

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES INC

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	3,355,354	\$34.86	\$116,967,640	\$8,340

- (1) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low prices on the New York Stock Exchange on April 27, 2010.
- (2) In accordance with Rule 457(p), a portion of the unutilized registration fee in the amount of \$501 that was previously paid with respect to 355,354 unsold shares of common stock that were previously registered pursuant to Registration Statement No. 333-142643, filed by the registrant on May 4, 2007, is applied to the filing fee payable pursuant to this registration statement.

Prospectus supplement

To prospectus dated January 15, 2010

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PROPERTIES, INC.
3,355,354 Shares of Common Stock

We have a dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan to provide both existing stockholders and interested new investors a convenient and cost effective method to purchase shares of our common stock. Stockholders and other investors may begin participating in the plan by completing a plan enrollment form and returning it to The Bank of New York Mellon, as agent, who will administer the plan.

Some of the significant features of the plan are as follows:

If you are an existing stockholder, you may purchase additional shares of common stock by automatically reinvesting all or any part of the cash dividends paid on your shares of common stock. There is no minimum or maximum limitation on the amount of dividends you may reinvest in the plan.

If you are an existing stockholder, you may purchase additional shares of common stock by making optional cash purchases of between \$100 and \$10,000 in any calendar month. Optional cash purchases of our common stock in excess of this maximum may only be made with our prior written consent.

If you are not an existing stockholder, you may make an initial cash purchase of common stock of at least \$750 with a maximum of \$10,000. Initial optional cash purchases of our common stock in excess of this maximum may only be made with our prior written consent.

We may sell newly issued shares directly to the agent or instruct the agent to purchase shares in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, or elect a combination of these alternatives.

You can purchase shares of our common stock without brokerage fees, commissions or charges. We will bear the expenses for open market purchases.

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The purchase price for newly issued shares of common stock purchased directly from us will be the market price less a discount ranging from 0% to 5%, determined from time to time by us in accordance with the plan. The discount is initially expected to be 2%, but we may adjust that discount in our discretion at any time. This discount applies to either optional cash purchases or reinvested dividends. However, no discount will be available for common stock purchased in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Holders of shares in broker or nominee names may participate in the plan by instructing their brokers or nominees to reinvest dividends and make optional cash purchases on their behalf.

You may also make automatic monthly investments by authorizing electronic funds to be transferred from your banking or checking accounts. You may make an electronic fund transfer for as little as \$100 per month, after the initial investment, but in no case for more than \$10,000 per month.

Participation in the plan is entirely voluntary, and you may terminate your participation at any time. If you do not choose to participate in the plan you will continue to receive cash dividends, as declared, in the usual manner.

Our common stock currently trades on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol NHP. On May 3, 2010, the last reported sales price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$36.00 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-1.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus supplement is May 4, 2010.

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Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, all references in this prospectus supplement to we, us, our and the Company refer to Nationwide Health Properties, Inc., including our consolidated subsidiaries.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information about us and the securities we may offer, some of which may not apply to this offering. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs or varies from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as information we previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated herein by reference, is accurate only as of their respective dates or on other dates which are

specified in those documents, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement or of any sale of the common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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RISK FACTORS

Generally speaking, the risks facing the company fall into three categories: risks relating to our tenants, risks related to us and our operations and risks related to our taxation as a real estate investment trust (REIT). In addition to other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks incorporated by reference in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q in evaluating our company, our properties and our business before investing in our common stock. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional matters that we are unaware of or that we currently consider immaterial. All of these could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and, thus, the value of an investment in shares of our common stock.

Risks Associated With the Plan

There are certain risks associated with the plan. You will not know the price of the shares you are purchasing under the plan at the time you authorize the investment or elect to have your dividends reinvested. The price of our shares may fluctuate between the time you decide to purchase shares under the plan and the time of actual purchase. In addition, during this time period, you may become aware of additional information that might affect your investment decision. If you instruct the administrator to sell shares under the plan, you will not be able to direct the time or price at which your shares are sold. The price of our shares may decline between the time you decide to sell shares and the time of actual sale.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus include or will include statements that may be deemed to be forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance and underlying assumptions and other statements which are not statements of historical facts. These statements may be identified, without limitation, by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, anticipates, expects, believes, intends, should or comparable terms or the negative thereof. All forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are based on information available to us on the date of such statements. These statements speak only as of such date and we assume no obligation to update such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements. Risks and uncertainties associated with our business include (without limitation) the following:

deterioration in the operating results or financial condition, including bankruptcies, of our tenants;

non-payment or late payment of rent, interest or loan principal amounts by our tenants;

our reliance on two tenants for a significant percentage of our revenue;

occupancy levels at certain facilities;

our level of indebtedness;

changes in the ratings of our debt securities;

access to the capital markets and the cost and availability of capital;

the effect of recent healthcare reform legislation or other government regulations, including changes in the reimbursement levels under the Medicare and Medicaid programs;

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the general distress of the healthcare industry;

increasing competition in our business sector;

the effect of economic and market conditions and changes in interest rates;

the amount and yield of any additional investments;

risks associated with acquisitions, including our ability to identify and complete favorable transactions, delays or failures in obtaining third party consents or approvals, the failure to achieve perceived benefits, unexpected costs or liabilities and potential litigation;

the ability of our tenants to pay contractual rent and/or interest escalations in future periods;

the ability of our tenants to obtain and maintain adequate liability and other insurance;

our ability to attract new tenants for certain facilities;

our ability to sell certain facilities for their book value;

our ability to retain key personnel;

potential liability under environmental laws;

the possibility that we could be required to repurchase some of our senior notes;

changes in or inadvertent violations of tax laws and regulations and other factors that can affect our status as a REIT; and

other factors discussed from time to time in our news releases, public statements and/or filings with the SEC, especially the risk factors set forth in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and any subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

