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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

Commission file number 1-12792

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

56-1857807

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**309 East Morehead Street
Suite 200**

Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

28202

(Zip Code)

(704) 334-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights**
(Title of each class)

**New York Stock Exchange
New York Stock Exchange**
(Name of each exchange on which registered)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes No

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The aggregate market value of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, held by nonaffiliates of the Registrant, as of June 28, 2002 was \$604,836,848.

The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding as of March 3, 2003 was 27,028,912.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Registrant's 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K, are incorporated by reference herein as portions of Part III of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Certain factors that might cause such a difference are discussed in this report on Form 10-K, including the section entitled Forward-Looking Statements on page 17. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to we, our or us in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation (Summit), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Operating Partnership), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

Item 1. Business

Our Company

Summit is a real estate investment trust that focuses on the development, construction, acquisition, and operation of luxury apartment communities. As of December 31, 2002, we owned 51 completed communities comprised of 15,428 apartment homes with an additional 1,206 apartment homes under construction in four new communities. We also own a 25% interest in a joint venture comprised of four completed communities with 1,203 apartment homes. We are a fully integrated organization with multifamily development, construction, acquisition and operation expertise. As of December 31, 2002, we had approximately 500 employees.

We operate throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and have chosen to focus our current efforts in five core markets consisting of Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh, Southeast Florida and Washington, D.C. While we currently operate in Texas as well, we intend to exit our Texas markets and use the sales proceeds from those communities to increase our presence in the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida markets. We have established city operating offices in all of our core markets. These city offices have direct responsibility for development, construction, and management of the communities in their geographic markets. We believe that this decentralized structure provides us with superior local knowledge and experience in each market.

We conduct our business principally through the Operating Partnership of which Summit is the sole general partner and an 88.6% economic owner as of December 31, 2002. Our property management, certain construction, and other businesses are conducted through our subsidiaries, Summit Management Company, a Maryland corporation, and Summit Apartment Builders, Inc., a Florida corporation. Throughout this report, we refer to Summit Management Company as the Management Company and to Summit Apartment Builders, Inc. as the Construction Company.

Operating Philosophy

We view customer service as one of our key values and seek to provide our residents with experienced, well-trained and attentive management staffs. Utilizing a hiring process known as Success By Selection, we select potential candidates who believe in superior customer service. Once hired, our associates enter into a comprehensive training program called Ask for Action. This training program ensures that our associates have a clear understanding of their job responsibilities, the high standards of performance expected of them, and the importance of excellent customer service. We have also developed several classes focusing on excellence in property management to provide on-going training for our associates and to further enhance associate productivity. We believe that this training regimen, along with the Success by Selection hiring process, has provided a higher quality management staff, evidenced by high resident satisfaction at our communities. We are an unprecedented four-time recipient of the CEL & Associates, Inc. Customer Service Award for Excellence, (from 1998 to 2001). This award is based on survey results of apartment residents throughout the country.

We have long stressed the importance of developing strong customer relationships with our residents. Our commitment to resident satisfaction is evidenced by our Peak Services . Among the many Peak Services are:

a Happiness Guarantee where residents can move from one of our communities without early lease termination charges if they are not satisfied with their home during the first 30 days; Same Day Maintenance Service and Emergency Maintenance available 24 hours a day; Business Services; Package Acceptance and Delivery; Loaner Living Accessories where we provide convenience tools for our residents use; No Nonsense Transfer Policy where residents can easily move from one Summit community to another without incurring many of the additional fees normally associated with such a move; and a free current run Video Library.

Business and Growth Strategies

In addition to superior customer service, we have identified four other strategies to create long term value for our stockholders: Disciplined Capital Management; Strategic Market Selection; Decentralized, Fully Integrated Operating Teams; and Sound Risk Management.

Disciplined Capital Management. We have determined that currently our most efficient source of capital continues to be contained within our existing portfolio of communities. By disposing of older communities in less desirable locations, and redeploying that capital in new communities in our core markets, we are able to create value in two ways. First, we have historically realized higher returns, on average, from the newer communities where this Recycled Capital has been utilized as compared to the older communities that have provided this capital. Second, this Capital Recycling Program has reduced the average age of the communities in our portfolio to approximately six years. This reduction in average age has resulted in lower maintenance and capital expenditure costs and has allowed us to better adapt our product to constantly changing market demands. Although we anticipate continuing this strategy of reinvesting capital obtained from dispositions into the development of new communities, there can be no assurance that we will be able to complete our disposition strategy, that assets identified for sale can be sold, or sold on satisfactory terms, or that we will be able to locate favorable opportunities for investment in our core markets.

Strategic Market Selection. Our goal is to be a market-leading operator of luxury apartment homes in a carefully selected group of core markets. We believe this strategy will improve our financial performance by improving economies of scale, concentrating market knowledge, and increasing brand awareness. We believe employment growth is a critical economic factor which affects apartment occupancy and rental rates. Based on a historical comparison of employment growth in our five core markets versus the U.S. average (excluding our core markets), these markets have typically generated higher job growth over an extended period of time and recovered from economic downturns more quickly.

Decentralized, Fully Integrated Operating Teams. We have integrated property management, development, and construction on a local level through our City TeamTM concept. Each of the City Teams includes a developer employed by Summit adept at visualizing market opportunities, construction personnel at the Construction Company who specialize in building luxury apartment communities, and management personnel at the Management Company experienced in the marketing, leasing and maintenance of luxury apartment communities. Working within well-understood corporate guidelines under the direction of senior management at our headquarters, these teams operate as autonomous units. We believe this integrated approach will create premium quality communities and increased customer satisfaction.

Sound Risk Management. We endeavor to practice sound risk management with respect to our portfolio of communities. Potential developments proposed by the City Teams are vigorously reviewed by a panel of senior management at our headquarters prior to the commitment of significant investment dollars. We believe that this combination of locally generated development opportunities, together with centralized review and assessment, produces a premium quality community with manageable risk.

Development Program

Through our City Teams we maintain an active development program which is appropriate for each market. Focusing on development allows us to build premium quality communities and provide returns which generally exceed those achieved on acquired communities.

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Although we have historically focused on suburban apartment communities, we have developed, or are currently developing, several communities in downtown areas in our Atlanta, Charlotte, Southeast Florida and Washington, D.C. core markets. These urban-oriented communities will augment our portfolio of primarily suburban communities.

During 2002, we curtailed, and may continue to curtail, our development spending in an effort to increase our financial flexibility in the current economic environment. In 2002, we completed development of four communities, adding 866 apartment homes to our portfolio. These four communities represent a total investment of approximately \$129.6 million. The communities completed in 2002 are Summit Shiloh II, Summit Valleybrook, Summit Brookwood and Summit Grand Parc.

We utilize the Construction Company, in addition to third-party general contractors, to build our new communities. Of the 1,206 apartment homes under development as of December 31, 2002, 65% are being built by the Construction Company.

The following provides summary information regarding the four communities under construction as of December 31, 2002 (dollars in thousands):

Community	Apartment Homes	Total Estimated Costs	Cost To Date	Estimated Cost To Complete	Anticipated Construction Completion
Summit Roosevelt Washington, D.C.	198	\$ 49,600	\$ 42,036	\$ 7,564	Q2 2003
Summit Stockbridge Atlanta, GA	304	23,600	18,608	4,992	Q3 2003
Summit Silo Creek Washington, D.C.	284	41,700	17,430	24,270	Q2 2004
Summit Las Olas Ft. Lauderdale, FL	420	73,700	34,648	39,052	Q3 2005
Other development and construction costs(1)			26,541		
	<u>1,206</u>	<u>\$ 188,600</u>	<u>\$ 139,263</u>	<u>\$ 75,878</u>	

(1) Consists primarily of land held for development and other predevelopment costs.

As with any development project, there are uncertainties and risks associated with the development of the communities described above. While we have prepared development budgets and have estimated completion and stabilization target dates based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions in light of current conditions, there can be no assurance that actual costs will not exceed current budgets or that we will not experience construction delays due to the unavailability of materials, weather conditions or other events. Similarly, market conditions at the time these communities become available for leasing will affect rental rates and the period of time necessary to achieve stabilization, and could result in achieving stabilization later than currently anticipated. See Management's Discussions and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Development Activity beginning on page 17 for a discussion of uncertainties and risks associated with our development program.

Acquisition and Disposition Program

While we have emphasized development of new apartment communities, we also have the expertise to capitalize on acquisition opportunities that meet our investment criteria. We believe our City Teams give us an advantage in identifying and underwriting attractive acquisition opportunities. We have acquired more than 9,200 apartment homes since our initial public offering in 1994.

In 2002, elevated purchase prices for acquisitions in the open market would have generally resulted in economic performance for those assets that was unattractive when compared to the potential economic performance of our development program. As a result, we acquired only one community during 2002, representing a total investment of \$17.1 million. However, this pricing dynamic also created an opportunity for us to increase our disposition activity, thereby enhancing our Capital Recycling Program, which is dependent on the execution of attractively priced dispositions.

During 2002, we disposed of eight communities for an aggregate sales price of \$211.8 million. For the most part, these communities were located outside our core markets and, as such, did not fit into our strategic market selection strategy. The proceeds from certain of these dispositions provided the basis for our Capital Recycling Program.

Company History

We were formed in 1993 to continue and expand the multifamily development, construction, acquisition, operation, management and leasing businesses of the predecessor entities through which we historically conducted operations prior to our initial public offering.

The predecessor entities were founded by one of our Co-Chairmen of the Board, William B. McGuire, Jr., in 1972. In 1981, William F. Paulsen joined the predecessor entity as Chief Executive Officer and shepherded the growth of its multifamily development and management activities. We have elected to be treated as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes. We completed our initial public offering of common stock on February 15, 1994.

We are a Maryland corporation and a self-administered and self-managed REIT. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol SMT. Our executive offices are located at 309 East Morehead Street, Suite 200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. Our telephone number is (704) 334-3000 and our facsimile number is (704) 333-8340. We also maintain offices in Atlanta, Georgia; Austin, Texas; Bethesda, Maryland; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and Raleigh, North Carolina.

2002 Significant Events

We have a common stock repurchase program, approved by our Board of Directors, pursuant to which we are authorized to purchase up to an aggregate of \$56.0 million of currently issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. All repurchases have been, and will be, made on the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant. We repurchased 151,300 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price, including commissions, of \$2.7 million, or an average price of \$17.62 per share during the year ended December 31, 2002. We repurchased 8,800 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price, including commissions, of \$197,000, or an average price of \$22.38 per share during the year ended December 31, 2001. We repurchased 279,400 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price, including commissions, of \$5.5 million, or an average price of \$19.80 per share during the year ended December 31, 2000. Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we have repurchased 422,200 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price, including commissions, of \$7.5 million, or an average price of \$17.70 per share. As of March 5, 2003, we had \$40.1 million remaining available for repurchases under the plan.

We have a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) as well as a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan (DRIP). Transactions under the ESPP were suspended effective July 2, 2002. Direct stock purchases under the DRIP were suspended effective October 31, 2002 and dividend reinvestment under the DRIP was suspended effective November 15, 2002. The employee stock purchase plan allowed our employees to purchase up to \$25,000 per year of our common stock at a discount of 15%. The dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan provided both new investors and existing holders of our stock with a method to purchase shares of our common stock and the ability for those stockholders to designate all, a portion or none of the cash dividends on shares of our common stock for reinvestment in more shares of our common stock.

In December 2002, we announced our intention to take advantage of the strong sales market that we have been experiencing by exiting our Texas markets, where, relative to our other markets, we lack the size and penetration to operate at maximum efficiency. We currently intend to use sales proceeds from our Texas communities to increase our presence in the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida markets.

In December 2002, our Board of Directors approved a reduction of our annual dividend from \$1.90 to \$1.35 per share. This decision was made in order to bring the dividend in line with the expected cash flow generated

by our communities. We intend to continue to make regular quarterly dividends to holders of shares of our common stock. Future dividends will be declared at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on actual cash flow, our financial condition, our capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant. Our Board of Directors may modify our dividend policy from time to time.

The Operating Partnership

The Operating Partnership was formed on January 14, 1994, and is the entity through which principally all of our business is conducted. We control the Operating Partnership as the sole general partner and as the holder of 88.6% of the common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2002. As of December 31, 2002, the Operating Partnership also had outstanding 3.4 million Series B and 2.2 million Series C Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Units. As the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, we have the exclusive power to manage and conduct the business of the Operating Partnership, subject to certain voting rights of holders of units of limited partnership interest. Subject to the rights and preferences of the outstanding preferred units, our general and limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2002, entitled us to share in 88.6% of the cash distributions from, and in the profits and losses of, the Operating Partnership.

Each common unit may be redeemed by the holder for cash equal to the fair market value of a share of our common stock or, at the election of the Operating Partnership, one share of our common stock, subject to adjustment. The Operating Partnership presently determines on a case-by-case basis whether to cause us to issue shares of common stock in connection with a redemption of common units rather than paying cash. With each redemption of common units for common stock, our percentage ownership interest in the Operating Partnership will increase. Similarly, when we acquire a share of common stock under our common stock repurchase program or otherwise, we simultaneously dispose of one common unit of the Operating Partnership. In addition, whenever we issue shares of common stock for cash, we will contribute any resulting net proceeds to the Operating Partnership and the Operating Partnership will issue an equivalent number of common units to us.

The Operating Partnership cannot be terminated, except in connection with a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, for a period of 99 years from the date of formation without a vote of the limited partners of the Operating Partnership.

Competition

Within each market, our communities compete directly with other rental apartments, condominiums and single-family homes that are available for rent or sale. These housing alternatives could adversely affect our ability to lease apartment homes, and increase or maintain our rents. In addition, various entities, including insurance companies, pension and investment funds, partnerships, investment companies and other multifamily REITs, compete with us for the acquisition of existing communities and the development of new communities, some of which may have greater resources than us. We compete against these firms and other housing alternatives by stressing customer service, market presence, product quality and experience.

Environmental Matters

Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be required, in many instances regardless of knowledge or responsibility, to investigate and remediate the effects of hazardous or toxic substances or petroleum product releases at that property. The owner or operator of real estate may be held liable to a governmental entity or to third parties for property damage and for investigation and remediation costs incurred by those parties in connection with the contamination, which may be substantial. The presence of these substances, or the failure to properly remediate the contamination, may adversely affect the owner's ability to borrow against, sell or rent that property. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs it incurs in connection with the contamination. In connection with the

ownership, operation, management and development of our communities and other real properties, we may be potentially liable for these damages and costs.

Certain federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations govern the removal, encapsulation and disturbance of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs), when these materials are in poor condition or in the event of construction, remodeling, renovation or demolition of a building. These laws, ordinances and regulations may impose liability for release of ACMs and may provide for third parties to seek recovery from owners or operators of real properties for personal injury associated with ACMs. In connection with the ownership, operation, management and development of our communities and other real properties, we may be potentially liable for these costs.

Finally, when excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold growth may occur, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or is not addressed. Concern about indoor exposure to mold has been increasing as exposure to mold may cause a variety of health effects and symptoms, including severe allergic or other reactions. As a result, the presence of mold at one of our communities could require us to undertake a costly remediation program to contain or remove the mold from the affected community. Such a remediation program could necessitate the temporary relocation of some or all of the community s residents or the complete rehabilitation of the community. In addition, the presence of significant mold could expose us to liability from residents and others if property damage or health concerns arise

Assessments of our communities have not revealed any environmental liability that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets, financial condition or results of operations, nor are we aware of any other environmental conditions which would have a material adverse effect. It is possible, however, that our assessments do not reveal all environmental liabilities or that there are material environmental liabilities of which we are unaware. Moreover, there can be no assurance that future laws, ordinances or regulations will not impose any material environmental liability, or that the current environmental condition of our communities will not be affected by residents, the condition of land or operations in the vicinity of the communities, such as the presence of underground storage tanks, or third parties unrelated to us. In addition, environmental liabilities could develop at communities sold pursuant to our disposition strategy for which we may have liability.

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We maintain a website on the World Wide Web at www.summitproperties.com. We make available, free of charge, on our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this report. Our reports filed with, or furnished to, the SEC are also available on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

Item 2. Properties

Our Communities

As of December 31, 2002, we owned, and operated through the Operating Partnership, 51 completed communities with 15,428 apartment homes. Forty two of the communities were completed after January 1, 1990 and, as of December 31, 2002, the average age of our completed communities was approximately six years. All of our communities target middle to upper income apartment renters as customers and have amenities, apartment home sizes and mixes consistent with the desires of this resident population. We have an additional 1,206 apartment homes under construction, which have not yet begun lease-up. As of December 31, 2002, we also held an ownership interest in four completed communities with 1,203 apartment homes through

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a joint venture. The following is a summary of the 51 completed communities by market (the table below does not include joint venture communities):

	Number of Communities	Number of Apartment Homes	% of Total Revenues
Washington, D.C.	8	2,406	20%
Atlanta, Georgia	11	3,275	19%
Southeast Florida	5	1,715	15%
Raleigh, North Carolina	8	2,582	14%
Charlotte, North Carolina	9	1,901	12%
Dallas, Texas	4	1,581	9%
Austin, Texas	2	856	5%
Orlando, Florida	2	510	3%
San Antonio, Texas	1	250	2%
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1	352	1%
	51	15,428	100%

The following table highlights information regarding these 51 completed communities:

Market Area/Community	Location	Number of Apartments	Year Completed	Average Apartment Size (sq. ft.)	Average Physical Occupancy 2002(1)	Average Physical Occupancy 2001(1)	Average Monthly Rental 2002(2)	Average Monthly Rental 2001(2)	Mortgage Notes Payable at December 31, 2002 (in thousands)
FULLY STABILIZED COMMUNITIES(3)									
ATLANTA									
Summit Club at Dunwoody	Atlanta, GA	324	1997	1,007	91.7	93.2	\$ 895	\$ 955	(4)
Summit Deer Creek	Atlanta, GA	292	2000	1,187	90.1	89.7	915	955	
Summit Glen	Atlanta, GA	242	1992	983	93.6	94.9	905	981	(4)
Summit on the River	Atlanta, GA	352	1997	1,103	94.3	88.5	841	890	(4)
Summit Shiloh	Atlanta, GA	182	2000	1,151	95.9	93.8	868	923	
Summit St. Clair	Atlanta, GA	336	1997	969	93.1	92.8	994	1,045	(4)
Summit Sweetwater	Atlanta, GA	308	2000	1,151	93.6	92.2	790	867	
ATLANTA WEIGHTED AVERAGE		2,036		1,075	93.0	91.9	888	946	
CHARLOTTE									
Summit Ballantyne	Charlotte, NC	400	1998	1,053	90.9	90.4	799	869	(4)
Summit Crossing	Charlotte, NC	128	1985	978	92.6	92.7	639	703	
Summit Fairview	Charlotte, NC	135	1983	1,036	93.3	93.5	717	810	
Summit Foxcroft(5)	Charlotte, NC	156	1979	940	93.6	92.5	643	695	\$ 6,900
Summit Norcroft	Charlotte, NC	216	1997	1,126	94.8	94.6	745	781	
Summit Sedgebrook	Charlotte, NC	368	1999	1,017	94.0	92.2	693	740	
Summit Simsbury	Charlotte, NC	100	1985	874	94.6	92.9	717	769	(6)
Summit Touchstone	Charlotte, NC	132	1986	899	95.5	96.5	678	702	(6)
CHARLOTTE WEIGHTED AVERAGE		1,635		1,013	93.3	92.6	719	774	
ORLANDO									
Summit Fairways	Orlando, FL	240	1996	1,302	94.4	91.7	845	864	
Summit Hunter's Creek	Orlando, FL	270	2000	1,082	94.7	94.2	812	838	
ORLANDO WEIGHTED AVERAGE		510		1,186	94.6	93.1	827	850	
RALEIGH									

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Reunion Park by Summit	Raleigh, NC	248	2000	941	95.1	96.7	653	705	
Summit Governor s Village	Raleigh, NC	242	1999	1,134	94.3	93.4	839	860	
Summit Highland	Raleigh, NC	172	1987	986	95.5	95.2	656	706	
Summit Lake	Raleigh, NC	446	1999	1,075	93.5	95.7	773	847	
Summit Square	Raleigh, NC	362	1990	925	91.8	94.6	709	782	
Summit Westwood	Raleigh, NC	354	1999	1,112	89.6	92.7	756	825	(4)
RALEIGH WEIGHTED AVERAGE		1,824		1,034	92.9	94.7	739	799	
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA									
Summit Aventura	Aventura, FL	379	1995	1,106	94.4	94.2	1,164	1,180	
Summit Del Ray	Delray Beach, FL	252	1993	968	92.7	93.5	887	937	(4)
Summit Doral	Miami, FL	260	1999	1,172	96.5	97.6	1,264	1,230	
Summit Plantation	Plantation, FL	502	1997	1,152	94.4	91.7	1,072	1,128	(4)
Summit Portofino	Broward County, FL	322	1995	1,307	94.7	93.5	1,096	1,094	
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA WEIGHTED AVERAGE		1,715		1,147	94.6	93.8	1,099	1,121	

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WASHINGTON, D.C.									
Summit Ashburn Farm	Loudon County, VA	162	2000	1,061	96.0	96.6	1,147	1,234	
Summit Belmont	Fredericksburg, VA	300	1987	881	97.8	97.7	825	790	(7)
Summit Fair Lakes	Fairfax, VA	530	1999	996	93.5	94.7	1,300	1,381	48,340
Summit Fair Oaks	Fairfax, VA	246	1990	938	93.9	94.5	1,115	1,198	
Summit Largo	Largo, MD	219	2000	1,042	95.6	96.0	1,257	1,195	(4)
Summit Reston	Reston, VA	418	1987	854	93.6	91.2	1,087	1,237	
WASHINGTON, D.C. WEIGHTED AVERAGE		1,875		949	94.7	94.7	1,135	1,196	
DALLAS									
Summit Belcourt	Dallas, TX	180	1994	875	96.1	91.3	1,025	1,088	9,018
Summit Buena Vista	Dallas, TX	467	1996	925	93.4	91.9	847	877	24,067
Summit Camino Real	Dallas, TX	712	1998	860	91.6	90.9	756	786	15,886
DALLAS WEIGHTED AVERAGE		1,359		884	92.8	91.3	823	857	
SAN ANTONIO									
Summit Turtle Rock	San Antonio, TX	250	1995	857	94.9	91.8	769	798	10,214
AUSTIN									
Summit Arboretum	Austin, TX	408	1996	847	91.9	90.4	825	918	18,796
Summit Las Palmas	Austin, TX	448	1998	890	89.0	87.6	830	936	(4)
		856		870	90.4	89.0	828	927	
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF COMMUNITIES STABILIZED IN 2002 AND 2001									
		12,060		977	93.4	92.9	895	946	
STABILIZED DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES(8)									
Summit at Lenox	Atlanta, GA	431	1965	963	94.7	85.9	993	1,020	
Summit Russett	Laurel, MD	426	2000	1,025	92.3	90.7	1,131	1,096	
		857		994	93.5	88.3	1,062	1,078	
ACQUISITION COMMUNITY(9)									
Summit San Raphael	Dallas, TX	222	1999	898	93.2	N/A	890	N/A	
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF STABILIZED COMMUNITIES									
		13,139		1,014	93.4	92.6	898	955	
COMMUNITIES IN LEASE-UP(10)									
Summit Brookwood(11)	Atlanta, GA	359	2002	906					
Summit Crest	Raleigh, NC	438	2001	1,129					
Summit Grandview(12)	Charlotte, NC	266	2000	1,082					
Summit Grand Parc(13)	Washington, D.C.	105	2002	904					
Summit Overlook	Raleigh, NC	320	2001	1,056					
Summit Peachtree City	Atlanta, GA	399	2001	1,026					
Summit Shiloh II	Atlanta, GA	50	2002	1,151					
Summit Valleybrook	Philadelphia, PA	352	2002	992					
		2,289		1,030					
TOTAL COMMUNITIES		15,428		1,017					

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- (1) Average physical occupancy is defined as the number of apartment homes occupied divided by the total number of apartment homes contained in the communities, expressed as a percentage. Average physical occupancy has been calculated using the average occupancy that existed on Sunday during each week of the period.
 - (2) Represents the average monthly net rental revenue per occupied apartment home. Average rental revenue is not shown for the periods during which a community was not stabilized.
 - (3) Communities that reached stabilization (93% physical occupancy) at least one year prior to the beginning of the current year.
 - (4) Collateral for fixed rate mortgage of \$133.9 million.
 - (5) Summit Foxcroft is held by a partnership in which we are a 75% managing general partner.
 - (6) Collateral for a fixed rate mortgage of \$8.0 million.
 - (7) Collateral for letters of credit in an aggregate amount of \$10.8 million which serve as collateral for \$10.6 million in tax exempt bonds.

