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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, 2023

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File number 1-12254

**SAUL CENTERS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**52-1833074**

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

**7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1500E, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-6522**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 986-6200

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

*Title of each class*

*Trading symbol:*

*Name of each exchange on which registered*

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

BFS

New York Stock Exchange

Depository Shares each representing 1/100th of a share of 6.125% Series D Cumulative Redeemable

BFS/PRD

New York Stock Exchange

Preferred Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

Depository Shares each representing 1/100th of a share of 6.000% Series E Cumulative Redeemable

BFS/PRE

New York Stock Exchange

Preferred Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: N/A

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether 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 whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, issued and outstanding as of February 22, 2024 was 23,981,695.

At June 30, 2023, the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$ 484.4 million based upon the closing price of the registrant's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 30, 2023, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter. The determination of affiliate status is solely for the purposes of this report and shall not be construed as an admission for the purposes of determining affiliate status.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

Registrant incorporates by reference into Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) of this Annual Report on Form 10-K portions of registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A. The definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**PART I**

**Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained herein constitute forward-looking statements as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. Our future results, financial condition and business may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. You can find many of these statements by looking for words such as "plans," "intends," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "believes" or similar expressions in this Form 10-K. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon present expectations and reasonable assumptions, our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time, unless required by law. Certain factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those we anticipate are described in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The following are some of the risks and uncertainties, although not all risks and uncertainties, that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those presented in our forward-looking statements:

- the ability of our tenants to pay rent;
- our reliance on shopping center "anchor" tenants and other significant tenants;
- our substantial relationships with members of the Saul Organization;
- risks of financing, such as increases in interest rates, restrictions imposed by our debt, our ability to meet existing financial covenants and our ability to consummate planned and additional financings on acceptable terms;
- our development activities;
- our access to additional capital;
- our ability to successfully complete additional acquisitions, developments or redevelopments, or if they are consummated, whether such acquisitions, developments or redevelopments perform as expected;
- adverse trends in the retail, office and residential real estate sectors;
- risks relating to cybersecurity, including disruption to our business and operations and exposure to liabilities from tenants, employees, capital providers, and other third parties;
- risks generally incident to the ownership of real property, including adverse changes in economic conditions, changes in the investment climate for real estate, changes in real estate taxes and other operating expenses, adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies, the relative illiquidity of real estate and environmental risks; and
- risks related to our status as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, such as the existence of complex regulations relating to our status as a REIT, the effect of future changes to REIT requirements as a result of new legislation and the adverse consequences of the failure to qualify as a REIT.

In addition, we describe risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially in "Risk Factors" (Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K), "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" (Part II, Item 7A), and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations" (Part II, Item 7).

**Item 1. Business**

**General**

Saul Centers, Inc. ("Saul Centers") was incorporated under the Maryland General Corporation Law on June 10, 1993, and operates as a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Company is required to annually distribute at least 90% of its REIT taxable income (excluding net capital gains) to its stockholders and meet certain organizational and other requirements. Saul Centers has made and intends to continue to make regular quarterly distributions to its stockholders. Saul Centers, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries and the limited partnerships of which Saul Centers or one of its subsidiaries is the sole general partner, are referred to collectively as the "Company." B. Francis Saul II serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors (the "Board") and Chief Executive Officer of Saul Centers.

The Company's primary strategy is to continue to focus on diversification of its assets through development of transit-oriented, residential mixed-use projects and expansion of and additions to its grocery-anchored shopping centers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The Company's operating strategy also includes improvement of the operating performance of its assets, internal growth of its Shopping Centers through the addition of pad sites, and supplementing its development pipeline with selective redevelopment and renovations of its core Shopping Centers.

Saul Centers was formed to continue and expand the shopping center business previously owned and conducted by the B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Saul Trust"), the B. F. Saul Company and certain other affiliated entities, each of which is controlled by B. Francis Saul II and his family members (collectively, the "Saul Organization"). On August 26, 1993, members of the Saul Organization transferred to Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, a newly formed Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and two newly formed subsidiary limited partnerships (the "Subsidiary Partnerships," and collectively with the Operating Partnership, the "Partnerships"), shopping center and mixed-use properties, and the management functions related to the transferred properties. Since its formation, the Company has developed and purchased additional properties. The Company conducts its business through the Operating Partnership and/or directly or indirectly owned subsidiaries.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company's properties (the "Current Portfolio Properties") consisted of 50 shopping center properties (the "Shopping Centers"), seven mixed-use properties, which are comprised of office, retail and multi-family residential uses (the "Mixed-Use Properties") and four (non-operating) development properties.

**Management of the Current Portfolio Properties**

The Operating Partnership manages the Current Portfolio Properties and will manage any subsequently acquired or developed properties. The management of the properties includes performing property management, leasing, design, renovation, development and accounting duties for each property. The Operating Partnership provides each property with a fully integrated property management capability, with approximately 70 full-time equivalent employees at its headquarters office and 62 full-time employees and nine part-time employees at its properties and with an extensive network of relationships with tenants and potential tenants as well as with members of the brokerage and property owners' communities. The Company currently does not, and does not intend to, retain third party managers or provide management services to third parties.

The Company augments its property management capabilities by sharing with the Saul Organization certain ancillary functions, at cost, such as information technology and payroll services, benefits administration and in-house legal services. The Company also shares certain insurance administration expenses on a pro rata basis with the Saul Organization. Management believes that these arrangements result in lower costs than could be obtained by contracting with third parties. These arrangements permit the Company to capture greater economies of scale in purchasing from third party vendors than would otherwise be available to the Company alone and to capture internal economies of scale by avoiding payments representing profits with respect to functions provided internally. The terms of all sharing arrangements with the Saul Organization, including payments related thereto, are specified in a written agreement and are reviewed periodically by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

The Company subleases its corporate headquarters space from the Saul Organization. A discussion of the lease terms is provided in Note 7, Long Term Lease Obligations, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Principal Offices**

The principal offices of the Company are located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1500E, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-6522, and the Company's telephone number is (301) 986-6200. The Company's internet web address is [www.saulcenters.com](http://www.saulcenters.com). Information contained on the Company's website is not part of this report. The Company makes available free of charge on its website its annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after the reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). We intend to comply with the requirements of Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding amendments to and waivers under the code of business conduct and ethics applicable to our Chief Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer by providing such information on our website within four days after effecting any amendment to, or granting any waiver under, that code, and we will maintain such information on our website for at least twelve months. Alternatively, you may access these reports at the SEC's website: [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Policies with Respect to Certain Activities**

The following is a discussion of the Company's operating strategy and certain of its investment, financing and other policies. These strategies and policies have been determined by the Board of Directors and, in general, may be amended or revised from time to time by the Board of Directors without a vote of the Company's stockholders.

**Operating Strategy**

The Company's primary strategy is to continue to focus on diversification of its assets through development of transit-oriented, residential mixed-use projects and expansion of and additions to its grocery-anchored shopping centers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The Company's operating strategy also includes improvement of the operating performance of its assets, internal growth of its Shopping Centers through the addition of pad sites, and supplementing its development pipeline with selective redevelopment and renovations of its core Shopping Centers. Including Twinbrook Quarter and Hampden House, the Company has a pipeline of entitled sites in its portfolio, some of which are currently shopping center operating properties, for development of up to 3,700 apartment units and 975,000 square feet of retail and office space. All such sites are located proximate to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") red line Metro stations in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Management believes there is potential for long term growth in cash flow as existing leases for space in the Shopping Centers and Mixed-Use Properties expire and are renewed, or newly available or vacant space is leased. The Company intends to renegotiate leases where possible and seek new tenants for available space in order to optimize the mix of uses to improve foot traffic through the Shopping Centers. As leases expire, management expects to revise rental rates, lease terms and conditions, relocate existing tenants, reconfigure tenant spaces and introduce new tenants with the goals of increasing occupancy, improving overall retail sales, and ultimately increasing cash flow as economic conditions improve. In those circumstances in which leases are not otherwise expiring, management selectively attempts to increase cash flow through a variety of means, or in connection with renovations or relocations, recapturing leases with below market rents and re-leasing at market rates, as well as replacing financially troubled tenants. When possible, management also will seek to include scheduled increases in base rent, as well as percentage rental provisions, in its leases.

It is management's intention to hold properties for long-term investment and to place strong emphasis on regular maintenance, periodic renovation and capital improvement. Management believes that characteristics such as cleanliness, lighting and security are particularly important in community and neighborhood shopping centers, which are frequently visited by shoppers during hours outside of the normal work-day. Management

believes that the Shopping Centers and Mixed-Use Properties generally are attractive and well maintained. The Shopping Centers and Mixed-Use Properties will undergo expansion, renovation, reconfiguration and modernization from time to time when management believes that such action is warranted by opportunities or changes in the competitive environment of a property. The Company will continue its practice of expanding existing properties by undertaking new construction on outparcels suitable for development as free standing retail or office facilities.

Investment in Real Estate

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The Company intends to selectively add free-standing pad site buildings within its Shopping Center portfolio, and replace underperforming tenants with tenants that generate strong traffic, including anchor stores such as supermarkets and drug stores. The Company has two executed leases and three leases are under negotiation for a total of five more pad sites.

In the current economic and capital markets environment, management believes acquisition opportunities for investment in existing and new shopping center and mixed-use properties in the near future is uncertain. Management believes that the Company is positioned to take advantage of additional investment opportunities as attractive properties are identified and market conditions improve. (See "Item 1. Business - Capital Policies".) It is management's view that several of the sub-markets in which the Company operates have, or are expected to have in the future, attractive supply/demand characteristics. The Company will continue to evaluate acquisition, development and redevelopment as integral parts of its overall business plan.

In evaluating a particular redevelopment, renovation, acquisition, or development, management will consider a variety of factors, including: (i) the location, size and accessibility of the property, with an emphasis on the Washington, DC/Baltimore metropolitan area; (ii) the demographic characteristics of the community, as well as the local real estate market, including potential for growth and potential regulatory impediments to development; (iii) the purchase price; (iv) the non-financial terms of the transaction; (v) the "fit" of the property with the Company's existing portfolio; (vi) the potential for, and current extent of, any environmental problems; (vii) the current and historical occupancy rates of the property or any comparable or competing properties in the same market; (viii) the quality of construction and design and the current physical condition of the property; (ix) the financial and other characteristics of existing tenants and the terms of existing leases; and (x) the potential for capital appreciation.

Although it is management's present intention to concentrate future acquisition and development activities on transit-centric, primarily residential mixed-use properties in the Washington, DC/Baltimore metropolitan area, the Company may, in the future, also acquire other types of real estate in other areas of the country as opportunities present themselves. The Company plans to continue to diversify in terms of property types, locations, size and market, and it does not set any limit on the amount or percentage of assets that may be invested in any one property or any one geographic area.

The Company intends to engage in such future investment and development activities in a manner that enables the Company to qualify and maintain its status as a REIT for federal income tax purposes and that will not cause the Company to be regulated as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Equity investments in acquired properties may be subject to existing mortgage financings and other indebtedness or to new indebtedness that may be incurred in connection with acquiring or refinancing these investments.

Investments in Real Estate Mortgages

While the Company's current portfolio and business objectives emphasize equity investments in transit-centric, residential mixed-use properties, neighborhood shopping centers, and other mixed-use properties, the Company may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, invest in mortgages, participating or convertible

mortgages, deeds of trust and other types of real estate interests consistent with its qualification as a REIT. The Company does not presently invest, nor does it intend to invest, in real estate mortgages.

**Investments in Securities of or Interests in Persons Engaged in Real Estate Activities and Other Issues**

Subject to the requirements to maintain REIT qualification, the Company may invest in securities of other REITs, other entities engaged in real estate activities or securities of other issuers, including for the purpose of exercising control over such entities. The Company does not presently invest, nor does it intend to invest, in any securities of other REITs.

**Dispositions**

The Company may elect to dispose of properties if, based upon management's periodic review of the Company's portfolio, the Board of Directors determines that such action would be in the best interest of the Company's stockholders.

**Capital Policies**

The Company has established a debt capitalization policy relative to asset value, which is computed by reference to the aggregate annualized cash flow from the properties in the Company's portfolio rather than relative to book value. The Company has used a measure tied to cash flow because it believes that the book value of its portfolio properties, which is the depreciated historical cost of the properties, does not accurately reflect the Company's ability to incur indebtedness. Asset value, however, is somewhat more variable than book value. Book value may not at all times reflect the fair market value of the underlying properties. As a general policy, the Company intends to maintain a ratio of its total debt to total asset value of 50% or less and to actively manage the Company's leverage and debt expense on an ongoing basis in order to maintain prudent coverage of fixed charges. Given the Company's current debt level, it is management's belief that the ratio of the Company's debt to total asset value is below 50% as of December 31, 2023.