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THE COMPANY

We are a Maryland corporation that invests in healthcare related real estate, primarily senior housing, long-term care properties and medical office buildings. We qualify and operate as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

Our operations are organized into two segments triple-net leases and multi-tenant leases. In the triple-net leases segment, we invest in healthcare related properties and lease the facilities to unaffiliated tenants under triple-net and generally master leases that transfer the obligation for all facility operating costs (including maintenance, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures) to the tenant. In the multi-tenant leases segment, we invest in healthcare related properties that have several tenants under separate leases in each building, thus requiring active management and responsibility for many of the associated operating expenses (although many of these are, or can effectively be, passed through to the tenants). As of December 31, 2009, the multi-tenant leases segment was comprised exclusively of medical office buildings. We did not invest in multi-tenant leases prior to 2006. In addition, but to a much lesser extent because we view the risks of this activity to be greater due to less favorable bankruptcy treatment and other factors, from time to time, we extend mortgage loans and other financing to tenants. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, approximately 93% of our revenues are derived from our leases, with the remaining 7% from our mortgage loans and other financing activities.

As of December 31, 2009, we had investments in 576 healthcare facilities and one land parcel located in 43 states. Additionally, as of December 31, 2009, our directly owned facilities, other than our multi-tenant medical office buildings, most of which are operated by our consolidated joint ventures, were operated by 83 different healthcare providers.

Our leases have fixed initial rent amounts and generally contain annual escalators. Many of our leases contain non-contingent rent escalators for which we recognize income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Certain leases contain escalators contingent on revenues or other factors, including increases based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. Such revenue increases are recognized over the lease term as the related contingencies occur. We assess the collectibility of our rent receivables and we reserve against the receivable balances for any amounts that we estimate may not be recovered.

Our triple-net leased facilities are generally leased under triple-net leases that transfer the obligation for all facility operating costs (including maintenance, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures) to the tenant. At December 31, 2009, approximately 84% of these facilities were leased under master leases. In addition, the majority of these leases contain cross-collateralization and cross-default provisions tied to other leases with the same tenant, as well as grouped lease renewals and grouped purchase options. At December 31, 2009, leases covering 456 facilities were backed by security deposits consisting of irrevocable letters of credit or cash totaling \$71.3 million. Also at December 31, 2009, leases covering 340 facilities contained provisions for property tax impounds, and leases covering 207 facilities contained provisions for capital expenditure impounds. Our multi-tenant facilities generally have several tenants under separate leases in each building, thus requiring active management and responsibility for many of the associated operating expenses (although many of these are, or can effectively be, passed through to the tenants). Some of the medical office buildings are subject to triple-net leases, where the lessees are responsible for the associated operating expenses. No individual property owned by us is material to us as a whole.

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code. To continue to qualify as a REIT, we must continue to meet certain tests which, among other things, generally require that our assets consist primarily of real estate assets, our income be derived primarily from real estate assets, and that we distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction and our net capital gain) to our stockholders annually. As a qualified REIT, we generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes at the corporate level on our net income to the extent we distribute such net income to our stockholders annually.

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Our principal executive offices are located at 610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1150, Newport Beach, California 92660 and our telephone number is (949) 718-4400. Our website address is www.nhp-reit.com. The information on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this prospectus supplement and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment decision with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus supplement.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will receive the net proceeds from any sale of common stock purchased by the plan's agent directly from us. We will use these proceeds for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of our credit facility and investments in healthcare related properties. We use our existing credit facility for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of healthcare related facilities and the repayment of maturing debt and the funding of mortgage loans secured by healthcare related facilities. The precise amount and timing of the application of the net proceeds will depend upon our capital requirements and the availability of other funds. We will not receive any proceeds from purchases of common stock by the agent in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

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THE PLAN

The following description of the dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan is set forth in a question and answer format.

1. What is the purpose of this plan?

The purpose of this plan is to provide our stockholders and other investors with a convenient and economical method of purchasing shares of our common stock and/or investing all or a portion of their cash dividends in additional shares of our common stock.

The plan also provides us with a means of raising additional capital if we elect to directly sell newly issued shares of common stock.

2. What are the benefits of the plan?

There are no fees or brokerage commissions on purchases and we will bear the expenses for open market purchases.

Participation is voluntary and automatic. All or any part of your quarterly stock dividends may be reinvested.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends will enable you to add to your investment in our company in a timely and systematic fashion.

In addition to being able to reinvest your dividends, if you are an existing stockholder, you may purchase additional shares of our common stock by making optional cash purchases of between \$100 and \$10,000 per calendar month. These optional cash purchases may be made occasionally or at regular intervals, subject to the restrictions described above. You may make optional cash purchases even if dividends on your shares are not being reinvested under the plan. We may waive the maximum in our sole discretion and permit a larger investment.

If you are not presently one of our stockholders, you may become a participant in the plan by making an initial cash investment in our common stock of not less than \$750 and not more than \$10,000. We may waive this maximum, in our sole discretion, and permit a larger investment.