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- (8) Communities that were stabilized in 2002 but did not stabilize at least one year prior to the beginning of the current year.
- (9) A community which we have acquired is not considered fully stabilized until owned for one year or more as of the beginning of the current year.
- (10) Communities that were in lease-up during 2002. As with any community in lease-up, there are uncertainties and risks. While we have estimated stabilization target dates and rental rates based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions in light of current conditions, there can be no assurance that actual rental rates will not be less than current budgets or that we will not experience delays in reaching stabilization of these communities. These communities are each in various stages of lease-up. For lease-up communities, average physical occupancy and average monthly rental revenue information is not meaningful and, therefore, is not presented.
- (11) Lessee as of December 31, 2002 under a land lease related to the land on which Summit Brookwood was constructed. We have exercised our purchase option under the land lease to purchase the related land for \$10.6 million.
- (12) The apartment homes at Summit Grandview stabilized during the fourth quarter of 2001. The information in the table represents data for the apartment homes only. The 75,203 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grandview was 74.7% occupied and leased as of December 31, 2002.
- (13) Summit Grand Parc was completed during the fourth quarter of 2002. The information in the table represents data for the apartment homes only. The 13,790 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grand Parc was 71.0% occupied and leased as of December 31, 2002.

Information with respect to total debt secured by 20 of our communities having an aggregate net book value of \$398.4 million as of December 31, 2002, is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate
Total principal	\$268,271	\$17,465
Interest rates range from	6.75% to 8.00%	2.47% to 3.08%(1)
Weighted average interest rate	6.98%	3.05%(1)
Annual debt service(2)	\$ 24,047	\$ 642

The aggregate maturities for secured debt as of December 31, 2002 are (in thousands):

2003	\$ 5,722
2004	6,105
2005	47,921
2006	28,422
2007	36,291
Thereafter	161,275
	\$285,736
Total	\$285,736

- (1) Interest rates as of December 31, 2002.
- (2) Annual debt service includes interest and principal payments, and for variable rate loans represents 2002 costs including letter of credit fees and other bond related costs.

Community Management

Our property management staff operates each of our communities. The management team for each community includes on-site management and maintenance personnel as well as supervision by a regional vice-president and regional property manager, and an off-site support staff. On-site community management teams perform leasing and rent collection functions, maintenance tasks and coordinate resident services. All personnel are extensively trained and are encouraged to continue their education through both internal and outside courses.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings*

We are not, nor are any of our communities, presently subject to any material litigation nor, to our knowledge, is any litigation threatened against us or any of our communities, other than routine actions for negligence or other claims and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which are expected to be covered by liability insurance and all of which collectively are not expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders*

No matters were submitted to a vote of our security holders during the fourth quarter of 2002.

PART II

Item 5. *Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters* Market Information and Stockholders

Our common stock began trading on the NYSE on February 8, 1994 under the symbol SMT. The following table sets forth the quarterly high and low sales prices per share reported on the NYSE during 2002 and 2001:

Quarter	2002		2001	
	High	Low	High	Low
January 1 through March 31	\$25.23	\$21.65	\$25.88	\$22.88
April 1 through June 30	25.85	22.23	26.83	23.42
July 1 through September 30	23.13	19.08	27.19	24.95
October 1 through December 31	19.38	16.72	26.27	22.42

On March 3, 2003, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$17.69 and there were 1,224 holders of record of 27,028,912 shares of our common stock.

Dividends

We declared a dividend of \$0.4750 per share of common stock for each of the first through third quarters in 2002, which were paid on May 15, 2002 for the first quarter, August 15, 2002 for the second quarter and November 15, 2002 for the third quarter. We declared a dividend of \$0.3375 per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of 2002, which was paid on February 14, 2003.

We declared a dividend of \$0.4625 per share of common stock for each of the four quarters in 2001, which were paid on May 15, 2001 for the first quarter, August 15, 2001 for the second quarter, November 15, 2001 for the third quarter and February 15, 2002 for the fourth quarter.

We intend to continue to make regular quarterly dividends to holders of shares of our common stock. Future dividends will be declared at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on actual cash flow, our financial condition, our capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant. Our Board of Directors may modify our dividend policy from time to time.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information regarding securities authorized for issuance under Summit's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2002:

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights(1)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(2)	2,340,197(3)	\$20.45(4)	42,613(5)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			

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Total	<u>2,340,197</u>	<u>\$20.45</u>	<u>42,613</u>
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(1) Does not include any restricted stock as such shares are already reflected in our outstanding shares of common stock.

- (2) Consists of our 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. We also have a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan, but transactions under such plan were suspended effective July 2, 2002.
- (3) Includes:
- 2,018,932 shares subject to stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2002.
 - 227,450 shares that may be issued pursuant to stock award agreements dated February 6, 2002. Under the stock award agreements, certain employees were awarded the opportunity to earn shares of our common stock. The number of shares of common stock to be received by each respective employee is based on the following schedule of dates and percentages: 15% on March 1, 2003; an additional 20% on each of March 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006; and the final 25% on March 1, 2007. The respective employee will receive the applicable number of shares on each date if he or she continues to be employed by us on such date. If an employee is terminated for any reason other than death or disability, his or her right to receive the remaining unacquired shares will terminate. Upon the death or disability of the employee, or upon a change of control, such employee or his or her estate, as the case may be, will be entitled to immediately receive the remaining unacquired shares regardless of the schedule set forth above. The number of shares represents 100% of the shares of common stock that could be potentially issued under the stock award agreements.
 - 93,815 shares that may be issued pursuant to performance stock award agreements dated February 23, 2001. Under the performance stock award agreements, certain employees have the opportunity to earn up to 150% of a target number of performance shares based upon the average annual total return (share appreciation and distributions) of our common stock from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003 as compared to the average annual total returns of our peers included in the NAREIT All REIT Index for Apartments during the same period. The number of shares represents 100% of the shares of common stock that could be potentially issued under the performance stock award agreements.
- (4) Represents the weighted average exercise price of the outstanding stock options. Does not include information about shares which may be issued under the stock award agreements and performance stock award agreements because such shares do not have an exercise price.
- (5) Does not include 74,270 shares of common stock available for future issuance under our non-qualified employee stock purchase plan, as transactions under such plan were suspended effective July 2, 2002.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial and other information on a consolidated historical basis as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2002. This table should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes which accompany this report, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of this report (amounts in thousands except per share and property information).

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.**

Year Ended December 31,

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Operating Information:					
Revenue					
Rental	\$ 143,791	\$ 154,167	\$ 149,855	\$ 142,002	\$ 119,060
Interest and other	13,130	14,366	15,300	12,588	7,958
Total	156,921	168,533	165,155	154,590	127,018
Property operating and maintenance expense (before depreciation and amortization)					
	55,660	55,078	51,580	50,262	44,911
Interest expense	33,315	38,301	36,880	35,594	30,771
Depreciation and amortization	37,130	35,347	32,767	31,000	26,147
General and administrative expense	6,032	6,599	4,752	3,876	3,861
Loss (income) from equity investments	357	(277)	1,178	615	328
Total	132,494	135,048	127,157	121,347	106,018
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, impairment loss, extraordinary items, minority interest of unitholders in Operating Partnership and dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership					
	24,427	33,485	37,998	33,243	21,000
Gain on sale of real estate assets	13,831	34,435	38,510	17,427	37,148
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	4,955	271			
Impairment loss on technology investments		(1,217)			
Income from continuing operations before extraordinary items, minority interest of unitholders in Operating Partnership and dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership					
	\$ 43,213	\$ 66,974	\$ 76,508	\$ 50,670	\$ 58,148
Net Income	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874	\$ 45,745	\$ 56,375
Income from continuing operations per share - basic					
	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.97

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Income from continuing operations per share diluted	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.07	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.97
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from discontinued operations per share basic	\$ 2.36	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.26
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from discontinued operations per share diluted	\$ 2.34	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.26
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Year Ended December 31,

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Net income per share basic	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.26
Net income per share diluted	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.41	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.26
Dividends per share	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.63
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	27,385	26,789	26,341	27,698	24,935
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	27,556	27,099	26,542	27,769	24,944
Weighted average shares and units outstanding basic	30,937	30,796	30,697	32,135	29,141
Weighted average shares and units outstanding diluted	31,107	31,106	30,897	32,206	29,150

Balance Sheet Information:

Real estate, before accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,405,189	\$ 1,410,339	\$ 1,428,059	\$ 1,284,818	\$ 1,206,536
Total assets	1,337,016	1,297,442	1,340,636	1,217,858	1,198,664
Total long-term debt	702,456	719,345	764,384	650,077	726,103
Stockholders equity	396,878	349,600	338,677	327,335	358,925

Other Information:

Cash flow provided by (used in):

Operating activities	\$ 58,301	\$ 66,546	\$ 70,968	\$ 59,021	\$ 63,808
Investing activities	(5,590)	6,177	(118,197)	(39,751)	(219,170)
Financing activities	(52,172)	(74,057)	46,247	(17,977)	154,636
Funds from Operations(1)	\$ 60,526	\$ 70,167	\$ 73,342	\$ 70,707	\$ 58,242
Total completed communities (at end of period)(2)	51	54	59	65	66
Total apartment homes developed(3)	866	1,157	1,696	1,650	973
Total apartment homes acquired	222		490		3,557
Total apartment homes (at end of period)(2)	15,428	16,739	17,273	16,765	16,631
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(4)	2.58	1.83	1.99	1.85	2.52

(1) We consider funds from operations (FFO) to be an appropriate measure of performance of an equity REIT. We compute FFO in accordance with standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT). FFO, as defined by NAREIT, represents net income (loss) excluding extraordinary items and gains or losses from sales of property, plus depreciation of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures, all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our methodology for calculating FFO may differ from the methodology for calculating FFO utilized by other real estate companies, and accordingly, may not be comparable to other real estate companies.

We believe that FFO is helpful to investors as a measure of the performance of an equity REIT because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors with an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt and to make capital expenditures. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of our financial performance or to cash flows from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) as a measure of our liquidity, nor is it indicative of funds available to fund our

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cash needs, including our ability to make dividend or distribution payments. FFO is calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Income before gain on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and extraordinary items	\$ 20,126	\$ 30,190	\$ 35,676	\$ 35,635	\$ 29,327
Real estate depreciation	40,400	39,977	37,666	35,072	28,915
Funds from operations	\$ 60,526	\$ 70,167	\$ 73,342	\$ 70,707	\$ 58,242

- (2) Represents the total number of completed communities and apartment homes in those completed communities owned at the end of the period (excludes joint venture communities).
- (3) Represents the total number of apartment homes in communities completed during the period and owned at the end of the period (excludes joint venture communities).
- (4) The ratios of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations (including gains on sale of real estate) plus fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest). Fixed charges consist of interest expense (whether expensed or capitalized), dividends to preferred unitholders in the Operating Partnership, the estimated interest component of rent expense and the amortization of debt issuance costs. To date, we have not issued any preferred stock; therefore, the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividend requirements are the same as the ratios of earnings to fixed charges presented.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to we, our or us in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation (Summit), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Operating Partnership), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of the words believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, assume and other similar expressions which predict or indicate future events and trends and which do not relate to historical matters. In addition, information concerning the following are forward-looking statements:

the future operating performance of stabilized communities;

expected national and regional economic and real estate market conditions, including the market for sales of real estate assets;

the proposed development, acquisition or disposition of communities, including our strategy to exit our Texas markets and to increase our presence in Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida;

anticipated construction commencement, completion, lease-up and stabilization dates; and

estimated development costs.

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You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to:

economic conditions generally, and the real estate market specifically, including changes in occupancy rates, market rents and rental rate concessions, the continuing deceleration of economic conditions in our markets, and the failure of national and local economic conditions to rebound in a timely manner;

changes in job growth, household formation and population growth in our markets;

uncertainties associated with our development activities, including the failure to obtain zoning and other approvals, actual development costs exceeding our budgets, and construction material defects;

the failure of acquisition and development communities to yield expected results;

the failure to sell communities marketed for sale, including our Texas communities, or to sell these communities in a timely manner or on favorable terms;

the failure to locate favorable opportunities for investment in our core markets;

construction delays due to the unavailability of materials, weather conditions or other delays;

potential environmental liabilities and related property damages, costs of investigation and remediation and liability to third parties;

competition, which could limit our ability to secure attractive investment opportunities, lease apartment homes or increase or maintain rents;

supply of and demand for apartment communities in our current market areas, especially our core markets;

availability and cost of financing and access to cost-effective capital;

the inability to refinance existing indebtedness or to refinance existing indebtedness on favorable terms;

changes in interest rates;

legislative and regulatory changes, including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts (REITs);

changes in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), or policies and guidelines applicable to REITs; and

those factors discussed below and in the sections entitled Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 beginning on page 20 of this report, Operating Performance of our Fully Stabilized Communities beginning on page 23 of this report, Operating Performance of our Communities in Lease Up beginning on page 25 of this report, Factors Affecting the Performance of Our Development Communities beginning on page 38 of this report, and Commitments and Contingencies beginning on page 39 of this report. Our common unitholders could suffer adverse tax consequences upon the sale of certain of our communities. We may sometimes make strategic decisions that are advantageous transactions for Summit, but may not be in the best interests of our common unitholders, including certain directors.

You should consider these risks and uncertainties in evaluating forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We do not undertake to update these forward-looking statements. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes which accompany this report.

Summit is a real estate operating company that has elected REIT status and focuses on the operation, development and acquisition of Class A luxury apartment communities located throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic United States, as well as in Texas. We focus our efforts in five core markets, with particular emphasis on Washington, D.C., Southeast Florida and Atlanta, Georgia. Our other core markets are Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte, North Carolina. While we currently operate in Texas as well, we intend to exit our Texas markets and use the sales proceeds from those communities to increase our presence in the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida markets. Because we focus on certain core markets, changes in local economic and market conditions in these markets may significantly affect our current operations and future prospects.

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with GAAP. A summary of our significant accounting policies is disclosed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, which are included in this annual report. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. As an owner, operator, developer and acquirer of apartment communities, our critical accounting policies are related to rental revenue recognition, cost capitalization and asset impairment evaluation.

We lease our residential properties under operating leases with terms of generally one year or less. Rental revenue is recognized on the accrual method of accounting as earned, which is not materially different from revenue recognition on a straight-line basis. We lease our office and retail space under operating leases with terms ranging from two to ten years. Rental revenue for office and retail space is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lives of the respective leases. It is our policy to reduce rental revenue by the amount of rent receivable from those residents whose payments are more than 30 days past due following move-out. We have recorded an allowance for uncollectible rent in the accompanying balance sheets for such items.

Expenditures directly related to the acquisition, development and improvement of real estate assets are capitalized at cost as land, buildings and improvements or furniture, fixtures and equipment in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 67, Accounting for Costs and Initial Rental Operations of Real Estate Projects. Improvements are categorized as either non-recurring or recurring capitalized expenditures. Non-recurring capitalized expenditures primarily consist of the cost of improvements such as new garages, water submeters, gated security access and improvements made in conjunction with renovations of apartment homes. Excluding rehabilitations, recurring capitalized expenditures consist primarily of floor coverings, furniture, appliances and equipment, and exterior paint and carpentry. Repairs and maintenance, such as landscaping maintenance, interior painting and cleaning and supplies used in such activities, are expensed as incurred and we do not accrue for such costs in advance.

We capitalize interest, the cost of our development efforts directly related to apartment construction, and certain operational costs for communities under construction and in lease-up. Interest costs are capitalized in accordance with SFAS No. 34, Capitalization of Interest Cost, based on the ratio of those units available for rental to the total number of units in the community and depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets. We capitalize the cost of our development department efforts to projects currently under construction, currently at a rate of 3.0% of such construction assets. Such costs are then depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets upon their completion. We treat each unit in an apartment community separately for capitalization and expense recognition purposes, resulting in a proration of interest and operational costs in a development community between costs that are capitalized or expensed. As units become available for their intended use, we cease capitalization of interest and operational costs on those units based on the ratio of those units available for rental to the total number of units in the community.

We record our real estate assets at cost less accumulated depreciation and, if there are indications that impairment exists, adjust the carrying value of those assets in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. Assets to be disposed of are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, we present operating results of communities we consider held for sale, as well as those sold, in discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of earnings prospectively from the date of adoption, which was January 1, 2002. Although the adoption of SFAS No. 144 did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, it did have a significant effect on the comparability of amounts presented from year to year on the consolidated statements of earnings.

Historical Results of Operations

Our income from continuing operations is generated primarily from operations of our apartment communities. The changes in operating results from period to period reflect changes in existing community performance and changes in the number of apartment homes due to development, acquisition or disposition of communities. Where appropriate, comparisons are made on a fully stabilized communities, acquisition communities, stabilized development communities, communities in lease-up and disposition communities basis in order to adjust for changes in the number of apartment homes.

A community that we have acquired is deemed fully stabilized when we have owned it for one year or more as of the beginning of the current year. A community that we have developed is deemed fully stabilized when stabilized for at least one year as of the beginning of the current year. A community is deemed to be a stabilized development community when stabilized as of the beginning of the current year but not the entire prior year. We consider a community to be stabilized when it has attained a physical occupancy level of at least 93%. A community in lease-up is defined as one that has commenced rental operations but was not stabilized as of the beginning of the current year. A community's average physical occupancy is defined as the number of apartment homes occupied divided by the total number of apartment homes contained in the community, expressed as a percentage. Average physical occupancy has been calculated using the average of the occupancy that existed on Sunday during each week of the period. Average monthly rental revenue presented represents the average monthly net rental revenue per occupied apartment home. Our methodology for calculating average physical occupancy and average monthly rental revenue may differ from the methodology used by other apartment companies and, accordingly, may not be comparable to other apartment companies.

Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000

We have experienced weakening apartment fundamentals due to the downturn in the national economy as well as declining economic conditions in our core markets. Local demand for apartment homes has declined due to lower job growth and/or job losses, primary drivers of apartment demand, which has led to lower rental rates and higher concessions in order to achieve increased occupancy rates. Additionally, the favorable interest rate environment has produced record homes sales which, when combined with the slowing economy, has depleted the number of prospective residents. The favorable interest rate environment has also provided the opportunity for developers to continue to add to the supply of apartments in our core markets. Although the current economic environment is unpredictable, we expect these trends to continue in 2003.

Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, impairment loss on investments in technology companies, minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in the Operating Partnership and extraordinary items decreased to \$24.4 million in 2002 from \$33.5 million in 2001. The primary factors causing this decrease are a \$12.3 million decrease in property operating income from continuing operations and an increase in depreciation expense of \$1.9 million due to the initiation and increase of depreciation on recently developed communities, as well as depreciation on the community acquired during the second half of 2002, offset by the absence of a full year of depreciation on communities sold during 2002 and 2001, all offset by a decrease in interest expense of \$5.0 million as a result of decreased average indebtedness outstanding and a decreased average effective interest rate. This same measure decreased to \$33.5 million in 2001 from \$38.0 million in 2000 primarily due to a \$2.2 million increase in depreciation expense, a \$2.2 million increase in general and administrative costs primarily as a result of \$1.8 million of non-recurring charges related to an increase in costs for abandoned pursuit projects and severance costs associated with senior staff reductions and a \$1.4 million increase in interest expense as a

result of increased average indebtedness outstanding, all offset by increased property operating income of \$1.3 million.

Operating Performance of our Portfolio of Communities

We evaluate community performance based on growth of property operating income, which is defined as rental and other property revenues less property operating and maintenance expense. We believe that property operating income is a meaningful measure for an investor's analysis of community performance as it represents the most consistent, comparable operating performance among our communities. Depreciation is a fixed cost not controllable by our property management staff and not all communities are encumbered by financing instruments. Therefore, all property operating and maintenance expense amounts in this Management's Discussion and Analysis section are presented before depreciation, interest and amortization. Property operating income does not include any allocation of corporate overhead. You should not consider property operating income as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of our financial performance or as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP), as a measure of our liquidity. Our calculation of property operating income may differ from the methodology and definition used by other apartment companies, and accordingly, may not be comparable to similarly entitled measures used by other apartment companies.

