCT board of directors to, under certain circumstances, withhold, withdraw, modify or qualify its recommendation with respect to the merger if (i) the ARCT board of directors receives an unsolicited bona fide written proposal to engage in a business combination transaction that, in the good faith determination of the ARCT board of directors, after consultation with outside legal counsel and financial advisors, constitutes a transaction that, if consummated, would be more favorable to ARCT stockholders than the merger, and (ii) the ARCT board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with outside legal counsel, that failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' duties under applicable law, and, subject to the requirement to pay the termination fee and expense reimbursement referenced below, terminate the merger agreement (see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions by ARCT" beginning on page 140 of this proxy statement/prospectus);

the structure of the transaction and the terms of the merger agreement, including the fact that the merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of the Code and is, therefore, not expected to be taxable to ARCT stockholders, other than with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional Realty Income common shares;

the fact that the amounts under the OPP Agreements and ARCT's Annual Incentive Plan were subject to a maximum threshold which will result in a significant reduction in the amounts earned thereunder (see the section entitled "Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger" beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus); and

the fact that the principal amount payable under the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note was subject to a maximum threshold and provisions relating to future exchanges were eliminated.

The ARCT board of directors also identified and considered the following potentially negative factors in its deliberations:

because the merger consideration is Realty Income stock and the exchange ratio is fixed, ARCT stockholders will be adversely affected by any decrease in the trading price of Realty Income common shares between the announcement of the transaction and the completion of the merger, which would not have been the case had the consideration been based solely on a fixed value (that is, a fixed dollar

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amount of value per share in all cases); and the fact that ARCT is not permitted to terminate the merger agreement solely because of changes in the market price of Realty Income common shares;

based on the exchange ratio and the monthly dividend most recently announced by Realty Income of \$0.1514375 per share, the pro forma equivalent dividend to be paid to ARCT stockholders is approximately \$0.04352 per share, which is less than the monthly dividend of \$0.05958 per share most recently paid by ARCT;

the possible disruption to ARCT's or Realty Income's business that may result from the announcement of the transaction;

the risk that the cost savings, operational synergies and other benefits expected result from the transaction might not be fully realized or not realized at all;

the terms of the merger agreement regarding the restrictions on the operation of ARCT's business during the period between the signing of the merger agreement and the completion of the merger;

the \$51 million termination fee and/or \$4 million expense reimbursement to be paid to Realty Income if the merger agreement is terminated under circumstances specified in the merger agreement, which is approximately 2.8% of the net equity value of the merger based on the closing price per share of Realty Income's common stock on September 5, 2012, the last full trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the transaction, may discourage other parties that may otherwise have an interest in a business combination with, or an acquisition of, ARCT (see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Termination of the Merger Agreement" beginning on page 146 of this proxy statement/prospectus);

the terms of the merger agreement placing limitations on the ability of ARCT to solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or facilitate any inquiry, discussion, offer or request that would reasonably be expected to result in alternative business combination transactions and to furnish non-public information to, or engage in discussions or negotiations with, a third party interested in pursuing an alternative business combination transaction (see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Covenants and Agreements - No Solicitation of Transactions by ARCT" beginning on page 140 of this proxy statement/prospectus);

the possibility that the merger may not be completed or may be unduly delayed because the ARCT stockholders may not approve the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, the Realty Income stockholders may not approve the issuance of shares of Realty Income common stock to ARCT stockholders in connection with the merger, or other factors outside of ARCT's control;

the risk that the merger might not be completed and the effect of the resulting public announcement of termination of the merger agreement on:

the market price of ARCT common stock,

ARCT's operating results, particularly in light of the costs incurred in connection with the transaction, and

ARCT's ability to attract and retain tenants and personnel;

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the substantial costs to be incurred in connection with the transaction, including the costs of integrating the businesses of ARCT and Realty Income and the transaction expenses arising from the merger;

the potential risk of diverting management focus and resources from operational matters and other strategic opportunities while working to implement the merger;

the absence of appraisal rights for ARCT stockholders under Maryland law;

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the fact that a portion of the LTIP Units issued under the OPP Agreements will vest immediately in connection with the merger which may accelerate the rights the LTIP Unit holders have with respect thereto (see the section entitled Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus);

the addition of a floor and demand payment feature to the Subordinated Incentive Listing Fee Note (see the section entitled Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus); and

the risks described in the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 23 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

The ARCT board of directors also considered the interests that certain executive officers and directors of ARCT may have with respect to the merger in addition to their interests as stockholders of ARCT generally (see the section entitled Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus), which the ARCT board of directors considered as being neutral in its evaluation of the proposed transaction.

Although the foregoing discussion sets forth the material factors considered by the ARCT board of directors in reaching its recommendation, it may not include all of the factors considered by the ARCT board of directors, and each director may have considered different factors or given different weights to different factors. In view of the variety of factors and the amount of information considered, the ARCT board of directors did not find it practicable to, and did not, make specific assessments of, quantify or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors considered in reaching its recommendation. The ARCT board of directors realized that there can be no assurance about future results, including results expected or considered in the factors above. However, the ARCT board of directors concluded that the potential positive factors described above significantly outweighed the neutral and negative factors described above. The recommendation was made after consideration of all of the factors as a whole. This explanation of ARCT's reasons for the merger and the other information presented in this section are forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed in the section entitled Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 31 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

THE ARCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MERGER AGREEMENT AND DETERMINED THAT THE MERGER AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE MERGER AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE MERGER, ARE ADVISABLE, FAIR TO AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ARCT AND ITS STOCKHOLDERS. ACCORDINGLY, THE ARCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE ARCT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE MERGER AND THE OTHER TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE MERGER AGREEMENT.

In considering the recommendation of the ARCT board of directors with respect to the merger agreement, you should be aware that certain of ARCT's directors and officers have arrangements that cause them to have interests in the transaction that are different from, or are in addition to, the interests of ARCT stockholders generally. See the section entitled Interests of ARCT's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 100 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

The explanation of the reasoning of ARCT's board of directors and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under the heading Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements.

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Opinions of Realty Income's Financial Advisors

BofA Merrill Lynch

Realty Income has retained BofA Merrill Lynch to act as one of its financial advisors in connection with the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch is an internationally recognized investment banking firm which is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses and securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, private placements and valuations for corporate and other purposes. Realty Income selected BofA Merrill Lynch to act as one of its financial advisors in connection with the merger on the basis of BofA Merrill Lynch's experience in transactions similar to the merger, its reputation in the investment community and its familiarity with Realty Income and its business.

On September 5, 2012, at a meeting of Realty Income's board of directors held to evaluate the merger, BofA Merrill Lynch delivered to Realty Income's board of directors an oral opinion, which was confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated September 5, 2012, to the effect that, as of the date of the opinion and based on and subject to various assumptions and limitations described in its opinion, the exchange ratio provided for in the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income.

The full text of BofA Merrill Lynch's written opinion to Realty Income's board of directors, which describes, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as Annex D to this document and is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The following summary of BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. BofA Merrill Lynch delivered its opinion to Realty Income's board of directors for the benefit and use of Realty Income's board of directors (in its capacity as such) in connection with and for purposes of its evaluation of the exchange ratio from a financial point of view. BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and no opinion or view was expressed as to the relative merits of the merger in comparison to other strategies or transactions that might be available to Realty Income or in which Realty Income might engage or as to the underlying business decision of Realty Income to proceed with or effect the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how to vote or act in connection with the proposed merger or any related matter.