The purchase price for newly issued shares of our common stock purchased directly from us either through dividend reinvestment or optional cash purchases may be issued at a discount from the market price. We will periodically establish a discount rate ranging from 0% to 5%. The discount is initially expected to be 2%, but we may adjust that discount in our discretion at any time.

You may purchase fractional shares of our common stock under the plan. This means that you may fully invest your dividends and any optional cash purchases. Dividends will be paid on the fractional shares of our common stock which also may be reinvested in additional shares.

You may direct the agent to transfer, at any time and at no cost to you, all or a portion of your shares in the plan to a plan account for another person.

You can avoid the need for safekeeping of certificates for shares of common stock credited to your plan account and may submit to the plan's agent, for safekeeping, certificates held by you and registered in your name. You do not have to worry about the stock certificates for your shares of common stock issued under the plan being lost or stolen or wonder where they are located.

You or any other person that is a holder of record of shares of our common stock may direct the agent to sell or transfer all or a portion of your shares held in the plan.

You will receive periodic statements reflecting all current activity in your plan accounts, including purchases, sales and latest balances, to simplify your record keeping.

3. What are the disadvantages of the plan?

Cash dividends that you reinvest will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a dividend received by you on the date we pay dividends and may create a liability for the payment of income tax without providing you with immediate cash to pay this tax when it becomes due.

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We may, without giving you prior notice, change our determination as to whether the agent will purchase shares of our common stock directly from us or in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from third parties which will affect whether such shares will be sold to you at a discount. We will not, however, change our determination more than once in any three-month period.

You will not know the actual number of shares purchased in any month on your behalf under the plan until after the applicable investment date.

You will have limited control regarding the timing of sales under the plan. Because the agent will effect sales under the plan only as soon as practicable after it receives instructions from you, you may not be able to control the timing of sales as you might for investments made outside the plan. The market price of the shares of our common stock may fluctuate between the time the agent receives an investment instruction and the time at which the shares of our common stock are sold. Because purchases under the plan are only made as of the dividend payment date, in the case of dividends, or the applicable investment date, in the case of optional cash purchases, you have no control regarding the timing of your purchases under the plan. No discount will be available for shares acquired in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. While a discount from market prices of up to 5% may be established for a particular month for shares purchased directly from us, a discount for one month will not insure the availability of a discount or the same discount in future months. Each month we may, without giving you prior notice, change or eliminate the discount. Further, in no event may we issue shares at a price less than 95% of the market price of our common stock on the date of issuance.

Shares deposited in a plan account may not be pledged until the shares are withdrawn from the plan.

Your investment in the shares of common stock held in your account is no different than a direct investment in shares of our common stock. You bear the risk of loss and the benefits of gain from market price changes for all of your shares of common stock. Neither we nor the agent can assure you that shares of our common stock purchased under the plan will, at any particular time, be worth more or less than the amount you paid for them.

4. Who will administer the plan?

The plan will be administered by The Bank of New York Mellon. We may designate a successor administrator as agent. The agent acts as agent for you, keeps records of your accounts, sends you regular account statements, and performs other duties relating to the plan. Common stock purchased for you under the plan will be held by the agent and may be registered in the name of the agent or its nominee on your behalf, unless and until you request that a stock certificate for all or part of the shares be issued, as more fully described under Question 22, Will certificates be issued for share purchases?

The address for the agent concerning any inquiries or financial transaction processing, including enrollments, sales, withdrawals, deposits and optional cash payments, is:

The Bank of New York Mellon
Shareowner Services
P.O. Box 358035
Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035

You may also contact the agent by telephone for general inquiries at the following number. Please note that most transactions can be conducted over the telephone using the agent's automated telephone system. Using the automated telephone system to issue certificates and sell plan shares provides private and automated transactions.

Telephone Number: (866) 248-4020

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You may also contact the agent via e-mail at the following address: shrrelations@bnymellon.com. The agent's website provides on-line transactions at the following address: www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd.

Internet:

To obtain information and perform certain transactions on your account online, including investments via EFT, share withdrawals and sale of shares, you may use our agent's website at: www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd.

New investors establish a Personal Identification Number (PIN) when setting up their account.

For existing shareholders to gain access, use the 12-digit Investor Identification Number (IID) which can be found in a bolded box on your check stub, statement or advice to establish your PIN. In order to access your account online, you will be required to complete an account activation process. This one-time authentication process will be used to validate your identity in addition to your 12-digit IID and self-assigned PIN.

Unless directed otherwise by The Bank of New York Mellon, purchases and sales under the plan usually will be made through a broker affiliated with the agent. The affiliated broker will receive brokerage commissions from these transactions.

We may remove the agent, or the agent may resign, upon 30 calendar days' prior written notice.

5. Who is eligible to participate?

Any stockholder whose shares of common stock are registered on our stock transfer books in his or her name, also referred to as a registered holder, or any stockholder whose shares of common stock are registered in a name other than his or her name, for example, in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, also referred to as a beneficial owner, may participate in the plan. If you are a registered holder, you may participate in the plan directly. If you are a beneficial owner, you must either become a registered holder by having those shares transferred so that they are registered under your name or you must make arrangements with your broker, bank or other nominee to participate in the plan on your behalf.

In addition, if you are an interested investor who is not a stockholder, you may participate in the plan by making an initial optional cash purchase of common stock of not less than \$750 or more than \$10,000, unless we approve in writing your request for a waiver of this limit. See Question 15, May a stockholder request a waiver of the purchase limitation?