A summary of our apartment homes (excluding joint ventures) for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 is as follows:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Apartment homes at the beginning of the year	16,739	18,928	17,673
Acquisitions	222		490
Developments which were completed during the year	866		2,441
Sale of apartment homes	(2,399)	(2,189)	(1,676)
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Apartment homes at the end of the year	15,428	16,739	18,928
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The operating performance of our communities (excluding joint venture communities) is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	% Change	2001	2000	% Change
Property revenue:						
Fully stabilized communities	\$ 127,201	\$ 133,824	-4.9%	\$ 104,697	\$ 103,424	1.2%
Acquisition communities	1,111		100.0%	5,112	2,194	133.0%
Stabilized development communities	10,672	10,349	3.1%	53,905	48,581	11.0%
Communities in lease-up	16,679	8,271	101.7%	14,562	4,797	203.6%
Disposition communities	18,511	38,726	-52.2%	12,894	26,438	-51.2%
Total property revenue	174,174	191,170	-8.9%	191,170	185,434	3.1%
Property operating and maintenance expense:						
Fully stabilized communities	45,623	44,423	2.7%	35,254	33,710	4.6%
Acquisition communities	521		100.0%	1,773	687	158.1%
Stabilized development communities	3,638	3,273	11.2%	16,748	14,018	19.5%
Communities in lease-up	6,530	2,882	126.6%	5,138	1,612	218.7%
Disposition communities	6,350	12,875	-50.7%	4,540	9,060	-49.9%
Total property operating and maintenance expense	62,662	63,453	-1.2%	63,453	59,087	7.4%
Property operating income:						
Fully stabilized communities	81,578	89,401	-8.8%	69,443	69,714	-0.4%
Acquisition communities	590		100.0%	3,339	1,507	121.6%
Stabilized development communities	7,034	7,076	-0.6%	37,157	34,563	7.5%
Communities in lease-up	10,149	5,389	88.3%	9,424	3,185	195.9%
Disposition communities	12,161	25,851	-53.0%	8,354	17,378	-51.9%
Property operating income	\$ 111,512	\$ 127,717	-12.7%	\$ 127,717	\$ 126,347	1.1%
Interest and other income	3,049	3,156	-3.4%	3,156	4,210	-25.0%
Depreciation expense	(39,740)	(39,080)	1.7%	(39,080)	(36,602)	6.8%
Interest and amortization expense	(35,785)	(41,285)	-13.3%	(41,285)	(39,722)	3.9%
General and administrative expense	(6,133)	(6,958)	-11.9%	(6,958)	(4,752)	46.4%
(Loss) income on equity investments	(357)	277	-228.9%	277	(1,178)	123.5%
Gain on sale of real estate assets	83,693	34,706	141.1%	34,706	38,510	-9.9%
Impairment loss on technology investments		(1,217)	-100.0%	(1,217)		100.0%
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(11,856)	(8,359)	41.8%	(8,359)	(10,519)	-20.5%
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	(12,420)	(12,420)	0.0%	(12,420)	(12,420)	0.0%
Extraordinary items, net of minority interest	(275)		100.0%			0.0%
Net income	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	62.2%	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874	-11.5%

Operating Performance of our Fully Stabilized Communities

The operating performance of our fully stabilized communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands, except average monthly rental revenue):

	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	% Change	2001	2000	% Change
Property revenue:						
Rental	\$ 118,546	\$ 124,670	-4.9%	\$ 97,607	\$ 96,583	1.1%
Other	8,655	9,154	-5.5%	7,090	6,841	3.6%
Total property revenue	127,201	133,824	-4.9%	104,697	103,424	1.2%
Property operating and maintenance expense:						
Personnel	9,679	9,024	7.3%	6,786	6,193	9.6%
Advertising and promotion	1,815	1,474	23.1%	1,141	1,376	-17.1%
Utilities	5,860	6,145	-4.6%	4,740	4,481	5.8%
Building repairs and maintenance	6,190	6,259	-1.1%	5,014	4,855	3.3%
Real estate taxes and insurance	16,543	15,600	6.0%	12,820	12,192	5.2%
Property supervision	3,575	3,767	-5.1%	2,940	2,895	1.6%
Other operating expense	1,961	2,154	-9.0%	1,813	1,718	5.5%
Total property operating and maintenance expense	45,623	44,423	2.7%	35,254	33,710	4.6%
Property operating income	\$ 81,578	\$ 89,401	-8.8%	\$ 69,443	\$ 69,714	-0.4%
Average physical occupancy	93.4%	92.9%	0.5%	92.9%	94.5%	-1.7%
Average monthly rental revenue	\$ 895	\$ 946	-5.4%	\$ 931	\$ 909	2.4%
Number of apartment homes	12,060	12,060		9,615	9,615	
Number of apartment communities	40	40		37	37	

Rental and other revenue decreased from 2001 to 2002 due to weakening fundamentals in our markets primarily driven by a decline in job growth and/or an increase in job losses, residents leaving our communities to purchase homes in the low interest rate environment, and the new supply of apartment homes added to our core markets by builders taking advantage of low interest rates. Concessions at our fully stabilized communities increased by \$9.4 million, or 81.7%, in 2002 when compared to 2001. The current level of concessions offered to residents in our markets ranges from one to three months of free rent and we expect significant concessions to continue in our core markets in 2003 as we try to maintain elevated occupancy levels.

Property operating and maintenance expense increased by 2.7% from 2001 to 2002 primarily due to an increase in advertising costs, personnel costs and real estate taxes and insurance costs. The increase in advertising costs is primarily due to a 158% increase in fees paid to locator companies for assistance in referring residents to our communities. Personnel costs increased from 2001 to 2002 primarily due to an 11.7% increase in group insurance costs. Real estate taxes and insurance costs increased primarily due to an increase in property liability insurance costs of 64.8%. As a percentage of total property revenue, total property operating and maintenance expenses for our fully stabilized communities increased to 35.9% in 2002 from 33.2% in 2001. We expect that property operating income for our fully stabilized communities will continue to decline in 2003 based on what we believe to be reasonable assumptions as to future economic conditions and the quantity of competitive supply expected in our markets. However, there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from this assumption.

especially due to the unpredictable nature of the current economy.

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Rental and other revenue increased by 1.2% from 2000 to 2001 primarily due to higher average rental rates and increased revenue from sources other than rental income, such as water sub-meter income, trash fees and redecorating fees.

Property operating and maintenance expense increased by 4.6% from 2000 to 2001 primarily due to increased personnel costs, utility costs and real estate taxes and insurance, all offset by a decrease in advertising costs. Personnel costs increased from 2000 to 2001 primarily due to a one-time policy change which decreased discounts offered to employees who rent apartment homes at our communities resulting in commensurate increases in those employees' salaries. Utility costs increased from 2000 to 2001 primarily as a result of rising gas prices, as well as an increase in vacant utility costs driven by lower occupancy. Real estate tax costs increased as a result of higher assessments for our communities in 2001 over 2000, primarily in Texas. The decrease in advertising costs from 2000 to 2001 is primarily the result of a reduction in media advertising and locator fees. As a percentage of total property revenues, property operating and maintenance expense increased to 33.7% in 2001 from 32.6% in 2000.

Operating Performance of our Acquisition Communities

On July 1, 2002, we acquired a stabilized, luxury apartment community in the Galleria sub-market of Dallas, Texas for cash in the amount of \$17.7 million. The community, now known as Summit San Raphael, has 222 apartment homes and was constructed in 1999. Acquisition communities for the December 31, 2001 to 2000 comparison consist of Summit Sweetwater and Summit Shiloh (representing a total of 490 apartment homes), both located in Atlanta, Georgia, in each of which we acquired our joint venture partner's 51% interest on August 1, 2000. There were no community acquisitions during 2001. The operating performance of our acquisition communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands except average monthly rental revenue):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2002	2001	2001	2000
Property revenue:				
Rental	\$ 1,062	\$	\$ 4,726	\$ 2,016
Other	49		386	178
Total property revenue	1,111		5,112	2,194
Property operating and maintenance expense	521		1,773	687
Property operating income	\$ 590	\$	\$ 3,339	\$ 1,507
Average physical occupancy	93.2%		92.8%	92.8%
Average monthly rental revenue	\$ 890	\$	\$ 888	\$ 914
Number of apartment homes	222		490	490

Operating Performance of our Stabilized Development Communities

The comparison of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 represents two communities with a total of 857 apartment homes (Summit Russett and Summit Lenox) which were stabilized during the entire year ended December 31, 2002, but were stabilized subsequent to January 1, 2001. Summit Lenox is an existing community with 431 apartment homes that underwent major renovations during 2000 and 2001. Its operating results are included in results of stabilized development communities as it reached stabilization after renovation subsequent to January 1, 2001.

The comparison of the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 represents 15 communities with a total of 4,668 apartment homes (Summit Ballantyne, Summit Largo, Summit Sedgebrook, Summit Governor's Village, Summit Lake, Summit Westwood, Summit New Albany, Summit Fair Lakes, Summit Hunter's)

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Creek, Summit Russett I, Summit Doral, Summit Ashburn Farm, Summit Deer Creek, Summit Reunion Park I and Summit Fairview).

The operating performance of our stabilized development communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands except average monthly rental revenue):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2002	2001	2001	2000
Property revenue:				
Rental	\$ 9,950	\$ 9,487	\$50,130	\$45,079
Other	722	862	3,775	3,502
Total property revenue	10,672	10,349	53,905	48,581
Property operating and maintenance expense	3,638	3,273	16,748	14,018
Property operating income	\$ 7,034	\$ 7,076	\$37,157	\$34,563
Average physical occupancy	93.5%	88.3%	93.9%	88.1%
Average monthly rental revenue	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,078	\$ 966	\$ 897
Number of apartment homes	857	857	4,668	4,668

Operating Performance of our Communities in Lease-Up

We had eight communities in lease-up during the year ended December 31, 2002. The following is a summary of the communities in lease-up during 2002 (dollars in thousands):

Community	Number of Apartment Homes	Total Actual Cost	Actual Construction Completion	Actual/Anticipated Stabilization	Average Physical Occupancy 2002	% Leased as of December 31, 2002
Summit Brookwood Atlanta, GA	359	\$ 44,524	Q4 2002	Q3 2003	22.9%	61.0%
Summit Crest Raleigh, NC	438	32,609	Q3 2001	Q3 2002	84.3%	94.5%
Summit Grand Parc Washington, D.C.(1)	105	43,508	Q4 2002	Q3 2003	0.0%	1.9%
Summit Grandview Charlotte, NC(2)	266	51,261	Q4 2000	Q4 2001	90.6%	91.7%
Summit Overlook Raleigh, NC	320	28,697	Q4 2001	Q3 2002	84.2%	99.4%
Summit Peachtree City Atlanta, GA	399	33,231	Q3 2001	Q4 2002	70.1%	77.7%
Summit Shiloh II Atlanta, GA	50	4,015	Q1 2002	Q2 2002	76.3%	100.0%
Summit Valleybrook Philadelphia, PA	352	37,574	Q4 2002	Q3 2003	31.1%	58.8%
	2,289	\$275,419				

(1) Summit Grand Parc was completed during the fourth quarter of 2002. Stabilization, occupancy and percent leased information in the table above represents data for the apartment homes only. The 13,790 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grand Parc was 71.0% occupied and leased as of December 31, 2002.

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- (2) The apartment homes at Summit Grandview stabilized during the fourth quarter of 2001. Stabilization, occupancy and percent leased information in the table above represents data for the apartment homes only. The 75,203 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grandview was 74.7% occupied and leased as of December 31, 2002.

The actual stabilization dates for our communities in lease-up may be later than anticipated. The rental rates that we charge also may be less than expected, and we may need to offer rent concessions to the residents.

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We had six communities with 1,966 apartment homes in lease-up during the year ended December 31, 2001 (Summit Crest, Summit Grandview, Summit Lenox, Summit Overlook, Summit Peachtree City and Summit Russett II).

The operating performance of our lease-up communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2002	2001	2001	2000
Property revenue:				
Rental	\$ 15,765	\$ 7,752	\$ 13,469	\$ 4,459
Other	914	519	1,093	338
Total property revenue	16,679	8,271	14,562	4,797
Property operating and maintenance expense	6,530	2,882	5,138	1,612
Property operating income	\$ 10,149	\$ 5,389	\$ 9,424	\$ 3,185
Number of apartment homes	2,289	2,289	1,966	1,966

Operating Performance of our Disposition Communities

The 2002 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Stonefield, Summit Meadow, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor (an aggregate of 2,399 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2002. The disposition of three of these eight communities completed our exit of the Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio and Newark, Delaware markets.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% ownership interest sold an apartment community formerly known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge (318 apartment homes) located in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 2001 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Stony Point, Summit Gateway, Summit Deerfield, Summit Waterford and Summit Walk (an aggregate of 2,189 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2001. The 2000 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Creekside, Summit Eastchester, Summit Sherwood, Summit River Crossing, Summit Blue Ash, Summit Park and Summit Village (an aggregate of 1,676 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2000.

The operating performance of the disposition communities (excluding The Heights at Cheshire Bridge) is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2002	2001	2001	2000
Property revenue:				
Rental	\$ 17,212	\$ 35,928	\$ 11,905	\$ 24,503
Other	1,299	2,798	989	1,935
Total property revenue	18,511	38,726	12,894	26,438
Property operating and maintenance expense	6,350	12,875	4,540	9,060
Property operating income	\$ 12,161	\$ 25,851	\$ 8,354	\$ 17,378

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Number of apartment homes	2,399	4,588	2,189	3,865
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On March 5, 2003, we sold Summit Fairways, located in Orlando, Florida, for \$18.8 million as part of our strategy to exit our non-core markets. We expect to record a gain on disposition of Summit Fairways.

Operating Performance of Summit Management Company

The Operating Partnership owns 1% of the voting stock and 99% of the non-voting stock of Summit Management Company (the Management Company). The remaining 99% of voting stock and 1% of non-voting stock are held by one of the Co-Chairmen of our Board of Directors. As a result of this stock ownership, the Operating Partnership has a 99% economic interest and the Co-Chairman has a 1% economic interest in the Management Company. Because of our ability to exercise significant influence, the Management Company is accounted for on the equity method of accounting.

The operating performance of the Management Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Summit Apartment Builders, Inc. (the Construction Company), is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	% Change	2001	2000	% Change
Revenues:						
Management fees charged to Operating Partnership	\$6,022	\$ 6,473	-7.0%	\$ 6,473	\$ 5,735	12.9%
Third party management fee revenue	787	913	-13.8%	913	1,103	-17.2%
Construction revenue	2,031	2,701	-24.8%	2,701	2,494	8.3%
Gain on sale of real estate assets					238	-100.0%
Other	261	455	-42.6%	455	372	22.3%
Total revenues	9,101	10,542	-13.7%	10,542	9,942	6.0%
Expenses:						
Operating	8,240	9,177	-10.2%	9,177	9,398	-2.4%
Depreciation	575	319	80.3%	319	313	1.9%
Amortization	294	298	-1.3%	298	303	-1.7%
Interest	300	300	0.0%	300	677	-55.7%
Total expenses	9,409	10,094	-6.8%	10,094	10,691	-5.6%
(Loss) income before extraordinary items	(308)	448	-168.8%	448	(749)	159.8%
Extraordinary items					(30)	100.0%
Net (loss) income	\$ (308)	\$ 448	-168.8%	\$ 448	\$ (779)	157.5%

The decrease in revenue from 2001 to 2002 is primarily due to a 4.9% decline in collections from the Operating Partnership's fully stabilized communities and a \$670,000 decrease in construction revenue. All of the construction revenue during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was from contracts with the Operating Partnership. Operating expenses decreased at the Management Company primarily due to a reduction in personnel expenses of \$769,000 at the Management Company and Construction Company during the year. The decrease in construction revenues and reduction in personnel expenses at the Construction Company were due to the fact that we have curtailed, and may continue to curtail, our development efforts to increase our financial flexibility in the current economic environment.

The increase in revenue from 2000 to 2001 was primarily due to an increase in fees earned from managing our lease-up communities. Operating expenses remained stable in 2001 as compared to 2000, decreasing by only \$221,000. In addition, interest expense decreased from 2000 to 2001 due to the repayment of an intercompany loan during 2000.

Third party apartment homes under management were 1,105 in 2002, 1,004 in 2001 and 1,723 in 2000. Property management fees from third parties as a percentage of total property management revenues were 11.6% in 2002, 12.4% in 2001 and 16.1% in 2000.

Other Income and Expenses

Interest income increased by \$306,000 to \$2.6 million in 2002 compared to 2001, primarily due to a preferred return of \$375,000 earned on an equity investment in 2002. Interest income decreased by \$1.3 million to \$2.3 million in 2001 compared to 2000, primarily due to a \$1.0 million decrease in interest earned on proceeds from property sales placed in escrow in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax regulations.

Other income decreased by \$413,000 to \$478,000 in 2002 compared to 2001, and increased by \$273,000 to \$891,000 in 2001 compared to 2000 primarily as a result of a \$325,000 fee received in 2001 in connection with a community that is being developed by a third party developer.

Depreciation expense increased by \$1.9 million to \$35.8 million in 2002 compared to 2001, primarily due to depreciation expense related to the initiation and increase of depreciation expense related to recently developed communities as well as depreciation on the community acquired during 2002, offset by the absence of a full year of depreciation for the communities sold during 2002 and 2001. Depreciation expense increased by \$2.5 million to \$33.9 million in 2001 compared to 2000, primarily due to depreciation expense related to the initiation of depreciation on recently developed communities as well as a full year of depreciation on communities acquired during the second half of 2000, partially offset by the absence of a full year of depreciation on communities sold during 2000 and 2001.

Interest expense decreased by \$5.0 million to \$33.3 million in 2002 compared to 2001 primarily due to a \$20.8 million decrease in our average indebtedness outstanding and a decrease in the average effective interest rate of 0.39% (6.62% to 6.23%) in 2002 as compared to 2001. Interest expense increased by \$1.4 million to \$38.3 million in 2001 compared to 2000 primarily due to an increase of \$45.9 million in our average indebtedness outstanding, offset by a decrease in the average effective interest rate of 0.34% (7.04% to 6.70%) in 2001 as compared to 2000.

General and administrative expenses decreased by \$825,000 to \$6.1 million in 2002 compared to 2001 primarily due to \$1.8 million of non-recurring charges related to an increase in the costs of abandoned pursuit projects and severance costs associated with senior staff reductions in our organization during 2001, offset by an increase in professional fees of \$449,000 related to the increased cost of doing business as a public company in 2002 when compared to 2001 and an increase in non-cash compensation of \$304,000 recorded in 2002 as compared to 2001. Approximately \$900,000 of the \$1.8 million non-recurring charges in 2001 is related to an increase in the costs of abandoned pursuit projects and approximately \$900,000 is related to severance costs associated with senior staff reductions in our organization. As a percentage of total revenues, general and administrative expenses before non-recurring charges were 3.5% in 2002, 3.6% in 2001, and 2.5% in 2000.

The \$78.7 million gain on sale of assets in 2002 resulted from the disposition of eight communities. The eight communities were (referred to below using former community names):

Community	Market
Summit Breckenridge	Richmond, VA
Summit Mayfaire	Raleigh, NC
Summit Meadow	Columbia, MD
Summit New Albany	Columbus, OH
Summit Pike Creek	Wilmington, DE
Summit Sand Lake	Orlando, FL
Summit Stonefield	Philadelphia, PA
Summit Windsor	Frederick, MD

The communities disposed of in 2002 were part of our plan to dispose of assets that no longer meet our growth objectives or to make desired changes in the number of apartment homes in each of our core markets. The sale of Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany and Summit Pike Creek completed our exit of Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio and Wilmington, Delaware. We believe that by concentrating our efforts and capital

in a limited number of core markets we will gain a competitive advantage as we improve operational efficiencies, build a more significant brand name and improve market knowledge. Also, by disposing of assets that no longer meet our long-term growth objectives, capital is provided to fund the development and acquisition of new assets with higher growth potential. In December 2002, we announced our intention to exit our Texas markets and use the sale proceeds from those communities primarily to increase our presence in the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida markets. As a result, we would reduce the number of core markets in which we operate from seven to five. We currently own seven communities with a total of 2,687 apartment homes located in Texas. There can be no assurance that we will be able to sell our Texas communities in a timely manner, on satisfactory terms or at all, or that we will be able to find attractive investment opportunities in the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Florida markets.

The \$34.4 million gain on sale of assets in 2001 resulted from the disposition of one parcel of land and nine communities. The \$38.5 million gain on sale of assets in 2000 resulted from the disposition of seven communities.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$58.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 from \$66.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to a \$9.1 million decrease in income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, impairment loss on technology investments, minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in the Operating Partnership and extraordinary items.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$5.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$6.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease in cash provided by investing activities is due to an increase in cash used for the acquisition of real estate assets in 2002 of \$17.9 million and a decrease in proceeds received from the sale of our real estate assets of \$8.1 million, partially offset by an increase in proceeds received from the sale of joint venture real estate assets of \$11.2 million and a decrease in cash used for the construction of real estate assets and land purchases of \$4.2 million. In addition to cash proceeds received in connection with 2002 dispositions, proceeds from the sale of communities represent funds expended from like-kind exchange escrows. In the event that the proceeds from these property sales are not fully invested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period, a special distribution may be made or company level tax may be incurred.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased to \$52.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 from \$74.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease in cash used in financing activities during 2002 is primarily due to an increase in net borrowings from 2001 to 2002 of \$97.5 million on our unsecured credit facility, an increase in proceeds received from the issuance of mortgage debt of \$6.9 million and a decrease of cash used to repay unsecured medium-term notes of \$30.0 million, all offset by a decrease in repayments of unsecured notes, unsecured medium-term notes and mortgages in the aggregate amount of \$107.5 million, an increase in cash used for the repurchase of common stock of \$2.5 million and an increase in cash used for dividends and distributions of \$3.2 million.

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 2.58 to 1 for the year ended December 31, 2002 compared to 1.83 to 1 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The increase in the ratio of earnings to fixed charges is primarily due to an increase in gain on sale of real estate assets of \$49.0 million in 2002 when compared to 2001.

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. REITs are subject to a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that 90% of ordinary taxable income be distributed. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on net income to the extent taxable income is distributed.

Our outstanding indebtedness (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments of \$5.7 million) as of December 31, 2002 totaled \$696.8 million. This amount includes \$268.3 million in fixed rate

conventional mortgages, \$10.6 million of variable rate tax-exempt bonds, \$267.0 million of unsecured notes, \$6.9 million of variable rate mortgages and \$144.0 million under our unsecured credit facility.

We expect to meet our short-term liquidity requirements (i.e., liquidity requirements arising within 12 months) including recurring capital expenditures relating to maintaining our existing properties, generally through our working capital, net cash provided by operating activities and borrowings under our unsecured credit facility. We believe that our cash provided by operating activities will be adequate to meet operating requirements and payments of dividends and distributions during the next twelve months.

We expect to meet our long-term liquidity requirements (i.e., liquidity requirements arising after 12 months), such as scheduled mortgage debt maturities, property acquisitions, financing of construction and development activities and other non-recurring capital improvements, through the issuance of unsecured notes, equity securities and mortgage debt, from undistributed funds from operations (see page 40), from proceeds received from the disposition of certain properties, and, in connection with the acquisition of land or improved property, through the issuance of common units by the Operating Partnership.

Credit Facility

We have a syndicated unsecured line of credit in the amount of \$225.0 million which matures on September 26, 2004. The credit facility provides funds for new development, acquisitions and general working capital purposes. Loans under the credit facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 100 basis points. The spread component of the aggregate interest rate will change in the event of an upgrade or downgrade of our unsecured credit rating of BBB- by Standard & Poor's Rating Services and Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service. Amounts are borrowed for thirty, sixty or ninety day increments at the appropriate interest rates for such time period. Therefore, amounts are borrowed and repaid within those thirty, sixty or ninety day periods. The credit facility is repayable monthly on an interest only basis with principal due at maturity of each thirty, sixty or ninety day increment.

The credit facility had an average interest rate of 2.69% in 2002, 4.99% in 2001 and 7.20% in 2000 and an average balance outstanding of \$135.9 million in 2002, \$113.5 million in 2001 and \$119.8 million in 2000. In addition, the maximum outstanding principal amount was \$175.0 million in 2002, \$146.5 million in 2001 and \$174.0 million in 2000. As of December 31, 2002, the outstanding balance of the credit facility was \$144.0 million, leaving \$81.0 million of remaining availability on the \$225.0 million commitment.