In connection with rendering its opinion, BofA Merrill Lynch:

- (a) reviewed certain publicly available business and financial information relating to ARCT and Realty Income;
- (b) reviewed certain internal financial and operating information with respect to the business, operations and prospects of ARCT furnished to or discussed with BofA Merrill Lynch by the management of ARCT, including certain financial forecasts relating to ARCT prepared by the management of ARCT for the calendar years ending December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2013, referred to herein as the ARCT Forecasts ;
- (c) reviewed an alternative version of the ARCT Forecasts that extended the ARCT Forecasts to include calendar years ending December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2018 and incorporated certain other adjustments thereto, referred to herein as the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts , and discussed with the management of Realty Income its assessments as to the relative likelihood of achieving the future financial results reflected in the ARCT Forecasts and the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts for the periods reflected therein;
- (d) reviewed certain internal financial and operating information with respect to the business, operations and prospects of Realty Income furnished to or discussed with BofA Merrill Lynch by the management of Realty Income, including certain financial forecasts relating to Realty Income prepared by the management of Realty Income for the calendar years ending December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2014, referred to herein as the Realty Income Forecasts ;

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- (e) reviewed certain estimates as to the amount and timing of cost savings, referred to herein as the Cost Savings , anticipated by the management of Realty Income to result from the merger;
- (f) discussed the past and current business, operations, financial condition and prospects of ARCT with members of senior managements of ARCT and Realty Income, and discussed the past and current business, operations, financial condition and prospects of Realty Income and certain trends and recent developments in, and prospects for, the commercial real estate market and related credit and financial markets with members of senior management of Realty Income;
- (g) reviewed the potential pro forma financial impact of the merger on the future financial performance of Realty Income, including the potential effect on Realty Income s estimated adjusted funds from operations;
- (h) reviewed the trading histories for ARCT common stock and Realty Income common stock and a comparison of such trading histories with each other and with the trading histories of other companies BofA Merrill Lynch deemed relevant;
- (i) compared certain financial and stock market information of ARCT and Realty Income with similar information of other companies BofA Merrill Lynch deemed relevant;
- (j) compared certain financial terms of the transaction to financial terms, to the extent publicly available, of other transactions BofA Merrill Lynch deemed relevant;
- (k) reviewed a draft, dated September 5, 2012, of the Agreement, referred to herein as the Draft Agreement ; and
- (l) performed such other analyses and studies and considered such other information and factors as BofA Merrill Lynch deemed appropriate.

In arriving at its opinion, BofA Merrill Lynch assumed and relied upon, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the financial and other information and data publicly available or provided to or otherwise reviewed by or discussed with it and relied upon the assurances of the managements of Realty Income and ARCT that they were not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make such information or data inaccurate or misleading in any material respect. With respect to the ARCT Forecasts, BofA Merrill Lynch was advised by ARCT, and assumed, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and good faith judgments of the management of ARCT as to the future financial performance of ARCT. With respect to the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts, the Realty Income Forecasts and the Cost Savings, BofA Merrill Lynch assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and good faith judgments of the management of Realty Income as to the future financial performance of ARCT taking into account the adjustments reflected therein and as to the future financial performance of Realty Income, as the case may be, and other matters covered thereby. At the direction of Realty Income and based on the assessments of the management of Realty Income as to the relative likelihood of achieving the future financial results reflected in the ARCT Forecasts and the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts for the periods reflected therein, BofA Merrill Lynch relied on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts for purposes of its opinion.

BofA Merrill Lynch did not make and was not provided with any independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of ARCT or Realty Income, nor did it make any physical inspection of the properties or assets of ARCT or Realty Income. BofA Merrill Lynch did not evaluate the solvency or fair value of ARCT or Realty Income under any state, federal or other laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or similar matters. BofA Merrill Lynch assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that the merger would be consummated in accordance with its terms, without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement and that, in the course of obtaining the necessary governmental, regulatory and other approvals, consents, releases and waivers for the merger, no delay, limitation, restriction or condition, including any divestiture requirements or amendments or modifications, would be imposed that would have an adverse

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effect on ARCT, Realty Income or the contemplated benefits of the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch also assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that the final executed merger agreement would not differ in any material respect from the Draft Agreement reviewed by BofA Merrill Lynch. BofA Merrill Lynch also assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that the merger will qualify for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization under the provisions of Section 368(a) of the Code. BofA Merrill Lynch was advised by the managements of ARCT and Realty Income, respectively, that each of ARCT and Realty Income has operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a real estate investment trust, referred to herein as a REIT, for federal income tax purposes since its formation as a REIT and further assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that the merger will not adversely affect the status or operation of Realty Income as a REIT. In addition, BofA Merrill Lynch assumed, at the direction of Realty Income, that the surviving entity in the merger will constitute a qualified REIT subsidiary within the meaning of section 856(i)(2) of the Code.

BofA Merrill Lynch expressed no view or opinion as to any terms or other aspects of the merger (other than the exchange ratio to the extent expressly specified in its opinion), including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion was limited to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger and no opinion or view was expressed with respect to any consideration received in connection with the merger by the holders of any other class of securities, creditors or other constituencies of any party. In addition, no opinion or view was expressed with respect to the fairness (financial or otherwise) of the amount, nature or any other aspect of any compensation to any of the officers, directors or employees of any party to the merger, or class of such persons, relative to the exchange ratio. Furthermore, no opinion or view was expressed as to the relative merits of the merger in comparison to other strategies or transactions that might be available to Realty Income or in which Realty Income might engage or as to the underlying business decision of Realty Income to proceed with or effect the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch did not express any opinion as to what the value of Realty Income common stock actually would be when issued or the prices at which Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock would trade at any time, including following announcement or consummation of the merger. In addition, BofA Merrill Lynch expressed no opinion or recommendation as to how any stockholder should vote or act in connection with the merger or any related matter. Except as described above, Realty Income imposed no other limitations on the investigations made or procedures followed by BofA Merrill Lynch in rendering its opinion.

BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion was necessarily based on financial, economic, monetary, market and other conditions and circumstances as in effect on, and the information made available to BofA Merrill Lynch as of, the date of its opinion. It should be understood that subsequent developments may affect its opinion, and BofA Merrill Lynch does not have any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion. The issuance of BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion was approved by BofA Merrill Lynch's Americas Fairness Opinion Review Committee.

The following represents a brief summary of the material financial analyses presented by BofA Merrill Lynch to Realty Income's board of directors in connection with its opinion. **The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand the financial analyses performed by BofA Merrill Lynch, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses performed by BofA Merrill Lynch. Considering the data set forth in the tables below without considering the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the financial analyses performed by BofA Merrill Lynch.**

Financial Analyses.

Selected Companies Analyses. BofA Merrill Lynch reviewed publicly available financial and stock market information for ARCT and the following four companies, referred to as the selected REITs, based on the criteria that each (i) was a publicly traded REIT, (ii) operated in the net lease sector, (iii) had an enterprise value that was meaningful for purposes of comparison to ARCT, (iv) had an appropriate capital structure for purposes of

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comparison to ARCT, and (v) was otherwise deemed relevant for purposes of comparison to ARCT based on BofA Merrill Lynch's professional judgment:

Realty Income Corporation

National Retail Properties, Inc.

Entertainment Properties Trust

Lexington Realty Trust

BofA Merrill Lynch reviewed, among other things, closing stock prices of the selected REITs on August 31, 2012 as a multiple of both calendar year 2013 estimated FFO and calendar year 2013 estimated Adjusted FFO, which we refer to as AFFO. BofA Merrill Lynch further reviewed annualized quarterly and monthly dividends, as applicable, of the selected REITs as a percentage of the closing stock prices of the selected REITs on August 31, 2012, referred to as dividend yield. BofA Merrill Lynch observed low to high calendar year 2013 FFO and AFFO multiples for the selected REITs to be 9.2x to 19.7x and 12.3x to 19.3x, respectively, and low to high dividend yields for the selected REITs to be 4.3% to 6.6%. BofA Merrill Lynch then applied to corresponding data of ARCT (adjusted to reflect the payment due to ARCT's external management company, which we refer to as Adjusted FFO and Adjusted AFFO, respectively) a selected range of multiples of 14.5x to 16.5x derived from the selected REITs in respect of both calendar year 2013 estimated Adjusted FFO and calendar year 2013 estimated Adjusted AFFO. In addition, BofA Merrill Lynch applied a selected range of dividend yields of 5.5% to 6.0% derived from the selected REITs to ARCT's annualized dividend per share. Estimated financial data of the selected REITs other than Realty Income were based on publicly available research analysts' estimates, estimated financial data of ARCT were based on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts, and estimated financial data of Realty Income were based on the Realty Income Forecasts. This implied the following approximate per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT on a standalone basis, as compared to the implied consideration value of \$12.11 per share:

Implied Per Share Equity Value Reference Ranges Based On			Implied Consideration Value
2013E Adjusted AFFO	2013E Adjusted FFO	Annualized Dividend Yield	
\$11.45 - \$13.05	\$11.45 - \$13.05	\$11.90 - \$13.00	\$12.11

No company used in this analysis is identical or directly comparable to ARCT. Accordingly, an evaluation of the results of this analysis is not entirely mathematical. Rather, this analysis involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the public trading or other values of the companies to which ARCT was compared.