Your right to participate in the plan is not transferable to another person apart from your transfer of the underlying shares of common stock. We reserve the right to exclude from participation in the plan anyone who utilizes the plan to engage in short-term trading activities that cause aberrations in the trading volume of our common stock.

If you reside in a jurisdiction in which your participation in the plan would be unlawful, you will not be eligible to participate in the plan.

6. What if I am already enrolled in your dividend reinvestment plan?

If you are already reinvesting your stock's dividends under our dividend reinvestment plan, you do not need to take any action to stay enrolled in the plan.

7. How do I enroll in the plan and become a participant?

You may enroll on-line or complete and sign the dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan enrollment form and return it to the agent. Also, you may obtain an enrollment form at any time by requesting one from the agent at the address and telephone number set forth above. If you register shares in more than one name (e.g., joint tenants, trustees), all registered holders of those shares must sign the enrollment form exactly as their names appear on the account registration. If your securities are registered in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must contact the broker, bank or nominee and request that they complete an enrollment form on your behalf.

If you are an interested investor who is not presently one of our stockholders, but desire to become a participant by making an initial investment in common stock, you may join the plan by completing an enrollment form and forwarding it, together with the initial investment in U.S. funds by check payable to the agent, to the agent at the address on the enrollment form.

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8. What does the enrollment form provide?

The enrollment form appoints the plan's agent as your agent for purposes of the plan and directs the agent to apply to the purchase of additional shares of common stock all of the cash dividends on the specified number of shares of common stock owned by you on the applicable record date and designated by you to be reinvested through the plan. The enrollment form also directs the agent to purchase additional shares of common stock with any optional cash purchases that you may elect to make.

While the enrollment form directs the agent to reinvest cash dividends on all shares enrolled in the plan, you may elect partial dividend reinvestment or optional cash purchases only. You may change the dividend reinvestment option at any time online or by submitting a newly executed enrollment form to the agent or by writing to the agent. If you do not make an election on your enrollment form, the agent will reinvest all dividends paid on your shares. Any change in the number of shares with respect to which the agent is authorized to reinvest dividends must be received by the agent prior to the record date for a dividend to permit the new number of shares to apply to that dividend. For each method of dividend reinvestment, cash dividends will be reinvested on all shares other than those designated for payment of cash dividends in the manner specified above until you specify otherwise or withdraw from the plan altogether, or until the plan is terminated.

9. When will my participation in the plan begin?

If you are not already a participant in our dividend reinvestment plan, you may join the plan at any time.

Your participation in the dividend reinvestment portion of the plan will commence on the next date we pay dividends, provided the agent receives your enrollment form on or before the record date for the payment of the dividend.

Your participation in the optional cash purchase portion of the plan will commence on the next investment date, which will be the 26th day of the calendar month (unless the 26th calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday, in which case the investment date will be the first business day following the 26th calendar day of that month); provided sufficient funds to be invested are received on or before the business day immediately prior to the investment date. Should the funds to be invested arrive after the applicable optional cash investment due date, those funds will be held without interest until they can be invested on the next investment date unless you request a refund from the agent.

Once enrolled, you will remain enrolled until you discontinue participation or until we terminate the plan.

10. How do I get a refund of an optional cash purchase if I change my mind?

You may obtain a refund of any optional cash purchase payment not yet invested by requesting, in writing, the agent to refund your payment. The agent must receive your request no later than five business days prior to the next investment date. If the agent receives your request later than the specified date, your cash purchase payment will be applied to the purchase of shares of common stock.

11. Will I be paid interest on funds held for optional cash purchases prior to investment?

You will not be paid interest on funds you send to the agent for optional cash purchases. Consequently, we strongly suggest that you deliver funds to the agent to be used for investment in optional cash purchases shortly prior to but not after the applicable optional cash investment due date so that they are not held over to the following investment date. If you have any questions regarding the applicable investment dates or the dates as of which funds should be delivered to the agent, you should write or telephone the agent at the address and telephone number included above.

You should be aware that because investments under the plan are made as of specified dates, you may lose any advantage that you otherwise might have from being able to control the timing of an investment. Neither we nor the agent can assure you a profit or protect you against a loss on shares of common stock purchased under the plan.

12. How many shares may be purchased by a participant during any month or year?

Reinvested dividends are not subject to any minimum or maximum.

Optional cash purchases are subject to a minimum investment of \$100 and a maximum investment of \$10,000 in any calendar month.

Initial optional cash purchases by investors that are not yet one of our stockholders are subject to a minimum of \$750 and a maximum of \$10,000.

The maximums for optional cash purchases may be waived by us in our sole and absolute discretion. You may request a waiver of such maximums by submitting a request for waiver which we must receive at least five business

days prior to the investment date as described in Question 15, May a stockholder request a waiver of the purchase limitation?

Optional cash purchase amounts of less than \$100, or \$750 in the case of an initial optional cash purchase by a non-stockholder, and, unless the maximum is waived, any optional cash purchases that exceed the maximum of \$10,000 per calendar month, will be returned to you without interest.

13. At what price will shares be purchased?

Reinvested dividends. The purchase price for each share of common stock acquired through the plan by the reinvestment of dividends will be equal to:

in the case of newly issued shares of common stock, the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on the applicable date we pay dividends less a discount ranging from 0% to 5%, currently set at 2%, provided, that if no trades of our common stock are reported on the NYSE Composite on the date we pay dividends, the agent shall apply such reinvested dividends on the next trading day on which there are trades of our common stock reported on the NYSE Composite; or

in the case of open market or privately negotiated transactions, the average of the purchase price of all shares purchased by the agent for the plan with reinvested dividends for the applicable date we pay dividends.