The credit facility also provides a bid sub-facility equal to a maximum of fifty percent of the total facility (\$112.5 million). This sub-facility provides us with the choice to place borrowings in fixed LIBOR contract periods of thirty, sixty, ninety and one hundred eighty days. We may have up to seven fixed LIBOR contracts outstanding at any one time. Upon proper notifications, all lenders participating in the credit facility may, but are not obligated to, participate in a competitive bid auction for these fixed LIBOR contracts.

On September 27, 2002, we entered into an amendment to the credit agreement related to our unsecured line of credit which modified certain definitions and financial covenants that we are required to meet at the end of each fiscal quarter. We were in compliance with these covenants and all other covenants included in the credit agreement as of December 31, 2002.

Medium-Term Notes

On April 20, 2000, we commenced a new program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of medium-term notes (MTNs), due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$112.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2002.

On May 29, 1998, we established a program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$95.0 million aggregate principal amount of MTNs due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2002. As a result of the commencement of the \$250.0 million MTN program, we cannot issue any additional notes under the \$95.0 million MTN program.

The medium-term notes require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2002.

Unsecured Notes

The unsecured notes consist of \$30.0 million of notes due 2003, \$50.0 million of notes due 2004 and \$50.0 million of notes due 2007. The unsecured notes require semi-annual interest payments until the end of the respective terms. The unsecured notes require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2002.

Preferred Units

As of December 31, 2002, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 3.4 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. These preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after April 29, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account or, at our option, shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B preferred units have the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series B preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after April 29, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, or (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes. Distributions on the Series B preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.95% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holders of the Series B preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$7.6 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

As of December 31, 2002, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 2.2 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. The preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after September 3, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account. The holder of the Series C preferred units has the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series C preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after September 3, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes, or (d) if the holdings in the Operating Partnership of the Series C unitholder exceed 18% of the total profits of or capital interest in the Operating Partnership for a taxable year. Distributions on the Series C preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.75% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holder of the Series C preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$4.8 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

Common Stock Repurchase Program

We have a common stock repurchase program, originally approved by our Board of Directors in March of 2000, pursuant to which we are authorized to purchase up to an aggregate of \$56.0 million of currently issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. All repurchases have been, and will be, made on the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions. This authority may be exercised from time

to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant. The following is a summary of stock repurchases under the common stock repurchase program (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Number of Shares Repurchased	Value of Shares Repurchased	Average Price per Share of Shares Repurchased
Year ended December 31,			
2000	279,400	\$ 5,533	\$ 19.80
2001	8,800	197	22.38
2002	151,300	2,666	17.62
Total as of December 31, 2002	439,500	8,396	19.10
Subsequent to December 31, 2002	422,200	7,472	17.70
Total as of March 5, 2003	861,700	\$ 15,868	\$ 18.41

We had \$40.1 million of remaining availability for repurchases under the program as of March 5, 2003.

Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan

We have a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan (DRIP). Direct stock purchases under the DRIP were suspended effective October 31, 2002 and dividend reinvestment under the DRIP was suspended effective November 15, 2002. The DRIP provided both new investors and existing holders of our stock (including common stock and other classes of stock which may be outstanding from time to time) with a method to purchase shares of common stock under the Stock Purchase Program component of the plan. The plan also permitted stockholders to designate all, a portion or none of the cash dividends on their newly purchased common stock and cash dividends on their existing stock for reinvestment in more shares of common stock through the Dividend Reinvestment Program component of the plan. With respect to reinvested dividends and optional cash payments, shares of common stock were purchased for the plan at a discount ranging from 0% to 5% (established from time to time) from the market price, as more fully described in the prospectus relating to the plan. Common stock was purchased by the plan's agent (Wachovia Bank) directly from us or in open market or privately negotiated transactions, as determined from time to time, to fulfill requirements for the plan.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 1996, we established a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) which allowed our employees to purchase up to \$25,000 of common stock per year. The price of the shares of the common stock purchased was the lesser of 85 percent of the closing price of such shares either on (a) the first day of each six month purchase period, or (b) the last day of each six month purchase period. Transactions under the ESPP were suspended effective July 2, 2002.

Employee Loan Program

Our Board of Directors believes that ownership of our common stock by our executive officers and certain other qualified employees aligns the interests of these officers and employees with the interests of our stockholders. To this end, our Board of Directors approved, and we instituted, a loan program. As a result of recent legislation, we are no longer permitted to make loans to our executive officers and, therefore, new issuances to our executive officers under the loan program have been terminated. Under the terms of the loan program, we lent amounts to certain of our executive officers and other qualified employees to (a) finance the purchase of our common stock on the open market at then-current market prices, (b) finance the payment of the exercise price of one or more stock options to purchase shares of our common stock, or (c) finance the annual tax liability or other expenses of an executive officer related to the vesting of shares of common stock which constitute a portion of a restricted stock award granted to the executive officer. The relevant officer or employee has executed a promissory note and security agreement related to each loan extended. Each

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outstanding note bears interest at a rate established on the date of the note, is full recourse to the officers and employees and is collateralized by the shares of our common stock which are the subject of the loans. If the market price of Summit's common stock falls materially below the price at which the shares of stock were purchased, the proceeds of the sale of the common stock may not be sufficient to repay the loan. During the three months ended June 30, 2002, we issued \$6.7 million of loans to six executive officers. As of December 31, 2002, we had loans receivable in the amount of \$19.5 million which were collateralized by 939,586 shares of our common stock valued at \$16.7 million. The proceeds from the shares that serve as collateral for the loans would not be sufficient to repay the loans in full. However, since the loans are full recourse, we have the right to collect any additional amount owed directly from the officer or employee to the extent such officer or employee is able to pay such amount. We had loans receivable in the amount of \$14.5 million as of December 31, 2001.

Impairment Loss

Management considers events and circumstances that may indicate impairment of an investment, including operating performance and cash flow projections. In 2001, management determined that our investments in BroadbandNOW!, Inc. and YieldStar Technology LLC were impaired and that such impairment was other than temporary. As a result, we recorded an impairment loss in the aggregate amount of \$1.2 million, which represents our entire investment in these two technology companies. We have no other technology company investments.

Schedule of Debt

The following table sets forth information regarding our debt financing (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 (dollars in thousands):

	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2002	Maturity Date(1)	Principal Outstanding December 31,	
			2002	2001
Fixed Rate Debt				
Mortgage Loan(2)	6.76%	10/15/2008	\$ 133,909	\$ 137,321
Mortgage Loan(3)	8.00%	9/1/2005	8,040	8,161
Mortgage Notes:				
Summit Fair Lakes	7.82%	7/1/2010	48,340	48,340
Summit Buena Vista	6.75%	2/15/2007	24,067	24,539
Summit Belcourt	6.75%	1/1/2006	9,018	9,209
Summit Camino Real	6.75%	6/1/2006	15,886	16,213
Summit Turtle Rock	6.75%	12/1/2005	10,215	10,431
Summit Arboretum	6.75%	12/1/2005	18,796	19,194
Mortgage notes repaid in 2002				16,041
Tax exempt mortgage note repaid in 2002				3,918
Total Mortgage Debt			268,271	293,367

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	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2002	Maturity Date(1)	Principal Outstanding December 31,	
			2002	2001
Unsecured Notes:				
Medium-Term Notes due 2003	7.87%	10/20/2003	17,000	17,000
Medium-Term Notes due 2005	8.04%	11/17/2005	25,000	25,000
Medium-Term Notes due 2006	7.04%	5/9/2006	25,000	25,000
Medium-Term Notes due 2009	7.59%	3/16/2009	25,000	25,000
Medium-Term Notes due 2010	8.50%	7/19/2010	10,000	10,000
Medium-Term Notes due 2011	7.70%	5/9/2011	35,000	35,000
Notes due 2003	6.63%	12/15/2003	30,000	30,000
Notes due 2004	6.95%	8/15/2004	50,000	50,000
Notes due 2007	7.20%	8/15/2007	50,000	50,000
Unsecured notes repaid in 2002				41,000
Total Unsecured Notes			267,000	308,000
Total Fixed Rate Debt			535,271	601,367
Variable Rate Debt				
Unsecured credit facility	LIBOR + 100bps	9/26/2004	144,000	94,000
Summit Foxcroft mortgage note	LIBOR + 170bps	7/1/2005	6,900	
Tax Exempt Bonds:				
Summit Belmont(4)	3.05%	4/1/2007	10,565	10,785
Tax Exempt Bonds repaid in 2002				11,408
Total Tax Exempt Bonds			10,565	22,193
Total Variable Rate Debt			161,465	116,193
Total Outstanding Indebtedness			\$696,736	\$717,560

(1) All of the secured debt can be prepaid at any time. Prepayment of all secured debt is generally subject to penalty or premium.

(2) Mortgage loan secured by the following communities:

Summit Ballantyne	Summit Largo	Summit St. Clair
Summit Club at Dunwoody	Summit Las Palmas	Summit Westwood
Summit Del Ray	Summit on the River	
Summit Glen	Summit Plantation	

(3) Mortgage loan secured by Summit Simsbury and Summit Touchstone.

(4) The tax exempt bond bears interest at various rates set by a remarketing agent at the demand note index plus 0.50%, set weekly, or the lowest percentage of prime which allows the resale at a price of par. The bond is enhanced by a letter of credit from a financial institution, which will terminate prior to the maturity date of the related bond. In the event the credit enhancement is not renewed or replaced upon termination, the related loan obligation will be accelerated.

The one-month LIBOR rate as of December 31, 2002 was 1.38%.

Our outstanding indebtedness (excluding our unsecured credit facility which matures in 2004) had an average maturity of 4.6 years as of December 31, 2002. The aggregate annual maturities of all outstanding debt as of

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December 31, 2002 (excluding our unsecured credit facility which had an outstanding balance of \$144.0 million as of December 31, 2002) are as follows (in thousands):

2003	\$ 52,722
2004	56,105
2005	72,920
2006	53,422
2007	86,292
Thereafter	231,275
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Total	\$552,736
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Market Risk

Our capital structure includes the use of variable rate and fixed rate debt and, therefore, we are exposed to the impact of changes in interest rates. We generally refinance maturing debt instruments at then-existing market interest rates and terms which may be more or less favorable than the interest rates and terms of the maturing debt. While we have historically had limited involvement with derivative financial instruments, we may utilize such instruments in certain situations to hedge interest rate exposure by modifying the interest rate characteristics of related balance sheet instruments and prospective financing transactions. We generally do not utilize derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

On January 1, 2001, we adopted SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. It requires that entities recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. The cumulative effect of adopting SFAS No. 133 was not material to our financial statements.

On June 13, 2002, we terminated an interest rate swap with a \$30.0 million notional amount. Under SFAS No. 133, as a result of the termination, we de-designated the \$30.0 million swap as a fair value hedge against certain fixed rate debt. We will amortize as a reduction of interest expense \$1.5 million, which represents the difference between the par value and carrying amount of the fixed-rate debt obligation, over the remaining term of the debt obligation, which matures on December 15, 2003. Interest expense was reduced by \$545,000 in 2002 as a result of amortizing this difference.

On June 14, 2002, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$50.0 million, relating to \$50.0 million of 7.20% fixed rate notes issued under our MTN program. Under the interest rate swap agreement, through the maturity date of August 15, 2007, (a) we have agreed to pay to the counterparty the interest on a \$50.0 million notional amount at a floating interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus 241.75 basis points, and (b) the counterparty has agreed to pay to us the interest on the same notional amount at the fixed rate of the underlying debt obligation. The floating rate as of December 31, 2002 was 3.8175%. The fair value of the interest rate swap was an asset of \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2002. The swap has been designated as a fair value hedge of the underlying fixed rate debt obligation and has been recorded in

Other assets in the accompanying balance sheets. We assume no ineffectiveness as the interest rate swap meets the short-cut method conditions required under SFAS No. 133 for fair value hedges of debt instruments. Accordingly, no gains or losses were recorded in income relative to our underlying debt and interest rate swap.

The following table provides information about our interest rate swap and other financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes. For debt, the table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates in effect as of December 31, 2002 by expected maturity dates. The weighted average interest rates presented in this table for the tax exempt variable rate debt are inclusive of credit enhancement

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fees. For the interest rate swap, the table presents the notional amount and related weighted average pay rate by year of maturity (dollars in thousands):

Expected Year of Maturity

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Thereafter	2002 Total	2001 Total
Fixed Rate Debt:								
Conventional fixed rate	\$ 5,502	\$ 5,885	\$40,800	\$28,202	\$ 26,607	\$161,275	\$ 268,271	\$ 289,449
Average interest rate	6.79%	6.79%	6.99%	6.75%	6.75%	7.08%	6.99%	7.03%
Tax exempt fixed rate								3,918
Average interest rate								6.95%
Unsecured fixed rate	47,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	70,000	267,000	308,000
Average interest rate	7.08%	6.95%	8.04%	7.04%	7.20%	7.78%	7.35%	7.33%
Total fixed rate debt	52,502	55,885	65,800	53,202	76,607	231,275	535,271	601,367
Average interest rate	7.05%	6.93%	7.39%	6.89%	7.04%	7.29%	7.17%	7.14%
Variable Rate Debt:								
Tax exempt variable rate	220	220	220	220	9,685		10,565	22,193
Average interest rate	3.05%	3.05%	3.05%	3.05%	3.05%		3.05%	4.21%
Variable rate mortgage note			6,900				6,900	
Average interest rate			3.08%				3.08%	
Variable rate credit facility		144,000					144,000	94,000
Average interest rate		2.69%					2.69%	4.99%
Total variable rate debt	220	144,220	7,120	220	9,685		161,465	116,193
Average interest rate	3.05%	2.69%	3.08%	3.05%	3.05%		2.73%	4.84%
Total debt	\$52,722	\$200,105	\$72,920	\$53,422	\$ 86,292	\$231,275	\$ 696,736	\$ 717,560
Average interest rate	7.03%	3.88%	6.97%	6.87%	6.60%	7.29%	6.14%	6.72%
Interest Rate Swap:								
Pay variable/receive fixed					\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000
Average pay rate					3-month LIBOR +2.4175%		3-month LIBOR +2.4175%	3-month LIBOR +0.11%
Receive rate					7.20%		7.20%	6.625%

We estimate that the fair value of the variable rate debt approximates carrying value based upon our effective borrowing rates for issuance of debt with similar terms and remaining maturities. Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$535.3 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$587.1 million as of December 31, 2002. Rates currently available to us for similar terms and maturities were used to estimate the fair value of this debt. The fair market value of long-term fixed rate debt is subject to changes in interest rates.

Acquisitions and Dispositions

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we sold eight communities comprising 2,399 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$211.8 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$78.7 million. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Stonefield, Summit Meadow, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor.

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Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$107.4 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% interest, sold a community known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge (318 apartment homes) to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved. Upon dissolution, we recognized a gain of \$5.0 million on the sale of the joint venture's assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we acquired a stabilized, luxury apartment community in the Galleria sub-market of Dallas, Texas for cash in the amount of \$17.7 million. The community, now known as Summit San Raphael, has 222 apartment homes and was constructed in 1999.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, we sold one parcel of land and nine communities comprising 2,189 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$167.6 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of

\$34.4 million. The parcel of land was located in Richmond, Virginia and the nine communities sold were the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Gateway, Summit Stony Point, Summit Deerfield, Summit Waterford and Summit Walk. Net proceeds from three of the nine communities, equaling \$31.7 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, a joint venture in which we hold a 25% interest, sold a community, the former Summit Station, for \$11.9 million. This sale resulted in the recognition by the joint venture of a gain of \$1.1 million, of which we recorded \$271,000 based on our equity interest.

We did not acquire any communities during the year ended December 31, 2001.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, we sold seven communities comprising 1,676 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$103.9 million, resulting in a gain on sale of \$38.5 million. The communities sold were the former Summit Creekside, Summit Eastchester, Summit Sherwood, Summit Blue Ash, Summit Park, Summit River Crossing and Summit Village. Net proceeds from six of the seven communities, equaling \$78.1 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

On August 1, 2000, we exercised our option to purchase our joint venture partner's interest in each of two communities, Summit Sweetwater and Summit Shiloh, both located in Atlanta, Georgia. The acquisition of these two communities added 490 apartment homes to our portfolio at an aggregate purchase price of \$36.0 million. The acquisitions were financed with the issuance of 96,455 common units valued, in the aggregate, at \$2.2 million and the payment of \$33.8 million in cash.

Communities Sold or Held for Sale

Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we executed a contract for the sale of an apartment community, Summit Fairways, located in Orlando, Florida. The assets of Summit Fairways were recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell, or \$14.9 million, as of December 31, 2002. The net income from Summit Fairways represented 1.0% of our net income for the year ended December 31, 2002. Summit Fairways was sold on March 5, 2003 for \$18.8 million as part of our strategy to exit our non-core markets. We expect to record a gain on sale resulting from the disposition of Summit Fairways. We expect to use the proceeds from the sale of Summit Fairways to fund future acquisition and development activity.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, net income and gain (loss) on disposition of real estate for communities sold or considered held for sale after December 31, 2001 are reflected in our statements of operations as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

Below is a summary of discontinued operations for all of the communities sold during 2002 excluding Summit Breckenridge and joint venture communities, and including Summit Fairways, for the year ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 (in thousands). Summit Breckenridge was properly classified as held for sale prior to January 1, 2002 and, therefore, its operations are included in income from continuing operations.

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Property revenues:			
Rental revenues	\$ 18,744	\$ 23,670	\$ 22,784
Other property revenues	1,457	1,763	1,730
Total property revenues	20,201	25,433	24,514
Property operating and maintenance expense	7,002	8,375	7,533
Depreciation	3,892	5,148	4,891
Interest and amortization	1,188	1,568	1,785
Income from discontinued operations before net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	8,119	10,342	10,305
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	64,907		
Income from discontinued operations before minority interest and extraordinary items	73,026	10,342	10,305
Extraordinary items	(209)		
Minority interest of discontinued operations	(8,314)	(1,332)	(1,457)
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	\$ 64,503	\$ 9,010	\$ 8,848

Development Activity

Development communities in process as of December 31, 2002 are summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

Community	Apartment Homes	Total Estimated Costs	Cost To Date	Estimated Cost To Complete	Anticipated Construction Completion
Summit Roosevelt Washington, D.C.	198	\$ 49,600	\$ 42,036	\$ 7,564	Q2 2003
Summit Stockbridge Atlanta, GA	304	23,600	18,608	4,992	Q3 2003
Summit Silo Creek Washington, D.C.	284	41,700	17,430	24,270	Q2 2004
Summit Las Olas Ft. Lauderdale, FL	420	73,700	34,648	39,052	Q3 2005
Other development and construction costs(1)			26,541		
	1,206	\$ 188,600	\$ 139,263	\$ 75,878	

(1) Consists primarily of land held for development and other pre-development costs.

The estimated cost to complete the development communities listed above of \$75.9 million, our commitment to purchase Summit Brickell for an estimated price ranging from \$50.5 million to \$60.0 million and our commitment to purchase land for Summit Brookwood for \$10.6 million (see the section entitled "Commitments and Contingencies" below), represent substantially all of our material commitments for capital expenditures as of December 31, 2002.

Factors Affecting the Performance of Our Development Communities

As with any development community, there are uncertainties and risks associated with the development of the communities described above. While we have prepared development budgets and have estimated completion and stabilization target dates based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions in light of current conditions, there can be no assurance that actual costs will not exceed current budgets or that we will not experience construction delays due to the unavailability of materials, weather conditions or other events. We also may be unable to obtain, or

experience delays in obtaining, all necessary zoning, land-use, building, occupancy, and other required governmental permits and authorizations.

Other development risks include the possibility of incurring additional costs or liabilities resulting from increased costs for materials or labor or other unexpected costs or defects in construction material, and the possibility that financing may not be available on favorable terms, or at all, to pursue or complete development activities. Similarly, market conditions at the time these communities become available for leasing will affect the rental rates that may be charged and the period of time necessary to achieve stabilization, which could make one or more of the development communities unprofitable or result in achieving stabilization later than currently anticipated.

In addition, we are conducting feasibility and other pre-development work for five communities. We could abandon the development of any one or more of these potential communities in the event that we determine that market conditions do not support development, financing is not available on favorable terms or at all, or we are unable to obtain necessary permits and authorizations, or due to other circumstances which may prevent development. There can be no assurance that, if we do pursue one or more potential communities, that we will be able to complete construction within the currently estimated development budgets or that construction can be started at the time currently anticipated.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Similar Laws

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, all places of public accommodation are required to meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons. We believe that our communities are substantially in compliance with present requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act as they apply to multifamily dwellings. A number of additional federal, state and local laws exist or may be imposed which also may require modifications to our communities or regulate certain further renovations with respect to access by disabled persons. The ultimate amount of the cost of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or related legislation is not currently ascertainable, and while these costs are not expected to have a material effect on us, they could be substantial. Limitations or restrictions on the completion of renovations may limit application of our investment strategy in particular instances or reduce overall returns on our investments.

Inflation

Substantially all of the leases at our communities are for a term of one year or less. The short-term nature of these leases generally serves to reduce the risk of the adverse effect of inflation.

Commitments and Contingencies

The estimated cost to complete the four development projects currently under construction was \$75.9 million as of December 31, 2002. Anticipated construction completion dates of the projects range from the second quarter of 2003 to the third quarter of 2005.

We carry terrorism insurance on all communities that serve as collateral for mortgage debt, as well as on two communities which do not serve as collateral for mortgage debt, but which are located in Washington, D.C. The terrorism insurance is subject to coverage limitations, which we believe are commercially reasonable. No assurance can be given that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future, or that insurance coverage for acts of terrorism will be available in the future.

In January 2000, the Operating Partnership entered into a real estate purchase agreement with a third-party real estate developer. Under the terms of the agreement, the Operating Partnership has agreed to purchase upon completion a Class A mixed-use community, which will be called Summit Brickell, and is located in Miami, Florida. The Operating Partnership will purchase Summit Brickell upon the earlier of one year after construction completion or the achievement of 80% occupancy. The Operating Partnership may extend this closing obligation for six months after the initial purchase period. The Operating Partnership expects to close on the purchase of Summit Brickell in 2003. The final purchase price will be determined based on budgeted construction costs plus a bonus to the developer based on the capitalized income of the property at the time of purchase. In the event there are net cost savings during construction, a portion of such savings will be used to reduce the purchase price and a portion will be paid as an incentive to the developer pursuant to an agreed upon formula. In the event there are net cost overruns during construction, the developer will be responsible

for funding such overruns unless those overruns result from design change orders which are requested by the Operating Partnership; such change order overruns will be added to the purchase price. The purchase price is expected to range from \$50.5 million to \$60.0 million. The purchase of Summit Brickell by the Operating Partnership is subject to customary closing conditions. The Operating Partnership has issued a letter of credit in the amount of \$13.0 million, which will serve as a credit enhancement to the developer's construction loan. In the event that any amount under the letter of credit is drawn upon, the Operating Partnership shall be treated as having issued a loan to the developer in the amount of such draw. Any such loan will accrue interest at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per year.