Based on the standalone implied per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT described above and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 on August 31, 2012, BofA Merrill Lynch calculated implied exchange ratio reference ranges. The implied reference ranges derived from the calendar year 2013 Adjusted FFO and Adjusted AFFO multiples described above indicated, in each case, an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2718x to 0.3098x, while the implied reference ranges derived from the annual dividend yield described above indicated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2825x to 0.3086x, as compared to the 0.2874x exchange ratio in the merger.

BofA Merrill Lynch reviewed publicly available financial and stock market information for Realty Income and the other selected REITs (including ARCT), including the multiple of closing stock price on August 31, 2012 to forward 12 months FFO, the premium/discount of closing stock price on August 31, 2012 to net asset value per share, and the trading history for Realty Income common stock as compared with the trading histories of the other selected REITs (including ARCT) and based on this review in its professional judgment BofA Merrill Lynch determined to use Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 on August 31, 2012 as the per share equity value of Realty Income for purposes of its analyses. Estimated financial data of Realty Income and the selected REITs were based on publicly available research analysts' estimates.

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Selected Precedent Transactions Analysis. BofA Merrill Lynch reviewed, to the extent publicly available, financial information relating to the following six transactions which of BofA Merrill Lynch selected based on the criteria that each (i) involved the acquisition of a publicly traded REIT in the net lease sector, (ii) had a transaction value that was meaningful for purposes of comparison to the merger and (iii) was otherwise deemed relevant for purposes of comparison to the merger based on BofA Merrill Lynch's professional judgement:

Acquiror	Target
Gramercy Capital Corp.	American Financial Realty Trust
Investor Group led by Macquarie Bank	Spirit Finance Corporation
General Electric Capital Corporation	Truststreet Properties, Inc.
Record Realty Trust	Government Properties Trust, Inc.
Lexington Realty Trust	Newkirk Realty Trust, Inc.
DRA Advisors LLC	Capital Automotive REIT

BofA Merrill Lynch reviewed transaction values, based on the consideration payable in the selected transaction, as a multiple of the target company's one-year forward FFO. After adjusting the one-year forward FFO multiples based on the difference between the yield of a Baa corporate bond index at the time of announcement of the transaction and the current yield of such Baa corporate bond index (based on publicly available research analyst reports), BofA Merrill Lynch observed that the overall low to high multiples for the selected transactions were 8.8x to 20.3x. Based on its professional judgment and after taking into consideration, among other things, the observed data for the selected transactions, BofA Merrill Lynch applied one-year forward FFO multiples of 15.0x to 17.0x, derived from the selected transactions to ARCT's calendar year 2013 estimated Adjusted FFO. Estimated financial data of the selected transactions were based on publicly available information at the time of announcement of the relevant transaction. Estimated financial data of ARCT were based on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts. This analysis indicated the following approximate implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT, as compared to the implied consideration value of \$12.11 per share:

Implied Per Share Equity Value Reference

Range Based On 2013E Adjusted FFO	Implied Consideration Value
\$11.85 - \$13.45	\$12.11

No company, business or transaction used in this analysis is identical or directly comparable to ARCT or the merger. Accordingly, an evaluation of the results of this analysis is not entirely mathematical. Rather, this analysis involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the acquisition or other values of the companies, business segments or transactions to which ARCT and the merger were compared.

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis. BofA Merrill Lynch performed a discounted cash flow analysis of ARCT to calculate the estimated present value of standalone unlevered, after-tax free cash flows that ARCT was forecasted to generate during ARCT's fiscal years 2013E through 2017E based on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts both with and without taking into account synergies and transaction expenses related to the merger. BofA Merrill Lynch calculated terminal values for ARCT by applying a range of perpetuity growth rates of 0.75% to 1.25% to ARCT's fiscal year 2017 projected unlevered free cash flows. The cash flows and terminal values were then discounted to present value as of December 31, 2012 using discount rates ranging from 6.75% to 7.75%, which were based on an estimate of ARCT's weighted average cost of capital. This analysis indicated the following

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approximate implied per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT as compared to the implied consideration value of \$12.11 per share:

Implied Per Share Equity Value

Reference Ranges		Implied Consideration Value
Without Synergies	With Synergies and Transaction Expenses	
\$9.05 - \$12.90	\$9.30 - \$13.30	\$12.11

Based on the standalone implied per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT described above (both with and without synergies) and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 on August 31, 2012, BofA Merrill Lynch calculated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2148x to 0.3157x, as compared to the 0.2874x exchange ratio in the merger.

Dividend Discount Analysis. BofA Merrill Lynch performed a dividend discount analysis of ARCT's common stock for the purpose of determining the per share equity value. Based on ARCT's annualized dividend per share, BofA Merrill Lynch applied a perpetual dividend growth rate ranging from 1.5% to 2.5%, which was chosen by BofA Merrill Lynch based upon a review of historical dividend growth of the selected REITs (other than Lexington Realty Trust, which was excluded because it materially reduced its dividend during the recent financial crisis) and taking into consideration ARCT's projected growth rate, amongst other things. BofA Merrill Lynch discounted the perpetual dividend stream to present values by applying a range of discount rates from 8.0% to 9.0%, chosen by BofA Merrill Lynch based upon an analysis of the cost of equity for ARCT. This analysis indicated the following approximate implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT as compared to the implied consideration value of \$12.11 per share:

Implied Per Share Equity Value

Reference Range	Implied Consideration Value
\$9.70 - \$13.30	\$12.11

Based on the standalone implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT described above and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 on August 31, 2012, BofA Merrill Lynch calculated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2302x to 0.3157x, as compared to the 0.2874x exchange ratio in the merger.

Contribution Analyses.

Net Asset Value Analysis. BofA Merrill Lynch performed a per share net asset value analysis using ARCT's calendar year 2013 estimated cash net operating income and asset and liability balances as of June 30, 2012, adjusted to include the impact of certain acquisitions and financing transactions by ARCT and anticipated to close prior to December 31, 2012, based on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts. BofA Merrill Lynch applied a range of capitalization rates of 6.50% to 7.00% to the calendar year 2013 estimated cash net operating income, excluding net operating income from acquisitions made after June 30, 2012, for the portfolio to arrive at an aggregate value for the property portfolio. The capitalization rate range applied was selected by BofA Merrill Lynch in its professional judgment based on reported capitalization rates for property transactions in the private real estate market, as provided by publicly available sources. BofA Merrill Lynch then added the value of ARCT's acquisitions since June 30, 2012 at the applicable purchase price and the value of other tangible assets of ARCT to derive an estimate of gross asset value of ARCT. BofA Merrill Lynch then deducted debt balances and other tangible liabilities of ARCT, including debt associated with certain acquisitions since June 30, 2012 and debt associated with payments due to ARCT's external management company. This analysis implied a net asset value of \$9.14 to \$10.30 per share.

Based on the standalone implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT described above and the equity research analyst average net asset value per share of \$28.91 for Realty Income, BofA Merrill Lynch

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calculated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.3165x to 0.3563x, as compared to the 0.2874x exchange ratio in the merger.

Profit & Loss Contribution Analysis. BofA Merrill Lynch performed an analysis of the contribution of each of Realty Income and ARCT to the profits and losses of the pro forma combined company with respect to calendar year 2013 estimated cash net operating income, cash EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), Adjusted FFO and Adjusted AFFO. Equity value contributions and relative ownership interests were then derived by adjusting firm value contributions for outstanding net debt, preferred equity, cash and non-controlling interests of both companies (and adjusting ARCT's firm value for the payment due ARCT's external management company and certain change of control payments due to ARCT management as a result of the merger), as applicable. This analysis indicated the following pro forma diluted equity value contributions and ownership interests with respect to cash net operating income, cash EBITDA, Adjusted FFO and Adjusted AFFO:

Pro Forma Contribution Based On	Realty Income		ARCT % Contribution	ARCT % Ownership
	Realty Income % Contribution	% Ownership		
Cash NOI	73.7%	74.0%	26.3%	26.0%
Cash EBITDA	73.4%	73.5%	26.6%	26.5%
Adjusted FFO	69.0%	69.0%	31.0%	31.0%
Adjusted AFFO	69.5%	69.5%	30.5%	30.5%

Based on the range of the contribution percentages described above, BofA Merrill Lynch calculated an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2959x to 0.3695x, as compared to the 0.2874x exchange ratio in the merger.