The organizational documents of the Company do not limit the absolute amount or percentage of indebtedness that it may incur. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, reevaluate the Company's debt capitalization policy in light of current economic conditions, relative costs of capital, market values of the Company's property portfolio, opportunities for acquisition, development or expansion, financial covenants related to the Credit Facility, and such other factors as the Board of Directors then deems relevant. The Board of Directors may modify the Company's debt capitalization policy based on such a reevaluation, without shareholder approval, and may increase or decrease the Company's debt to total asset ratio above or below 50% or may waive the policy for certain periods of time, subject to maintaining compliance with financial covenants contained within existing debt agreements. The Company selectively refinances or renegotiates the terms of its outstanding debt in order to extend maturities and obtain additional liquidity.

The Company intends to finance future acquisitions and developments and to make debt repayments by utilizing the sources of capital then deemed to be most advantageous. Such sources may include undistributed operating cash flow, secured or unsecured bank and institutional borrowings, proceeds from the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, proceeds from the sale of properties and private and public offerings of debt or equity securities. Borrowings may be at the Operating Partnership, Subsidiary Partnerships or property level and securities offerings may include (subject to certain limitations) the issuance of Operating Partnership interests convertible into the Company's common stock or other equity securities.

**Other Policies**

The Company has the authority to offer equity or debt securities in exchange for property and to repurchase or otherwise acquire its common stock or other securities in the open market or otherwise, and may engage in such activities in the future. The Company expects, but is not obligated, to issue common stock to holders of units of the Operating Partnership upon exercise of their redemption rights. The Company has not engaged in trading, underwriting or agency distribution or sale of securities of other issuers other than the Operating Partnership and does not intend to do so. The Company has not made any loans to third parties, although the Company may in

the future make loans to third parties. In addition, the Company has policies relating to related party transactions discussed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors."

#### Competition

As an owner of, or investor in, transit-centric residential mixed-use properties, community and neighborhood shopping centers, and other mixed-use properties, the Company is subject to competition from an indeterminate number of entities in connection with the acquisition, development, ownership and leasing of similar properties. These entities include investors with access to significant capital, such as domestic and foreign corporations and financial institutions, publicly traded and privately held REITs, private institutional investment funds, investment banking firms, life insurance companies and pension funds.

Competition may reduce the number of properties available for acquisition or development or increase the price for raw land or developed properties of the type in which the Company invests. The Company faces competition in providing leases to prospective tenants and in re-letting space to current tenants upon expiration of their respective leases. If tenants decide not to renew or extend their leases upon expiration, the Company may not be able to re-let the space. Even if the tenants do renew or the Company can re-let the space, the terms of renewal or re-letting, including the cost of required renovations, may be less favorable than current lease terms or than expectations for the space. This risk may be magnified if the properties owned by our competitors have lower occupancy rates than the Company's properties. As a result, these competitors may be willing to make space available at lower prices than the space in the Current Portfolio Properties.

Management believes that success in the competition for ownership and leasing property is dependent in part upon the geographic location of the property, the tenant mix, the performance of property managers, the amount of new construction in the area and the maintenance and appearance of the property. Additional competitive factors impacting the Company's properties include the ease of access to the properties, the adequacy of related facilities such as parking, and the demographic characteristics in the markets in which the properties compete. Overall economic circumstances and trends and new properties in the vicinity of each of the Current Portfolio Properties are also competitive factors.

Finally, retailers at our Shopping Centers face increasing competition from outlet stores, online retailers, discount shopping clubs and other forms of marketing goods, such as direct mail, internet marketing and telemarketing. This competition may reduce percentage rents payable to us and may contribute to lease defaults or insolvency of tenants.

#### Human Capital

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had approximately 70 full-time equivalent corporate employees and 62 full-time employees and nine part-time employees at its properties. None of our employees are represented by a collective bargaining unit.

The Company is committed to equal employment opportunities and does not discriminate against any person based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender preference. Employee compensation is competitive, and the Company provides insurance benefits, retirement savings plans, paid time off and childcare benefits for all of its full-time employees. The Company encourages employee wellness in every aspect of life, including physical fitness, mental well-being and social connectedness. We annually hold several in-house training programs that focus on communication, self-awareness, delegation, feedback, accountability, team dynamics and other skills that provide our employees with personal growth opportunities.

We support the continuing education of our employees through (a) reimbursement of the cost of seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees at colleges and universities and (b) reimbursement of costs related to seminars, conferences and workshops. We previously launched a program that we call LEAD that enhances our other training and education programs by providing our talented employees with the tools necessary to effectively lead and manage. We manage an internship program to support the development of future real estate professionals.

Government Regulation Affecting Our Properties

The Current Portfolio Properties are subject to various laws and regulations relating to environmental and pollution controls. The impact upon the Company from the application of such laws and regulations either prospectively or retrospectively is not expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Company's property operations. As a matter of policy, the Company requires an environmental study be performed with respect to a property that may be subject to possible environmental hazards prior to its acquisition to ascertain that there are no material environmental hazards associated with such property.

See "Item 1A. Risk Factors — Risk Factors Related to our REIT Status and Other Laws and Regulations" for further discussion of potential material effects of our compliance with government regulations, including environmental regulations and the rules governing REITs.

Recent Developments

The Company is developing Twinbrook Quarter Phase I ("Phase I") located in Rockville, Maryland. Phase I includes an 80,000 square foot Wegmans supermarket, approximately 25,000 square feet of small shop space, 450 apartment units and a 230,000 square foot office building. The office tower portion of Phase I is not being constructed at this time. In connection with the development of the residential and retail portions of Phase I, we must also invest in infrastructure and other items that will support both Phase I and other portions of the development of Twinbrook Quarter. Excluding imputed capitalized interest, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$331.5 million, of which \$271.4 million is related to the development of the residential and retail portions of Phase I and \$60.1 million is related to infrastructure and other items. Of the expected \$331.5 million total cost, \$263.2 million has been invested to date. A portion of the cost of the project is being financed by a \$145.0 million construction-to-permanent loan. During the second quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and, as of December 31, 2023, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$72.4 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs. Sitenwork and ground floor retail façade work continues around all four sides of the building. Apartment unit construction is in process on levels two through 12 and work is in process on the lobbies and interior amenity spaces. Initial delivery of Phase I is anticipated in late 2024. The development potential of all phases of the entire 18.4 acre Twinbrook Quarter site totals 1,865 residential units, 473,000 square feet of retail space, and 431,000 square feet of office space.

The Company is developing Hampden House, a project located in downtown Bethesda, Maryland that will include up to 366 apartment units and 10,100 square feet of retail space. Excluding imputed capitalized interest, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$246.4 million, of which \$133.0 million has been invested to date. A portion of the cost of the project is being financed by a \$133.0 million construction-to-permanent loan. During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and, as of December 31, 2023, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$4.9 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs. Above grade construction of the structure is ongoing with framing and pouring of concrete being performed at the 23rd level above ground. Installation of the precast façade along with exterior metal and framing is in process. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2025.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

**RISK FACTORS**

*Carefully consider the following risks and all of the other information set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto. If any of the events or developments described below were actually to occur, the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.*

*In this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Saul Centers, Inc., and its subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership.*

**Risk Factors Related to our Real Estate Investments and Operations**

***Revenue from our properties may be reduced or limited if the operations of our retail tenants are not successful.***

Adverse changes in consumer spending or consumer preferences for particular goods, services or store based retailing could severely impact the ability of our retail tenants to pay rent. Revenue from our properties depends primarily on the ability of our retail tenants to pay the full amount of rent due under their leases on a timely basis. The amount of rent we receive from our retail tenants generally will depend in part on the success of our retail tenants' operations, making us vulnerable to general economic downturns and other conditions affecting the retail industry. Some retail tenants may terminate their occupancy due to an inability to operate profitably for an extended period of time, impacting the Company's ability to maintain occupancy levels.

Any reduction in the ability of our retail tenants to pay base rent or percentage rent may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Small business retail tenants and anchor retailers that lease space in the Company's properties may experience a deterioration in their sales or other revenue, or experience a constraint on the availability of credit necessary to fund operations, which in turn may adversely impact those tenants' ability to pay contractual base rents and operating expense recoveries. Some of our leases provide for the payment, in addition to base rent, of additional rent above the base amount according to a specified percentage of the gross sales generated by the retail tenants. Decreasing sales revenue by retail tenants could adversely impact the Company's receipt of percentage rents required to be paid by tenants under certain leases.

***We may be unable to collect balances due from tenants that file for bankruptcy protection.***

If a tenant or lease guarantor files for bankruptcy, we may not be able to collect all pre-petition amounts owed by that party. In addition, a tenant that files for bankruptcy protection may terminate our lease in which event we would have a general unsecured claim that would likely be for less than the full amount owed to us for the remainder of the lease term, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

***Our ability to increase our net income depends on the success and continued presence of our shopping center "anchor" tenants and other significant tenants.***

Our net income could be adversely affected in the event of a downturn in the business, or the bankruptcy or insolvency, of any anchor store or anchor tenant. Our largest shopping center anchor tenant is Giant Food, which accounted for 4.9% of our total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023. The closing of one or more anchor stores prior to the expiration of the lease of that store or the termination of a lease by one or more of a property's anchor tenants could adversely affect that property and result in lease terminations by, or reductions in rent from, other tenants whose leases may permit termination or rent reduction in those circumstances or whose own operations may suffer as a result. This could reduce our net income.

***We may experience difficulty or delay in renewing leases or leasing vacant space.***

We derive most of our revenue directly or indirectly from rent received from our office and retail tenants. We are subject to the risks that, upon expiration, leases for space in our properties may not be renewed, the space and other vacant space may not be re-leased, or the terms of renewal or re-lease, including the cost of required renovations or concessions to tenants, may be less favorable than previous lease terms. Constraints on the availability of credit to office and retail tenants, necessary to purchase and install improvements, fixtures and equipment, and fund start-up business expenses, could impact the Company's ability to procure new office and retail tenants for spaces currently vacant in existing operating properties or properties under development. As a result, our results of operations and our net income could be reduced.

***Our development activities are inherently risky.***

The ground-up development of improvements on real property, which is different from the renovation and redevelopment of existing improvements, presents substantial risks. In addition to the risks associated with real estate investment in general as described elsewhere, the risks associated with our development activities include:

- significant time lag between commencement and completion subjects us to greater risks due to fluctuations in the general economy;
- failure or inability to obtain construction or permanent financing on favorable terms;
- expenditure of money and time on projects that may never be completed;
- inability to achieve projected rental rates or anticipated pace of lease-up;
- higher-than-estimated construction costs, including inflation of labor and material costs; and
- possible delay in completion of the project because of a number of factors, including weather, labor disruptions, supply-chain related delays, construction delays or delays in receipt of zoning or other regulatory approvals, or acts of God (such as fires, earthquakes or floods).

As a result of these and other risks, our ground-up development projects may be unsuccessful and may have a negative impact on our results of operations and may reduce our net income.

***Redevelopments and acquisitions may fail to perform as expected.***

Our investment strategy includes the redevelopment and acquisition of (i) community and neighborhood shopping centers that are anchored by supermarkets, drugstores or high volume, value-oriented retailers that provide consumer necessities, and (ii) transit-oriented, mixed-use properties, which are comprised of office, retail and multi-family residential uses. The redevelopment and acquisition of properties entails risks that include the following, any of which could adversely affect our results of operations and our ability to meet our obligations:

- our estimate of the costs to improve, reposition or redevelop a property may prove to be too low, and, as a result, the property may fail to achieve the returns we have projected, either temporarily or for a longer time;
- we may not be able to identify suitable properties to acquire or may be unable to complete the acquisition of the properties we identify;
- we may not be able to integrate new developments or acquisitions into our existing operations successfully;
- properties we redevelop or acquire may fail to achieve the occupancy or rental rates we project at the time we make the decision to invest, which may result in the properties' failure to achieve the returns we projected;
- our pre-acquisition evaluation of the physical condition of each new investment may not detect certain defects or identify necessary repairs until after the property is acquired, which could significantly increase our total acquisition costs; and
- our investigation of a property or building prior to our acquisition, and any representations we may receive from the seller, may fail to reveal various liabilities, which could reduce the cash flow from the property or increase our acquisition cost.

***Our performance and value are subject to general risks associated with the real estate industry.***

Our economic performance and the value of our real estate assets, and, consequently, the value of our investments, are subject to the risk that if our properties do not generate revenue sufficient to meet our operating expenses, including debt service and capital expenditures, our cash flow and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders will be adversely affected. As a real estate company, we are susceptible to the following real estate industry risks:

- economic downturns in the areas where our properties are located;
- adverse changes in local real estate market conditions, such as oversupply or reduction in demand;
- changes in tenant preferences that reduce the attractiveness of our properties to tenants;
- zoning or regulatory restrictions;
- decreases in market rental rates;
- weather conditions that may increase energy costs and other operating expenses;
- costs associated with the need to periodically repair, renovate and re-lease space; and

- increases in the cost of adequate maintenance, insurance and other operating costs, including real estate taxes, associated with one or more properties, which may occur even when circumstances such as market factors and competition cause a reduction in revenue from one or more properties, although real estate taxes typically do not increase upon a reduction in such revenue.