On May 25, 2001, we contributed \$4.2 million for a 29.78% interest in a joint venture named SZF, LLC, which owns substantially all of the interests in a limited liability company that is developing, through a third-party contractor, an apartment community in Miami, Florida. The community will consist of 323 apartment homes and 17,795 square feet of office/retail space. The limited liability company has also acquired an adjacent piece of land. The construction costs are being funded through the equity that the joint venture contributed to the limited liability company and by a loan to that company from an unrelated third party. In the event that construction costs exceed the construction loan amount, we have agreed to advance the amount required to fund such costs in excess of the construction loan. This advance accrues a preferential return at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per year to be paid from the distributions from the joint venture. As of December 31, 2002, we had advanced \$2.2 million to SZF, LLC. Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we have advanced an additional \$6.1 million to SZF, LLC.

During 2002, we completed the development of Summit Brookwood, a 359 unit apartment community located in Atlanta, Georgia. As of December 31, 2002, we are the lessee under a land lease related to the land on which Summit Brookwood was constructed. We have exercised our purchase option under the land lease to purchase the related land for \$10.6 million. We expect to finalize the purchase of the land at Summit Brookwood during 2003 using cash and/or common units in the Operating Partnership as consideration.

We have employment agreements with two of our former executive officers, both of whom resigned from such executive positions, but who remain as employees and have agreed to provide various services to us from time to time through December 31, 2011. Each employment agreement requires that we pay to the former officers a base salary aggregating up to \$2.1 million over the period from July 2, 2001 to December 31, 2011 (beginning with calendar year 2002, up to \$200,000 on an annual basis). Each employment agreement also requires that we provide participation in our life insurance plan, office space, information systems support and administrative support for the remainder of each officer's life, and participation in our health and dental insurance plans until the last to die of the officer or such officer's spouse. Either party can terminate the employment agreements, effective 20 business days after written notice is given. The full base salary amount due shall be payable through 2011 whether or not the agreements are terminated earlier in accordance with their terms.

Funds from Operations

We consider Funds from Operations (FFO) to be an appropriate measure of performance of an equity REIT. We compute FFO in accordance with standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT). FFO, as defined by NAREIT, represents net income (loss) excluding gains or losses from sales of property and extraordinary items, plus depreciation of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures, all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with GAAP. Our methodology for calculating FFO may differ from the methodology for calculating FFO utilized by other real estate companies, and accordingly, may not be comparable to other real estate companies. FFO does not represent amounts available for management's discretionary use because of needed capital expenditures or expansion, debt service obligations, property acquisitions, development, dividends and distributions or other commitments and uncertainties. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of our financial performance or to cash flows from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) as a measure of our liquidity, nor are they indicative of funds available to fund our cash needs, including our ability to pay dividends or make distributions. We believe FFO is helpful to investors as a measure of our performance

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because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors with an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt and make capital expenditures.

Funds from Operations is calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

	2002	2001	2000
Net income	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874
Extraordinary items	311		
Extraordinary items Management Company			30
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	11,820	8,359	10,520
Gain on sale of real estate assets	(78,738)	(34,435)	(38,510)
Gain on sale of real estate assets joint ventures	(4,955)	(271)	
Gain on sale of real estate assets Management Company			(238)
Adjusted net income	20,126	30,190	35,676
Depreciation:			
Real estate assets	39,281	38,746	36,383
Real estate joint venture	1,119	1,231	1,283
Funds from Operations	\$ 60,526	\$ 70,167	\$ 73,342
Recurring capital expenditures(1)	\$ (4,530)	\$ (4,889)	\$ (5,371)
Non-recurring capital expenditures(2)	(1,088)	(4,588)	(2,965)
Cash flow provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 58,301	\$ 66,546	\$ 70,968
Investing activities	(5,590)	6,177	(118,197)
Financing activities	(52,172)	(74,057)	46,247
Weighted average shares and units outstanding basic	30,936,881	30,795,910	30,696,729
Weighted average shares and units outstanding diluted	31,107,404	31,106,137	30,897,346

(1) Recurring capital expenditures are expected to be funded from operations and consist primarily of exterior painting, new appliances, vinyl, blinds, tile, wallpaper and carpet. In contrast, non-recurring capital expenditures, such as major improvements, new garages and access gates, are expected to be funded by financing activities.

(2) Non-recurring capital expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 primarily consisted of major renovations and upgrades of apartment homes in the amounts of \$280,000 in 2002 and \$749,000 in 2001; \$11,000 in 2002 and \$157,000 in 2001 for access gates and security fences; \$797,000 in 2002 and \$1.7 million in 2001 in other revenue enhancement expenditures; and \$1.3 million in alternative landscaping mulch in 2001.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Market Risk beginning on page 35 of this report.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Financial statements and supplementary data are contained on the pages indicated on the Index to Financial Statements on page 55 of this report.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. *Directors and Executive Officers of Registrant*

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 13, 2003.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation*

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 13, 2003.

Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters*

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 13, 2003.

Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 13, 2003.

Item 14. *Controls and Procedures*

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, within the 90 days prior to the date of this report, we carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed and summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. In connection with the rules regarding disclosure controls and procedures, we intend to continue to review and document our disclosure controls and procedures, including our internal controls and procedures for financial reporting, and may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.

(b) Changes in internal controls.

None

PART IV**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K**(a) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule

The consolidated financial statements are listed in the Index to Financial Statements on page 55 of this Report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On October 3, 2002, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 27, 2002, in connection with an amendment to the Operating Partnership's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

(c) Exhibits

As noted below, certain of the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K have been filed with previous reports by the Company and are incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1.1	Articles of Incorporation of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 33-90706).
3.1.2	Articles Supplementary to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Summit Properties Inc. designating 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock of Summit dated April 29, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
3.1.3	Articles Supplementary to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Summit Properties Inc. designating 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock of Summit dated September 3, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 17, 1999, File No. 000-22411).
3.2.1	Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 33-90706).
3.2.2	First Amendment to Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
3.2.3	Second Amendment to Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
4.1.1	Indenture dated as of August 7, 1997 between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank, relating to the Operating Partnership's Senior Debt Securities (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 11, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.1.2	Supplemental Indenture No. 1, dated as of August 12, 1997, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/ A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.1.3	Supplemental Indenture No. 2, dated as of December 17, 1997, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/ A-1 filed on December 17, 1997, File No. 000-22411).

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Exhibit No.	Description
4.1.4	Supplemental Indenture No. 3, dated as of May 29, 1998, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 1998, File No. 000-22411).
4.1.5	Supplemental Indenture No. 4, dated as of April 20, 2000, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank, including a form of Floating Rate Medium-Term Note and a form of Fixed Rate Medium-Term Note (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2000, File No. 000-22411).
4.2.1	The Operating Partnership's 6.95% Note due 2004, dated August 12, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/ A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.2.2	The Operating Partnership's 7.20% Note due 2007, dated August 12, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/ A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.2.3	The Operating Partnership's 6.63% Note due 2003, dated December 17, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/ A-1 filed on December 17, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.2.4	7.59% Medium-Term Note due 2009 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on March 18, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999, File No. 000-22411).
4.2.5	8.50% Medium-Term Note due 2010 in the principal amount of \$10,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on July 19, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
4.2.6	7.87% Medium-Term Note due 2003 in the principal amount of \$17,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on October 20, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2.8 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
4.2.7	8.037% Medium-Term Note due 2005 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on November 17, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2.9 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
4.2.8	7.04% Medium-Term Note due 2006 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on May 9, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
4.2.9	7.703% Medium-Term Note due 2011 in the principal amount of \$35,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on May 9, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
4.3	Shareholder Rights Agreement, dated as of December 14, 1998, between Summit and First Union National Bank, as Rights Agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on December 16, 1998).
10.1	Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Operating Partnership, dated as of May 23, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 30, 2000, File No. 000-22411).

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.2	Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of March 27, 2002, by and between Summit and the Operating Partnership (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Operating Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 000-22411).
10.3	Articles of Incorporation of Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.4	Bylaws of Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.5	Summit's 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-79897).
10.6.1	Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-00078).
10.6.2	First Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.6.3	Second Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.6.4	Third Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.7	Indemnification Agreements, dated as of various dates, by and among Summit, the Operating Partnership, and each director and each of the following executive officers of Summit: Steven R. LeBlanc, Michael L. Schwarz, Randall M. Ell, Gregg D. Adzema, Douglas E. Brout and Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.1	Employment Agreement dated February 15, 1999, by and among William F. Paulsen, Summit and Summit Management Company, as restated on April 3, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 000-12792).
10.8.2	Employment Agreement, dated February 15, 1999, by and among William B. McGuire, Jr. Summit and Summit Management Company, as restated on August 24, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.3	Employment Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.4	Employment Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.5	Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

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10.8.6	Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Gregg D. Adzema (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.7 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.7	Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Douglas E. Brout (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.8 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.8.8	Addendum to Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Douglas E. Brout (filed herewith).
10.8.9	Employment Agreement, dated February 24, 1994, by and among Keith L. Downey, Summit and Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.9.1	Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and William F. Paulsen (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.9.2	Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and William B. McGuire, Jr. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.9.3	Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.9.4	Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8.11 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.9.5	Noncompetition Agreement by and among Summit, Summit Management Company and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.1	Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.2	Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.6 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.3	Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.4	Amended Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Gregg D. Adzema (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.5	Amended Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Douglas E. Brout (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.5 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.10.6	Executive Severance Agreement, dated December 17, 2001, by and between Summit and Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

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10.11.1	Form of Promissory Note and Security Agreement between Summit and the employees named in the Schedule thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.2	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,814 to William B. McGuire, Jr. for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.3	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$999,995 to William F. Paulsen for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.4	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated August 5, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$960,578 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.5	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 2, 1999, evidencing a loan of \$1,000,487 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.6	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$999,995 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.7	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$2,649,940 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.8	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 28, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$42,258 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of paying tax liability associated with a restricted stock award (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14.1 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.9	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 30, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$361,785 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.10	Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from July 29, 1998 to May 1, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$131,013 to Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.9 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.11	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 2, 1999, evidencing a loan of \$450,004 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.11 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.12	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,969 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

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10.11.13	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$99,973 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.14	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated November 7, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$91,843 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.13 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.15	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$1,299,994 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.16	Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from April 1, 1998 through May 17, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$358,399 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.17	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated November 7, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,160 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.16 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.18	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 6, 2001, evidencing a loan of \$107,032 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.19	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$699,995 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.20	Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from July 1998 to February 2001, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$476,004 to Gregg D. Adzema for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.18 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.21	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$699,995 to Gregg D. Adzema for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.22	Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from July 1999 to February 2001, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$965,043 to Douglas E. Brout for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.19 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.23	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated June 12, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$699,995 to Douglas E. Brout for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.11.24	Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from January 4, 1999 to November 7, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$964,854 to Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.25	Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan in the amount of \$699,995 to Keith L. Downey for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.26	Amendment, dated December 29, 2000, to each of the Promissory Notes and Security Agreements dated prior to January 4, 2000 executed by William B. McGuire, Jr., William F. Paulsen and the executive officers of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.17 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.27	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated August 5, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.28	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated February 2, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.29	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated August 6, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.30	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated February 2, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.31	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated January 28, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.32	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated January 30, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
10.11.33	Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated July 29, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.12.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 12, 1994, between Summit and PK Partners, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15.1 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.12.2	Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 8, 1994, by and among Summit and the Continuing Investors named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
10.12.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 11, 1995, between Summit and Bissell Ballantyne, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).
10.12.4	Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 10, 1996, by and among Summit, Joseph H. Call and Gary S. Cangelosi (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).
10.12.5	Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 20, 1997, by and among Summit, The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, J. Ronald Terwilliger, J. Ronald Terwilliger Grantor Trust, Crow Residential Realty Investors, L.P., Douglas A. Hoeksema, Randy J. Pace, Clifford A. Breining, TCF Residential Partnership, Ltd. and Trammell S. Crow (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).
10.12.6	Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 16, 1995, by and among Summit and the individuals named therein executed in connection with the Crosland Acquisition (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15.6 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
10.12.7	Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated October 31, 1998, by and among Summit, the Operating Partnership, and the holders named therein executed in connection with the Ewing Acquisition (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-93923).
10.12.8	Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated as of March 6, 1998, by and between Summit and St. Clair Associates, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-75704).
10.12.9	Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2000, by and among Summit, Worthing Investors, LLC and Worthing Shiloh Investors, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-75704).
10.13.1	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 26, 2000, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit, the Banks listed therein, and First Union National Bank, as Administrative Agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
10.13.2	Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 6, 2001, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the lenders named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.13.3	Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 27, 2002, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the lenders named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 3, 2002, File No. 000-22411).

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.14.1	Distribution Agreement dated as of April 20, 2000, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the Agents listed therein (Incorporated by reference to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2000, File No. 000-22411).
10.14.2	First Amendment to Distribution Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2001, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
10.15	Swap Transaction, dated June 17, 2002, between the Operating Partnership and Bank of America, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
12.1	Statement Regarding Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 (filed herewith).
21.1	Subsidiaries of Summit (filed herewith).
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP (filed herewith).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Summit Properties Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 14, 2003.

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

/s/ STEVEN R. LEBLANC

Steven R. LeBlanc
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
/s/ WILLIAM B. MCGUIRE, JR. <hr/> William B. McGuire, Jr.	Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 14, 2003
/s/ WILLIAM F. PAULSEN <hr/> William F. Paulsen	Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 14, 2003
/s/ STEVEN R. LEBLANC <hr/> Steven R. LeBlanc	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 14, 2003
/s/ GREGG D. ADZEMA <hr/> Gregg D. Adzema	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 14, 2003
/s/ HENRY H. FISHKIND <hr/> Henry H. Fishkind	Director	March 14, 2003
/s/ JAMES H. HANCE, JR. <hr/> James H. Hance, Jr.	Director	March 14, 2003
/s/ NELSON SCHWAB, III <hr/> Nelson Schwab, III	Director	March 14, 2003
/s/ JAMES M. ALLWIN <hr/> James M. Allwin	Director	March 14, 2003
/s/ WENDY RICHES <hr/> Wendy Riches	Director	March 14, 2003

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Steven R. LeBlanc, President and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Properties Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Summit Properties Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
 - c) Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ STEVEN R. LEBLANC

Steven R. LeBlanc
President and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 14, 2003

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Gregg D. Adzema, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Summit Properties Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Summit Properties Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
 - c) Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ GREGG D. ADZEMA

Gregg D. Adzema
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 14, 2003

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The following financial statements required to be included in Item 15(a)(1) are listed below:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Directors and Stockholders of

Summit Properties Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Summit Properties Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2002. Our audit for the year ended December 31, 2002 also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index to Financial Statements at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2002 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, on January 1, 2002.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina

January 30, 2003, except for the eleventh paragraph of Note 8 and Note 18, as to which the date is March 5, 2003

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in thousands)

	December 31,	
	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Real estate assets:		
Land and land improvements	\$ 191,456	\$ 156,748
Buildings and improvements	980,263	883,373
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	75,797	66,250
	<u>1,247,516</u>	<u>1,106,371</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(158,158)	(128,539)
	<u>1,089,358</u>	<u>977,832</u>
Net operating real estate assets	1,089,358	977,832
Net real estate assets held for sale	14,914	133,256
Construction in progress	139,263	137,474
	<u>1,243,535</u>	<u>1,248,562</u>
Net real estate assets	1,243,535	1,248,562
Cash and cash equivalents	2,353	1,814
Restricted cash	62,933	21,046
Investments in Summit Management Company and real estate joint ventures	5,355	3,159
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$7,173 in 2002 and \$6,914 in 2001.	6,008	6,925
Other assets	16,777	14,445
Other assets held for sale	55	1,491
	<u>\$ 1,337,016</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,442</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,337,016</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,442</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Notes payable	\$ 702,456	\$ 694,334
Note payable assets held for sale		25,011
Accrued interest payable	4,936	7,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	33,280	21,525
Dividends and distributions payable	10,456	14,156
Security deposits and prepaid rents	2,464	3,213
Other liabilities assets held for sale	21	850
	<u>753,613</u>	<u>766,089</u>
Total liabilities	<u>753,613</u>	<u>766,089</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Minority interests of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and three operating communities	50,264	45,492
Minority interest of preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	136,261	136,261
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value 25,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding		270
Common stock, \$0.01 par value 100,000,000 shares authorized, 27,436,060 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2002 and 27,050,221 shares issued	274	270

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and outstanding as of December 31, 2001		
Additional paid-in capital	429,003	420,988
Accumulated deficit	(12,624)	(55,976)
Unamortized restricted stock compensation	(261)	(1,226)
Employee notes receivable	(19,514)	(14,456)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total stockholders equity	396,878	349,600
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$1,337,016	\$1,297,442
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Revenues:			
Rental	\$ 143,791	\$ 154,167	\$ 149,855
Other property income	10,182	11,569	11,090
Interest	2,571	2,265	3,592
Other income	478	891	618
Loss and interest income on compensation plans	(101)	(359)	
	156,921	168,533	165,155
Expenses:			
Property operating and maintenance:			
Personnel	11,948	11,703	10,508
Advertising and promotion	2,604	2,141	2,452
Utilities	7,540	8,012	7,589
Building repairs and maintenance	7,384	7,418	7,187
Real estate taxes and insurance	19,131	18,057	16,079
Depreciation	35,848	33,933	31,710
Property supervision	4,541	4,943	5,025
Other operating expenses	2,512	2,804	2,740
	91,508	89,011	83,290
Total property operating and maintenance expenses	91,508	89,011	83,290
Interest	33,315	38,301	36,880
Amortization	1,282	1,414	1,057
General and administrative	6,133	6,958	4,752
Liability adjustment and expense on compensation plans	(101)	(359)	
Loss (income) on equity investments:			
Summit Management Company	308	(448)	779
Real estate joint ventures	49	171	399
	132,494	135,048	127,157
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, impairment loss, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and extraordinary items			
	24,427	33,485	37,998
Gain on sale of real estate assets	13,831	34,435	38,510
Gain on sale of real estate assets joint ventures	4,955	271	
Impairment loss on technology investments		(1,217)	
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(3,517)	(7,027)	(9,062)
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	(12,420)	(12,420)	(12,420)
Extraordinary items, net of minority interest	(91)		
	27,185	47,527	55,026
Income from continuing operations	27,185	47,527	55,026
Income from discontinued operations	8,119	10,342	10,305

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Extraordinary item discontinued operations, net of minority interest	(184)		
Minority interest, discontinued operations	(927)	(1,332)	(1,457)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	7,008	9,010	8,848
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	64,907		
Minority interest, gain on disposition of discontinued operations	(7,412)		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	57,495		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	64,503	9,010	8,848
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Per share data:			
Income from continuing operations basic	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.77	\$ 2.09
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from continuing operations diluted	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.07
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from discontinued operations basic	\$ 2.36	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income from discontinued operations diluted	\$ 2.34	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income basic	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.42
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income diluted	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.41
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dividends declared	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.75
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Weighted average shares basic	27,385,051	26,789,067	26,341,438
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Weighted average shares diluted	27,555,574	27,099,294	26,542,056
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY
(Dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Unamortized Restricted Stock Compensation	Employee Notes Receivable	Total
Balance, December 31, 1999	\$264	\$412,874	\$(80,555)	\$ (387)	\$ (4,861)	\$327,335
Dividends			(46,094)			(46,094)
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	3	4,798				4,801
Repurchase of common stock	(4)	(8,020)				(8,024)
Conversion of common units to shares		1,159				1,159
Exercise of stock options	1	2,085				2,086
Issuance of restricted stock grants		1,338		(1,319)		19
Netdown of restricted stock grants		(135)				(135)
Amortization of restricted stock grants				764		764
Accrual for issuance of contingent stock grants		1,171				1,171
Adjustment for minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership		1,128				1,128
Issuance of employee notes receivable					(10,793)	(10,793)
Repayment of employee notes through stock redemption		(571)			571	
Repayment of employee notes receivable					1,386	1,386
Net income			63,874			63,874
Balance, December 31, 2000	264	415,827	(62,775)	(942)	(13,697)	338,677
Dividends			(49,738)			(49,738)
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	3	7,670				7,673
Repurchase of common stock		(197)				(197)
Conversion of common units to shares	1	4,020				4,021
Exercise of stock options	1	1,013				1,014
Issuance of restricted stock grants	1	1,665		(1,662)		4
Netdown of restricted stock grants		(732)				(732)
Amortization of restricted stock grants				1,378		1,378
Adjustment for minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership		(8,278)				(8,278)
Issuance of employee notes receivable					(3,940)	(3,940)
Repayment of employee notes receivable					3,181	3,181
Net income			56,537			56,537
Balance, December 31, 2001	270	420,988	(55,976)	(1,226)	(14,456)	349,600
Dividends			(48,336)			(48,336)
	4	9,135				9,139

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Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans						
Repurchase of common stock	(1)	(2,665)				(2,666)
Conversion of common units to shares		285				285
Exercise of stock options	1	1,855				1,856
Issuance of restricted stock grants		35		(13)		22
Netdown of restricted stock grants		(619)				(619)
Amortization of restricted stock grants				978		978
Adjustment for minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership		(11)				(11)
Issuance of employee notes receivable					(7,813)	(7,813)
Repayment of employee notes receivable					2,755	2,755
Net income			91,688			91,688
Balance, December 31, 2002	\$274	\$429,003	\$(12,624)	\$ (261)	\$(19,514)	\$396,878

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	11,820	8,359	10,520
Loss (gain) on equity investments	357	(276)	1,178
Gain on sale of real estate assets continuing operations	(13,831)	(34,435)	(38,510)
Net gain on sale of real estate assets discontinued operations	(64,907)		
Gain on sale of real estate assets joint ventures	(4,955)	(271)	
Impairment loss on technology investments		1,217	
Accrual of vested stock awards			1,171
Depreciation and amortization	41,943	41,836	38,216
Amortization of deferred settlement on interest rate swap	(545)		
Increase in restricted cash	(814)	(3,087)	(3,633)
Increase in other assets	(1,460)	(996)	(631)
(Decrease) increase in accrued interest payable	(2,097)	(696)	711
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,932	(1,107)	(2,187)
(Decrease) increase in security deposits and prepaid rents	(830)	(535)	259
Net cash provided by operating activities	58,301	66,546	70,968
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Construction of real estate assets and land acquisitions	(112,839)	(117,080)	(173,473)
Acquisition of real estate assets	(17,866)		(33,373)
Proceeds from sale of real estate assets	139,920	147,980	105,131
Proceeds from sale of real estate assets joint ventures	11,202		
Capitalized interest	(10,360)	(11,080)	(11,117)
Investment in real estate joint venture	(9,075)	(4,285)	
Distribution from real estate joint venture	540		
Contribution from historic tax credit venture partner	600		
Recurring capital expenditures, net of payables	(4,530)	(4,889)	(5,371)
Non-recurring capital expenditures	(1,088)	(3,943)	(2,526)
Corporate and other asset additions and office tenant improvements	(2,162)	(645)	(439)
Decrease in notes receivable	68	119	2,971
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(5,590)	6,177	(118,197)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net borrowings (repayments) on line of credit	50,000	(47,500)	63,500
Proceeds from issuance of mortgage debt	6,900		48,340
Repayments of unsecured notes	(41,000)		(15,000)

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Borrowings on unsecured medium-term notes	60,000	52,000	
Repayments on unsecured medium-term notes	(30,000)	(25,000)	
Repayments of mortgage debt	(11,912)	(5,436)	(8,548)
Repayments of tax exempt bonds	(340)	(660)	(1,025)
Payment of deferred financing costs	(549)	(1,212)	(2,481)
Proceeds from termination of interest rate swap	1,510		
Net proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	9,139	7,673	4,801
Dividends and distributions to unitholders	(59,455)	(56,252)	(53,259)
Exercise of stock options	1,856	1,014	2,086
Repurchase of common stock	(2,666)	(197)	(8,020)
Acquisition of minority interest			(1,759)
Issuance of restricted stock awards	(597)	(728)	19
Repayments of employee notes receivable	2,755	3,181	1,386
Issuance of employee notes receivable	(7,813)	(3,940)	(10,793)
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(52,172)	(74,057)	46,247
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	539	(1,334)	(982)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,814	3,148	4,130
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,353	\$ 1,814	\$ 3,148
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	\$ 36,589	\$ 40,550	\$ 37,938
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to we, our or us in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation (Summit), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the Operating Partnership), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

1. ORGANIZATION AND FORMATION

Summit Properties Inc. was initially organized as a Maryland real estate investment trust on December 1, 1993 under the Maryland Real Estate Investment Trust Act. We became a Maryland corporation under the General Corporation Law of Maryland on January 13, 1994. On February 15, 1994, we completed an initial public offering of 10 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In connection with the initial public offering, we consummated a business combination involving the partnerships which owned 27 communities and the affiliated entities which provided development, construction, management and leasing services to each of the communities prior to the initial public offering. A portion of the proceeds from the initial public offering was used to acquire an economic and voting interest in the Operating Partnership, which was formed to succeed to substantially all of the interests of the property partnerships in the communities and the operations of the Summit entities. We became the sole general partner and the majority owner of the Operating Partnership upon completion of the initial public offering and, accordingly, report our investment in the Operating Partnership on a consolidated basis.