Optional cash purchases under the maximum thresholds. The price of shares acquired through the plan as a result of optional cash purchases of \$10,000 or less, will be equal to:

in the case of newly issued shares of common stock, the 10 day average of the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on each of the 10 trading days immediately preceding the applicable investment date, less a discount ranging from 0% to 5%, currently set at 2%; or

in the case of open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions, the average of the purchase price of all shares purchased by the agent on the applicable investment date.

Optional cash purchases made above the \$10,000 maximum limit with our permission. If we elect to allow you to purchase in excess of \$10,000 in any calendar month, the price will be equal to the greater of:

the 10 day average of the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on each of the 10 trading days immediately preceding the applicable investment date, less a discount ranging from 0% to 5%, currently set at 2%; or

the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on the investment date, less a discount ranging from 0% to 5%, currently set at 2%. See Question 14, Are there limitations that apply to optional cash purchases made in excess of the maximum limit? All shares of common stock purchased in excess of the maximum limit will be newly issued, and no shares will be acquired from open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions.

Maximum discount applicable to all dividend reinvestments and optional cash purchases. Whether you are reinvesting dividends or making optional cash purchases, you may not purchase shares of our common stock on any particular trading day (whether such shares are newly issued shares or purchased by the agent in open market or privately negotiated transactions) for an amount, less any brokerage commissions, trading fees and any other costs of purchase paid by us, which is less than 95% of the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on that particular trading day. In the event that shares would be purchased for an amount, less any brokerage commissions, trading fees and other costs, which is below

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95% of this average, your purchase price, less any brokerage commissions, trading fees and other costs, will equal 95% of the average of the high and low NYSE Composite prices on that day.

14. Are there limitations that apply to optional cash purchases made in excess of the maximum limit?

We will consider requests for optional cash purchases in excess of \$10,000 on a case-by-case basis and approve or deny each request in our sole discretion based on a number of factors. See Question 15, May a stockholder request a waiver of the purchase limitation? All requests for a waiver must include your representation to us that:

you are not purchasing shares to engage in arbitrage activities;

you have not sold and will not sell shares of our common stock (including short sales) during the 10 day period immediately prior to the investment date; and

you are not engaging in an unlawful distribution of our common stock or engaging in underwriting activities as defined under applicable law.

As a condition to granting any requests for a waiver of the purchase limitation, we may require that you make additional representations to us relating to your beneficial interest in our securities, your trading activity in our common stock and your intention with respect to the shares you purchase pursuant to your request for a waiver of the purchase limitation.

15. May a stockholder request a waiver of the purchase limitation?

You may make optional cash purchases in excess of \$10,000 during any calendar month only pursuant to a request for waiver approved by us in our sole and absolute discretion. A request for waiver should be sent to us by facsimile (949) 759-6887, Attention: Chief Financial Officer, by 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, at least five business days prior to the investment date. In the event that a request for waiver is received by us after this date, the waiver will not be approved for that investment date and your optional cash purchase will be limited to \$10,000 for that investment date. If your request for a waiver is not timely, or if we deny your request for a waiver, the agent will refund the entire amount without interest thereon. The request for waiver should not be sent to the agent. The request for waiver form will be furnished by us or the agent at the address and telephone number referenced above. We have sole and absolute discretion to grant any approval for optional cash purchases in excess of the allowable maximum amounts.

In deciding whether to approve a request for waiver, we will consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to:

our need for additional funds,

the attractiveness of obtaining the additional funds through the sale of common stock as compared to other sources of funds,

the purchase price likely to apply to any sale of common stock, and

the aggregate amount of optional cash purchases for which requests for waiver have been submitted by all participants.

If requests for waiver are submitted for any investment date for an aggregate amount in excess of the amount we are then willing to accept, we may honor those requests by any method that we determine to be appropriate. With regard to optional cash purchases made pursuant to a request for waiver, the plan does not provide for a predetermined maximum limit on the amount that you may invest or on the number of shares that may be purchased. We reserve the right to modify, suspend or terminate participation in the plan for any reason whatsoever including the elimination of practices that are not consistent with the purposes of the plan.

Any person who acquires shares of common stock through the plan and resells them shortly before or after acquiring them may be considered to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933. We have no arrangements or understandings, formal or informal, with any person relating to a distribution of shares to be received pursuant to the plan by such persons. See Plan of Distribution.

16. How and when will we determine whether shares of common stock will be newly issued or purchased in the market, and how and when will we establish a discount?

We may, without prior notice to you, change our determination as to whether common stock will be purchased by the agent directly from us, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from third parties or in a combination of both, in connection with the purchase of shares of common stock from reinvested dividends or from optional cash purchases. We will not, however, change our determination more than once in any three-month period.

You may not be able to depend on the availability of a market discount regarding shares acquired from newly issued company stock. While a discount from market prices of up to 5% may be established, the discount is subject to change from time to time and is also subject to discontinuance at our discretion at any time. We will not, however, change our determination more than once in any three-month period.