**Geographic concentration of our portfolio may make us particularly susceptible to adverse economic developments in the real estate markets of those areas.**

Over 85% of our property operating income is generated by properties in the metropolitan Washington, DC/Baltimore area. As a result, our financial condition, operating results and ability to make distributions could be materially and adversely impacted by significant adverse economic changes affecting the real estate markets in that area. In turn, our common stock is subject to greater risk vis-à-vis other enterprises whose portfolio contains greater geographic diversity.

**Our results of operations may be negatively affected by adverse trends in the retail, office and residential real estate sectors.**

Tenants at our retail properties face continual competition in attracting customers from online merchants, retailers at other shopping centers, catalogue companies, television shopping networks, warehouse stores, large discounters, outlet malls, wholesale clubs, direct mail and telemarketers. Such competition could have a material adverse effect on our ability to lease space in our retail properties and on the rents we can charge or the concessions we grant. This in turn could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and cash flows, and could affect the realizable value of our assets upon sale. Further, as new technologies emerge, the relationships among customers, retailers, and shopping centers evolve rapidly and it is critical we adapt to such new technologies and relationships on a timely basis. We may be unable to adapt quickly and effectively, which could adversely impact our financial performance.

Some businesses are rapidly evolving to make employee telecommuting, flexible work schedules, open workplaces and teleconferencing increasingly common. These practices enable businesses to reduce their space requirements. A continuation of the movement towards these practices could over time erode the overall demand for office space and, in turn, place downward pressure on occupancy, rental rates and property valuations, each of which could have an adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Our residential properties face competition for residents from other existing or new multifamily properties, condominiums, single family homes and other living arrangements, whether owned or rental, that may attract residents from our properties or prospective residents that would otherwise choose to live with us. As a result, we may not be able to renew existing resident leases or enter into new resident leases, or if we are able to renew or enter into new leases, they may be at rates or terms that are less favorable than our current rates or terms, resulting in a material impact on our results of operations.

**The short-term nature of apartment leases exposes us more quickly to the effects of declining market rents, potentially making our results of operations and cash flows more volatile.**

Generally, our residential apartment leases are for twelve months or less. If the terms of the renewal or releasing are less favorable than current terms, then our results of operations and financial condition could be negatively affected. Given our generally shorter-term lease structure, our rental revenues are impacted by declines in market rents more quickly than if our leases were for longer terms. In addition, operating expenses associated with each property, such as real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance costs and employee wages and benefits, may not decline as quickly or at the same rate as revenues when circumstances might cause a reduction of those revenues at our properties.

**Many real estate costs are fixed, even if income from our properties decreases.**

Our financial results depend primarily on leasing space in our properties to tenants on terms favorable to us. Costs associated with real estate investment, such as real estate taxes and maintenance costs, generally are not reduced even when a property is not fully occupied, rental rates decrease, or other circumstances cause a reduction in income from the investment. As a result, cash flow from the operations of our properties may be reduced if a tenant does not pay its rent or we are unable to rent our properties on favorable terms. Under those circumstances, we might not be able to enforce our rights as landlord without delays, and may incur substantial legal costs. Additionally, new properties that we may acquire or develop may not immediately produce any significant revenue, and the cash flow from existing operations may be insufficient to pay the operating expenses and debt service associated with that property until the property is fully leased.

**Competition may limit our ability to purchase new properties and generate sufficient income from tenants.**

Numerous commercial developers and real estate companies compete with us in seeking tenants for properties and properties for acquisition. This competition may:

- reduce properties available for acquisition;
- increase the cost of properties available for acquisition;
- reduce rents payable to us;
- interfere with our ability to attract and retain tenants;
- lead to increased vacancy rates at our properties; and
- adversely affect our ability to minimize expenses of operation.

Retailers at our shopping center properties also face increasing competition from online retailers, outlet stores, discount shopping clubs, and other forms of marketing of goods, such as direct mail, internet marketing and telemarketing. This competition may reduce percentage rents payable to us and may contribute to lease defaults and insolvency of tenants. If we are unable to continue to attract appropriate retail tenants to our properties, or to purchase new properties in our geographic markets, it could materially affect our ability to generate net income, service our debt and make distributions to our stockholders.

**Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents could adversely affect our business, disrupt operations and expose us to liabilities to tenants, employees, capital providers and other third parties.**

We use information technology and other computer resources to carry out important operational activities and to maintain our business records. As part of our normal business activities, we collect and store certain personal identifying and confidential information relating to our tenants, employees, vendors and suppliers, and maintain operational and financial information related to our business. We have implemented systems and processes intended to address ongoing and evolving cybersecurity risks, secure our information technology, applications and computer systems, and prevent unauthorized access to or loss of sensitive, confidential and personal data. Although we and our service providers employ what we believe are adequate security, disaster recovery and other preventative and corrective measures, our security measures, taken as a whole, may not be sufficient for all possible situations and may be vulnerable to, among other things, hacking, ransomware, employee error, system error, and faulty password management. Additionally, information technology security breaches may go undetected and persist as a latent threat to our security measures.

Our ability to conduct our business may be impaired if our information technology resources, including our websites or e-mail systems, are compromised, degraded, damaged or fail, whether due to a virus or other harmful circumstance, intentional penetration or disruption of our information technology resources by a third party, natural disaster, hardware or software corruption or failure or error or poor product or vendor/developer selection (including a failure of security controls incorporated into or applied to such hardware or software), telecommunications system failure, service provider error or failure, intentional or unintentional personnel actions, or lost connectivity to our networked resources. A significant and extended disruption could damage our reputation and cause us to lose tenants and revenues; result in the unintended and/or unauthorized public disclosure or the misappropriation of proprietary, personal identifying and confidential information; and require us to incur significant expenses to address and remediate or otherwise resolve these kinds of issues. The release of confidential information may also lead to litigation or other proceedings against us by affected individuals, business partners and/or regulators, and the outcome of such proceedings, which could include losses, penalties, fines, injunctions, expenses and charges recorded against our earnings and cause us reputational harm, could have a material and adverse effect on our business and consolidated financial statements. In addition, the costs of maintaining adequate protection against data security threats, based on considerations of their evolution, increasing sophistication, pervasiveness and frequency and/or government-mandated standards or obligations regarding protective efforts, could be material to our consolidated financial statements in a particular period or over various periods.

**We may be unable to sell properties when appropriate because real estate investments are illiquid.**

Real estate investments generally cannot be sold quickly. In addition, there are some limitations under federal income tax laws applicable to real estate and in particular to REITs that may limit our ability to sell our assets. We may not be able to alter our portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions. Our inability to respond quickly to adverse changes in the performance of our investments could have an adverse effect on our ability to meet our obligations and make distributions to our stockholders.

**Risk Factors Related to our Funding Strategies and Capital Structure**

***We have substantial relationships with members of the Saul Organization whose interests could conflict with the interests of other stockholders.***

***Influence of Officers, Directors and Significant Stockholders.***

Mr. B. F. Saul II, our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, D. Todd Pearson, our President and Chief Operating Officer, Joel A. Friedman, our Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, and Bettina T. Guevara, our Executive Vice President-Chief Legal and Administrative Officer, are officers of certain entities within the Saul Organization, and persons associated with the Saul Organization constitute five of the twelve members of our Board of Directors. In addition, as of December 31, 2023, Mr. B. F. Saul II had the potential to exercise control over 10,814,706 shares of our common stock representing 45.1% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock. Mr. B. F. Saul II also beneficially owned, as of December 31, 2023, 9,580,408 units of the Operating Partnership. In general, these units are convertible into shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis. The ownership limitation set forth in our articles of incorporation is 39.9% in value of our issued and outstanding equity securities (which includes both common and preferred stock). As of December 31, 2023, Mr. B. F. Saul II and members of the Saul Organization owned common stock representing approximately 38.0% in value of all our issued and outstanding equity securities. Members of the Saul Organization are permitted under our articles of incorporation to convert Operating Partnership units into shares of common stock or acquire additional shares of common stock until the Saul Organization's actual ownership of common stock reaches 39.9% in value of our equity securities. As of December 31, 2023, approximately 854,000 of the 9,580,408 units of the Operating Partnership would have been permitted to convert into additional shares of common stock, and would have resulted in Mr. B. F. Saul II and members of the Saul Organization owning common stock representing approximately 39.9% in value of all our issued and outstanding equity securities.

As a result of these relationships, officers of the Saul Organization will be in a position to exercise significant influence over our affairs, which influence might not be consistent with the interests of other stockholders. All related party transactions are reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee in accordance with the Audit Committee charter. Except as discussed below, we do not have any additional written policies or procedures for the review, approval or ratification of transactions with related persons.

***Management Time.***

Our Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President-Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer are also officers of various entities of the Saul Organization. Although we believe that these officers spend sufficient management time to meet their responsibilities as our officers, the amount of management time devoted to us will depend on our specific circumstances at any given point in time. As a result, in a given period, these officers may spend less than a majority of their management time on our matters. Over extended periods of time, we believe that our Chief Executive Officer will spend less than a majority of his management time on Company matters, while our President and Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President-Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer may or may not spend less than a majority of their time on our matters.

***Exclusivity and Right of First Refusal Agreements.***

We will acquire, develop, own and manage shopping center properties and will own and manage other commercial properties, and, subject to certain exclusivity agreements and rights of first refusal to which we are a party, the Saul Organization will continue to develop, acquire, own and manage commercial properties and own land suitable for development as, among other things, shopping centers and other commercial properties. Therefore, conflicts could develop in the allocation of acquisition and development opportunities with respect to commercial properties other than shopping centers and with respect to development sites, as well as potential tenants and other matters, between us and the Saul Organization. The agreement relating to exclusivity and the right of first refusal between us and the Saul Organization generally requires the Saul Organization to conduct its shopping center business exclusively through us and to grant us a right of first refusal to purchase commercial properties and development sites in certain market areas that become available to the Saul Organization. The Saul Organization has granted the right of first refusal to us, acting through our independent directors, in order to minimize potential conflicts with respect to commercial properties and development sites. We and the Saul Organization have entered into this agreement in order to minimize conflicts with respect to shopping centers and certain of our commercial properties. See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of related party transactions.

*Shared Services.*

We share with the Saul Organization certain ancillary functions, such as computer and payroll services, benefits administration and in-house legal services. The terms of all sharing arrangements, including payments related thereto, are reviewed periodically by our Audit Committee, which is comprised solely of independent directors. Included in our general and administrative expenses or capitalized to specific development projects, for the year ended December 31, 2023, are charges totaling \$10.6 million, net, related to such shared services, which included rental payments for the Company's headquarters lease, which were billed by the Saul Organization. Although we believe that the amounts allocated to us for such shared services represent a fair allocation between us and the Saul Organization, we have not obtained a third party appraisal of the value of these services.

The B. F. Saul Insurance Agency of Maryland, Inc., a subsidiary of the B. F. Saul Company and a member of the Saul Organization, is a general insurance agency that receives commissions and counter-signature fees in connection with our insurance program. Such commissions and fees amounted to approximately \$562,800 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

*Related Party Rents.*

We sublease space for our corporate headquarters from a member of the Saul Organization, the building of which is owned by another member of the Saul Organization. The lease commenced in March 2002 and expires in February 2027. The Company and the Saul Organization entered into a shared services agreement whereby each party pays a portion of the total rental payments based on a percentage proportionate to the number of employees employed by each party. The Company's rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$871,300. Although the Company believes that this lease has terms comparable to what would have been obtained from a third-party landlord, it did not seek bid proposals from any independent third parties when entering into its new corporate headquarters lease.

*Conflicts Based on Individual Tax Considerations.*

The tax basis of members of the Saul Organization in our portfolio properties that were contributed to certain partnerships at the time of our initial public offering in 1993 was substantially less than the fair market value thereof at the time of their contribution. In the event of our disposition of such properties, a disproportionately large share of the gain for federal income tax purposes would be allocated to members of the Saul Organization. In addition, future reductions of the level of our debt, or future releases of the guarantees or indemnities with respect thereto by members of the Saul Organization, would cause members of the Saul Organization to be considered, for federal income tax purposes, to have received constructive distributions. Depending on the overall level of debt and other factors, these distributions could be in excess of the Saul Organization's basis in their Partnership units, in which case such excess constructive distributions would be taxable.

Consequently, it is in the interests of the Saul Organization that we continue to hold the contributed portfolio properties, that a portion of our debt remains outstanding or is refinanced and that the Saul Organization guarantees and indemnities remain in place, in order to defer the taxable gain to members of the Saul Organization. Therefore, the Saul Organization may seek to cause us to retain the contributed portfolio properties, and to refrain from reducing our debt or releasing the Saul Organization guarantees and indemnities, even when such action may not be in the interests of some, or a majority, of our stockholders. In order to minimize these conflicts, decisions as to sales of the portfolio properties, or any refinancing, repayment or release of guarantees and indemnities with respect to our debt, will be made by the independent directors.

*Ability to Block Certain Actions.*

Under applicable law and the limited partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership, consent of the limited partners is required to permit certain actions, including the sale of all or substantially all of the Operating Partnership's assets. Therefore, members of the Saul Organization, through their status as limited partners in the Operating Partnership, could prevent the taking of any such actions, even if they were in the interests of other stockholders.