We focus on the development, construction, acquisition and management of luxury apartment communities throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and have chosen to focus our current efforts in five core markets consisting of Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh, Southeast Florida and Washington, D.C.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The financial statements have been adjusted for the minority interest of holders of common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership. Minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership is calculated at the balance sheet date based upon the percentage of common units outstanding owned by partners other than Summit to the total number of common units outstanding. Minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership earnings is calculated based on the weighted average common units outstanding during the period. Common units can be exchanged by the holder for cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of Summit common stock, or the Operating Partnership may elect to have us issue, shares of our common stock in exchange for the common units on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustment). As of December 31, 2002, there were 3,544,466 common units outstanding held by unitholders other than Summit, and the closing market price of our common stock was \$17.80 per share.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Real Estate Assets and Depreciation We record our real estate assets at cost less accumulated depreciation and, if necessary, adjust carrying value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of , by reviewing whether the sum of the estimated future net cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) from an asset to be held and used is less than the book value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. No impairment existed as of December 31, 2002.

Expenditures directly related to the acquisition, development and improvement of real estate assets are capitalized at cost as land, buildings and improvements or furniture, fixtures and equipment. Improvements are categorized as either non-recurring or recurring capitalized expenditures. Non-recurring capitalized expenditures primarily consist of the cost of improvements such as new garages, water submeters, gated

security access and improvements made in conjunction with major renovations of apartment homes. Recurring capitalized expenditures consist primarily of floor coverings, furniture, appliances and equipment and exterior paint and carpentry. All of these expenditures are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets (buildings 40 years; building improvements 5 to 15 years; land improvements 15 years; furniture, fixtures and equipment 5 to 7 years).

Repairs and maintenance, such as landscaping maintenance, interior painting and cleaning and supplies used in such activities, are expensed as incurred. We record the cost of all repairs and maintenance, including planned major maintenance activities, recurring capital expenditures and non-recurring capital expenditures as incurred and do not accrue for such costs in advance.

Interest costs incurred during the construction period are capitalized and depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets. Interest capitalized was \$10.4 million in 2002, \$11.1 million in 2001 and \$11.1 million in 2000.

We capitalize the cost of our development department to the projects currently under construction at a rate of 3.0% of such construction costs. Such costs are then depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets upon their completion. Such costs capitalized were \$3.4 million in 2002, \$4.9 million in 2001 and \$5.4 million in 2000.

Rental Revenue Recognition We lease our residential properties under operating leases with terms of generally one year or less. Rental revenue is recognized on the accrual method of accounting as earned, which is not materially different from revenue recognition on a straight-line basis. Our allowance for uncollectible rent was \$80,000 at December 31, 2002 and is presented in Other assets in our consolidated balance sheets.

We lease our office and retail space under operating leases with terms ranging from two to ten years. Rental revenue for office and retail spaces is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lives of the respective leases. Future minimum rental payments to be received under our current office leases are as follows (in thousands):

2003	\$ 1,895
2004	1,899
2005	1,950
2006	1,882
2007	1,724
Thereafter	5,682
	<u> </u>
	\$15,032
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Of the amounts listed above, \$6.1 million represents amounts to be received from Summit Management Company (the Management Company), which performs all management and leasing activities for us, as well as management and leasing activities for third parties.

Cash and Cash Equivalents For purposes of the statement of cash flows, we consider all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash Restricted cash is comprised primarily of proceeds from apartment community sales deposited with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations. Restricted cash also includes resident security deposits, bond repayment escrows and replacement reserve escrows.

Deferred Financing Costs Deferred financing costs include fees and costs incurred in conjunction with long-term financings and are amortized on the straight-line method over the terms of the related debt, which approximates the effective interest method.

Advertising Costs We expense advertising costs as incurred.

Equity Method Investments We consolidate investments, including joint ventures, in which we have control, generally those in which we have a direct voting interest of more than 50%. We record investments in which we exercise significant influence under the equity method in accordance with Accounting Principles

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Board (APB) Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Common Stock , and AICPA Statement of Position 78-9, Accounting for Investments in Real Estate Ventures.

Per Share Data Basic earnings per share are computed based upon the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the respective period. The difference between basic and diluted weighted average shares is the dilutive effect of our stock options outstanding. The number of shares added to weighted average shares outstanding for the diluted calculation was 170,523 in 2002, 310,227 in 2001 and 200,618 in 2000. Dilution caused by these options decreased net income per share by \$0.02 in 2002 and 2001 and \$0.01 in 2000.

Stock-Based Compensation We have a Stock Option and Incentive Plan and an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), which are described more fully in Note 12. Through December 31, 2002, we applied APB No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options and ESPP. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for our stock options granted or shares issued under the ESPP during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123,

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003 as allowed by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure. The ESPP was suspended effective July 2, 2002. The following table reflects the effect on net income and earnings per share had the fair value based method been applied to all options granted in each year (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	2002	2001	2000
Net income as reported	\$91,688	\$56,537	\$63,874
Stock-based compensation determined under fair value based method	(1,452)	(589)	(432)
Pro forma net income	\$90,236	\$55,948	\$63,442
Net income per share as reported basic	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.42
Net income per share as reported diluted	3.33	2.09	2.41
Pro forma net income per share basic	\$ 3.30	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.41
Pro forma net income per share diluted	3.27	2.06	2.39

Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently Adopted and Issued Accounting Pronouncements In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) approved SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 142 requires that upon adoption, amortization of goodwill will cease and instead, the carrying value of goodwill will be evaluated for impairment on an annual basis. Identifiable intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives and reviewed for impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 144. We adopted SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002 and its adoption had no effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144 which supersedes SFAS No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of and amends APB No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions. Along with establishing a single accounting model, based on the framework established in SFAS No. 121, for long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale, this standard retains the basic provisions of APB No. 30 for the presentation of discontinued operations in the income statement but broadens that presentation to include a component of an entity. SFAS No. 144 requires operating results of communities we consider held for sale, as well as those sold, to be included in discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of earnings prospectively from the date of adoption, which was January 1, 2002. Although the adoption of SFAS No. 144 did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, it did

have a significant effect on the comparability of amounts presented from year to year on the consolidated statements of earnings.

In April 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 145, Rescission of FASB Statements No. 4, 44 and 64, and Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections. This statement requires gains and losses from the extinguishment of debt to be classified as extraordinary only if they meet the criteria for extraordinary treatment set forth in APB No. 30. The statement also amends SFAS No. 13, Accounting For Leases, to require that certain lease modifications that have economic effects similar to sale-leaseback transactions be accounted for in the same manner as such transactions. Finally, the statement makes certain technical corrections, which the FASB deemed to be non-substantive, to a number of existing accounting pronouncements. The rescission of SFAS Nos. 4, 44 and 64 is effective in 2003. The amendments to SFAS No. 13 are effective for transactions occurring after May 15, 2002, and all other provisions of the statement are effective for financial statements issued on or after May 15, 2002. The effect of adopting SFAS No. 145 for those items already effective did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148. This statement amends SFAS No. 123 to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, this statement amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003 as allowed by SFAS No. 148. We estimate that the resulting expense recognized in 2003 will not be material to our financial position and results of operations.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others. This Interpretation elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. It also clarifies that a guarantor is required to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The disclosure requirements of this Interpretation are currently effective and did not affect our financial position and results of operations. The initial recognition and initial measurement provisions of this Interpretation are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (FIN 46). This Interpretation requires that variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and variable interest entities in which an interest is obtained after that date, be evaluated for consolidation into an entity's financial statements. This interpretation also applies, beginning July 1, 2003 for us, to all variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds an interest that it acquired before February 1, 2003. We are in the process of evaluating all of our investments and other interests in entities under the provisions of FIN 46 and have not yet determined the effect of its adoption on our financial position and results of operations.

Reclassifications Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2001 and 2000 financial statements to conform to the 2002 presentation.

4. REAL ESTATE JOINT VENTURES

We own a 25% equity interest in a joint venture named Station Hill, LLC (Station Hill), in which we and Hollow Creek, LLC, a subsidiary of a major financial services company, are members. We are entitled to 25% of the joint venture's cash flow based on our equity interest. If certain benchmarks are achieved in the future, we would be entitled to a preferred return in excess of 25% of the cash flow. The operating agreement of the joint venture provides that we will be entitled to 25% of the net proceeds upon liquidation of Station Hill, although our interest in the residual value of the joint venture could increase above or decrease below 25%. Our interest in the residual value of the joint venture could decrease below 25% only if we receive more than 25% of cash flow at any time prior to liquidation. Any such decrease would be limited to the extent of cash flow in excess of 25%. Station Hill currently owns four communities and is accounted for on the equity method

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of accounting and, therefore, our 25% equity interest is presented in Loss (income) on equity investments: Real estate joint ventures in our consolidated statements of earnings.

The following are condensed balance sheets as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and condensed statements of earnings for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 for Station Hill. The balance sheets and statements of earnings set forth below reflect the financial position and operations of Station Hill in its entirety, not just our interest in the joint venture. Included in the statement of earnings information below for the year ended December 31, 2001 are the results through the date of disposition of a community formerly known as Summit Station (230 apartment homes), which was sold by Station Hill on August 1, 2001.

Balance Sheets		
	2002	2001
	(in thousands)	
Real estate assets, net	\$72,255	\$74,261
Cash and cash equivalents	370	901
Other assets	373	283
	\$72,998	\$75,445
Total assets	\$72,998	\$75,445
Mortgages payable	\$58,731	\$59,536
Other liabilities	580	575
Partners' capital	13,687	15,334
	\$72,998	\$75,445
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$72,998	\$75,445

Statements of Earnings		
	2002	2001
	(in thousands)	
Revenues	\$ 9,927	\$11,829
Expenses:		
Property operating	3,757	4,260
Depreciation and amortization	2,965	3,071
Interest	3,960	4,338
	10,682	11,669
Total expenses	10,682	11,669
Net (loss) income before gain on sale of real estate assets	(755)	160
Gain on sale of real estate assets		1,082
	\$ (755)	\$ 1,242
Net (loss) income	\$ (755)	\$ 1,242

We formerly owned a 50% interest in a joint venture which developed and operated an apartment community located in Atlanta, Georgia known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge. This joint venture was accounted for under the equity method of accounting and its operating results are presented in Loss (income) on equity investments: Real estate joint ventures in our consolidated statements of earnings. We had the right to purchase our joint venture partner's interest in the joint venture, but decided subsequent to December 31, 2001 not to exercise this option which expired on January 17, 2002. Due to our decision not to purchase our joint venture partner's interest, we were required to make a capital contribution of \$6.8 million, which represented 25% of the joint venture's total construction loan amount. We made our contribution on February 15, 2002. This contribution did not change our equity interest in the joint venture. On September 27, 2002, the joint venture sold The Heights at Cheshire Bridge to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved. We received a preferred return on our capital

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contribution in the amount of 9% per year compounded annually through the sale date. We were entitled to 50% of the income based on our equity interest, after all preferred return payments were made. Upon dissolution, we recognized a gain of \$5.0 million on the sale of the joint venture's assets.

On May 25, 2001, we contributed \$4.2 million for a 29.78% interest in a joint venture named SZF, LLC, which owns substantially all of the interests in a limited liability company that is developing, through a third-party contractor, an apartment community in Miami, Florida. The community will consist of 323 apartment homes and 17,795 square feet of office/ retail space. The limited liability company has also acquired an adjacent piece of land. The construction costs are being funded through the equity that the joint venture contributed to the limited liability company and by a loan to that company from an unrelated third party. In the event that construction costs exceed the construction loan amount, we have agreed to advance the amount required to fund such costs in excess of the construction loan. This advance accrues a preferential return at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per year to be paid from the distributions from the joint venture. As of December 31, 2002, we had advanced \$2.2 million to SZF, LLC. Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we have advanced an additional \$6.1 million to SZF, LLC. Upon completion of construction, which is expected to occur during 2004, the joint venture will pay, or refinance, the construction loan. In the event the limited liability company defaults on the construction loan, we have the right, under certain circumstances, to cure the defaults, keep the construction loan in place and complete construction of the community. We are serving as the managing member of the joint venture, which owns substantially all of the limited liability company, and Summit Management Company will be the property management company for the project after construction is completed. This project is accounted for on the equity method of accounting. The balance sheet and income statement information of SZF, LLC is not material to our consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

On April 1, 2002, we entered into a joint venture with a major financial services institution (the investor member) to redevelop Summit Grand Parc in Washington, D.C., formerly the United Mine Workers Building, in a manner to permit the use of federal rehabilitation income tax credits. The investor member will contribute approximately \$2.2 million in equity to fund a portion of the total estimated costs for the project and will receive a preferred return on this capital investment and an annual asset management fee. As of December 31, 2002, the investor member had contributed \$200,000. The investor member's interest in the joint venture is subject to put/call rights during the sixth and seventh years after Summit Grand Parc is placed in service. The investor member is obligated to fund the balance of its investment in the joint venture after the completion of a cost certification process which is scheduled to be completed during the first half of 2003. If the cost certification is not completed to the satisfaction of the investor member, then the investor member will be released from its obligations to fund its remaining investment and would be entitled to a refund of any funds previously invested, as well as an agreed upon return of such previously invested funds. In such an event, we would expect to replace this equity investment with funds from other financing sources. This joint venture is consolidated into our financial statements.

On July 24, 2002, we entered into a joint venture with a major financial services institution (the investor member) to redevelop Summit Roosevelt in Washington, D.C., formerly the Hadleigh apartment hotel, in a manner to permit the use of federal rehabilitation income tax credits. The investor member will contribute approximately \$6.6 million in equity to fund a portion of the total estimated costs for the project and will receive a preferred return on this capital investment and an annual asset management fee. As of December 31, 2002, the investor member had contributed \$400,000. The investor member's interest in the joint venture is subject to put/call rights during the sixth and seventh years after Summit Roosevelt is placed in service. There are some contingencies remaining (such as final completion of the redevelopment and final certification of the historic renovations by the National Park Service) before the investor member is obligated to fund the balance of its investment in the joint venture. If these contingencies are not met by the agreed upon deadlines, then the investor member will be released from its obligations to fund its remaining investment and would be entitled to a refund of any funds previously invested, as well as an agreed upon return of such previously invested funds. In such an event, we would expect to replace this equity investment with funds from other financing sources. This joint venture is consolidated into our financial statements.

5. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In conjunction with our formation, construction, management and leasing activities for third parties were transferred to the Management Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Summit Apartment Builders, Inc. (the Construction Company).

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The Management Company also provides property management services to our communities. Total fees for management services provided to our communities were \$6.0 million in 2002, \$6.5 million in 2001 and \$5.7 million in 2000.

Third party apartment homes under management were 1,105 in 2002, 1,004 in 2001 and 1,723 in 2000. Property management fees from third parties as a percentage of total property management revenues were 11.6% in 2002, 12.4% in 2001 and 16.1% in 2000.

In addition, the Management Company provides management services to apartment communities held by partnerships in which certain of our directors are general partners. The Management Company received management fees of \$252,000 in 2002 and \$253,000 in each of 2001 and 2000 for the performance of such services.

Construction Company revenue consists of fees on contracts with the Operating Partnership. Revenue from construction contracts was \$2.0 million in 2002, \$2.7 million in 2001 and \$2.5 million in 2000. The Construction Company's profits on these contracts are eliminated in consolidation against our investment in real estate. We had amounts payable to the Construction Company of \$3.0 million as of December 31, 2002 and \$7.0 million as of December 31, 2001. This amount is included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Also included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets under the caption Other assets is a receivable from the Construction Company of \$334,000 as of December 31, 2002 and \$3.0 million as of December 31, 2001 as a result of construction advances.

Summit and the Management Company lease office space from three of our communities. Scheduled rental payments to be received from the Management Company by these three communities through the respective lease expiration dates, the latest of which is September 30, 2010, are \$6.1 million.

The Operating Partnership owns 1% of the voting stock and 99% of the non-voting stock of the Management Company. The remaining 99% of voting stock and 1% of non-voting stock are held by one of the Co-Chairmen of our Board of Directors. As a result of this stock ownership, the Operating Partnership has a 99% economic interest and the Co-Chairman has a 1% economic interest in the Management Company. Because of our ability to exercise significant influence, the Management Company is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Management Company is not considered material to our consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

The consolidated statements of earnings of the Management Company and the Construction Company are summarized below (in thousands):

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Revenues:			
Management fees charged to Operating Partnership	\$6,022	\$ 6,473	\$5,735
Third party management fee revenue	787	913	1,103
Construction revenue	2,031	2,701	2,494
Gain on sale of real estate assets			238
Other revenue	261	455	372
Total revenues	9,101	10,542	9,942

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	2002	2001	2000
	_____	_____	_____
Expenses:			
Operating	8,240	9,177	9,398
Depreciation	575	319	313
Amortization	294	298	303
Interest	300	300	677
	_____	_____	_____
Total expenses	9,409	10,094	10,691
	_____	_____	_____
(Loss) income before extraordinary items	(308)	448	(749)
Extraordinary items			(30)
	_____	_____	_____
Net (loss) income	\$ (308)	\$ 448	\$ (779)
	_____	_____	_____

6. NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable consist of the following (in thousands):

	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2002	Principal Outstanding December 31,	
		2002	2001
		_____	_____
Fixed Rate Debt			
Mortgage Loan	6.76%	\$ 133,909	\$ 137,321
Mortgage Loan	8.00%	8,040	8,161
Mortgage Notes	6.75% to 7.82%	126,322	143,967
Tax Exempt Mortgage Note repaid in 2002	6.95%		3,918
		_____	_____
Total Mortgage Debt		268,271	293,367
		_____	_____
Unsecured Debt:			
7.87% Medium-Term Notes due December 2003	7.87%	17,000	17,000
8.037% Medium-Term Notes due November 2005	8.04%	25,000	25,000
7.04% Medium-Term Notes due May 2006	7.04%	25,000	25,000
7.59% Medium-Term Notes due March 2009	7.59%	25,000	25,000
8.50% Medium-Term Notes due July 2010	8.50%	10,000	10,000
7.703% Medium-Term Notes due May 2011	7.70%	35,000	35,000
6.63% Notes due October 2003	6.63%	30,000	30,000
6.95% Notes due August 2004	6.95%	50,000	50,000
7.20% Notes due August 2007	7.20%	50,000	50,000
Unsecured notes repaid in 2002	7.21%		41,000
		_____	_____
Total Unsecured Debt		267,000	308,000
		_____	_____
Total Fixed Rate Debt		535,271	601,367
		_____	_____

	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2002	Principal Outstanding December 31,	
		2002	2001
Variable Rate Debt			
Unsecured Credit Facility	LIBOR + 100 bps	144,000	94,000
Mortgage Note	LIBOR + 170 bps	6,900	
Tax Exempt Bond	3.05%	10,565	22,193
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Variable Rate Debt		161,465	116,193
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total outstanding indebtedness before hedge adjustments		696,736	717,560
Hedge adjustments		5,720	1,785
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Total Outstanding Indebtedness		\$ 702,456	\$ 719,345
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The one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) as of December 31, 2002 was 1.38%.

Mortgage Loans The 6.76% mortgage loan requires monthly principal and interest payments on a 20-year, 8-month amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at maturity in October 2008.

The 8.00% mortgage loan requires monthly principal and interest payments on a 30-year amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at maturity in September 2005.

Fixed Rate Mortgage Notes The fixed rate mortgage notes bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 6.75% to 7.82% and require either monthly interest payments only or monthly interest and principal payments over the lives of the notes which have maturities that range from the year 2005 to 2010. The weighted average interest rate and debt maturity as of December 31, 2002 for these mortgage notes were 7.16% and 5.0 years.

Variable Rate Mortgage Note The variable rate mortgage note requires interest only payments until its maturity on July 1, 2005. We have two one-year extension options available to us under the variable rate mortgage note.

Medium-Term Notes On April 20, 2000, we commenced a new program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of medium-term notes (MTNs), due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$112.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2002.

On May 29, 1998, we established a program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$95.0 million aggregate principal amount of MTNs due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2002. As a result of the commencement of the \$250.0 million MTN program, we cannot issue any additional notes under the \$95.0 million MTN program.

The medium-term notes require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2002.

Unsecured Notes The unsecured notes consist of \$30.0 million of notes due 2003, \$50.0 million of notes due 2004 and \$50.0 million of notes due 2007. The unsecured notes require semi-annual interest payments until the end of the respective terms. The unsecured notes require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2002. The interest rate reflected above for the unsecured notes repaid during 2002 represents the average interest rate of the unsecured notes repaid.