Other Factors.

In rendering its opinion, BofA Merrill Lynch also reviewed and considered other factors, including:

historical trading prices and trading volumes of ARCT common stock during the 26-week period ended August 31, 2012, which reflected low and high closing prices for ARCT common stock during such period of \$10.23 to \$11.80 per share;

publicly available Wall Street research analyst reports relating to ARCT, including stock price targets for ARCT common stock, which indicated a range of approximately \$12.00 to \$13.00 per share; and

potential pro forma financial effects of the merger on Realty Income's calendar year 2013 estimated AFFO per share and annualized monthly dividend per share based on the Adjusted ARCT Forecasts, the Realty Income Forecasts, their respective public filings and other publicly available information, which indicated that the merger would likely be accretive to Realty Income's calendar year 2013 estimated AFFO per share and accretive to Realty Income's annualized monthly dividend per share.

Miscellaneous

As noted above, the discussion set forth above is a summary of the material financial analyses presented by BofA Merrill Lynch to Realty Income's board of directors in connection with its opinion and is not a comprehensive description of all analyses undertaken by BofA Merrill Lynch in connection with its opinion. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, a financial opinion is not readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. BofA Merrill Lynch believes that its analyses summarized above must be considered as a whole. BofA Merrill Lynch further believes that selecting portions of its analyses and the factors considered or focusing on information presented in tabular format, without considering all analyses and factors or the narrative description of the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying BofA

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Merrill Lynch's analyses and opinion. The fact that any specific analysis has been referred to in the summary above is not meant to indicate that such analysis was given greater weight than any other analysis referred to in the summary.

In performing its analyses, BofA Merrill Lynch considered industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of ARCT and Realty Income. The estimates of the future performance of ARCT and Realty Income in or underlying BofA Merrill Lynch's analyses are not necessarily indicative of actual values or actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those estimates or those suggested by BofA Merrill Lynch's analyses. These analyses were prepared solely as part of BofA Merrill Lynch's analysis of the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the exchange ratio and were provided to Realty Income's board of directors in connection with the delivery of BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion. The analyses do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which a company might actually be sold or the prices at which any securities have traded or may trade at any time in the future. Accordingly, the estimates used in, and the ranges of valuations resulting from, any particular analysis described above are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty and should not be taken to be BofA Merrill Lynch's view of the actual values of ARCT or Realty Income.

The type and amount of consideration payable in the merger was determined through negotiations between ARCT and Realty Income, rather than by any financial advisor, and was approved by Realty Income's board of directors. The decision to enter into the merger agreement was solely that of Realty Income's board of directors. As described above, BofA Merrill Lynch's opinion and analyses were only one of many factors considered by Realty Income's board of directors in its evaluation of the proposed merger and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of Realty Income's board of directors or management with respect to the merger or the exchange ratio.

Realty Income has agreed to pay BofA Merrill Lynch for its services in connection with the merger an aggregate fee of \$3,500,000, a portion of which was payable in connection with its opinion and a significant portion of which is contingent upon the completion of the merger. Realty Income also has agreed to reimburse BofA Merrill Lynch for its expenses incurred in connection with BofA Merrill Lynch's engagement and to indemnify BofA Merrill Lynch, any controlling person of BofA Merrill Lynch and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and affiliates against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws.

BofA Merrill Lynch and its affiliates comprise a full service securities firm and commercial bank engaged in securities, commodities and derivatives trading, foreign exchange and other brokerage activities, and principal investing as well as providing investment, corporate and private banking, asset and investment management, financing and financial advisory services and other commercial services and products to a wide range of companies, governments and individuals. In the ordinary course of their businesses, BofA Merrill Lynch and its affiliates invest on a principal basis or on behalf of customers or manage funds that invest, make or hold long or short positions, finance positions or trade or otherwise effect transactions in the equity, debt or other securities or financial instruments (including derivatives, bank loans or other obligations) of ARCT, Realty Income and certain of their respective affiliates.

BofA Merrill Lynch and its affiliates have, during the two years preceding the date of its opinion, provided, currently are providing, and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services to Realty Income and have received or in the future may receive compensation for the rendering of these services, including having acted or acting as (i) joint bookrunner or co-manager for various high grade debt and follow-on equity offerings of Realty Income and (ii) lender under Realty Income's \$1 billion revolving credit facility due 2016. During the two-year period preceding the date of its opinion, Realty Income has paid to BofA Merrill Lynch and its affiliates approximately \$12.1 million for commercial, corporate and investment banking services.

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Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Realty Income engaged Wells Fargo Securities as one of its financial advisors in connection with the merger. As part of that engagement, Realty Income's board of directors requested that Wells Fargo Securities evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger pursuant to the merger agreement. On September 5, 2012, at a meeting of Realty Income's board of directors held to evaluate the merger, Wells Fargo Securities rendered to Realty Income's board of directors an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated September 5, 2012, to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various qualifications, limitations and assumptions stated in such opinion, the exchange ratio provided for in the merger pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income.

The full text of Wells Fargo Securities' written opinion, dated September 5, 2012, is attached as Annex E to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The written opinion sets forth, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations on the review undertaken by Wells Fargo Securities in rendering its opinion. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such opinion. The opinion was addressed to Realty Income's board of directors (in its capacity as such) for its information and use in connection with its evaluation of the exchange ratio from a financial point of view to Realty Income and Wells Fargo Securities expressed no opinion or view with regard to any other terms, aspects or implications of the merger. Wells Fargo Securities' opinion did not address the merits of the underlying decision by Realty Income to enter into the merger agreement or the relative merits of the merger compared with other business strategies or transactions available or that have been or might be considered by Realty Income's management or board of directors or in which Realty Income might engage. The opinion does not constitute a recommendation to Realty Income's board of directors or any other person or entity in respect of the merger, including as to how any stockholder should vote or act in connection with the merger or any other matters.

The terms of the merger were determined through negotiations between Realty Income and ARCT, rather than by any financial advisor, and the decision to enter into the merger was solely that of Realty Income's board of directors. Wells Fargo Securities did not recommend any specific form of consideration to Realty Income's board of directors or that any specific form of consideration constituted the only appropriate consideration for the merger. The opinion was only one of many factors considered by Realty Income's board of directors in its evaluation of the merger and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of Realty Income's board of directors, management or any other party with respect to the merger or the consideration payable in the merger.

In arriving at its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities, among other things:

reviewed a draft, dated September 5, 2012, of the merger agreement, including the financial terms of the merger;

reviewed certain publicly available business, financial and other information regarding Realty Income and ARCT, including information set forth in their respective annual reports to stockholders and annual reports on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2012;

reviewed certain other business and financial information regarding Realty Income and ARCT furnished to Wells Fargo Securities by and discussed with the managements of Realty Income and ARCT, including financial forecasts and estimates relating to Realty Income for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2012 and 2013 prepared by Realty Income's management and financial forecasts and estimates relating to ARCT for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2012 and 2013 prepared by ARCT's management as extended for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2014 through 2016 based upon assumptions of ARCT's management;

discussed with the managements of Realty Income and ARCT the operations and prospects of Realty Income and ARCT, including the historical financial performance and trends in the results of operations of Realty Income and ARCT;

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discussed with Realty Income's management the strategic rationale for the merger, including potential cost savings and other financial and strategic benefits and transaction expenses and related costs anticipated by Realty Income's management to result from the merger;

participated in discussions and negotiations among representatives of Realty Income, ARCT and their respective advisors regarding the proposed merger;

reviewed reported prices and trading activity for Realty Income common stock and ARCT common stock;

compared certain financial data of Realty Income and ARCT with similar data of certain other publicly traded companies that Wells Fargo Securities deemed relevant in evaluating Realty Income and ARCT;

analyzed the estimated net asset value of ARCT's real estate portfolio based upon financial forecasts and estimates referred to above and related assumptions discussed with and confirmed as reasonable by the managements of Realty Income and ARCT;

analyzed the estimated present value of the future dividends per share of ARCT based upon financial forecasts and estimates referred to above and related assumptions discussed with and confirmed as reasonable by the managements of Realty Income and ARCT;

reviewed the relative financial contributions of Realty Income and ARCT to the financial performance of the combined company on a pro forma basis based upon financial forecasts and estimates referred to above and related assumptions discussed with and confirmed as reasonable by the managements of Realty Income and ARCT; and

considered other information, such as financial studies, analyses, and investigations, as well as financial, economic and market criteria, that Wells Fargo Securities deemed relevant.