***The amount of debt we have and the restrictions imposed by that debt could adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$1.4 billion of debt outstanding, approximately \$1.13 billion of which was fixed-rate debt and approximately \$276.0 million of which was variable-rate debt outstanding under our Credit Facility.

We currently have a general policy of limiting our borrowings to 50% of asset value, i.e., the value of our portfolio, as determined by our Board of Directors by reference to the aggregate annualized cash flow from our portfolio. Our organizational documents contain no limitation on the amount or percentage of indebtedness that we may incur. Therefore, the Board of Directors could alter or eliminate the current limitation on borrowing at any time. If our debt capitalization policy were changed, we could increase our leverage, resulting in an increase in debt service that could adversely affect our operating cash flow and our ability to make expected distributions to stockholders, and in an increased risk of default on our obligations.

We have established our debt capitalization policy relative to asset value, which is computed by reference to the aggregate annualized cash flow from the properties in our portfolio rather than relative to book value. We have used a measure tied to cash flow because we believe that the book value of our portfolio properties, which is the depreciated historical cost of the properties, does not accurately reflect our ability to borrow. Asset value, however, is somewhat more variable than book value. Book value may not at all times reflect the fair market value of the underlying properties.

The amount of our debt outstanding from time to time could have important consequences to our stockholders. For example, it could:

- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our debt, thereby reducing funds available for operations, property acquisitions and other appropriate business opportunities that may arise in the future;
- limit our ability to obtain any additional financing we may need in the future for working capital, debt refinancing, capital expenditures, acquisitions, development or other general corporate purposes;
- make it difficult to satisfy our debt service requirements;
- limit our ability to make distributions on our outstanding common and preferred stock;
- require us to dedicate increased amounts of our cash flow from operations to payments on our variable rate, unhedged debt if interest rates rise;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the factors that affect the profitability of our business, which may place us at a disadvantage compared to competitors with less debt or debt with less restrictive terms; and
- limit our ability to obtain any additional financing we may need in the future for working capital, debt refinancing, capital expenditures, acquisitions, development or other general corporate purposes.

Our ability to make scheduled payments of the principal of, to pay interest on, or to refinance, our indebtedness will depend primarily on our future performance, which to a certain extent is subject to economic, financial, competitive and other factors described in this section. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from our business in the future to service our debt or meet our other cash needs, we may be required to refinance all or a portion of our existing debt, sell assets or obtain additional financing to meet our debt obligations and other cash needs. Our ability to refinance, sell assets or obtain additional financing may not be possible on terms that we would find acceptable.

***We are obligated to comply with financial and other covenants in our debt that could restrict our operating activities, and the failure to comply could result in defaults that accelerate the payment under our debt.***

Our secured debt generally contains customary covenants, including, among others, provisions:

- relating to the maintenance of the property securing the debt;
- restricting our ability to assign or further encumber the properties securing the debt; and
- restricting our ability to enter into certain new leases or to amend or modify certain existing leases without obtaining consent of the lenders.

Our unsecured debt generally contains various restrictive covenants. The covenants in our unsecured debt include, among others, provisions restricting our ability to:

- incur additional unsecured debt;
- guarantee additional debt;
- make certain distributions, investments and other restricted payments, including distribution payments on our outstanding stock;
- create certain liens;
- increase our overall secured and unsecured borrowing beyond certain levels; and
- consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets.

Our ability to meet some of the covenants in our debt, including covenants related to the condition of the property or payment of real estate taxes, may be dependent on the performance by our tenants under their leases.

In addition, our Credit Facility requires us to satisfy financial covenants. The material financial covenants require us, on a consolidated basis, to:

- limit the amount of debt as a percentage of gross asset value, as defined in the loan agreement, to less than 60% (leverage ratio);
- limit the amount of debt so that interest coverage will exceed 2.0x on a trailing four-quarter basis (interest expense coverage); and
- limit the amount of debt so that interest, scheduled principal amortization and preferred dividend coverage exceeds 1.4x on a trailing four-quarter basis (fixed charge coverage).

As of December 31, 2023, we were in compliance with all such covenants. If we were to breach any of our debt covenants and did not cure the breach within any applicable cure period, our lenders could require us to repay the debt immediately, and, if the debt is secured, could immediately begin proceedings to take possession of the property securing the loan. Some of our debt arrangements are cross-defaulted, which means that the lenders under those debt arrangements can put us in default and require immediate repayment of their debt if we breach and fail to cure a covenant under certain of our other debt obligations. As a result, any default under our debt covenants could have an adverse effect on our financial condition, our results of operations, our ability to meet our obligations and the market value of our shares.

***The market value of our debt and equity securities is subject to various factors that may cause significant fluctuations or volatility.***

As with other publicly traded securities, the market price of our debt and equity securities depends on various factors, which may change from time to time and/or may be unrelated to our financial condition, operating performance or prospects that may cause significant fluctuations or volatility in such prices. These factors include, among others:

- general economic and financial market conditions;
- level and trend of interest rates;
- our ability to access the capital markets to raise additional capital;
- the issuance of additional equity or debt securities;
- changes in our funds from operations ("FFO") or earnings estimates;
- changes in our credit or analyst ratings;
- our financial condition and performance;
- market perception of our business compared to other REITs; and
- market perception of REITs, in general, compared to other investment alternatives.

***SOFR may have unpredictable effects on our variable rate debt.***

Our Credit Facility references the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") as the primary benchmark rate for our variable rate indebtedness. SOFR is a relatively new reference rate with a limited history, and changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than changes in other benchmark or market rates. As a result, the amount of interest we may pay on our variable rate indebtedness is difficult to predict. Fluctuations in SOFR could require us to make higher than expected interest payments and, as a result, may reduce our net income.

***Our ability to grow will be limited if we cannot obtain additional capital.***

Our growth strategy includes the redevelopment of properties we already own and the acquisition of additional properties. Because we are required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our taxable income each year to continue to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes, in addition to our undistributed operating cash flow, we rely upon the availability of debt or equity capital to fund our growth, which financing may or may not be available on favorable terms or at all. The debt could include mortgage loans from third parties or the sale of debt securities. Equity capital could include our common stock or preferred stock. Additional financing, refinancing or other capital may not be available in the amounts we desire or on favorable terms. Our access to debt or equity capital depends on a number of factors, including the general state of the capital markets, the market's perception of our growth potential, our ability to pay dividends, and our current and potential future earnings. Depending on the outcome of these factors, we could experience delay or difficulty in implementing our growth strategy on satisfactory terms, or be unable to implement this strategy.

***Risk Factors Related to our REIT Status and Other Laws and Regulations***

***Environmental laws and regulations could reduce the value or profitability of our properties.***

All real property and the operations conducted on real property are subject to federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations relating to hazardous materials, environmental protection and human health and safety. Under various federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, we and our tenants may be required to investigate and clean up certain hazardous or toxic substances released on or in properties we own or operate, and also may be required to pay other costs relating to hazardous or toxic substances. This liability may be imposed without regard to whether we or our tenants knew about the release of these types of substances or were responsible for their release. The presence of contamination or the failure to properly remediate contamination at any of our properties may adversely affect our ability to sell or lease those properties or to borrow using those properties as collateral. The costs or liabilities could exceed the value of the affected real estate. We are not aware of any environmental condition with respect to any of our properties that management believes would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets or results of operations taken as a whole. The uses of any of our properties prior to our acquisition of the property and the building materials used at the property are among the property-specific factors that will affect how the environmental laws are applied to our properties. If we are subject to any material environmental liabilities, the liabilities could adversely affect our results of operations and our ability to meet our obligations.

We cannot predict what other environmental legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future, how existing or future laws or regulations will be administered or interpreted or what environmental conditions may be found to exist on the properties in the future. Compliance with existing and new laws and regulations may require us or our tenants to spend funds to remedy environmental problems. Our tenants, like many of their competitors, have incurred, and will continue to incur, capital and operating expenditures and other costs associated with complying with these laws and regulations, which will adversely affect their potential profitability. Generally, our tenants must comply with environmental laws and meet remediation requirements. Our leases typically impose obligations on our tenants to indemnify us from any compliance costs we may incur as a result of the environmental conditions on the property caused by the tenant. If a tenant fails to or cannot comply, we could be forced to pay these costs. If not addressed, environmental conditions could impair our ability to sell or re-lease the affected properties in the future or result in lower sales prices or rent payments.

***The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "ADA") could require us to take remedial steps with respect to newly acquired properties.***

The properties, as commercial facilities, are required to comply with Title III of the ADA. Investigation of a property may reveal non-compliance with the ADA. The requirements of the ADA, or of other federal, state or local laws, also may change in the future and restrict further renovations of our properties with respect to access for disabled persons. Future compliance with the ADA may require expensive changes to the properties.

***The revenue generated by our tenants could be negatively affected by various federal, state and local laws to which they are subject.***

We and our tenants are subject to a wide range of federal, state and local laws and regulations, such as local licensing requirements, consumer protection laws and state and local fire, life-safety and similar requirements that affect the use of the properties. The leases typically require that each tenant comply with all regulations. Failure to comply could result in fines by governmental authorities, awards of damages to private litigants, or restrictions on the ability to

conduct business on such properties. Non-compliance of this sort could reduce our revenue from a tenant, could require us to pay penalties or fines relating to any non-compliance, and could adversely affect our ability to sell or lease a property.

***Failure to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes would cause us to be taxed as a corporation, which would substantially reduce funds available for payment of distributions.***

We believe that we are organized and qualified as a REIT, and currently intend to operate in a manner that will allow us to continue to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes under the Code. However, the IRS could successfully assert that we are not qualified as such. In addition, we may not remain qualified as a REIT in the future. Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Code provisions. The complexity of these provisions and of the applicable income tax regulations that have been issued under the Code by the United States Department of Treasury is greater in the case of a REIT that holds its assets in partnership form. Certain facts and circumstances not entirely within our control may affect our ability to qualify as a REIT. For example, in order to qualify as a REIT, at least 95% of our gross income in any year must be derived from qualifying rents and other income. Satisfying this requirement could be difficult, for example, if defaults by tenants were to reduce the amount of income from qualifying rents. Also, we must make annual distributions to stockholders of at least 90% of our net taxable income (excluding capital gains). In addition, new legislation, new regulations, new administrative interpretations or new court decisions may significantly change the tax laws with respect to qualification as a REIT or the federal income tax consequences of such qualification. If we fail to qualify as a REIT:

- we would not be allowed a deduction for dividend distributions to stockholders in computing taxable income;
- we would be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates;
- unless we are entitled to relief under specific statutory provisions, we could not elect to be taxed as a REIT for four taxable years following the year during which we were disqualified;
- we could be required to pay significant income taxes, which would substantially reduce the funds available for investment and for distribution to our stockholders for each year in which we failed to qualify; and
- we would no longer be required by law to make any distributions to our stockholders.

We believe that the Operating Partnership is treated as a partnership, and not as a corporation, for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS were to challenge successfully the status of the Operating Partnership as a partnership for federal income tax purposes:

- the Operating Partnership would be taxed as a corporation;
- we would cease to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes; and
- the amount of cash available for distribution to our stockholders would be substantially reduced.

***We may be required to incur additional debt to qualify as a REIT.***

As a REIT, we must make annual distributions to stockholders of at least 90% of our REIT taxable income. We are subject to income tax on amounts of undistributed REIT taxable income and net capital gain. In addition, we would be subject to a 4% excise tax if we fail to distribute sufficient income to meet a minimum distribution test based on our ordinary income, capital gain and aggregate undistributed income from prior years. We intend to make distributions to stockholders to comply with the Code's distribution provisions and to avoid federal income and excise tax. We may need to borrow funds to meet our distribution requirements because:

- our income may not be matched by our related expenses at the time the income is considered received for purposes of determining taxable income; and
- non-deductible capital expenditures or debt service requirements may reduce available cash but not taxable income.

In these circumstances, we might have to borrow funds on unfavorable terms and even if our management believes the market conditions make borrowing financially unattractive.

***Legislative, administrative, regulatory or other actions affecting REITs, including positions taken by the IRS, could have a material adverse effect on us and our investors.***

The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process, and by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"). Changes to the tax laws or interpretations thereof by the IRS and the Treasury, with or without retroactive application, could materially and adversely affect us and our investors. No prediction can be made as to the likelihood of passage of new tax legislation or other provisions, or the direct or indirect effect on us and our shareholders. Accordingly, such new legislation, Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions could significantly and negatively affect our ability to qualify to be taxed as a REIT and/or the U.S. federal income tax consequences to us and our investors of such qualification.

***To maintain our status as a REIT, we limit the amount of shares any one stockholder can own.***

The Code imposes certain limitations on the ownership of the stock of a REIT. For example, not more than 50% in value of our outstanding shares of capital stock may be owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code). To protect our REIT status, our articles of incorporation restrict beneficial and constructive ownership (defined by reference to various Code provisions) to no more than 2.5% in value of our issued and outstanding equity securities by any single stockholder with the exception of members of the Saul Organization, who are restricted to beneficial and constructive ownership of no more than 39.9% in value of our issued and outstanding equity securities.