Not later than three business days prior to the investment date for the applicable month, you may obtain the discount applicable to the next investment date by telephoning us at (949) 718-4400. We will not offer a discount for common stock purchased in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

17. How many shares are being sold under the plan?

The agent may purchase shares from (i) the open market or privately negotiated purchases or (ii) our authorized but unissued shares of our common stock, or a combination of both. There is no limit on the number of shares that the agent may purchase in the open market or pursuant to privately negotiated purchases, and initially 5,000,000 shares of common stock were authorized to be newly issued and sold under the plan. An additional 3,000,000 shares of common stock were subsequently authorized to be issued and sold under the plan. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, 4,644,646 shares have been sold under the plan, which leaves 3,355,354 remaining for issuance.

However, shares of common stock purchased by the agent for optional cash purchases made above the \$10,000 maximum limit with our permission must be acquired from newly issued common stock and may not be acquired from open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions. See Question 13, At what price will shares be purchased?

Because we presently expect to continue the plan indefinitely, we expect to authorize additional shares from time to time as necessary for purposes of the plan.

18. When will shares be acquired under the plan?

If we elect to provide shares for the plan through newly issued stock, shares will be credited to your account as follows:

if you are an existing stockholder reinvesting some or all of your dividends automatically, shares will be issued and credited to your account as of the applicable date we pay dividends; provided, that if no trades of our common stock are reported on the NYSE Composite on the date we pay dividends, the agent shall apply such reinvested dividends on the next trading day on which there are trades of our common stock reported on the NYSE Composite; or

if you are making optional cash purchases, shares will be issued and credited to your account as of the applicable investment date. Shares will generally be made available within three business days following the investment date.

If we elect to acquire shares for the plan through the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, the agent will purchase the shares as soon as practicable on the applicable date we pay dividends or the applicable investment date, in the case of the reinvestment of dividends and optional cash purchases, respectively. The date these shares will be deemed acquired and credited to your account will be the date we pay dividends or the investment date.

We intend to make quarterly distributions to our stockholders in amounts sufficient to maintain our qualification as a real estate investment trust under the Code. All distributions will be made by us at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our earnings and financial condition, the amount of distributions necessary to maintain our real estate investment trust status and those other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant. There can be no assurance as to the declaration or payment of a

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dividend, and nothing contained in the plan obligates us to declare or pay any dividend on our common stock. The plan does not represent a guarantee of future dividends.

19. How are optional cash purchases made?

All plan participants are eligible to request optional cash purchases at any time. Other interested investors that are not one of our stockholders are also eligible to make an initial investment in common stock through an optional cash purchase by submitting an enrollment form or enrolling online.

You can make an optional cash investment when joining the plan by enclosing a check with the enrollment form. Thereafter, optional cash investments should be accompanied by the transaction request form located at the bottom of your statement or transaction advice. Using this form expedites the purchase and ensures proper posting of the shares to your account. Replacement statements may be requested by contacting our Shareholder Service Center at (866) 248-4020.

Individuals who elect to make monthly purchases may do so by check or by Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT. If the second option is chosen your optional cash investment will be deducted from your checking or savings account on the 25th day of the calendar month (unless the 25th calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday, in which case your optional cash investment will be deducted on the first business day following the 25th calendar day of that month).

Optional cash payments may also be made by check drawn on a US Bank, in US currency, payable to BNY Mellon/NHP. Mail the transaction request form attached to the bottom of your statement along with your check to the plan administrator using the address indicated in Question 4, Who will administer the plan? Third party checks will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.

In the event that an optional cash investment check is returned unpaid for any reason or your designated bank account for EFT does not have sufficient funds for your authorized monthly deduction, the agent will immediately remove from your account any shares already purchased upon the prior credit for such funds. The agent will thereupon be entitled to sell any such shares to satisfy any uncollected amounts. If the net proceeds of the sale of such shares are insufficient to satisfy the balance of the uncollected amounts, the agent reserves the right to sell such additional shares from your account as may be necessary to satisfy the uncollected balance.

It is your responsibility to immediately notify The Bank of New York Mellon of any change in EFT information as it relates to your authorized monthly deductions. Changes to EFT information must be submitted to The Bank of New York Mellon in writing. Participants may call (866) 248-4020 and request an enrollment package.

Participants will be charged a fee of \$20.00 for returned checks and failed automatic EFT investments.

Optional cash purchases should be received by the agent at least one business day prior to the investment date. All optional cash purchases made in excess of the plan limit with our permission may be made only by wire transfer to the account referenced on the waiver form. Inquiries regarding other forms of payments and all other written inquiries should be directed to the agent at the address referenced herein.

20. What are the federal income tax consequences of participating in the plan?

If you reinvest dividends, you will still be treated for federal income tax purposes as having received a dividend on the dividend payment date. By reinvesting dividends you will be liable for the payment of income tax on the dividends despite not receiving immediate cash dividends to satisfy the tax liability. In addition, for reinvested dividends and optional cash purchases, you will be treated as having received a constructive distribution, which may give rise to additional tax liability, to the extent we pay brokerage commissions on your behalf or purchase shares at a discount. See United States Federal Income Tax Consequences.

21. What if I have more than one account?

For purposes of the limitations discussed in this prospectus supplement, we may aggregate all optional cash purchases for you if you have more than one account which uses the same social security or taxpayer identification number. If you are unable to supply a social security or taxpayer identification number, your participation may be limited by us to only one plan account. Also for the purpose of these limitations, all plan accounts that we believe to be under common control or management or to have common ultimate beneficial ownership may be aggregated. Unless we have determined that reinvestment of dividends and optional cash purchases for each account would be consistent with the purposes of the plan, we will have the right to aggregate all of these accounts and to return, without

interest, any amounts in excess of the investment limitations.