In connection with its review, Wells Fargo Securities assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of the financial and other information provided, discussed with or otherwise made available to Wells Fargo Securities, including all accounting, tax, regulatory and legal information, and Wells Fargo Securities did not make (and assumed no responsibility for) any independent verification of such information. Wells Fargo Securities relied upon assurances of the managements of Realty Income and ARCT that they were not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make such information inaccurate or misleading. With respect to the financial forecasts and estimates and other information utilized in Wells Fargo Securities' analyses, Wells Fargo Securities was advised by the managements of Realty Income and ARCT and, at Realty Income's direction, Wells Fargo Securities assumed that they were reasonably prepared and reflected the best currently available estimates, judgments and assumptions of such managements as to the future financial performance of Realty Income and ARCT. Wells Fargo Securities assumed no responsibility for, and expressed no view as to, such forecasts, estimates or other information utilized in Wells Fargo Securities' analyses or the judgments or assumptions upon which they were based. Wells Fargo Securities also assumed that there were no material changes in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business or prospects of Realty Income or ARCT since the respective dates of the most recent financial statements and other information provided to Wells Fargo Securities and that the financial forecasts relating to ARCT reviewed by Wells Fargo Securities reflected all assets and liabilities to be acquired or assumed by Realty Income in the merger, including from pending acquisitions expected to be consummated and joint ventures expected to be wholly owned by ARCT at the closing date of the merger as referenced in the merger agreement. Wells Fargo Securities relied, at Realty Income's direction, upon the assessments of the managements of Realty Income and ARCT as to (i) certain market trends and recent developments in, and prospects for, the commercial real estate market and (ii) the terms upon which properties and joint ventures would be acquired by ARCT as of the closing date of the merger. Wells Fargo Securities assumed, with Realty Income's consent, that there would be no developments with respect to any of the foregoing that would be material to its analyses or opinion. In arriving at Wells Fargo Securities' opinion, Wells Fargo Securities did not conduct physical inspections of the properties or assets of Realty Income, ARCT or any other entity and did not make, and was not provided with, any evaluations or appraisals of the

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properties, assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of Realty Income, ARCT or any other entity. Wells Fargo Securities was advised by the managements of Realty Income and ARCT and, with Realty Income's consent, assumed that there were no material undisclosed liabilities of Realty Income or ARCT for which appropriate reserves or other provisions have not been made.

In rendering its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities assumed, at Realty Income's direction, that the final form of the merger agreement, when signed by the parties thereto, would not differ from the draft reviewed by Wells Fargo Securities in any respect material to its analyses or opinion, that the merger would be consummated in accordance with the terms described in the merger agreement and in compliance with all applicable laws, without amendment or waiver of any material terms or conditions and that, in the course of obtaining any necessary legal, regulatory or third party consents, approvals or agreements for the merger, no delay, limitation or restriction would be imposed or action would be taken that would have an adverse effect on Realty Income, ARCT or the merger (including the contemplated benefits to Realty Income). Wells Fargo Securities also assumed, at Realty Income's direction, that the merger would qualify for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Wells Fargo Securities was advised by the respective managements of Realty Income and ARCT that each of Realty Income and ARCT has operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes since its formation as a REIT and

further assumed, at Realty Income's direction, that the merger would not adversely affect the status or operations of Realty Income or ARCT. Wells Fargo Securities did not express any opinion as to what the value of Realty Income common stock actually would be when issued pursuant to the merger or the prices at which securities of Realty Income or ARCT would trade at any time. Wells Fargo Securities' opinion was necessarily based on economic, market, financial and other conditions existing, and information made available to Wells Fargo Securities, as of the date of its opinion. The credit, financial and stock markets have been experiencing unusual volatility and Wells Fargo Securities expressed no opinion or view as to any potential effects of such volatility on Realty Income, ARCT or the merger (including the contemplated benefits to Realty Income). Although subsequent developments may affect the matters set forth in its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities does not have any obligation to update, revise, reaffirm or withdraw its opinion or otherwise comment on or consider any such events occurring or coming to Wells Fargo Securities' attention after the date of its opinion.

Wells Fargo Securities' opinion only addressed the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of its opinion, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio provided for in the merger pursuant to the merger agreement to the extent expressly specified in its opinion and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the merger, including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger, any fees or other amounts payable or assumed by Realty Income in connection with the merger or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with or contemplated by the merger or otherwise. In addition, Wells Fargo Securities' opinion did not address the fairness of the amount or nature of, or any other aspects relating to, any compensation to be received by any officers, directors or employees of any parties to the merger, or class of such persons, relative to the exchange ratio or otherwise. Wells Fargo Securities also did not express any view or opinion with respect to, and with Realty Income's consent relied upon the assessments of Realty Income's representatives regarding, accounting, tax, regulatory, legal or similar matters and Wells Fargo Securities understood that Realty Income obtained such advice as it deemed necessary from qualified professionals. Except as described in this summary, Realty Income imposed no other instructions or limitation on Wells Fargo Securities with respect to the investigations made or procedures followed by Wells Fargo Securities in rendering its opinion.

In connection with rendering its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities performed certain financial, comparative and other analyses as summarized below. This summary is not a complete description of the financial analyses performed and factors considered in connection with such opinion. In arriving at its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities did not ascribe a specific value to Realty Income common stock or ARCT common stock but rather made its determinations as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to Realty Income of the exchange ratio on the basis of various financial and comparative analyses taken as a whole. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex process and involves various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant

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methods of financial and comparative analyses and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. Therefore, a financial opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description.

In arriving at its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities did not attribute any particular weight to any single analysis or factor considered but rather made qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor relative to all other analyses and factors performed and considered and in the context of the circumstances of this particular transaction. Accordingly, the analyses must be considered as a whole, as considering any portion of such analyses and factors, without considering all analyses and factors as a whole, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying such opinion. The fact that any specific analysis has been referred to in the summary below is not meant to indicate that such analysis was given greater weight than any other analysis referred to in the summary. No company or transaction is identical to Realty Income, ARCT or the merger and an evaluation of Wells Fargo Securities' analyses is not entirely mathematical; rather, such analyses involve complex considerations and judgments concerning financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the public trading or other values of the companies reviewed.

In performing its analyses, Wells Fargo Securities considered industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters existing as of the date of its opinion, many of which are beyond the control of Realty Income, ARCT or any other parties to the merger. None of Realty Income, ARCT, Wells Fargo Securities or any other person assumes responsibility if future results are different from those discussed, whether or not any such difference is material. Any estimates contained in these analyses and the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than as set forth below. In addition, analyses relating to the value of properties, businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or necessarily reflect the prices at which properties, businesses or securities may actually be sold or acquired. Accordingly, the assumptions and estimates used in, and the results derived from, the following analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses provided on September 5, 2012 to Realty Income's board of directors by Wells Fargo Securities in connection with its opinion. **Certain financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand the financial analyses, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary, as the tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses. Considering the data in the tables below without considering the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of such financial analyses.** In connection with the ARCT financial analyses described below, the total number of outstanding fully diluted shares of ARCT common stock utilized was 158,579,730 per ARCT's management.