The constructive ownership rules are complex. Shares of our capital stock owned, actually or constructively, by a group of related individuals and/or entities may be treated as constructively owned by one of those individuals or entities. As a result, a single entity or individual could own less than 2.5% or 39.9% in value of our issued and outstanding equity securities and such ownership could potentially cause a group of related individuals and/or entities to own constructively more than 2.5% or 39.9% in value of the outstanding stock. If that happened, either the transfer of ownership would be void or the shares would be transferred to a charitable trust and then sold to someone who can own those shares without violating the respective ownership limit.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. B. F. Saul II and members of the Saul Organization owned common stock representing approximately 38.0% in value of all our issued and outstanding equity securities. In addition, members of the Saul Organization beneficially owned Operating Partnership units that are, in general, convertible into our common stock on a one-for-one basis. Members of the Saul Organization are permitted under our articles of incorporation to convert Operating Partnership units into shares of common stock or acquire additional shares of common stock until the Saul Organization's actual ownership of common stock reaches 39.9% in value of our equity securities.

The Board of Directors may waive these restrictions on a case-by-case basis. The Board of Directors has authorized the Company to grant waivers to look-through entities, such as mutual funds, in which shares of equity stock owned by the entity are treated as owned proportionally by individuals who are the beneficial owners of the entity. Even though these entities may own stock in excess of the 2.5% ownership limit, no individual beneficially or constructively would own more than 2.5%. The Board of Directors has agreed to waive the ownership limit with respect to certain mutual funds and similar investors. In addition, the Board of Directors has agreed to waive the ownership limit with respect to certain bank pledgees of shares of our common stock and units issued by the Operating Partnership and held by members of the Saul Organization.

The ownership restrictions may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of our control that might involve a premium price for our equity stock or otherwise be in the stockholders' best interest.

#### **General Risk Factors**

##### ***Financial and economic conditions may have an adverse impact on us, our tenants' businesses and our results of operations.***

Our business may be affected by market and economic challenges experienced by the U.S. economy or real estate industry as a whole, by the local economic conditions in the markets in which our properties are located, including the impact of high inflation, high unemployment, volatility in the public equity and debt markets, and international economic conditions. A prolonged deterioration of economic and other market conditions, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or real estate values, as well as the financial condition of our tenants and lenders, which may expose us to increased risks of default by these parties.

Potential consequences of a prolonged deterioration of economic and other market conditions include:

- the financial condition of our tenants, many of which operate in the retail industry, may be adversely affected, which may result in tenant defaults under their leases due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, operational failures or for other reasons;
- the ability to borrow on terms and conditions that we find acceptable, or at all, may be limited, which could reduce our ability to pursue acquisition and development opportunities and refinance existing debt, reduce our returns from acquisition and development activities and increase our future interest expense;
- reduced values of our properties may limit our ability to dispose of assets at attractive prices and may reduce the ability to refinance loans; and
- one or more lenders under our credit facility could fail and we may not be able to replace the financing commitment of any such lenders on favorable terms, or at all.

##### ***Loss of our key management could adversely affect performance and the value of our common share s.***

We are dependent on the efforts of our key management. Although we believe qualified replacements could be found for any departures of key executives, the loss of their services could adversely affect our performance and the value of our common stock.

##### ***The outbreak or pandemic of any highly infectious or contagious diseases or other public emergencies, could have a material and adverse effect on or cause disruption to our business or financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and the market value and trading price of our securities.***

A pandemic or public health emergency could have a material and adverse effect on or cause disruption to our business or financial condition, results of operations and cash flows due to, among other factors:

- a complete or partial closure of, or other operational issues at, our properties as a result of government or tenant action;
- declines in or instability of the economy or financial markets that may result in a recession or negatively impact consumer discretionary spending, which could adversely affect retailers and consumers;
- reduction of economic activity that severely impacts our tenants' business operations, financial condition and liquidity and may cause one or more of our tenants to be unable to meet their obligations to us in full, or at all, to default on their lease, or to otherwise seek modifications of such obligations;
- inability to access debt and equity capital on favorable terms, if at all, and a severe disruption and instability in the global financial markets or deteriorations in credit and financing conditions may affect our access to capital necessary to fund business operations, pursue acquisition and development opportunities, refinance existing debt, reduce our ability to make cash distributions to our stockholders and increase our future interest expense;
- a general decline in business activity and demand for real estate transactions could adversely affect our ability to successfully execute investment strategies or expand our property portfolio;
- a significant reduction in our cash flows could impact our ability to continue paying cash dividends to our common and preferred stockholders at expected levels or at all;

- the financial impact of a pandemic or public health emergency could negatively affect our future compliance with financial and other covenants of our credit facility and other debt instruments, and the failure to comply with such covenants could result in a default that accelerates the payment of such indebtedness;
- the continued service and availability of personnel, including our executive officers and Board of Directors, and our ability to recruit, attract and retain skilled personnel, to the extent our management, Board of Directors or personnel are impacted in significant numbers by the outbreak of pandemic or epidemic disease and are not available or allowed to conduct work, could negatively impact our business and operating results; and
- our ability to ensure business continuity in the event our continuity of operations plan is not effective or is improperly implemented or deployed during a disruption.

The extent to which a pandemic or public health emergency impacts our operations and those of our tenants will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, including the scope, severity and duration of the outbreak, the actions taken to contain the outbreak or mitigate its impact, and the direct and indirect economic effects of the outbreak and containment measures, among others.

***Our insurance coverage on our properties may be inadequate.***

We carry comprehensive insurance on all of our properties, including insurance for liability, earthquake, fire, flood, terrorism and rental loss. These policies contain coverage limitations. We believe this coverage is of the type and amount customarily obtained for or by an owner of real property assets. We intend to obtain similar insurance coverage on subsequently acquired properties.

As a consequence of various terrorist attacks and other significant losses incurred by the insurance industry, the availability of insurance coverage has decreased and the prices for insurance have increased. As a result, we may be unable to renew or duplicate our current insurance coverage in adequate amounts or at reasonable prices. In addition, insurance companies may no longer offer coverage against certain types of losses, such as losses due to terrorist acts and toxic mold, or, if offered, the expense of obtaining these types of insurance may not be justified. We therefore may cease to have insurance coverage against certain types of losses and/or there may be decreases in the limits of insurance available. If an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of our insured limits occurs, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the property, but still remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the property. Material losses in excess of insurance proceeds may occur in the future. Also, due to inflation, changes in codes and ordinances, environmental considerations and other factors, it may not be feasible to use insurance proceeds to replace a building after it has been damaged or destroyed. Events such as these could adversely affect our results of operations and our ability to meet our obligations, including distributions to our stockholders.

***Natural disasters and climate change could have an adverse impact on our cash flow and operating results.***

Climate change may add to the unpredictability and frequency of natural disasters and severe weather conditions and create additional uncertainty as to future trends and exposures. Certain of our operations are located in areas that are subject to natural disasters and severe weather conditions such as hurricanes, droughts, snow storms, floods and fires. The impact of climate change or the occurrence of natural disasters can delay new development projects, increase investment costs to repair or replace damaged properties, increase operating costs, create additional investment costs to make improvements to existing properties to comply with climate change regulations, increase future property insurance costs, and negatively impact the tenant demand for space. If insurance is unavailable to us or is unavailable on acceptable terms, or if our insurance is not adequate to cover business interruption or losses from these events, our earnings, liquidity or capital resources could be adversely affected.

***We cannot assure you we will continue to pay dividends at historical rates.***

Our ability to continue to pay dividends on our common stock at historical rates or to increase our common stock dividend rate will depend on a number of factors, including, among others, the following:

- our financial condition and results of future operations;
- the performance of lease terms by tenants;
- the terms of our loan covenants; and
- our ability to acquire, finance, develop or redevelop and lease additional properties at attractive rates.

If we do not maintain or increase the dividend rate on our common stock, it could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock and other securities. Payment of dividends on our common stock may be subject to payment in full of the dividends on any preferred stock or depositary shares and payment of interest on any debt securities we may offer.

***Certain tax and anti-takeover provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws may inhibit a change of our control.***

Certain provisions contained in our articles of incorporation and bylaws and the Maryland General Corporation Law may discourage a third party from making a tender offer or acquisition proposal to us. If this were to happen, it could delay, deter or prevent a change in control or the removal of existing management. These provisions also may delay or prevent the stockholders from receiving a premium for their stock over then-prevailing market prices. These provisions include:

- the REIT ownership limit described above;
- authorization of the issuance of our preferred stock with powers, preferences or rights to be determined by the Board of Directors;
- a staggered, fixed-size Board of Directors consisting of three classes of directors;
- special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board, the president, by a majority of the directors or by stockholders possessing no less than 25% of all the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting;
- the Board of Directors, without a stockholder vote, can classify or reclassify unissued shares of preferred stock;
- a member of the Board of Directors may be removed only for cause upon the affirmative vote of 75% of the Board of Directors or 75% of the then-outstanding capital stock;
- advance notice requirements for proposals to be presented at stockholder meetings; and
- the terms of our articles of incorporation regarding business combinations and control share acquisitions.

***We may amend or revise our business policies without shareholder approval.***

Our Board of Directors may amend or revise our operating policies without stockholder approval. Our investment, financing and borrowing policies and policies with respect to all other activities, such as growth, debt, capitalization and operations, are determined by the Board of Directors or those committees or officers to whom the Board of Directors has delegated that authority. The Board of Directors may amend or revise these policies at any time and from time to time at its discretion. A change in these policies could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations, and the market price of our securities.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

We have received no written comments from the Securities and Exchange Commission staff regarding our periodic or current reports in the 180 days preceding December 31, 2023 that remain unresolved.

**Item 1C. Cybersecurity**

The Company maintains a documented information security program, under the supervision of its Chief Information Officer ("CIO"), that is designed to protect the infrastructure, information systems, and the information in Company systems from unauthorized access, use, or other malicious acts by enabling the organization to identify risks, implement protections, and detect and respond to cybersecurity events. Our information security program covers multiple aspects of security management, including, but not limited to: data handling and classification; user access controls and management; business continuity and disaster recovery; configuration management; asset management; risk assessments; data disposal; record retention; information security incident response; vulnerability and patch management; network security and monitoring; physical and environmental controls; data privacy; vendor and third party risk management; multi-factor authentication; and cybersecurity awareness training. The CIO has over 25 years of professional, cross-discipline information technology experience in various industries including real estate, financial services, government, and hospitality. The Vice President of Cybersecurity, reporting directly to the CIO, has over 18 years of information technology experience and is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional ("CISSP"). Both have been with the Company for over a decade.

The Company performs an annual risk assessment that includes identifying, assessing and documenting how cybersecurity and privacy risks are evaluated; establishes criteria to evaluate the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Company systems and nonpublic information; documents how existing controls address identified risks; and leads to the revision of controls as appropriate. In addition, dedicated information technology and executive personnel convene quarterly to examine operational aspects of cybersecurity.

The Company maintains an incident response plan that is designed to quickly respond to cyber security related incidents in a manner that protects its own information and the information of the Company's customers and tenants as outlined in the incident response plan. The incident response plan establishes a primary incident coordinator, incident response teams, workstreams, escalation paths, and contacts to be engaged in an incident. The Company conducts scheduled tests of its incident response plan to verify that the teams understand how to respond to cyber threat scenarios.

The Company contracts with third parties to periodically conduct penetration testing. The Company's internal audit team also periodically conducts a risk-based cybersecurity audit and, as part of such audit, engages third parties to conduct detailed security assessments, including adversary simulations, technical remediation validation and reporting of results. The Company's internal audit team prepares cybersecurity audit reports in accordance with appropriate standards and reports findings and recommendations to Company management. The audit reports and management's responses, including descriptions of any corrective actions taken, are then reported to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors. Cybersecurity threats, possible security events, and ongoing security enhancement initiatives are regularly discussed and tracked with the CIO, VP of Cybersecurity, and other senior IT team members through regularly scheduled, collaborative meetings and more frequently as the subject matter merits. Preventative security measures are shared with Management through regularly scheduled IT steering committee meetings. The Audit Committee is apprised of cybersecurity controls, known and perceived risks, remediation of those risks, and other measures via the Chief Audit Executive, through direct briefings, or in writing (by the CIO and/or designee). Our incident response policy/plan requires that key Company executives and the Audit Committee are informed of and involved with any confirmed cybersecurity incident (including mitigation/remediation). Company IT acceptable use policies require that employees report any security incidents to IT and his/her supervisor. Regularly scheduled Company training courses and security bulletins reinforce security awareness.

The Company has designed a third-party risk management program, under the supervision of its Chief Data Privacy Officer, that is designed to manage third-party providers through the lifecycle of the relationship. This includes assessing the vendors based upon their criticality and inherent risk, analyzing the risk posed, performing due diligence prior to contract execution, and conducting annual monitoring of risk and performance. Due diligence activities include an assessment of the minimum cybersecurity controls (specifically, data handling practices, encryption, and cybersecurity event management) to enable the Company to verify that third-party controls meet our expectations and contractual commitments.