22. Will certificates be issued for share purchases?

Share certificates will not be issued unless a request is made to the agent. All shares purchased pursuant to the plan may be held together in the name of the agent or its nominee and credited to each individual account in book-entry form. This service protects against the loss, theft, or destruction of certificates evidencing shares. Upon your request, upon your withdrawal from the plan or upon termination of the plan, the agent will have certificates issued and delivered for all full shares credited to your account. Certificates will be issued only in the same names as those enrolled in the plan. In no event will certificates for fractional shares be issued.

23. May I add shares of common stock to my account by transferring stock certificates that I possess?

You may send to the plan for safekeeping all common stock certificates which you hold. The safekeeping of shares offers the advantage of protection against loss, theft or destruction of certificates as well as convenience, if and when shares are sold through the plan. All shares represented by certificates will be kept for safekeeping in book-entry form and combined with any full and fractional shares then held by the plan for you. To deposit certificates for safekeeping under the plan, you must submit the transaction request form attached to the bottom of your statement. Stock certificates and the transaction request form as well as all other transaction processing should be directed to the agent at:

The Bank of New York Mellon
Shareowner Services
480 Washington Blvd
Jersey City, NJ 07310

All written inquiries about the safekeeping service or otherwise should be directed to the agent at:

The Bank of New York Mellon
Shareowner Services
P.O. Box 358035
Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035
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24. What reports will be sent to participants in the plan?

Unless you participate in the plan through a broker, bank or nominee, you will receive from the agent a detailed statement of your account following each dividend payment and when there is purchase activity in your account. These detailed statements will show total cash dividends received, optional cash purchases made, shares purchased, including fractional shares, and price paid per share in such year, and the total shares held in the plan. You should keep these statements to determine the tax basis for shares purchased pursuant to the plan.

If the purchase involves dividend reinvestment, then the statement will also show your total distribution and the amount of your dividend that was reinvested in shares of common stock. In addition, the agent will send to you a copy of the annual report, proxy statements and federal income tax information for reporting distributions in addition to any other reports that it may send as it sees fit.

The agent will send a statement following any sale activity in your account. In this statement you will receive a check with a Form 1099-B and information regarding the trade such as sale price, shares sold, fees, net dollars and taxes, if any. The sale will be recapped on your quarterly dividend statement.

Both statements for purchases and sales will contain year-to-date summary information. You should keep these statements to determine the tax basis for shares purchased pursuant to the plan. Any participant that participates in the plan through a broker, bank or nominee, should contact that party for a similar statement.

25. How may I withdraw from the plan?

You may terminate participation in the plan by submitting to the agent the transaction request form attached to the bottom of your statement. After the agent receives the termination notice, dividends will be sent to you in the usual manner and no further optional cash purchases may be made until and unless you re-enroll in the plan. Notice of termination must be received by the agent at least one business day before an investment date. Once termination has been effected, the agent will issue to you a certificate for all whole shares held under the plan. Alternatively, you may specify in the termination notice that some or all of the shares be sold. Any fractional shares held in your account under the plan at the time of termination will be converted to cash at the average price the agent obtains for all shares sold on that particular trading day, net of any brokerage commissions. If you dispose of all shares represented by certificates registered in your name on our books but do not give notice of termination under the plan, the agent will continue to reinvest dividends on shares held in your account under the plan until otherwise directed. If the request is received on or after the record date for a dividend, any cash dividend paid on that account will be reinvested for the account. The request will then be processed as soon as practicable after the dividend is reinvested and the additional shares are credited to your account. There will be no cost to you with respect to termination of your reinvestment of dividends through the plan other than the applicable sales fee with respect to any shares sold.

If your plan account balance falls below one full share, the agent reserves the right to liquidate and remit the proceeds, less any applicable fees, to you at your address of record and to terminate your participation in the plan. We may also terminate the plan or your participation in the plan after written notice in advance mailed to you at the address appearing on the agent's records. Participants whose participation in the plan has been terminated will receive certificates for whole shares held in their accounts and a check for the cash value of any fractional share held in any plan account so terminated less any applicable fees.

26. What happens if I sell or transfer shares of stock or acquire additional shares of stock?

You may instruct the agent to sell some or all of your shares held in your account by notifying the agent by using the form included with account statements. Please note that your sale order will not be executed on the day your order is placed. You should therefore anticipate a difference between the price of the stock on the date you place the order and the price at which the shares are sold.

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Sale orders via the Internet. You may instruct the agent to sell some or all shares held in your account by placing a sale order via the Internet. To place a sale order, visit our agent's website at www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd.

Sale order via interactive voice response system. You may also place a sale order via the Interactive Voice Response system, or IVR. To place a sale order, telephone the Shareholder Service Center at (866) 248-4020 and enter your Investor ID at the prompt. Daily sale orders are generally accepted until 6:00 pm Eastern Time. Sale orders placed via the IVR before 6:00 pm will generally be sold within two business days and in most cases be sold the next business day. Sales placed after 6:00 pm will be considered received the next business day. Sales are subject to stock exchange holidays, early closings and black-out periods imposed by us.

Sale order by mail. You may use the stub from the plan statement that you receive from The Bank of New York Mellon to sell your shares. You must complete and sign the stub and mail the instructions to the agent. All listed participants must sign the instruction form. Sale orders received by mail will be executed by the agent promptly after receipt.