ARCT Financial Analyses

Net Asset Value Analysis. Wells Fargo Securities performed a net asset valuation of ARCT's real estate portfolio based on internal estimates of ARCT's management. Wells Fargo Securities calculated the estimated net asset value of ARCT's retail, office and industrial income-producing properties acquired prior to June 30, 2012 on an asset-by-asset basis by applying, depending on the tenant credit quality, remaining lease term and type of property, selected calendar year 2013 capitalization rate ranges based on an overall range of 5.75% to 8.25% to the calendar year 2013 estimated cash net operating income of such property. In the case of such properties acquired after June 30, 2012 and acquisitions under contract that are anticipated to close in the second half of calendar year 2012 and in advance of the expected closing of the merger, estimated net asset value was based on the acquisition price for such properties. Wells Fargo Securities also took into account for purposes of such analysis (i) the estimated net asset value of ARCT's non-real estate assets and other investments based on market values, to the extent publicly available, as of August 31, 2012 and internal estimates of ARCT's management, (ii) ARCT's cash and liabilities as reflected on its balance sheet as of June 30, 2012, including ARCT's outstanding indebtedness (which was marked to market utilizing estimated market rates for similar types of indebtedness) and excluding intangibles and other non-cash GAAP-specific balance sheet items, (iii) the

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minimum fee payable to ARCT's former manager and (iv) the estimated amount payable by ARCT for remaining equity interests in certain joint ventures not wholly owned by ARCT. Implied per share equity values for ARCT were calculated as ARCT's implied net asset value divided by the number of ARCT's fully diluted common stock. This analysis indicated an approximate per share equity value reference range for ARCT of \$9.21 to \$10.43. Based on this implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 per share on August 31, 2012, Wells Fargo Securities calculated the following implied exchange ratio reference range, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger:

Implied Exchange Ratio Reference Range	Merger Exchange Ratio
0.2186 - 0.2475	0.2874

For informational purposes, Wells Fargo Securities also calculated the illustrative impact of the maximum fee payable to ARCT's former manager, which indicated an approximate per share equity value reference range for ARCT of \$9.10 to 10.32 and an implied exchange ratio reference range of 0.2160x to 0.2449x.

Selected Publicly Traded Companies Analysis. Wells Fargo Securities reviewed and compared financial and operating data relating to ARCT and the following four selected companies, which generally were selected because, as is the case with ARCT, they are publicly traded net lease REITs with certain financial and operating characteristics that Wells Fargo Securities deemed relevant, including total market capitalization and leverage, referred to as the ARCT selected REITs:

Entertainment Properties Trust

Lexington Realty Trust

National Retail Properties, Inc.

Realty Income Corporation

Wells Fargo Securities reviewed closing stock prices of the ARCT selected REITs on August 31, 2012 as a multiple of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share, which was adjusted for certain items, including primarily straight-line rent revenues, recurring capital expenditures, above market and below market lease amortization and non-cash employee compensation. The overall low to high calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share multiples observed for the ARCT selected REITs were 9.2x to 19.5x (with a mean multiple of 14.4x) and 12.1x to 19.4x (with a mean multiple of 15.0x), respectively. Wells Fargo Securities then applied selected ranges of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share multiples of 13.5x to 16.5x and 14.0x to 17.0x, respectively, derived from the ARCT selected REITs to corresponding data of ARCT. Financial data of the ARCT selected REITs were based on publicly available research analysts' estimates, public filings and other publicly available information. Financial data of ARCT were based on internal estimates of ARCT's management. This analysis indicated an approximate per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT of \$10.84 to \$13.25 and \$11.42 to \$13.86 based on calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share, respectively. Based on these implied per share equity value reference ranges for ARCT and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 per share on August 31, 2012, Wells Fargo Securities calculated the following implied exchange ratio reference ranges, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger:

Implied Exchange Ratio Reference Ranges Based On:		Merger
2013 FFO	2013 AFFO	Exchange Ratio
0.2572 - 0.3144	0.2710 - 0.3291	0.2874

Dividend Discount Analysis. Wells Fargo Securities performed a dividend discount analysis of ARCT to calculate a range of implied present values of the distributable cash flows that ARCT was forecasted to generate during the second half of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 through the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 utilizing internal estimates of ARCT's management for fiscal years ending December 31, 2012 and 2013 as

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extended for fiscal years ending December 31, 2014 through 2016 per Realty Income's management based upon assumptions of ARCT's management. Implied terminal values were derived by applying to ARCT's fiscal year 2016 estimated AFFO per share a range of terminal AFFO multiples of 14.0x to 17.0x. Present values (as of June 30, 2012) of distributable cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a discount rate range of 9.0% to 10.0%. This indicated an approximate per share equity value reference range for ARCT of \$11.30 to \$13.65. Based on this implied per share equity value reference range for ARCT and Realty Income's closing stock price of \$42.13 per share on August 31, 2012, Wells Fargo Securities calculated the following implied exchange ratio reference range, as compared to the exchange ratio provided for in the merger:

Implied Exchange Ratio Reference Range	Merger Exchange Ratio
0.2682 - 0.3240	0.2874

Realty Income Financial Analysis

Selected Publicly Traded Companies Analysis. Wells Fargo Securities reviewed and compared financial and operating data relating to Realty Income and the following four selected companies, which generally were selected because, as is the case with Realty Income, they are publicly traded net lease REITs with certain financial and operating characteristics that Wells Fargo Securities deemed relevant, including total market capitalization and leverage, referred to as the Realty Income selected REITs:

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

Entertainment Properties Trust

Lexington Realty Trust

National Retail Properties, Inc.

Wells Fargo Securities reviewed closing stock prices of the Realty Income selected REITs on August 31, 2012 as a multiple of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share. Wells Fargo Securities then compared the implied multiples of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share derived for Realty Income with those derived for the Realty Income selected REITs. Financial data of Realty Income and the Realty Income selected REITs were based on publicly available research analysts' estimates, public filings and other publicly available information. This analysis indicated ranges of implied multiples of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share for the Realty Income selected REITs of 9.2x to 17.1x (with a mean multiple of 13.1x) and 12.1x to 16.2x (with a mean multiple of 13.7x), respectively, as compared to implied multiples of calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share derived for Realty Income of 19.5x and 19.4x, respectively.

Pro Forma Relative Contributions

Wells Fargo Securities reviewed the relative financial contributions of Realty Income and ARCT to the combined company on a pro forma basis without giving effect to potential synergies or transaction-related adjustments. Wells Fargo Securities reviewed calendar year 2013 estimated net operating income, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, FFO and AFFO of each of Realty Income and ARCT utilizing internal estimates of the managements of Realty Income and ARCT and then calculated the overall aggregate equity ownership percentages of Realty Income and ARCT in the combined company based on such relative contributions after neutralizing the leverage of each company. This analysis indicated the following overall contribution percentage reference range for Realty Income as compared to the aggregate pro forma equity ownership percentage of Realty Income in the combined company immediately upon consummation of the merger based on the exchange ratio:

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Overall Contribution Percentage

Aggregate Pro Forma Equity Ownership

Reference Range for Realty Income

of Realty Income Based on Exchange Ratio:

67.2% - 70.7%

74.5%

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Other Information. Wells Fargo Securities observed certain additional factors that were not considered part of Wells Fargo Securities' financial analyses with respect to its opinion but were noted for informational purposes, including the following:

one-year forward stock price targets for Realty Income common stock in eight recently published, publicly available Wall Street research analyst reports, which indicated, to the extent publicly available, a target stock price range for Realty Income of \$27.00 to \$40.00 per share;

implied historical exchange ratios for Realty Income and ARCT derived from the closing prices of Realty Income common stock and ARCT common stock on, and the volume-weighted average of such closing prices during various periods ended, August 31, 2012, noting that the historical low to high implied exchange ratio reference range for such periods was 0.2552x to 0.3044x; and

potential pro forma financial effects of the merger on Realty Income's calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share, after taking into account potential synergies anticipated by Realty Income's management to result from the merger and certain transaction-related adjustments utilizing internal estimates of the managements of Realty Income and ARCT, noting that, based on the exchange ratio, the merger could be accretive relative to Realty Income's calendar year 2013 estimated FFO per share and AFFO per share by approximately 9.8% and 6.7%, respectively (with a reduction to such accretion of approximately 0.1% after giving effect to the maximum fee payable to ARCT's former manager).

Miscellaneous

Wells Fargo Securities is the trade name for certain capital markets and investment banking services of Wells Fargo & Company and its subsidiaries, including Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. Wells Fargo Securities is an internationally recognized investment banking firm which is regularly engaged in providing financial advisory services in connection with mergers and acquisitions. Realty Income's board of directors selected Wells Fargo Securities because of its qualifications, reputation and experience and its familiarity with Realty Income and its business. The issuance of Wells Fargo Securities' opinion was approved by an authorized committee of Wells Fargo Securities.