Cybersecurity processes have been integrated into the Company's broader framework of risk management. The Company's Board of Directors exercises oversight of cybersecurity risks. The Board of Directors entrusts the Audit Committee with responsibility for regularly reviewing and assessing cybersecurity risks to ensure a proactive approach to safeguarding the Company's digital assets. The Audit Committee's primary role is to provide an independent and objective assessment of the Company's cybersecurity risk management practices to confirm that they are both effective and aligned with the Company's strategic objectives. The Audit Committee also reports its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors, helping the Board of Directors to make informed decisions regarding cybersecurity strategy, investments, and risk. Notwithstanding the Company's efforts, the Company is aware that preventative measures cannot prevent all cybersecurity incidents. For a detailed discussion of risks from cybersecurity threats, please see "Item 1A. Risk Factors."

## **Item 2. Properties**

### Overview

As of December 31, 2023, the Company is the owner and operator and developer of a real estate portfolio composed of 57 operating properties, totaling approximately 9.8 million square feet of gross leasable area ("GLA"), and four development properties. The properties are located primarily in the Washington, DC/Baltimore, Maryland metropolitan area. The operating property portfolio is composed of 50 neighborhood and community Shopping Centers, and seven Mixed-Use Properties totaling approximately 7.9 million and 1.9 million square feet of GLA, respectively. One property, Seven Corners Center, accounted for more than 5% of the total gross leasable area. A majority of the Shopping Centers are anchored by several major tenants and offer primarily day-to-day necessities and services. Thirty-three of the

Shopping Centers were anchored by a grocery store. One tenant, Giant Food (4.9%), a tenant at 11 Shopping Centers, individually accounted for 2.5% or more of the Company's total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Company expects to hold its properties as long-term investments and it has no maximum period for retention of any investment. It plans to selectively acquire additional income-producing properties and to expand, renovate, and improve its properties when circumstances warrant. See "Item 1. Business—Operating Strategies" and "Business—Capital Policies."

#### The Shopping Centers

Community and neighborhood shopping centers typically are anchored by one or more grocery stores, discount department stores or drug stores. These anchors offer day-to-day necessities rather than apparel and luxury goods and, therefore, generate consistent local traffic. By contrast, regional malls generally are larger and typically are anchored by one or more full-service department stores.

In general, the Shopping Centers are seasoned community and neighborhood shopping centers located in well established, highly developed, densely populated, middle and upper income areas. The 2023 average estimated population within a one- and three-mile radius of the Shopping Centers is approximately 15,600 and 82,400, respectively. The 2023 average household income within a one- and three-mile radius of the Shopping Centers is approximately \$146,700 and \$153,600, respectively, compared to a national average of \$107,000. Because the Shopping Centers generally are located in highly developed areas, management believes that there is little likelihood that significant numbers of competing centers will be developed in the future.

The Shopping Center properties range in size from approximately 19,000 to 573,500 square feet of GLA, with six in excess of 300,000 square feet, and average approximately 157,600 square feet.

#### Lease Expirations of Shopping Center Properties

The following table sets forth, by year of expiration, the aggregate amount of base rent and leasable area for leases in place at the Shopping Centers as of December 31, 2023, for each of the next ten years beginning with 2024, assuming that none of the tenants exercise renewal options and excluding an aggregate of 367,748 square feet of unleased space, which represented 4.7% of the GLA of the Shopping Centers as of December 31, 2023.

**Lease Expirations of Shopping Center Properties**

Year of Lease Expiration	Leasable Area Represented by Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leasable Area Represented by Expiring Leases	Annual Base Rent Under Expiring Leases (1)	Percentage of Annual Base Rent Under Expiring Leases	Annual Base Rent per Square Foot
2024	691,813 sf	8.8 %	\$ 15,002,459	10.5 %	\$ 21.69
2025	1,227,851	15.6 %	23,483,122	16.4 %	19.13
2026	839,596	10.7 %	16,997,338	11.9 %	20.24
2027	847,518	10.7 %	19,139,901	13.3 %	22.58
2028	1,378,077	17.5 %	21,674,487	15.1 %	15.73
2029	990,264	12.6 %	15,790,165	11.0 %	15.95
2030	125,392	1.6 %	3,641,017	2.5 %	29.04
2031	316,925	4.0 %	6,412,712	4.5 %	20.23
2032	270,697	3.4 %	3,907,299	2.7 %	14.43
2033	214,324	2.7 %	5,036,197	3.5 %	23.50
Thereafter	607,883	7.7 %	12,312,654	8.6 %	20.25
Total	7,510,340 sf	95.3 %	\$ 143,397,351	100.0 %	\$ 19.09

(1) Calculated using annualized contractual base rent payable as of December 31, 2023 for the expiring GLA, excluding expenses payable by or reimbursable from tenants.

The Mixed-Use Properties

All of the Mixed-Use Properties are located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and contain an aggregate GLA of approximately 1.9 million square feet, composed of 1.0 million and 0.1 million square feet of office and retail space, respectively, and 1,006 apartments. The Mixed-Use Properties represent three distinct styles of facilities, are located in differing commercial environments with distinctive demographic characteristics, and are geographically removed from one another. Accordingly, management believes that the Mixed-Use Properties compete for tenants in different commercial and geographic sub-markets of the metropolitan Washington, DC market and do not compete with one another.

Lease Expirations of Mixed-Use Properties

The following table sets forth, by year of expiration, the aggregate amount of base rent and leasable area for commercial leases in place at the Mixed-Use Properties that the Company owned as of December 31, 2023, for each of the next ten years beginning with 2024, assuming that none of the tenants exercise renewal options and excluding an aggregate of 159,185 square feet of unleased office and retail space, which represented 14.0% of the GLA of the commercial space within the Mixed-Use Properties as of December 31, 2023.

**Commercial Lease Expirations of Mixed-Use Properties**

Year of Lease Expiration	Leasable Area Represented by Expiring Leases	Percentage of Leasable Area Represented by Expiring Leases	Annual Base Rent Under Expiring Leases (1)	Percentage of Annual Base Rent Under Expiring Leases	Annual Base Rent per Square Foot
2024	62,105 sf	5.5 %	\$ 1,500,549	4.4 %	\$ 24.16
2025	111,517	9.8 %	5,632,633	16.4 %	50.51
2026	96,495	8.5 %	3,527,545	10.3 %	36.56
2027	86,970	7.6 %	2,436,236	7.1 %	28.01
2028	59,989	5.3 %	1,762,315	5.1 %	29.38
2029	45,509	4.0 %	1,150,840	3.4 %	25.29
2030	58,487	5.1 %	1,990,645	5.8 %	34.04
2031	163,974	14.4 %	3,092,649	9.0 %	18.86
2032	15,382	1.4 %	379,117	1.1 %	24.65
2033	76,776	6.8 %	3,746,704	10.9 %	48.80
Thereafter	200,496	17.6 %	9,092,102	26.5 %	45.35
Total	977,700 sf	86.0 %	\$ 34,311,335	100.0 %	\$ 35.09

(1) Calculated using annualized contractual base rent payable as of December 31, 2023, for the expiring GLA, excluding expenses payable by or reimbursable from tenants.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 971 apartment leases, 865 of which will expire in 2024 and 106 of which will expire in 2025. Annual base rent due under these leases is \$19.8 million and \$1.6 million for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively.

**Current Portfolio Properties**

The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, certain information regarding the Current Portfolio Properties:

Property	Location	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Year Acquired or Developed (Renovated)	Land Area (Acres)	Percentage Leased as of December 31, <sup>(i)</sup>					Anchor / Significant Tenants as of December 31, 2023	
					2023	2022	2021	2020	2019		
<b>Shopping Centers</b>											
Ashbrook Marketplace	Ashburn, VA	85,819	2018 (2019)	13.7	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	92 %	Lidl, Planet Fitness, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Valvoline, Cafe Rio, McAlisters Deli, Apple Federal Credit Union	
Ashburn Village	Ashburn, VA	221,596	1994-2006	26.4	96 %	94 %	96 %	95 %	97 %	Giant Food, Hallmark, McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, Kinder Care, Blue Ridge Grill	
Ashland Square Phase I	Dumfries, VA	23,120	2007	2.0	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Capital One Bank, CVS Pharmacy, The All American Steakhouse	
Beacon Center	Alexandria, VA	359,671	1972 (1993/99/07)	32.3	99 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Lowe's Home Improvement Center, Giant Food, Home Goods, Outback Steakhouse, Marshalls, Party Depot, Panera Bread, TGI Fridays, Starbucks, Famous Dave's, Chipotle, Capital One Bank, Wendy's	
BJ's Wholesale Club	Alexandria, VA	115,660	2008	9.6	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	BJ's Wholesale Club	
Boca Valley Plaza	Boca Raton, FL	121,365	2004	12.7	100 %	100 %	94 %	89 %	99 %	Publix, Palm Beach Fitness, Anima Domus, Foxtail Coffee	
Boulevard	Fairfax, VA	49,140	1994 (1999/09)	5.0	100 %	100 %	96 %	97 %	100 %	Panera Bread, Party City, Petco, Capital One Bank	
Briggs Chaney MarketPlace	Silver Spring, MD	194,258	2004	18.2	98 %	99 %	95 %	97 %	96 %	Global Food, Ross Dress For Less, Advance Auto Parts, McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Salon Plaza, Chipotle	
Broadlands Village	Ashburn, VA	174,438	2003 (2004/06)	24.0	100 %	91 %	92 %	90 %	98 %	Aldi Grocery, The All American Steakhouse, Bonefish Grill, Dollar Tree, Starbucks, Minnieland Day Care, LA Fitness, Chase Bank, X-Golf, Inova Go Health	
Burtonsville Town Square	Burtonsville, MD	(4)	139,928	2017	26.3	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	98 %	Giant Food, Petco, Starbucks, Greene Turtle, Capital One Bank, CVS Pharmacy, Roy Rogers, Mr. Tire, Taco Bell
Countryside Marketplace	Sterling, VA	137,804	2004	16.0	92 %	85 %	91 %	92 %	95 %	Lotte Plaza Market, CVS Pharmacy, Starbucks, McDonald's, 7-Eleven, VA ABC	
Cranberry Square	Westminster, MD	141,450	2011	18.9	100 %	100 %	97 %	87 %	96 %	Giant Food, Giant Gas Station, Staples, Party City, Wendy's, Sola Salons, Ledo Pizza, Hallmark	
Cruse MarketPlace	Cumming, GA	78,686	2004	10.6	95 %	93 %	94 %	92 %	94 %	Publix, Orange Theory, Anytime Fitness	
Flagship Center	Rockville, MD	21,500	1972, 1989	0.5	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Chase Bank, Bank of America	
French Market	Oklahoma City, OK	246,148	1974 (1984/98)	13.8	63 %	75 %	75 %	78 %	97 %	Burlington Coat Factory, Staples, Petco, The Tile Shop, Lakeshore Learning Center, Dollar Tree, Verizon, Raising Cane's, Skechers	
Germantown	Germantown, MD	18,982	1992	2.7	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	CVS Pharmacy, Jiffy Lube	
The Glen	Woodbridge, VA	136,440	1994 (2005)	14.7	100 %	99 %	93 %	98 %	97 %	Safeway, Panera Bread, Five Guys, Chipotle	
Great Falls Center	Great Falls, VA	91,666	2008	11.0	100 %	100 %	98 %	100 %	98 %	Safeway, CVS Pharmacy, Trustar Bank, Starbucks, Subway	
Hampshire Langley	Takoma Park, MD	131,700	1972 (1979)	9.9	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Mega Mart, Starbucks, Chuck E. Cheese, Sardi's Chicken, Capital One Bank, Kool Smiles, Wells Fargo	
Hunt Club Corners	Apopka, FL	107,103	2006	13.9	98 %	98 %	99 %	100 %	100 %	Publix, Pet Supermarket, Boost Mobile	