Unsecured Credit Facility We have a syndicated unsecured line of credit in the amount of \$225.0 million which matures on September 26, 2004. The credit facility provides funds for new development, acquisitions and general working capital purposes. Loans under the credit facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 100 basis points. The spread component of the aggregate interest rate will change in the event of an upgrade or downgrade of our unsecured credit rating of BBB- by Standard & Poor's Rating Services and Baa3 by

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Moody's Investors Service. Amounts are borrowed for thirty, sixty or ninety day increments at the appropriate interest rates for such time period. Therefore, amounts are borrowed and repaid within those thirty, sixty or ninety day periods. The credit facility is repayable monthly on an interest only basis with principal due at maturity of each thirty, sixty or ninety day increment.

The credit facility had an average interest rate of 2.69% in 2002, 4.99% in 2001 and 7.20% in 2000 and an average balance outstanding of \$135.9 million in 2002, \$113.5 million in 2001 and \$119.8 million in 2000. In addition, the maximum outstanding principal amount was \$175.0 million in 2002, \$146.5 million in 2001 and \$174.0 million in 2000. As of December 31, 2002, the outstanding balance of the credit facility was \$144.0 million, leaving \$81.0 million of remaining availability on the \$225.0 million commitment.

The credit facility also provides a bid sub-facility equal to a maximum of fifty percent of the total facility (\$112.5 million). This sub-facility provides us with the choice to place borrowings in fixed LIBOR contract periods of thirty, sixty, ninety and one hundred eighty days. We may have up to seven fixed LIBOR contracts outstanding at any one time. Upon proper notifications, all lenders participating in the credit facility may, but are not obligated to, participate in a competitive bid auction for these fixed LIBOR contracts.

On September 27, 2002, we entered into an amendment to the credit agreement related to our unsecured line of credit which modified certain definitions and financial covenants that we are required to meet at the end of each fiscal quarter. We were in compliance with these covenants and all other covenants included in the credit agreement as of December 31, 2002.

Variable Rate Tax Exempt Bond The average effective interest rate of the variable rate tax exempt bond was 2.90% for the year ended December 31, 2002. This bond bears interest at various rates set by a remarketing agent at the demand note index plus 0.50%, set weekly, or the lowest percentage of prime which allows the resale at a price of par. The bond contains covenants which require that we lease or hold for lease 20% of the apartment homes for moderate-income residents. The bond requires maintenance of a letter of credit or surety bond (credit enhancement) aggregating to \$10.8 million as of December 31, 2002. The credit enhancement provides for a principal amortization schedule which approximates a 25-year term during the term of the credit enhancement.

Real estate assets of 20 communities with a net book value of \$398.4 million serve as collateral for the various secured debt agreements.

Extraordinary items The extraordinary items during the year ended December 31, 2002 resulted from prepayment penalties incurred on two mortgages that were repaid during the period. These items are shown in the consolidated statement of earnings net of \$36,000, which was allocated to the minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership. The extraordinary items represent \$0.01 per share for the year ended December 31, 2002.

The aggregate maturities of all debt (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments) for each of the years ending December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	Fixed Rate Mortgage Loans	Fixed Rate Mortgage Notes	Fixed Rate Unsecured Notes	Variable Rate Mortgage Note	Tax Exempt Variable Rate Bonds	Unsecured Credit Facility	Total
2003	\$ 3,780	\$ 1,722	\$ 47,000	\$	\$ 220	\$	\$ 52,722
2004	4,044	1,841	50,000		220	144,000	200,105
2005	11,944	28,856	25,000	6,900	220		72,920
2006	4,467	23,735	25,000		220		53,422
2007	4,779	21,828	50,000		9,685		86,292
Thereafter	112,935	48,340	70,000				231,275
	<u>\$ 141,949</u>	<u>\$ 126,322</u>	<u>\$ 267,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,900</u>	<u>\$ 10,565</u>	<u>\$ 144,000</u>	<u>\$ 696,736</u>

7. MINORITY INTEREST

Minority interests of common unitholders consists of the following as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 (in thousands):

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	\$ 51,272	\$ 45,986
Minority interest in three operating communities	(1,008)	(494)
	<u>\$ 50,264</u>	<u>\$ 45,492</u>

As of December 31, 2002, there were 30,980,526 common units outstanding, of which 27,436,060, or 88.6%, were owned by Summit and 3,544,466, or 11.4%, were owned by other partners (including certain of our directors).

Proceeds from common stock issued are contributed to the Operating Partnership for an equivalent number of common units. Total common stock issued and related proceeds contributed to the Operating Partnership for an equivalent number of common units was 531,000 shares valued at \$11.1 million (\$20.91 per share average) for the year ended December 31, 2002 and 406,000 shares valued at \$9.0 million (\$22.15 per share average) for the year ended December 31, 2001. No individual transaction significantly changed our ownership percentage in the Operating Partnership. Our ownership percentage in the Operating Partnership was 88.6% as of December 31, 2002, 88.4% as of December 31, 2001 and 85.8% as of December 31, 2000.

Under certain circumstances, if the holders of common units request redemption of their units, the Operating Partnership may elect to have us issue shares of our common stock in exchange for those common units on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustment), or we may purchase those common units for cash. In addition to the amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph, we issued 13,658 shares of common stock in exchange for common units owned by other partners on a one-for-one basis during 2002. The shares exchanged were valued based upon the market price per share of our common stock and had an aggregate value of \$285,000. During the year ended December 31, 2001, we exchanged 150,679 shares of common stock valued at \$4.0 million for an equivalent number of common units. During the year ended December 31, 2000, we exchanged 55,677 shares of common stock valued at \$1.1 million for an equivalent number of common units and exchanged 93,945 common units for cash of \$1.8 million.

We issued 66,376 common units at a price of \$28.625 per unit as partial consideration for the purchase of a building and parcel of land during the year ended December 31, 2001. During the year ended December 31, 2001, the purchaser of the former Summit Radbourne and Summit Arbors communities exchanged 741,148 common units valued at \$17.6 million as partial consideration for such purchase.

Common units issued for the purchase of communities were valued based upon the market price per share of our common stock, as the common units can be exchanged for shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustment). We issued 96,455 common units valued at \$2.2 million in connection with the purchase of our joint venture partner's interest in each of two communities during August 2000.

8. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we sold eight communities comprising 2,399 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$211.8 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$78.7 million. The aggregate carrying value of real estate assets sold was \$122.4 million. Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$107.4 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations. In the event that the proceeds from these property sales are not fully invested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period, a special distribution may be made or company level tax may be incurred. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Meadow, Summit Stonefield, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor. For the most part, these communities were located outside of our core markets. The disposition of Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany and Summit Pike Creek completed our exit of the Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio and Wilmington, Delaware markets.

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During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% interest, sold a community known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved.

On July 1, 2002, we acquired a stabilized, luxury apartment community in the Galleria sub-market of Dallas, Texas for cash in the amount of \$17.7 million. The community, now known as Summit San Raphael, has 222 apartment homes and was constructed in 1999. The following summary of selected unaudited pro forma results of operations presents information as if the purchase of Summit San Raphael had occurred at the beginning of each period presented. The pro forma information is provided for informational purposes only and is not indicative of results that would have occurred or which may occur in the future (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Total revenues	\$ 158,095	\$ 170,934	\$ 167,344
Income from continuing operations	27,414	48,438	55,630
Net income	91,917	57,448	64,477
Income from continuing operations per share:			
Basic	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.81	\$ 2.11
Diluted	0.99	1.79	2.10
Net income per share:			
Basic	3.36	2.14	2.45
Diluted	3.34	2.12	2.43

During the year ended December 31, 2001, we sold one parcel of land and nine communities comprising 2,189 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$167.6 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$34.4 million. Net proceeds from three of the nine communities, equaling \$31.7 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations and were fully invested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period. The parcel of land was located in Richmond, Virginia and the nine communities sold were the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Gateway, Summit Stony Point, Summit Deerfield, Summit Walk and Summit Waterford.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, Station Hill, LLC, in which we own a 25% interest, sold a community, the former Summit Station, for \$11.9 million. This sale resulted in the recognition of a gain on sale by the joint venture of \$1.1 million, of which we recorded \$271,000. The purchaser of Summit Station assumed an \$8.3 million mortgage and paid the balance of the purchase price in cash.

We did not acquire any communities during the year ended December 31, 2001.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, we sold seven communities comprising 1,676 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$103.9 million, resulting in a gain on sale of \$38.5 million. Net proceeds from six of the seven disposition communities, equaling \$78.1 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations and were fully invested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period. The communities sold were the former Summit Creekside, Summit Eastchester, Summit Sherwood, Summit River Crossing, Summit Blue Ash, Summit Park and Summit Village.

On August 1, 2000, we purchased our joint venture partner's interest in each of two communities, Summit Shiloh (182 apartment homes) and Summit Sweetwater (308 apartment homes), for an aggregate purchase price of \$36.0 million. We formerly owned a 49% interest in each of two separate joint ventures that developed these communities. The acquisitions were primarily financed with the issuance of 96,455 common units valued at \$2.2 million and the payment of \$33.8 million in cash.

The following summary of selected unaudited pro forma results of operations presents information as if the purchase of our joint venture partner's interest in each of Summit Sweetwater and Summit Shiloh had

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occurred at the beginning of the year ended December 31, 2000. The pro forma information is provided for informational purposes only and is not indicative of results that would have occurred or which may occur in the future (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<u>2000</u>
Total revenues from continuing operations	\$ 168,093
Income from continuing operations	54,370
Net income	63,218
Net income per share:	
Basic	\$ 2.40
Diluted	2.38

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, net income and gain (loss) on disposition of real estate for communities sold or considered held for sale after December 31, 2001 are reflected in our consolidated statements of earnings as discontinued operations for all periods presented and those communities sold or considered held for sale prior to December 31, 2001 remain in continuing operations. In addition, we have determined to separately reflect the assets and liabilities of communities held for sale or sold in the current period as Net real estate assets held for sale, Other assets held for sale, Note payable held for sale, and Other liabilities held for sale in the balance sheets for all periods presented.

Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we executed a contract for the sale of an apartment community, Summit Fairways, located in Orlando, Florida. The assets of Summit Fairways were recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell, or \$14.9 million, as of December 31, 2002. The net income from Summit Fairways represented 1.0% of our net income for the year ended December 31, 2002. Summit Fairways was sold on March 5, 2003 for \$18.8 million as part of our strategy to exit our non-core markets. We expect to use the proceeds from the sale of Summit Fairways to fund future acquisition and development activity. We expect to record a gain resulting from the sale of Summit Fairways.

Below is a summary of discontinued operations for all communities sold during 2002 excluding Summit Breckenridge an joint venture communities, and including Summit Fairways as of December 31, 2002 (in thousands). Summit Breckenridge was properly classified as held for sale prior to January 1, 2002 and, therefore, its operations are included in income from continuing operations.

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Property revenues:			
Rental revenues	\$ 18,744	\$ 23,670	\$ 22,784
Other property revenue	1,457	1,763	1,730
Total property revenues	20,201	25,433	24,514
Property operating and maintenance expense	7,002	8,375	7,533
Depreciation	3,892	5,148	4,891
Interest and amortization	1,188	1,568	1,785
Income from discontinued operations before net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	8,119	10,342	10,305
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	64,907		
Income from discontinued operations before minority interest and extraordinary items	73,026	10,342	10,305
Extraordinary items	(209)		
Minority interest of discontinued operations	(8,314)	(1,332)	(1,457)
Income from discontinued operations, net of minority interest	\$ 64,503	\$ 9,010	\$ 8,848

9. INCOME TAXES

We have maintained, and intend to maintain, our election to be taxed as a real estate investment trust (REIT) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a result, we generally will not be subject to federal and state income taxation at the corporate level as long as we distribute annually at least 90% of our taxable income, excluding net capital gains, as defined in the Code, to our stockholders and satisfy certain other requirements. Accordingly, no provision has been made for federal and state income taxes in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes , requires a public enterprise to disclose the aggregate difference in the basis of its net assets for financial and tax reporting purposes. The carrying value reported in our consolidated financial statements exceeded the tax basis by \$296.1 million as of December 31, 2002.

A reconciliation of net income as reported for financial reporting purposes to taxable income available to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2002 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2002
Net income before minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and extraordinary items	\$ 116,239
Excess of financial reporting depreciation over tax depreciation	4,664
Excess of financial gain on sale of real estate assets over taxable gain	(55,124)
Other	(9,400)
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Taxable income of the Operating Partnership	56,379
Less: Taxable income allocated to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	(12,420)
Less: Taxable income allocated to common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(5,033)
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Operating Partnership income allocated to Summit	38,926
Section 754 depreciation	(296)
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Taxable income available to common stockholders	<u>\$ 38,630</u>

A schedule of per share distributions paid to be reported by stockholders is set forth in the following table:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2002		2001		2000	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Ordinary income	\$0.80	42.3%	\$ 1.42	77.6%	\$ 1.56	90.0%
20% Long-term capital gain	0.16	8.5%	0.30	16.4%	0.10	6.0%
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 gain	0.59	31.2%	0.11	6.0%	0.07	4.0%
Return of capital	0.34	18.0%				0.0%
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Total distribution per share	<u>\$ 1.89</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 1.83</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 1.73</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

10. NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM EMPLOYEES

Our Board of Directors believes that ownership of our common stock by our executive officers and certain other qualified employees aligns the interests of these officers and employees with the interests of our stockholders. To this end, our Board of Directors approved, and we instituted, a loan program. As a result of recent legislation, we are no longer permitted to make loans to our executive officers and, therefore, new issuances to our executive officers under the loan program have been terminated. Under the terms of the loan program, we lent amounts to certain of our executive officers and other qualified employees to (a) finance the purchase of our common stock on the open market at then-current market prices, (b) finance the payment of the exercise price of one or more stock options to purchase shares of our common stock, or (c) finance the

annual tax liability or other expenses of an executive officer related to the vesting of shares of common stock which constitute a portion of a restricted stock award granted to the executive officer. The relevant officer or employee has executed a promissory note and security agreement related to each loan extended. Each outstanding note bears interest at a rate established on the date of the note, is full recourse to the officers and employees and is collateralized by the shares of our common stock which are the subject of the loans. If the market price of Summit's common stock falls materially below the price at which the shares of stock were purchased, the proceeds of the sale of the common stock may not be sufficient to repay the loan. During the three months ended June 30, 2002, we issued \$6.7 million of loans to six executive officers. As of December 31, 2002, we had loans receivable in the amount of \$19.5 million which were collateralized by 939,586 shares of our common stock valued at \$16.7 million. The proceeds from the shares that serve as collateral for the loans would not be sufficient to repay the loans in full. However, since the loans are full recourse, we have the right to collect any additional amount owed directly from the officer or employee to the extent such officer or employee is able to pay such amount. We had loans receivable in the amount of \$14.5 million as of December 31, 2001.

11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The estimated cost to complete four development projects currently under construction was \$75.9 million as of December 31, 2002. Anticipated construction completion dates of the projects range from the second quarter of 2003 to the third quarter of 2005.

We carry terrorism insurance on all communities that serve as collateral for mortgage debt, as well as on two communities which do not serve as collateral for mortgage debt, but which are located in Washington, D.C. The terrorism insurance is subject to coverage limitations, which we believe are commercially reasonable. No assurance can be given that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future, or that insurance coverage for acts of terrorism will be available in the future.

We rent office space in several locations. Rental expense amounted to \$271,000 in 2002, \$108,000 in 2001, and \$108,000 in 2000 (\$871,000 in 2002, \$882,000 in 2001 and \$848,000 in 2000 including amounts recorded by the Management Company).

Future minimum rental payments to be made for those operating leases (including those of the Management Company) that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year are as follows (in thousands):

Years Ending December 31,	
2003	\$ 881
2004	790
2005	813
2006	837
2007	862
Thereafter	2,371
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	\$6,554
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Of the amounts shown above, \$6.1 million of the total minimum rental payments are for the Management Company's lease of office space in Summit Grandview, \$14,000 of the total minimum rental payments are for our Austin City Team's lease of office space in Summit Las Palmas and \$4,000 of the total minimum rental payments are for our Raleigh City Team's lease of office space in Summit Westwood.

In January 2000, the Operating Partnership entered into a real estate purchase agreement with a third-party real estate developer. Under the terms of the agreement, the Operating Partnership has agreed to purchase upon completion a Class A mixed-use community, which will be called Summit Brickell, and is located in Miami, Florida. The Operating Partnership will purchase Summit Brickell upon the earlier of one year after construction completion or the achievement of 80% occupancy. The Operating Partnership may extend this

closing obligation for six months after the initial purchase period. The Operating Partnership expects to close on the purchase of Summit Brickell in 2003. The final purchase price will be determined based on budgeted construction costs plus a bonus to the developer based on the capitalized income of the property at the time of purchase. In the event there are net cost savings during construction, a portion of such savings will be used to reduce the purchase price and a portion will be paid as an incentive to the developer pursuant to an agreed upon formula. In the event there are net cost overruns during construction, the developer will be responsible for funding such overruns unless those overruns result from design change orders which are requested by the Operating Partnership; such change order overruns will be added to the purchase price. The purchase price is expected to range from \$50.5 million to \$60.0 million. The purchase of Summit Brickell by the Operating Partnership is subject to customary closing conditions. The Operating Partnership has issued a letter of credit in the amount of \$13.0 million, which will serve as a credit enhancement to the developer's construction loan. In the event that any amount under the letter of credit is drawn upon, the Operating Partnership shall be treated as having issued a loan to the developer in the amount of such draw. Any such loan will accrue interest at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per year.

On May 25, 2001, we contributed \$4.2 million for a 29.78% interest in a joint venture named SZF, LLC, which owns substantially all of the interests in a limited liability company that is developing, through a third-party contractor, an apartment community in Miami, Florida. The community will consist of 323 apartment homes and 17,795 square feet of office/ retail space. The limited liability company has also acquired an adjacent piece of land. The construction costs are being funded through the equity that the joint venture contributed to the limited liability company and by a loan to that company from an unrelated third party. In the event that construction costs exceed the construction loan amount, we have agreed to advance the amount required to fund such costs in excess of the construction loan. This advance accrues a preferential return at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per year to be paid from the distributions from the joint venture. As of December 31, 2002, we had advanced \$2.2 million to SZF, LLC. Subsequent to December 31, 2002, we have advanced an additional \$6.1 million to SZF, LLC.

During 2002, we completed the development of Summit Brookwood, a 359 unit apartment community located in Atlanta, Georgia. As of December 31, 2002, we are the lessee under a land lease related to the land on which Summit Brookwood was constructed. We have exercised our purchase option under the land lease to purchase the related land for \$10.6 million. We expect to finalize the purchase of the land at Summit Brookwood during 2003 using cash and/or common units in the Operating Partnership as consideration.

We have employment agreements with two of our former executive officers, both of whom resigned from such executive positions, but who remain as employees and have agreed to provide various services to us from time to time through December 31, 2011. Each employment agreement requires that we pay to the former officers a base salary aggregating up to \$2.1 million over the period from July 2, 2001 to December 31, 2011 (beginning with calendar year 2002, up to \$200,000 on an annual basis). Each employment agreement also requires that we provide participation in our life insurance plan, office space, information systems support and administrative support for the remainder of each officer's life, and participation in our health and dental insurance plans until the last to die of the officer or such officer's spouse. Either party can terminate the employment agreements, effective 20 business days after written notice is given. The full base salary amount due shall be payable through 2011 whether or not the agreements are terminated earlier in accordance with their terms.

We have employment agreements with all of our executive officers. The employment agreements for two of our executive officers provide for the payment of severance benefits in certain circumstances. For one executive officer, these benefits generally provide for the payment of the executive officer's annual base salary for a period ending on the later of July 1, 2004 or the first anniversary of the termination date of such executive officer's employment. For the other executive officer, if such officer's employment is terminated without cause, the executive officer will be entitled to receive an amount equal to such officer's monthly salary multiplied by the number of years (pro rated for partial years) that such officer was employed by us prior to such termination. In addition, most of the executive officers have severance agreements that provide for the payment of severance benefits of up to three times such officer's annual base salary and cash bonus in the event of the termination of the officer's employment under certain circumstances following certain change in

control or combination transactions involving a consolidation or merger. The benefits payable under the terms of the severance agreements are subject to reduction by the amount of any severance benefits that may be payable under applicable employment agreements.

We are obligated to redeem each common unit in the Operating Partnership at the request of the holder for cash equal to the fair market value of one share of common stock, except that the Operating Partnership may elect to cause us to acquire each common unit presented for redemption for one share of common stock (subject to adjustment).

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Profit Sharing Plan

We have a defined contribution plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees are eligible to contribute to the plan beginning on the first day of the second calendar quarter after they are employed. Our matching contributions begin on the same date as the employee's contributions and are equal to one-half of each employee's contribution up to a maximum of 3% of each employee's compensation. We made aggregate contributions of \$376,000 in 2002, \$329,000 in 2001 and \$349,000 in 2000.

Stock Option Plan

In 1994, we established the 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan under which 1,000,000 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance. The incentive plan was amended and restated in 1998 to, among other things, increase the number of shares reserved for issuance from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 shares. The plan provides that the option price shall not be less than the fair market value of the shares at the date of grant. The options have ten-year lives and vest in three or five annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, except for shares granted to our directors, which vest on the date of grant. We apply APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for our stock options.

A summary of changes in common stock options for the three years ended December 31, 2002 is as follows:

	<u>Options</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>
Outstanding at December 31, 1999.	1,350,271	\$ 17.81
Granted to employees and directors	241,000	20.02
Exercised	(136,500)	18.01
Forfeited	(186,050)	17.59
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Outstanding at December 31, 2000.	1,268,721	18.24
Granted to employees and directors	270,000	24.51
Exercised	(63,414)	17.86
Forfeited	(10,700)	16.50
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Outstanding at December 31, 2001.	1,464,607	19.43
Granted to employees and directors	745,000	22.01
Exercised	(121,600)	18.44
Forfeited	(69,075)	19.15
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Outstanding at December 31, 2002.	2,018,932	20.45
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Exercise prices for options outstanding as of December 31, 2002 ranged from \$16.50 to \$24.56. The weighted average remaining contractual life of those options is 7.4 years.

Options to purchase 1,003,733, 848,408 and 635,221 shares of common stock were exercisable as of December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000. The weighted average exercise price for the shares exercisable as of December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was \$19.11, \$18.82 and \$18.35.

The fair value of options granted in 2002 was \$1.89 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 7.51%, expected volatility of 20.2%, risk free interest rate of 4.71% and expected lives of 5.4 years.

The fair value of options granted in 2001 was \$2.06 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 8.05%, expected volatility of 20.6%, risk free interest rate of 5.03% and expected lives of 4.8 years.

The fair value of options granted in 2000 was \$1.80 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 8.98%, expected volatility of 21.1%, risk free interest rate of 6.51% and expected lives of 4.4 years.