As compensation for Wells Fargo Securities' financial advisory services to Realty Income in connection with the merger, Realty Income has agreed to pay Wells Fargo Securities an aggregate fee of \$3.5 million, a portion of which was payable in connection with its opinion and the principal portion of which is contingent upon consummation of the merger. Realty Income also has agreed to reimburse certain of Wells Fargo Securities' expenses, including fees and disbursements of Wells Fargo Securities' counsel, and to indemnify Wells Fargo Securities and certain related parties against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, that may arise out of Wells Fargo Securities' engagement. Wells Fargo Securities and its affiliates provide a full range of investment banking and financial advisory, securities trading, brokerage and lending services in the ordinary course of business, for which Wells Fargo Securities and such affiliates receive customary fees. In connection with unrelated matters, Wells Fargo Securities and its affiliates in the past have provided, currently are providing and in the future may provide banking and financial services to Realty Income, ARCT and certain of their respective affiliates, for which Wells Fargo Securities and such affiliates have received and expect to receive fees, including during the two years preceding the date of this opinion (i) having acted or currently acting as administrative agent, sole lead arranger and sole bookrunner for, and as a lender under, certain credit facilities of Realty Income, ARCT and certain of their respective affiliates, (ii) having acted as joint book-running or co-lead manager for certain equity and debt offerings of Realty Income and (iii) having acted or currently acting as transfer agent and registrar for certain securities of Realty Income. During the two-year period preceding the date of its opinion, Wells Fargo Securities received aggregate fees from Realty Income for such banking and financial services unrelated to the merger of approximately \$12.8 million. In the ordinary course of business, Wells Fargo Securities and its affiliates may actively trade, hold or otherwise effect transactions in the securities or financial instruments (including bank loans or other obligations) of Realty Income, ARCT and their respective affiliates for Wells Fargo

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Securities and its affiliates own account and for the accounts of customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities or financial instruments.

Certain Prospective Financial Information Reviewed by Realty Income

Realty Income does not as a matter of course make public long-term projections as to future revenues, earnings or other results due to, among other reasons, the uncertainty of the underlying assumptions and estimates. However, Realty Income is including unaudited prospective financial information that was made available to the Realty Income board of directors and the ARCT board of directors in connection with the evaluation of the merger. This information also was provided to Realty Income's and ARCT's respective financial advisors. The inclusion of this information should not be regarded as an indication that any of Realty Income, ARCT, their respective financial advisors or any other recipient of this information considered, or now considers, it to be necessarily predictive of actual future results.

The unaudited prospective financial information was, in general, prepared solely for internal use and is subjective in many respects. As a result, the prospective results may not be realized and the actual results may be significantly higher or lower than estimated. Since the unaudited prospective financial information covers multiple years, that information by its nature becomes less predictive with each successive year. Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders are urged to review Realty Income's SEC filings for a description of risk factors with respect to Realty Income's business. See *Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements* beginning on page 31 and *Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference* beginning on page 156. The unaudited prospective financial information was not prepared with a view toward public disclosure, nor was it prepared with a view toward compliance with GAAP, published guidelines of the SEC or the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for

preparation and presentation of prospective financial information. In addition, the unaudited prospective financial information requires significant estimates and assumptions that make it inherently less comparable to the similarly titled GAAP measures in Realty Income's historical GAAP financial statements. Neither Realty Income's independent registered public accounting firm, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined or performed any procedures with respect to the unaudited prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on the information or its achievability. The report of Realty Income's independent registered public accounting firm contained in Realty Income's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as amended by the Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 1, 2012, which is incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus, relates to Realty Income's historical financial information. It does not extend to the unaudited prospective financial information and should not be read to do so. Furthermore, the unaudited prospective financial information does not take into account any circumstances or events occurring after the date it was prepared.

The following table presents selected unaudited prospective financial data for the fiscal years ending 2012 through 2014 for Realty Income on a standalone basis including potential projected acquisitions.

	2012	2013	2014
	(\$ in millions)		
Revenue	\$ 479.3	\$ 572.6	\$ 561.9
Funds from Operations (FFO)	\$ 269.0	\$ 296.5	\$ 327.2
Adjusted Funds from Operations (AFFO)	\$ 276.4	\$ 306.8	\$ 340.4

For purposes of the unaudited prospective financial information presented herein, FFO is calculated as net income available to common stockholders, plus depreciation and amortization of real estate assets, plus impairment of real estate assets, reduced by gains on sales of investment properties and extraordinary items and AFFO is calculated as FFO adjusted for (i) capitalized leasing costs and commissions, (ii) capitalized building improvements, (iii) certain other adjustments for straight line rent revenue and the amortization of above or below-market leases and other non-cash expenses, plus (i) amortization of share-based compensation, (ii) amortization of deferred financing costs and (iii) provision or impairment on real estate acquired for resale by Crest.

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In addition to the summary metrics presented above, Realty Income also provided estimates of Revenue, FFO and AFFO on a twelve-month run-rate basis effective November 1, 2012, which estimates included identified acquisitions that Realty Income determined were likely to close by October 31, 2012. The estimates provided by Realty Income for Revenue, FFO and AFFO on this basis was \$503.3 million, \$285.5 million and \$291.8 million, respectively.

ARCT and Realty Income calculate certain non-GAAP financial metrics including FFO and AFFO using different methodologies. The differences relate to the treatment of acquisition-related fees and expenses and other non-recurring expenses. Realty Income has made conforming methodology changes to the financial data received from ARCT. Consequently, the financial metrics presented in each company's prospective financial information disclosures may not be directly comparable to one another.

In preparing the foregoing unaudited projected financial information, Realty Income made a number of assumptions regarding, among other things, interest rates, corporate financing activities, Realty Income common stock price appreciation and the timing and amount of common stock issuances, annual dividend levels, occupancy and customer retention levels of its owned and managed portfolios, changes in rent, the amount, timing and cost of existing and planned development properties, lease-up rates of existing and planned developments, the amount and timing of asset sales and asset acquisitions, including the return on those acquisitions, the amount of income taxes paid, and the amount of general and administrative costs.

The assumptions made in preparing the above unaudited prospective financial information may not accurately reflect future conditions. The estimates and assumptions underlying the unaudited prospective financial information involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, regulatory and financial market conditions and future business decisions which may not be realized and that are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive and regulatory uncertainties and contingencies, including, among others, risks and uncertainties described under Risk Factors beginning on page 23 and Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 31, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of Realty Income and/or ARCT and will be beyond the control of the combined company. The underlying assumptions may not prove to be accurate and the projected results may not be realized, and actual results likely will differ, and may differ materially, from those reflected in the unaudited prospective financial information, whether or not the merger is completed.

In addition, although presented with numerical specificity, the above unaudited prospective financial information reflects numerous assumptions and estimates as to future events made by Realty Income management that Realty Income management believes were reasonably prepared. The above unaudited prospective financial information does not give effect to the merger. Realty Income stockholders and ARCT stockholders are urged to review Realty Income's most recent SEC filings for a description of Realty Income's reported and anticipated results of operations and financial condition and capital resources during 2011, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Realty Income's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as amended by the Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 1, 2012, which is incorporated by reference into this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Readers of this joint proxy statement/prospectus are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the unaudited prospective financial information set forth above. No representation is made by Realty Income, ARCT or any other person to any Realty Income stockholder or any ARCT stockholder regarding the ultimate performance of Realty Income compared to the information included in the above unaudited prospective financial information. The inclusion of unaudited prospective financial information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as an indication that the prospective financial information will be necessarily predictive of actual future events, and such information should not be relied on as such.

REALTY INCOME DOES NOT INTEND TO UPDATE OR OTHERWISE REVISE THE ABOVE UNAUDITED PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO REFLECT CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING

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AFTER THE DATE WHEN MADE OR TO REFLECT THE OCCURRENCE OF FUTURE EVENTS, EVEN IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OR ALL OF THE ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION ARE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE, EXCEPT AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW.

Opinion of ARCT's Financial Advisor

On September 6, 2012, at a meeting of the ARCT board of directors, Goldman Sachs rendered to the ARCT board of directors its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, that, as of September 6, 2012, and based upon and subject to the limitations and assumptions set forth therein, the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock to be paid for each share of ARCT common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders (other than Realty Income and its affiliates) of shares of ARCT common stock.