Property	Location	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Year Acquired or Developed (Renovated)	Land Area (Acres)	Percentage Leased as of December 31, <sup>(1)</sup>					Anchor / Significant Tenants as of December 31, 2023
					2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
<b>Shopping Centers (Continued)</b>										
Jamestown Place	Altamonte Springs, FL	96,201	2005	10.9	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Publix, Carrabas Italian Grill, Orlando Health
Kentlands Square I	Gaithersburg, MD	119,694	2002	11.5	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Lowe's Home Improvement Center, Chipotle, Starbucks, Shake Shack
Kentlands Square II and Kentlands Pad	Gaithersburg, MD	253,052	2011	23.4	100 %	96 %	97 %	97 %	99 %	Giant Food, At Home, Party City, Panera Bread, Hallmark, Chick-Fil-A, Coal Fire Pizza, Cava Mezza Grill, Truist Bank, Hand & Stone Massage, Crumbl Cookie, Quincy's Restaurant
Kentlands Place	Gaithersburg, MD	40,697	2005	3.4	79 %	78 %	86 %	75 %	93 %	Bonefish Grill, F45 Training
Lansdowne Town Center	Leesburg, VA	196,817	2006	23.3	94 %	91 %	90 %	91 %	90 %	Harris Teeter, CVS Pharmacy, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Ford's Oyster House, Fusion Learning, Chick-Fil-A, Chase Bank
Leesburg Pike Plaza	Baileys Crossroads, VA	97,752	1986 (1982/95)	9.4	100 %	100 %	93 %	93 %	90 %	CVS Pharmacy, Capital One Bank, Five Guys, Dollar Tree, Advanced Auto
Lumberton Plaza	Lumberton, NJ	192,718	1975 (1992/96)	23.3	61 %	66 %	66 %	68 %	68 %	Aldi, Family Dollar, Big Lots, Burger King, Big Rich Fitness, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Metro Pike Center	Rockville, MD	67,488	2010	4.6	96 %	85 %	85 %	83 %	65 %	McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, 7-Eleven, Palm Beach Tan, Mattress Warehouse, Salvation Army, Dollar Tree
Shops at Monocacy	Frederick, MD	111,341	2004	13.0	98 %	100 %	98 %	100 %	99 %	Giant Food, Panera Bread, Five Guys, California Tortilla, Firehouse Subs, Comcast, NTB
Northrock	Warrenton, VA	100,032	2009	15.4	94 %	96 %	94 %	99 %	100 %	Harris Teeter, Longhorn Steakhouse, Ledo's Pizza, Capital One Bank, Novant Health
Olde Forte Village	Ft. Washington, MD	143,577	2003	16.0	98 %	98 %	98 %	92 %	96 %	Safeway, Advance Auto Parts, Dollar Tree, McDonald's, Wendy's, Ledo's Pizza, M&T Bank
Olney	Olney, MD	53,765	1975 (1990)	3.7	95 %	96 %	93 %	93 %	93 %	Walgreens, Olney Grille, Ledo's Pizza, Popeye's, Sardi's Fusion
Orchard Park	Dunwoody, GA	87,365	2007	10.5	99 %	100 %	100 %	99 %	99 %	Kroger, Jett Ferry Dental
Palm Springs Center	Altamonte Springs, FL	126,446	2005	12.0	98 %	97 %	98 %	100 %	100 %	Publix, Duffy's Sports Grill, Toojay's Deli, The Tile Shop, Rockler Tools, Humana Health, Sola Salons
Ravenwood	Baltimore, MD	93,328	1972 (2006)	8.0	92 %	93 %	95 %	97 %	97 %	Giant Food, Dominos, Bank of America
11503 Rockville Pike/5541 Nicholson Lane	Rockville, MD	40,249	2010 / 2012	3.0	57 %	57 %	61 %	61 %	61 %	Dr. Boyd's Pet Resort, Metropolitan Emergency Animal Clinic
1500/1580/1582 Rockville Pike	Rockville, MD	105,428	2012/2014	10.2	100 %	98 %	100 %	100 %	97 %	Party City, CVS Pharmacy
Seabreeze Plaza	Palm Harbor, FL	146,673	2005	18.4	97 %	96 %	94 %	96 %	99 %	Publix, Petco, Planet Fitness, Vision Works
Marketplace at Sea Colony	Bethany Beach, DE	21,677	2008	5.1	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Armand's Pizza, Candy Kitchen, Summer Salts, Fin's Alehouse, Vacasa
Seven Corners	Falls Church, VA	573,481	1973 (1994-7/07)	31.6	99 %	98 %	98 %	99 %	99 %	The Home Depot, Giant Food, Michaels Arts & Crafts, Barnes & Noble, Ross Dress For Less, Ski Chalet, Off-Broadway Shoes, JoAnn Fabrics, Starbucks, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Chipotle, Wendy's, Burlington Coat Factory, Mattress Warehouse, J. P. Morgan Chase, Five Below, Raising Canes
Severna Park Marketplace	Severna Park, MD	254,011	2011	20.6	93 %	95 %	89 %	89 %	100 %	Giant Food, Kohl's, Office Depot, Goodyear, Chipotle, McDonald's, Five Guys, Unleashed (Petco), Jersey Mike's, Bath & Body Works, Wells Fargo, MOD Pizza

Property	Location	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Year Acquired or Developed (Renovated)	Land Area (Acres)	Percentage Leased as of December 31, <sup>(1)</sup>					Anchor / Significant Tenants as of December 31, 2023
					2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
<b>Shopping Centers (Continued)</b>										
Shops at Fairfax	Fairfax, VA	68,762	1975 (1993/99)	6.7	100 %	100 %	98 %	97 %	98 %	99 Ranch
Smallwood Village Center	Waldorf, MD	173,341	2006	25.1	90 %	90 %	79 %	75 %	77 %	Safeway, CVS Pharmacy, Family Dollar
Southdale	Glen Burnie, MD	485,628	1972 (1986)	39.8	99 %	100 %	94 %	94 %	97 %	The Home Depot, Michaels Arts & Crafts, Marshalls, PetSmart, Value City Furniture, Athletic Warehouse, Starbucks, Gallo Clothing, Office Depot, The Tile Shop, Mercy Health Care, Massage Envy, Potbelly, Capital One Bank, Chipotle, Banfield Pet Hospital, Glory Days Grill, Bank of America, Grocery Outlet
Southside Plaza	Richmond, VA	371,761	1972	32.8	96 %	95 %	98 %	96 %	92 %	Super Fresh, Citi Trends, City of Richmond, McDonald's, Burger King, Kool Smiles, Crafty Crab, Roses
South Dekalb Plaza	Atlanta, GA	163,418	1976	14.6	94 %	94 %	94 %	87 %	87 %	Big Lots, Emory Clinic, Roses, Deal \$, Humana Oak Street Health
Thruway	Winston-Salem, NC	367,399	1972 (1997)	31.5	97 %	90 %	81 %	80 %	94 %	Harris Teeter, Trader Joe's, Talbots, Hanes Brands, Jos. A. Bank, Chico's, Loft, FedEx Office, New Balance, Aveda Salon, Carter's Kids, McDonald's, Chick-Fil-A, Wells Fargo Bank, Francesca's Collections, Great Outdoor Provision Company, White House / Black Market, Soma, J. Crew, Chopt, Lululemon, Orange Theory, Athleta, Sephora, O2 Fitness, Hallmark, Sleep Number, The Good Feet Store, Hand & Stone Massage, Golf Galaxy
Village Center	Centreville, VA	145,651	1990	17.2	86 %	89 %	88 %	88 %	98 %	Giant Food, Starbucks, McDonald's, Pet Supplies Plus, Bikram Yoga, Truist Bank
Westview Village	Frederick, MD	103,186	2009	11.6	99 %	99 %	89 %	92 %	97 %	Silver Diner, Sleepy's, Music & Arts, Firehouse Subs, Cici's Pizza, Café Rio, Five Guys, Regus, Krispy Kreme, Wendy's, State Employees Credit Union (SECU), GNC, Moby Dick's House of Kabobs
White Oak	Silver Spring, MD	480,676	1972 (1993)	27.9	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	Giant Food, Sears, Walgreens, Sarku Japan
Total Shopping Centers <sup>(1)</sup>		<u>7,878,088</u>		<u>766.7</u>	<u>95.3 %</u>	<u>94.7 %</u>	<u>93.4 %</u>	<u>93.1 %</u>	<u>95.5 %</u>	

Property	Location	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Year Acquired or Developed (Renovated)	Land Area (Acres)	Percentage Leased as of December 31, <sup>(1)</sup>					Anchor / Significant Tenants as of December 31, 2023
					2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
<b>Mixed-Use Properties</b>										
Avenel Business Park	Gaithersburg, MD	390,683	1981-2000	37.1	96 %	90 %	87 %	93 %	91 %	General Services Administration, Gen Dx, Inc., American Type Culture Collection, Inc.
Clarendon Center- North Block	Arlington, VA	(4)	108,386	2010	0.6	89 %	85 %	86 %	83 %	86 % AT&T Mobility, Chipotle, Airlines Reporting Corporation
Clarendon Center- South Block	Arlington, VA	(4)	104,894	2010	1.3	53 %	71 %	88 %	88 %	97 % Trader Joe's, Circa, Burke & Herbert Bank, South Block Blends, Keppler Speakers Bureau, Leadership Institute, Massage Envy
Clarendon Center Residential-South Block (244 units)		(4)	188,671	2010		98 %	97 %	98 %	95 %	95 %
Park Van Ness- Residential (271 units)	Washington, DC	(4)	214,600	2016	1.4	97 %	97 %	96 %	95 %	97 %
Park Van Ness- Retail	Washington, DC	(4)	8,847	2016		76 %	32 %	100 %	100 %	100 % Sfoglia Pasta House, Rosedale
601 Pennsylvania Ave.	Washington, DC		227,651	1973 (1986)	1.0	82 %	76 %	78 %	90 %	94 % National Gallery of Art, American Assn. of Health Plans, Southern Company, Regus, Capital Grille
Washington Square	Alexandria, VA		236,376	1975 (2000)	2.0	84 %	78 %	71 %	80 %	90 % Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, Cooper Carry, National PACE Association, International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Trader Joe's, FedEx Office, Talbots
The Waycroft- Residential (491 units)	Arlington, VA	(4)	404,709	2020	2.8	98 %	98 %	97 %	76 %	N/A
The Waycroft- Retail	Arlington, VA	(4)	60,048	2020		100 %	100 %	91 %	90 %	N/A Target, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Silver Diner, Salon Lofts
<b>Total Mixed Use Properties (1) (3)</b>		<b>1,944,865</b>			<b>46.2</b>	<b>86.0 % (2)</b>	<b>82.5 % (2)</b>	<b>82.3 % (2)</b>	<b>88.4 % (2)</b>	<b>91.6 % (2)</b>
<b>Total Portfolio (1) (3)</b>		<b>9,822,953</b>			<b>812.9</b>	<b>94.2 % (2)</b>	<b>93.2 % (2)</b>	<b>92.0 % (2)</b>	<b>92.5 % (2)</b>	<b>95.0 % (2)</b>

Property	Location	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Year Acquired or Developed (Renovated)	Land Area (Acres)	Development Activity					
<b>Land and Development Properties</b>										
Hampden House	Bethesda, MD		2018	0.6	Above grade construction of the structure is on-going with framing and pouring of concrete being performed at the 23rd level above ground. Installation of the precast façade along with exterior metal and framing is in process.					
Twinbrook Quarter	Rockville, MD		2021	8.2	Sitework and ground floor retail façade work continues around all four sides of the building. Apartment unit construction is in process on levels 2 through 12 and work is in process on the lobbies and interior amenity spaces.					
Ashland Square Phase II	Manassas, VA		2004	17.3	Marketing to grocers and other retail businesses, with a development timetable yet to be finalized.					
New Market	New Market, MD		2005	35.5	Parcel will accommodate retail development in excess of 120,000 square feet near I-70, east of Frederick, Maryland. A development timetable has not been determined.					
<b>Total Development Properties</b>				<b>61.6</b>						

(1) Percentage leased is a percentage of rentable square feet leased for commercial space and a percentage of units leased for apartments. Prior year leased percentages, including Total Shopping Centers, Total Mixed-Use Properties and Total Portfolio have been recalculated to exclude the impact of properties sold or removed from service and, therefore, the percentages reported in this table may be different than the percentages previously reported.

(2) Total percentage leased is for commercial space only.

(3) For the purposes of the property count listed elsewhere in this document, residential and commercial are combined. The residential units at Clarendon South, Park Van Ness and The Waycroft are all part of the same building as the commercial tenants at those locations.

(4) Property is LEED certified.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in litigation, including litigation arising out of the collection of rents, the enforcement or defense of the priority of its security interests, and the continued development and marketing of certain of its real estate properties. In the opinion of management, litigation that is currently pending should not have a material adverse impact on the financial condition or future operations of the Company.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**PART II**

**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

**Market Information**

Shares of Saul Centers common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BFS."

**Holders**

The approximate number of holders of record of the common stock was 149 as of February 22, 2024. Many of our shares of common stock are held by brokers and institutions on behalf of stockholders, we are unable to estimate the total number of stockholders represented by these record holders.

**Dividends and Distributions**

Under the Code, REITs are subject to numerous organizational and operating requirements, including the requirement to distribute at least 90% of REIT taxable income. The Company distributed more than the required amount in 2023 and 2022. See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, No. 13, "Distributions." The Company may or may not elect to distribute in excess of 90% of REIT taxable income in future years.

The Company's estimate of cash flow available for distributions is believed to be based on reasonable assumptions and represents a reasonable basis for setting distributions. However, the actual results of operations of the Company will be affected by a variety of factors, including but not limited to actual rental revenue, operating expenses of the Company, interest expense, general economic conditions, federal, state and local taxes (if any), unanticipated capital expenditures, the adequacy of reserves and preferred dividends. While the Company intends to continue paying regular quarterly distributions, any future payments will be determined solely by the Board of Directors and will depend on a number of factors, including cash flow of the Company, its financial condition and capital requirements, the annual distribution amounts required to maintain its status as a REIT under the Code, and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant. We are obligated to pay regular quarterly distributions to holders of preferred depositary shares, prior distributions on the common stock.