In addition, the stock option and incentive plan provides for the grant of stock to employees. We granted 1,773 shares of restricted stock under this plan in 2002. The market value of the restricted stock granted in 2002 totaled \$35,000 and was recorded as unamortized restricted stock compensation and is shown as a separate component of stockholders' equity. During 2002, 6,046 shares of restricted stock were surrendered by grantees to satisfy the income tax liability related to the stock grants. We granted 26,184 shares of restricted stock under the plan in 2001. The market value of the restricted stock granted in 2001 totaled \$647,000. During 2001, there were 12,202 shares of restricted stock forfeited by employees no longer employed by a Summit entity and 14,933 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of the grantees related to the restricted stock grants. The aggregate market value of these forfeited and surrendered shares was \$503,000 in 2001. We granted 64,499 shares of restricted stock (net of 4,000 shares forfeited and 7,856 shares surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of grantees) valued at \$1.2 million under the plan in 2000. Unearned compensation associated with the restricted stock is being amortized to expense over the vesting periods, which range from three to five years. We recognized expense relative to the stock grants of \$173,000 in 2002, \$98,000 in 2001 and \$300,000 in 2000.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, we issued 94,818 shares of restricted stock valued at \$2.4 million pursuant to our Performance Stock Award Plan. One-half of these shares, valued at \$1.2 million, vested on January 2, 2001, the date of grant, and was accrued and recorded as a component of stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2000. The remaining balance of \$1.2 million was recorded as a component of stockholders' equity during 2001. Grantees surrendered 11,747 shares in 2002 and 18,263 shares in 2001 with a market value of \$295,000 during 2002 and \$463,000 in 2001 to satisfy their income tax liability associated with the shares issued to them under the Performance Stock Award Plan. The remaining shares vested in two equal annual installments on January 2, 2002 and January 2, 2003.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 1996, we established a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) which allowed our employees to purchase up to \$25,000 of common stock per year. The price of the shares of the common stock purchased was the lesser of 85% of the closing price of such shares either on (a) the first day of each six month purchase period, or (b) the last day of each six month purchase period. Transactions under the ESPP were suspended effective July 2, 2002.

Total shares issued under the plan were 13,933 in 2002, 8,695 in 2001 and 88,848 in 2000. The market value of the shares issued was \$341,000 in 2002, \$229,000 in 2001 and \$1.8 million in 2000. Through December 31, 2002, we applied APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options and ESPP. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for our stock options granted or shares issued under the ESPP during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003. Refer to the table in Note 3 which reflects the effect on net income and earnings per share had the fair value based method been applied to all options granted in each year.

Effective January 1, 2003, we will begin to recognize as an expense the fair value of all options granted on or after January 1, 2003. We estimate that the resulting expense recognized in 2003 will not be material to our financial position or results of operations.

13. DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

We have a dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan (DRIP). Direct stock purchases under the DRIP were suspended effective October 31, 2002 and dividend reinvestment under the DRIP was suspended effective November 15, 2002. The DRIP provided both new investors and existing holders of our stock (including common stock and other classes of stock which may be outstanding from time to time) with a method to purchase shares of common stock under the Stock Purchase Program component of the plan. The plan also permitted stockholders to designate all, a portion or none of the cash dividends on their newly purchased common stock and cash dividends on their existing stock for reinvestment in more shares of common stock through the Dividend Reinvestment Program component of the plan. With respect to reinvested dividends and optional cash payments, shares of common stock were purchased for the plan at a discount ranging from 0% to 5% (established from time to time) from the market price, as more fully described in the prospectus relating to the plan. Common stock was purchased by the plan's agent (Wachovia Bank) directly from us or in open market or privately negotiated transactions, as determined from time to time, to fulfill requirements for the plan.

14. SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AGREEMENT

On December 14, 1998, our Board of Directors adopted a shareholder rights agreement. In connection with the adoption of the rights plan, our Board of Directors declared a dividend distribution of one preferred stock purchase right for each outstanding share of common stock to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 15, 1998. Currently, these rights are not exercisable and trade with the shares of our common stock. Under the rights plan, the rights generally become exercisable if a person becomes an "acquiring person" by acquiring 15% or more of our common stock, or if a person commences a tender offer that would result in that person owning 15% or more of our common stock. In the event that a person becomes an "acquiring person," each holder of a right (other than the acquiring person) would be entitled to acquire such number of units of preferred stock (which are equivalent to shares of our common stock) having a value of twice the exercise price of the right.

If we are acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction after any such event, each holder of a right would then be entitled to purchase, at the then-current exercise price, shares of the acquiring company's common stock having a value of twice the exercise price of the right. The current exercise price per right is \$45.00.

The rights will expire at the close of business on December 14, 2008, unless we previously redeem or exchange them as described below. The rights may be redeemed in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per right (payable in cash, shares of our common stock or other consideration deemed appropriate by our Board of Directors) by our Board of Directors only until the earlier of (a) the time at which any person becomes an "acquiring person" or (b) the expiration date. At any time after any person becomes an "acquiring person," our Board of Directors may, at its option, exchange all or any part of the then outstanding and exercisable rights for shares of our common stock at an exchange ratio specified in the rights plan. Our Board of Directors generally will not be empowered to effect such exchange at any time after any person becomes the beneficial owner of 50% or more of our common stock.

Until a right is exercised, the holder will have no rights as a stockholder (beyond those as an existing stockholder), including the right to vote or to receive dividends.

In connection with the establishment of the rights plan, our Board of Directors approved the creation of preferred stock designated as Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock with a par value of \$0.01 per share. Our Board also reserved 350,000 shares of preferred stock for issuance upon exercise of the rights.

15. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

We develop, operate and acquire Class A luxury apartment communities primarily in markets with high growth potential. We develop apartments solely for our own use and do not perform development activities for

third parties. All of our communities target middle to upper income, prestige-conscious residents who expect outstanding service and the latest in apartment design technology, as well as convenience. Our communities provide amenities including swimming pools, clubhouses, exercise rooms and Peak Services. Peak Services include, but are not limited to, Same Day Maintenance Service and Emergency Maintenance available 24 hours a day, business services, package acceptance and delivery, a video library and loaner living accessories. All of our communities market themselves through media advertising. Due to the similarities of our communities and their similar economic characteristics as exhibited through similar long-term financial performance, our communities have been aggregated into one reportable segment as allowed in accordance with SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information.

16. PREFERRED UNITS

As of December 31, 2002, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 3.4 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. These preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after April 29, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account, or at our option, shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B preferred units have the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series B preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after April 29, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, or (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes. Distributions on the Series B preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.95% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holders of the Series B preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$7.6 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

As of December 31, 2002, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 2.2 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. The preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after September 3, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account. The holder of the Series C preferred units has the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series C preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after September 3, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes, or (d) if the holdings in the Operating Partnership of the Series C unitholder exceed 18% of the total profits of or capital interest in the Operating Partnership for a taxable year. Distributions on the Series C preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.75% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holder of the Series C preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$4.8 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

17. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We are exposed to capital market risk, such as changes in interest rates. To manage the volatility relating to interest rate risk, we may enter into interest rate hedging arrangements from time to time. On January 1, 2001, we adopted SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. It requires that entities recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. The cumulative effect of adopting SFAS No. 133 was not material to our financial statements.

On June 13, 2002, we terminated an interest rate swap with a \$30.0 million notional amount. Under SFAS No. 133, as a result of the termination, we de-designated the \$30.0 million swap as a fair value hedge against certain fixed rate debt. We will amortize as a reduction of interest expense \$1.5 million, which represents the difference between the par value and carrying amount of the fixed-rate debt obligation, over the remaining

term of the debt obligation, which matures on December 15, 2003. Interest expense was reduced by \$545,000 in 2002 as a result of amortizing this difference.

On June 14, 2002, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$50.0 million, relating to \$50.0 million of 7.20% fixed rate notes issued under our MTN program. Under the interest rate swap agreement, through the maturity date of August 15, 2007, (a) we have agreed to pay to the counterparty the interest on a \$50.0 million notional amount at a floating interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus 241.75 basis points, and (b) the counterparty has agreed to pay to us the interest on the same notional amount at the fixed rate of the underlying debt obligation. The floating rate as of December 31, 2002 was 3.8175%. The fair value of the interest rate swap was an asset of \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2002. The swap has been designated as a fair value hedge of the underlying fixed rate debt obligation and has been recorded in

Other assets in the accompanying balance sheets. We assume no ineffectiveness as the interest rate swap meets the short-cut method conditions required under SFAS No. 133 for fair value hedges of debt instruments. Accordingly, no gains or losses were recorded in income relative to our underlying debt and interest rate swap.

18. COMMON STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

We have a common stock repurchase program, originally approved by our Board of Directors in March of 2000, pursuant to which we are authorized to purchase up to an aggregate of \$56.0 million of currently issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. All repurchases have been, and will be, made on the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant. The following is a summary of stock repurchases under the common stock repurchase program (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

Year ended December 31,	Number of Shares Repurchased	Value of Shares Repurchased	Average Price per Share of Shares Repurchased
2000	279,400	\$ 5,533	\$19.80
2001	8,800	197	22.38
2002	151,300	2,666	17.62
Total as of December 31, 2002	439,500	8,396	19.10
Subsequent to December 31, 2002	422,200	7,472	17.70
Total as of March 5, 2003	861,700	\$ 15,868	\$ 18.41

We had \$40.1 million of remaining availability for repurchases under the program as of March 5, 2003.

19. IMPAIRMENT LOSS

Management considers events and circumstances that may indicate impairment of an investment, including operating performance and cash flow projections. In 2001, management determined that our investments in BroadbandNOW!, Inc. and YieldStar Technology LLC were impaired and that such impairment was other than temporary. As a result, we recorded an impairment loss in the amount of \$1.2 million, which represents our entire investment in these two technology companies. We have no other technology company investments.

20. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Non-cash investing and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 are as follows:

- A. We sold eight communities during the year ended December 31, 2002. The purchaser of one of the communities assumed the related outstanding debt balance associated with such community of \$11.3 million.
- B.

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We sold nine communities during the year ended December 31, 2001. The respective purchasers of two of the communities assumed the related outstanding debt balances associated with such

communities of \$16.4 million in the aggregate. The respective purchaser of two of the communities redeemed 741,148 common units valued at \$17.6 million as partial consideration in the transaction.

- C. We purchased our joint venture partner's interest in each of two communities during the year ended December 31, 2000 at an aggregate purchase price of \$36.0 million. The acquisitions were primarily financed with the issuance of 96,455 common units in the aggregate valued at \$2.2 million as well as the payment of \$33.8 million in cash in the aggregate.
- D. We granted 1,773 shares of restricted stock valued at \$35,000 during 2002. There were 6,046 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of grantees during 2002. We granted 26,184 shares of restricted stock valued at \$647,000 during 2001. There were 12,202 shares of restricted stock forfeited and 14,933 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of the grantees during 2001. The aggregate value of shares forfeited and surrendered in 2001 was \$503,000. We granted 64,499 shares of restricted stock (net of 4,000 shares forfeited and 7,856 shares surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of the grantees) valued at \$1.2 million in 2000.
- E. We issued 13,658 shares of common stock in exchange for 13,658 common units during the year ended December 31, 2002. The value of these shares of common stock was \$285,000. We issued 150,679 shares of common stock in exchange for 150,679 common units during the year ended December 31, 2001. The value of these shares of common stock was \$4.0 million. We issued 55,677 shares of common stock in exchange for 55,677 common units during the year ended December 31, 2000. The value of these shares of common stock was \$1.1 million.
- F. We accrued dividends and distributions payable of \$10.5 million as of December 31, 2002, \$14.2 million as of December 31, 2001 and \$13.5 million as of December 31, 2000.

21. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following disclosures of estimated fair value were determined by management using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is necessary to interpret market data and develop the related estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized upon disposition of the financial instruments. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts. The fair value estimates presented are based on information available to management as of December 31, 2002 and 2001. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively re-valued for purposes of these financial statements since that date, and current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented.

Cash and cash equivalents, rents receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, security deposits, other liabilities, tax exempt bond indebtedness and our credit facility are carried at amounts which reasonably approximate their fair values as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 due to either the short-term nature or variable interest rates associated with such balances.

Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$535.3 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$587.1 million as of December 31, 2002. Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$601.4 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$625.2 million as of December 31, 2001. Rates currently available to us for debt with similar terms and maturities were used to estimate the fair value of this debt. The fair market value of long-term fixed rate debt is subject to changes in interest rates. Generally, the fair market value of fixed interest rate debt will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise.

The fair value of the interest rate swap described in footnote 17, Derivative Financial Instruments, was \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2002.

22. GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION (UNAUDITED)

Our 51 completed communities are located in the following markets:

Market	Number of Apartment Homes	Apartment Homes - % of Portfolio	2002 % of Revenues
Washington, D.C	2,406	16%	20%
Atlanta, Georgia	3,275	21%	19%
Southeast Florida	1,715	11%	15%
Raleigh, North Carolina	2,582	17%	14%
Charlotte, North Carolina	1,901	12%	12%
Dallas, Texas	1,581	10%	9%
Austin, Texas	856	6%	5%
Orlando, Florida	510	3%	3%
San Antonio, Texas	250	2%	2%
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	352	2%	1%
	15,428	100%	100%

23. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Quarterly financial information for the years 2002 and 2001 is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended December 31, 2002			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Revenues	\$39,449	\$39,113	\$38,533	\$39,826
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and extraordinary items	6,578	6,669	5,749	5,431
Income from discontinued operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and extraordinary items	2,555	2,388	1,955	1,221
Gain on sale of real estate assets, including joint ventures		9,634	22,323	51,736
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	693	1,784	3,070	6,273
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	3,105	3,105	3,105	3,105
Net income	5,336	13,802	23,848	48,702
Net income per share basic (1)	0.20	0.50	0.87	1.77
Net income per share diluted (1)	0.19	0.50	0.86	1.76

	Year Ended December 31, 2001			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Revenues	\$42,532	\$43,545	\$43,131	\$39,325
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	9,949	9,768	8,860	4,908
Income from discontinued operations before gain on sale real estate assets and minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	2,538	2,648	2,568	2,588
Gain on sale of real estate assets		10,782	2,788	20,865
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	1,327	2,658	1,296	3,078
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	3,105	3,105	3,105	3,105
Net income	8,055	16,217	10,087	22,178
Net income per share basic	0.30	0.61	0.38	0.82
Net income per share diluted (1)	0.30	0.60	0.37	0.81

- (1) The total of the four quarterly amounts for these captions does not equal net income per share for the year presented. The difference is due to the use of a weighted average to compute the number of shares outstanding for each quarter and for the year.

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REAL ESTATE AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION
December 31, 2002
(Dollars in thousands)

Apartment	Related Encumbrances	Initial Costs		Costs Capitalized		Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period		Accumulated Depreciation	Date of Construction	Date Acquired	Depreciable Lives in Years
		Land	Buildings and Improvements	Subsequent to Acquisition	Buildings and Improvements	Land	Buildings and Improvements				
Reunion Park by Summit	\$	\$ 991	\$	\$ 13,792	\$ 997	\$ 13,786	\$ 14,783	\$ (1,107)	6/99-9/00	4/99	5-40 years
Summit Arboretum	18,796	4,080	24,403	686	4,080	25,089	29,169	(3,606)	1996(5)	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Ashburn Farm		2,438		12,473	2,438	12,473	14,911	(1,002)	2/99-9/00	7/98	5-40 years
Summit Aventura		6,367		26,451	6,368	26,450	32,818	(6,383)	6/94-12/95	12/93	5-40 years
Summit Ballantyne	(2)	3,328		23,953	3,347	23,934	27,281	(3,953)	7/96-12/98	12/95	5-40 years
Summit Belcourt	9,018	3,600	16,788	629	3,600	17,417	21,017	(2,362)	1994(5)	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Belmont	(4)	974		11,972	984	11,962	12,946	(5,768)	1/86-5/87	1/86	5-40 years
Summit Brookwood		10,600		33,924	14,320	30,204	44,524	(204)	10/00-12/02	12/99	5-40 years
Summit Buena Vista	24,067	4,670	30,499	934	4,670	31,433	36,103	(4,216)	1996(5)	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Camino Real	15,886	7,120	41,985	1,112	7,120	43,097	50,217	(5,924)	1998(5)	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Club at Dunwoody		2,934	24,510	493	2,934	25,003	27,937	(3,582)	1997(5)	5/98	5-40 years
Summit Crest		1,211		31,398	2,532	30,077	32,609	(1,757)	10/99-9/01	9/97	5-40 years
Summit Crossing		768	5,174	802	768	5,976	6,744	(1,874)	1985(5)	5/95	5-40 years
Summit Deer Creek		3,537		18,814	3,846	18,505	22,351	(1,693)	2/99-6/00	1/98	5-40 years
Summit Del Ray	(2)	3,120		15,965	5,402	13,683	19,085	(5,250)	1/92-2/93	1/92	5-40 years
Summit Doral		3,099		20,684	3,136	20,647	23,783	(2,395)	12/97-11/99	12/96	5-40 years
Summit Fair Lakes	48,340	9,521		38,662	9,552	38,631	48,183	(4,723)	6/97-8/99	12/96	5-40 years
Summit Fair Oaks		4,356	17,215	1,182	4,356	18,397	22,753	(3,738)	1990(5)	12/97	5-40 years
Summit Fairview		404		6,316	537	6,183	6,720	(3,604)	3/82-3/83	3/82	5-40 years
Summit Fairways		2,819		15,591	2,819	15,591	18,410	(3,496)	9/95-12/96	8/95	5-40 years
Summit Foxcroft	6,900	925	3,797	912	925	4,709	5,634	(1,731)	1979(5)	5/95	5-40 years
Summit Glen	(2)	3,652		13,883	3,693	13,842	17,535	(4,881)	5/90-8/92	4/90	5-40 years
Summit Governor's Village		1,622		15,568	1,643	15,547	17,190	(2,151)	8/97-12/98	7/97	5-40 years
Summit Grandview		2,527		48,734	2,620	48,641	51,261	(3,490)	7/98-12/00	3/98	5-40 years
Summit Grand Parc		7,700		35,808	8,512	34,996	43,508	(43)	4/00-12/02	6/99	5-40 years
Summit Highland	(2)	1,374		6,737	1,374	6,737	8,111	(3,501)	3/86-1/87	11/85	5-40 years
Summit Hunter's Creek		2,193		18,038	2,195	18,036	20,231	(1,646)	3/99-3/00	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Lake		1,712		28,895	2,511	28,096	30,607	(4,211)	9/96-1/99	4/96	5-40 years
Summit Largo		3,074		15,365	3,077	15,362	18,439	(1,566)	10/98-3/00	10/98	5-40 years

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Summit Las Palmas	(2)	4,480	25,504	599	4,480	26,103	30,583	(3,376)	1998(5)	12/98	5-40 years
Summit at Lenox		10,800	22,997	10,626	11,157	33,266	44,423	(4,691)	1965(5)	7/98	5-40 years
Summit Norcroft	(2)	1,453		11,194	1,634	11,013	12,647	(3,717)	2/90-11/97	12/89	5-40 years
Summit On the River	(2)	3,212		21,830	3,212	21,830	25,042	(4,469)	8/95-6/97	10/94	5-40 years
Summit Overlook		2,376		26,321	4,074	24,623	28,697	(1,258)	1/00-12/01	2/99	5-40 years
Summit Peachtree		3,453		29,778	4,476	28,755	33,231	(1,458)	2/00-9/01	4/98	5-40 years
Summit Plantation	(2)	7,440	18,485	18,246	7,440	36,731	44,171	(7,026)	1/94-11/97	4/96	5-40 years
Summit Portofino		3,864	24,504	945	3,864	25,449	29,313	(4,887)	1995(5)	1/97	5-40 years
Summit Reston		5,434	26,255	2,367	6,088	27,968	34,056	(8,972)	1987(5)	4/94	5-40 years
Summit Russett (7)		5,723		28,627	5,723	28,627	34,350	(4,059)	7/95-6/00	11/94	5-40 years
Summit San Raphael		2,442	15,366	185	2,442	15,551	17,993	(285)	1999(5)	7/02	5-40 years
Summit Sedgebrook		2,392		22,042	2,478	21,956	24,434	(3,406)	6/96-5/99	1/96	5-40 years

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Apartment	Related Encumbrances	Initial Costs		Costs	Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation	Date of Construction	Date Acquired	Depreciable Lives in Years
		Land	Buildings and Improvements	Subsequent to Acquisition	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total				
Summit Shiloh I		1,592	12,125	253	1,591	12,379	13,970	(1,038)	10/99(5)	8/00	5-40 years
Summit Shiloh II		396		3,619	534	3,481	4,015	(92)	6/01-3,02	11/00	5-40 years
Summit Simsbury	(3)	650	4,570	727	650	5,297	5,947	(1,785)	1985(5)	5/95	5-40 years
Summit Square		2,757		16,607	3,775	15,589	19,364	(6,427)	3/89-8/90	2/89	5-40 years
Summit St. Clair	(2)	3,024	24,040	490	3,024	24,530	27,554	(3,781)	1997(5)	3/98	5-40 years
Summit Sweetwater		3,013	18,627	301	3,012	18,929	21,941	(1,630)	12/99(5)	8/00	5-40 years
Summit Touchstone	(3)	766	5,568	864	766	6,432	7,198	(2,030)	1986(5)	5/95	5-40 years
Summit Turtle Rock	10,214	2,500	14,074	525	2,500	14,599	17,099	(2,096)	1995(5)	11/98	5-40 years
Summit Valleybrook		7,300		30,274	8,958	28,616	37,574	(405)	10/00-12/02	9/00	5-40 years
Summit Westwood	(2)	1,989		22,787	2,042	22,734	24,776	(2,791)	10/97-5/99	9/97	5-40 years
Total		\$ 177,772	\$ 376,486	\$ 708,980	\$ 194,276	\$ 1,068,962	\$ 1,263,238	\$ (159,536)			

- (1) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes at December 31, 2002 is \$808.2 million. The amounts reflected above Represent amounts for real estate communities only.
- (2) Encumbered by fixed rate mortgage of \$133.9 million.
- (3) Encumbered by fixed rate mortgage of \$8.0 million.
- (4) Collateral for \$10.8 million of letters of credit which serve as collateral for \$10.6 million in tax-exempt bonds.
- (5) Property purchased; date reflects year construction was completed.
- (6) Includes buildings, building improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment.
- (7) Community was presented in two phases in prior years. Date acquired represents date first phase was acquired. Date of construction represents range from start of first phase to completion of second phase.

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

REAL ESTATE AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION
(Dollars in thousands)

A summary of activity for real estate assets and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
REAL ESTATE ASSETS(1):			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 1,266,068	\$ 1,255,657	\$ 1,135,008
Acquisitions	17,866		35,343
Improvements	6,417	9,478	8,582
Developments	130,291	152,137	158,180
Disposition of property	(157,404)	(151,204)	(81,456)
	(2,830)	10,411	120,649
Balance at end of year	\$ 1,263,238	\$ 1,266,068	\$ 1,255,657
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION(1):			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 155,242	\$ 145,500	\$ 127,803
Depreciation	39,282	38,746	36,436
Disposition of property	(34,988)	(29,004)	(18,739)
Balance at end of year	\$ 159,536	\$ 155,242	\$ 145,500

- (1) Includes only apartment communities and does not include fixed assets used in property development, construction and management of apartment communities.