The full text of the written opinion of Goldman Sachs, dated September 6, 2012, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken in connection with the opinion, is attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex F. The summary of the Goldman Sachs opinion provided in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is

qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the written opinion. Goldman Sachs' advisory services and opinion were provided for the information and assistance of the ARCT board of directors in connection with its consideration of the proposed merger and the opinion does not constitute a recommendation as to how any holder of ARCT common stock should vote with respect to the proposed merger or any other matter.

In connection with rendering the opinion described above and performing its related financial analyses, Goldman Sachs reviewed, among other things:

the merger agreement;

the Indicative Non-Binding Term Sheet submitted by Realty Income to ARCT on August 19, 2012;

the Exclusivity Agreement, dated August 19, 2012, between ARCT and Realty Income;

the Incentive Listing Fee Note Agreement;

the Omnibus Amendments to 2012 Outperformance Award Agreements and Release, dated as of September 6, 2012, by and among ARCT and each of the Chairman of the board of directors of ARCT and the Chief Executive Officer and President of ARCT;

the letter agreement, dated September 6, 2012 by and among Realty Income, AR Capital and the Chairman of the board of directors of ARCT;

annual reports to stockholders and Annual Reports on Form 10-K of ARCT for the four fiscal years ended December 31, 2011;

annual reports to stockholders and Annual Reports on Form 10-K of Realty Income for the five fiscal years ended December 31, 2011;

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the Registration Statement of ARCT on Form S-11 (file no. 333-145949), including the Prospectus of ARCT, dated January 25, 2008, relating to the initial public offering of shares of ARCT common stock;

certain interim reports to stockholders and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q of ARCT and Realty Income;

certain other communications from ARCT and Realty Income to their respective stockholders;

certain publicly available research analyst reports for ARCT and Realty Income;

certain third party appraisal reports with respect to the real estate assets of ARCT provided by ARCT, or the third party appraisals ;

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certain internal financial analyses and forecasts for ARCT prepared by its management, or the ARCT management forecasts, and certain financial analyses and forecasts for Realty Income prepared by its management, or the Realty Income management forecasts, in each case, as approved for Goldman Sachs use by ARCT; and

certain cost savings and operating synergies projected by the management of Realty Income to result from the proposed merger, which we refer to as the synergies, as approved for Goldman Sachs use by ARCT.

Goldman Sachs held discussions with members of the senior managements of ARCT and Realty Income regarding their assessment of the strategic rationale for, and the potential benefits of, the proposed merger and the past and current business operations, financial condition and future prospects of ARCT and Realty Income; reviewed the reported price and trading activity for the shares of ARCT common stock and the shares of Realty Income common stock; compared certain financial and stock market information for ARCT and Realty Income with similar information for certain other companies the securities of which are publicly traded; reviewed the financial terms of certain recent business combinations in the real estate industry and in other industries; and performed such other studies and analyses, and considered such other factors, as it deemed appropriate.

For purposes of rendering its opinion, Goldman Sachs, with the consent of ARCT, relied upon and assumed the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other information provided to, discussed with or reviewed by it without assuming any responsibility for independent verification thereof. In that regard, Goldman Sachs assumed, with ARCT's consent, that the ARCT management forecasts, the Realty Income management forecasts and the synergies have been reasonably prepared on a basis reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the management of ARCT. Goldman Sachs did not make an independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets and liabilities (including any contingent, derivative or other off-balance-sheet assets and liabilities) of ARCT or Realty Income or any of their respective subsidiaries and except for the third party appraisals, was not furnished with any such evaluation or appraisal. Goldman Sachs assumed that all governmental, regulatory or other consents and approvals necessary for the consummation of the proposed transaction will be obtained without any adverse effect on ARCT or Realty Income or on the expected benefits of the proposed transaction in any way meaningful to its analysis. Goldman Sachs assumed that the proposed transaction will be consummated on the terms set forth in the merger agreement, without the waiver or modification of any term or condition the effect of which would be in any way meaningful to its analysis.

Goldman Sachs' opinion did not address the underlying business decision of ARCT to engage in the proposed transaction, or the relative merits of the proposed transaction as compared to any strategic alternatives that may be available to ARCT; nor did it address any legal, regulatory, tax or accounting matters. Since February 2012, Goldman Sachs was not requested to solicit, and did not solicit, interest from other parties with respect to an acquisition of, or other business combination with, ARCT or any other alternative transaction. Goldman Sachs' opinion addressed only the fairness from a financial point of view to the holders (other than Realty Income and its affiliates) of ARCT common stock, as of the date hereof, of the exchange ratio pursuant to the merger agreement. Goldman Sachs did not express any view on, and its opinion did not address, any other term or aspect of the merger agreement or proposed transaction or any term or aspect of any other agreement or instrument contemplated by the merger agreement or entered into or amended in connection with the proposed transaction, and the fairness of the proposed transaction to, or any consideration received in connection therewith by, the holders of any other class of securities, creditors, or other constituencies of ARCT; nor as to the fairness of the amount or nature of any compensation to be paid or payable to AR Capital or any of its affiliates or any of the officers, directors or employees of ARCT, or class of such persons, in connection with the proposed merger, whether relative to the exchange ratio pursuant to the merger agreement or otherwise. Goldman Sachs also did not express any view on, and its opinion did not address, any term or aspect of any of the arrangements with AR Capital or the chairman or chief executive officer of ARCT or any consideration or compensation to be paid or payable pursuant such arrangements. Goldman Sachs did not express any opinion as to the prices at which shares of Realty Income common stock will trade at any time or as to the impact of the proposed merger on the solvency or viability of ARCT or Realty Income or the ability of ARCT or Realty Income to pay their respective

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obligations when they come due. Goldman Sachs' written opinion was necessarily based on economic, monetary, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to it as of September 6, 2012, and Goldman Sachs assumed no responsibility for updating, revising or reaffirming its opinion based on circumstances, developments or events occurring after such date. Goldman Sachs' advisory services and its opinion were provided for the information and assistance of the board of directors of ARCT in connection with its consideration of the proposed merger and such opinion does not constitute a recommendation as to how any holder of ARCT common stock should vote with respect to such proposed merger or any other matter. Goldman Sachs' opinion was approved by a fairness committee of Goldman Sachs.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses presented by Goldman Sachs to the board of directors of ARCT on September 5, 2012 in connection with rendering the opinion described above. Goldman Sachs' analyses and the summary below must be considered as a whole and selecting portions of its analyses and factors could create a misleading or incomplete view of Goldman Sachs' analyses and opinion. The following summary, however, does not purport to be a complete description of the financial analyses performed by Goldman Sachs, nor does the order of analyses described represent relative importance or weight given to those analyses by Goldman Sachs. Some of the summaries of the financial analyses include information presented in tabular format. The tables must be read together with the full text of each summary and are alone not a complete description of Goldman Sachs' financial analyses. Except as otherwise noted, the following quantitative information, to the extent that it is based on market data, is based on market data as it existed on or before September 4, 2012, the last trading day before Goldman Sachs presented its financial analyses to the board of directors of ARCT on September 5, 2012, and is not necessarily indicative of current market conditions.

The estimates of the future performance of ARCT, Realty Income or the combined company underlying Goldman Sachs' analyses are not necessarily indicative of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those estimates.

Implied Premia and Multiples Analysis

Based upon the closing price of \$42.72 per share of Realty Income common stock on September 4, 2012, Goldman Sachs calculated that the exchange ratio of 0.2874 shares of Realty Income common stock reflected an implied value of \$12.28 per share of ARCT common stock. By multiplying this implied value per share by the total number of fully diluted outstanding shares of ARCT common stock as provided by ARCT management, Goldman Sachs derived an implied equity value of ARCT of approximately \$1,947.0 million. Goldman Sachs then added to this implied equity value ARCT's net debt amount of approximately \$889.5 million as of August 17, 2012 as provided by ARCT management and the aggregate buy-out value of minority interests in entities controlled by ARCT of approximately \$22.6 million as provided by ARCT's management and derived an implied enterprise value of ARCT of approximately \$2,859.1 million.

Using the results of the calculations described above and the most recent median estimates for ARCT's financial results for 2012 and 2013 published by Institutional Brokers' Estimate System, or IBES, Goldman Sachs calculated the following premia and multiples:

the implied value of the per share merger consideration as a premiu