The agent will sell shares through an Affiliated Broker, as soon as practicable after receipt of a proper notice. Shares to be sold may be commingled with those of other participants requesting sale of their shares, and the proceeds to each participant will be based on the average price for all shares sold by the agent during the day of sale. You should understand that the price of the common stock may go down as well as up between the date a request to sell is received and the date the sale is executed. The plan does not offer the ability for you to specify either the dates or the prices at which shares are to be sold through the agent.

There is a transaction fee for selling shares through the agent in addition to your pro rata share of trading fees or brokerage commissions.

If you have elected to have dividends automatically reinvested in the plan and subsequently sell or transfer all or any part of the shares registered in your name, automatic reinvestment will continue as long as shares are registered in your name or held for you by the agent or until termination of enrollment. Similarly, if you have elected the full or partial dividend reinvestment option under the plan and subsequently acquire additional shares registered in your name, dividends paid on the shares will automatically be reinvested until termination of enrollment. If, however, you have elected the optional cash purchases only option and subsequently acquire additional shares that are registered in your name, dividends paid on the shares will not be automatically reinvested under the plan.

27. How may I transfer all or a part of my shares held in the plan to another person?

You may transfer ownership of all or part of your shares held in the plan through gift, private sale or otherwise, by mailing to the agent at the address listed in Question 4, "Who will administer the plan?" a properly executed stock assignment, along with a letter with specific instructions regarding the transfer and a Substitute Form W-9 (Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number) completed by the transferee. Requests for transfer of shares held in the plan are subject to the same requirements as the transfer of common stock certificates, including the requirement of a medallion signature guarantee on the stock assignment. The agent will provide you with the appropriate forms upon request. If you have any stock certificates bearing a restrictive legend in your account, the agent will comply with the provisions of the restrictive legend before effecting a sale or transfer of the restricted shares. All transfers will be subject to the limitations on ownership and transfer provided in our charter which are summarized below.

28. How will my shares be voted?

For any meeting of stockholders, you will receive proxy materials in order to vote all shares held by the plan for your account. All shares will be voted as designated by you or may be voted in person at the meeting of stockholders. If no instructions or executed proxies are received, the shares will not be voted. If you hold your shares through a broker, bank or nominee, that person will receive the proxy materials and you will need to contact that person in order to vote your shares.

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29. Who pays the expenses of the plan?

We will pay all day-to-day costs of the administration of the plan. You will only be responsible for a transaction fee and your pro rata share of trading fees and any brokerage commissions associated with your sales of shares of common stock attributable to you under the plan. We will pay for all fees and commissions associated with your purchases under the plan.

30. What are our or the agent's responsibilities under the plan?

Neither we nor the agent will be liable for any act done in good faith or for any good faith omission to act, including, without limitation, any claims of liability arising out of a failure to terminate a participant's account upon the participant's death or adjudication of incompetence prior to the receipt of notice in writing of the death or adjudication of incompetence, the prices at which shares are purchased or sold for the benefit of a participant's account, the times when purchases are made or fluctuations in the market value of the common stock. Neither we nor the agent has any duties, responsibilities or liabilities except as expressly set forth in the plan or as imposed by applicable laws, including, without limitation, federal securities laws. You should recognize that we cannot assure a profit or protect against a loss on the shares purchased by you under the plan and we take no position on whether you should participate in the plan.

31. What happens if we issue a stock dividend or subscription rights, declare a stock split or make any other distribution in respect of shares of our common stock?

You will automatically receive a credit to your plan account for any stock dividend, stock split or other distribution in respect of our shares of common stock that we may declare. In the event that we make available to the holders of our common stock subscription rights to purchase additional shares of common stock or other securities, the agent will sell the rights accruing to all shares held by the agent for participants and will apply the net proceeds of the sale to the purchase of common stock with the next monthly optional cash purchase. If you do not want the agent to sell the rights and invest the proceeds, you can notify the agent by submitting an updated enrollment form and you can request distribution of subscription or other purchase rights directly to yourself. This will permit you to personally exercise, transfer or sell the rights on the shares. The processing of dividend reinvestments or optional cash purchases may be curtailed or suspended until the completion of any stock dividend, stock split or other distribution.

32. May shares in my account be pledged?

You may not pledge shares credited to your or any other participant's account and any purported pledge will be void. If you wish to pledge shares, those shares must be withdrawn from the plan.

33. May the plan be changed or terminated?

We may amend, modify, suspend or terminate the plan at any time. You will be notified by the agent in writing of any substantial modifications made to the plan. Any amendment may include an appointment by the agent in its place of a successor agent under the terms and conditions set forth herein, in which event we are authorized to pay the successor for the account of each participant, all dividends and distributions payable on common stock held by the participant under the plan for application by the successor as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this action will not have any retroactive effect that would prejudice your interests.

34. What law governs the plan?

The plan will be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

This prospectus supplement describes the general terms of our capital stock. For a more detailed description of these securities, you should read the applicable provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL, and our charter and bylaws, as amended and supplemented from time to time. Copies of our existing bylaws and charter documents are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement to which this prospectus supplement relates. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 200,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$1.00 par value per share. At May 3, 2010, there were 119,447,061 shares of our common stock outstanding.

All shares of common stock:

participate equally in dividends payable to holders of common stock when and as declared by our board of directors and in net assets available for distribution to holders of common stock on liquidation or dissolution;