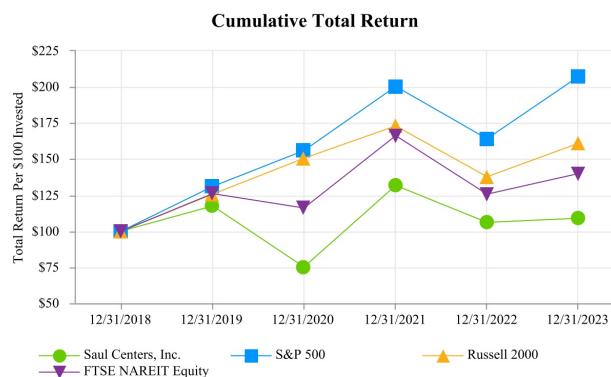
**Acquisition of Equity Securities by the Saul Organization**

Through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, during the quarter ended December 31, 2023, (a) B. Francis Saul II, the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, (b) his spouse, (c) B. F. Saul Company, which Mr. B. F. Saul II serves as Chairman, and (d) B. F. Saul Property Company, Van Ness Square Corporation, and Westminster Investing, LLC, which are related parties of B. F. Saul Company, acquired an aggregate of 5,062 shares of common stock and 44,500 limited partnership units at an average price of \$33.78 per share/unit, in respect of the October 31, 2023 dividend distribution.

No shares were acquired pursuant to a publicly announced plan or program.

Performance Graph

Rules promulgated under the Exchange Act require the Company to present a graph comparing the cumulative total stockholder return on its Common Stock with the cumulative total stockholder return of (i) a broad equity market index, and (ii) a published industry index or peer group. The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return of the Company's common stock, based on the market price of the common stock and assuming reinvestment of dividends, with the Financial Times Stock Exchange Group National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust Equity Index ("FTSE NAREIT Equity"), the S&P 500 Index ("S&P 500") and the Russell 2000 Index ("Russell 2000"). The graph



assumes the investment of \$100 on December 31, 2018.

Index	Period Ended					
	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
Saul Centers, Inc.	\$100.00	\$117.38	\$75.04	\$131.51	\$106.04	\$108.97
S&P 500	\$100.00	\$131.09	\$155.68	\$200.37	\$164.05	\$207.01
Russell 2000	\$100.00	\$125.52	\$150.58	\$172.90	\$137.52	\$160.68
FTSE NAREIT Equity	\$100.00	\$126.00	\$115.92	\$166.04	\$125.64	\$139.81

Source: Bloomberg

**Item 6. [Reserved]**

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations begins with the Company's primary business strategy to give the reader an overview of the goals of the Company's business. This is followed by a discussion of the critical accounting policies that the Company believes are important to understanding the assumptions and judgments incorporated in the Company's reported financial results. The next section discusses the Company's results of operations for the past two years. Beginning on page 42, the Company provides an analysis of its liquidity and capital resources, including discussions of its cash flows, debt arrangements, sources of capital and financial commitments. On page 47, the Company discusses funds from operations, or FFO, which is a non-GAAP financial measure of performance of an equity REIT used by the REIT industry.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related footnotes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We make statements in this section that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For a complete discussion of forward-looking statements, see the section in this report entitled "Forward-Looking Statements." Certain risks may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the following discussion. For a discussion of such risk factors, see "Item 1A. Risk Factors."

##### **Overview**

The Company's primary strategy is to continue to focus on diversification of its assets through development of transit-oriented, residential mixed-use projects and expansion of and additions to its grocery-anchored shopping centers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The Company's operating strategy also includes improvement of the operating performance of its assets, internal growth of its Shopping Centers through the addition of pad sites, and supplementing its development pipeline with selective redevelopment and renovations of its core Shopping Centers. Including Twinbrook Quarter and Hampden House, the Company has a pipeline of entitled sites in its portfolio, some of which are currently Shopping Centers, for development of up to 3,700 apartment units and 975,000 square feet of retail and office space. All such sites are located proximate to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority red line Metro stations in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The Company intends to selectively add free-standing pad site buildings within its Shopping Center portfolio and replace underperforming tenants with tenants that generate strong traffic, including anchor stores such as supermarkets and drug stores. The Company has two executed leases and three leases are under negotiation for a total of five more pad sites.

In recent years, there has been a limited amount of quality properties for sale. Management believes it will continue to be challenging to identify acquisition opportunities for investment in existing and new shopping center and mixed-use properties into the near future. It is management's view that several of the sub-markets in which the Company operates have, or are expected to have in the future, attractive supply/demand characteristics. The Company will continue to evaluate acquisition, development and redevelopment as integral parts of its overall business plan.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, economic conditions within the local Washington, DC metropolitan area had remained relatively stable. Issues facing the Federal government relating to taxation, spending and interest rate policy will likely continue to impact the office, retail and residential real estate markets over the coming years. Because the majority of the Company's property operating income is produced by our Shopping Centers, we continually monitor the implications of government policy changes, as well as shifts in consumer demand between on-line and in-store shopping, on future shopping center construction and retailer store expansion and closure plans. Based on our observations, we continue to adapt our marketing and merchandising strategies in ways to maximize our future performance. The Company's commercial leasing percentage, on a same property basis, which excludes the impact of properties not in operation for the entirety of the comparable periods, increased to 94.2% at December 31, 2023, from 93.2% at December 31, 2022.

The Company maintains a ratio of total debt to total asset value of under 50%, which allows the Company to obtain additional secured borrowings if necessary. As of December 31, 2023, including \$100.0 million of hedged variable-rate debt, total fixed-rate debt with staggered maturities from 2024 to 2041 represented approximately 80.4% of the Company's notes payable, thus minimizing refinancing risk. The Company's unhedged variable-rate debt consists of \$276.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has availability of approximately \$137.9 million under its Credit Facility.

Although it is management's present intention to concentrate future acquisition and development activities on transit-oriented, residential mixed-use properties and grocery-anchored shopping centers in the Washington, DC/Baltimore metropolitan area, the Company may, in the future, also acquire other types of real estate in other areas of the country as opportunities present themselves. The Company plans to continue to diversify in terms of property types, locations, size and market, and it does not set any limit on the amount or percentage of assets that may be invested in any one property or any one geographic area.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), which requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting of financial position and results of operations. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this report. The Company has identified the following policies that, due to estimates and assumptions inherent in those policies, involve a relatively high degree of judgment and complexity.

#### *Real Estate Investments*

Real estate investment properties are stated at historic cost less depreciation. Although the Company intends to own its real estate investment properties over a long term, from time to time it will evaluate its market position, market conditions, and other factors and may elect to sell properties that do not conform to the Company's investment profile. Management believes that the Company's real estate assets have generally appreciated in value since their acquisition or development and, accordingly, the aggregate current value exceeds their aggregate net book value and also exceeds the value of the Company's liabilities as reported in the financial statements. Because the financial statements are prepared in conformity with GAAP, they do not report the current value of the Company's real estate investment properties.

If there is an event or change in circumstance that indicates a potential impairment in the value of a real estate investment property, the Company prepares an analysis to determine whether the carrying amount of the real estate investment property exceeds its estimated fair value. The Company considers both quantitative and qualitative factors when identifying impairment indicators including recurring operating losses, significant decreases in occupancy, and significant adverse changes in market conditions, legal factors and business climate. If impairment indicators are present, the Company compares the projected cash flows of the property over its remaining useful life, on an undiscounted basis, to the carrying amount of that property. The Company assesses its undiscounted projected cash flows based upon estimated capitalization rates, historic operating results and market conditions that may affect the property. If the carrying amount is greater than the undiscounted projected cash flows, the Company would recognize an impairment loss equivalent to an amount required to adjust the carrying amount to its then estimated fair value. The fair value of any property is sensitive to the actual results of any of the aforementioned estimated factors, either individually or taken as a whole. Should the actual results differ from management's projections, the valuation could be negatively or positively affected.

#### *Accounts Receivable, Accrued Income, and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

Accounts receivable are primarily comprised of rental and reimbursement billings due from tenants, and straight-line rent receivables representing the cumulative amount of adjustments necessary to present rental income on a straight-line basis. Individual leases are assessed for collectability and, upon the determination that the collection of rents is not probable, accrued rent and accounts receivable are charged off, and the charge off is reflected as an adjustment to rental revenue. Revenue from leases where collection is not probable is recorded on a

cash basis until collectability is determined to be probable. We also assess whether operating lease receivables, at the portfolio level, are appropriately valued based upon an analysis of balances outstanding, effects of tenant bankruptcies, historical levels of bad debt and current economic trends. Evaluating and estimating uncollectable lease payments and related receivables requires a significant amount of judgment by management and is based on the best information available to management at the time of evaluation. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**Legal Contingencies**

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, which are generally covered by insurance. While the resolution of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company believes the final outcome of current matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position or the results of operations. Upon determination that a loss is probable to occur, the estimated amount of the loss is recorded in the financial statements. Both the amount of the loss and the point at which its occurrence is considered probable can be difficult to determine.

**Results of Operations**

The following is a discussion of the components of revenue and expense for the entire Company. This section generally discusses 2023 and 2022 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2023 and 2022. Discussions of 2021 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2022 and 2021 that are not included in this Form 10-K can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"

[Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K](#), for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 filed on March 2, 2023.

**Revenue**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Year ended December 31,			Percentage Change	
	2023	2022	2021	2023 from 2022	2022 from 2021
Base rent	\$ 208,295	\$ 201,182	\$ 197,930	3.5 %	1.6 %
Expense recoveries	37,094	36,025	34,500	3.0 %	4.4 %
Percentage rent	1,790	1,632	1,504	9.7 %	8.5 %
Other property revenue	2,412	1,910	1,393	26.3 %	37.1 %
Credit (losses) recoveries on operating lease receivables, net	(534)	88	(812)	NM	NM
Rental revenue	249,057	240,837	234,515	3.4 %	2.7 %
Other revenue	8,150	5,023	4,710	62.3 %	6.6 %
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 257,207</b>	<b>\$ 245,860</b>	<b>\$ 239,225</b>	<b>4.6 %</b>	<b>2.8 %</b>

NM = Not Meaningful

Total revenue increased 4.6% in 2023 compared to 2022 as described below.

*Base rent*

The \$7.1 million increase in base rent in 2023 compared to 2022 was primarily attributable to (a) higher commercial base rent of \$4.3 million and (b) higher residential rent of \$2.8 million.

*Expense recoveries*

The \$1.1 million increase in expense recoveries in 2023 compared to 2022 is primarily attributable to an increase in recoverable property operating expenses.

*Other property revenue*

The \$0.5 million increase in 2023 compared to 2022 is primarily attributable to higher miscellaneous income received in the Shopping Center portfolio.

*Credit (losses) recoveries on operating lease receivables, net*

Credit (losses) recoveries on operating lease receivables, net was a loss of \$0.5 million during 2023. The loss is primarily due to higher lease receivable reserves in 2023.

*Other Revenue*

Other revenue increased \$3.1 million primarily due to (a) higher termination fees of \$2.7 million and (b) higher parking revenue of \$0.4 million.

**Expenses**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Year ended December 31,			Percentage Change	
	2023	2022	2021	2023 from 2022	2022 from 2021
Property operating expenses	\$ 37,489	\$ 35,934	\$ 32,881	4.3 %	9.3 %
Real estate taxes	29,650	28,588	28,747	3.7 %	(0.6) %
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	49,153	43,937	45,424	11.9 %	(3.3) %
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	48,430	48,969	50,272	(1.1) %	(2.6) %
General and administrative	23,459	22,392	20,252	4.8 %	10.6 %
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	648	—	NM	NM
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 188,181</b>	<b>\$ 180,468</b>	<b>\$ 177,576</b>	<b>4.3 %</b>	<b>1.6 %</b>

NM = Not Meaningful

Total expenses increased 4.3% in 2023 compared to 2022 as described below.

*Property operating expenses*

Property operating expenses increased \$1.6 million in 2023 compared to 2022 primarily due to (a) increased insurance premiums across the portfolio of \$0.6 million, (b) higher property employee compensation and benefits of \$0.4 million, (c) increased repairs and maintenance across the portfolio of \$0.3 million, and (d) higher parking expenses in the Mixed-Use portfolio of \$0.1 million.

*Real estate taxes*

Real estate taxes increased \$1.1 million in 2023 compared to 2022 primarily due to higher tax assessments across the Shopping Center portfolio of \$1.0 million.

*Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs*

Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs increased \$5.2 million in 2023 compared to 2022 primarily due to (a) higher interest incurred as a result of higher average interest rates of \$7.5 million, (b) higher interest incurred as a result of higher average outstanding debt of \$5.9 million, partially offset by (c) higher capitalized interest of \$8.3 million related to Twinbrook Quarter Phase I and Hampden House.

*General and administrative*

General and administrative costs increased \$1.1 million in 2023 compared to 2022 primarily due to (a) higher employee compensation and benefits of \$1.9 million, partially offset by (b) fees paid in 2022 to third-parties related to the early refinance of loans at Beacon Center and Seven Corners Center totaling \$0.6 million, which were accounted for as loan modifications and (c) lower credit facility administration costs of \$0.3 million.

Same property revenue and same property operating income

Same property revenue and same property operating income are non-GAAP financial measures of performance and improve the comparability of these measures by excluding the results of properties which were not in operation for the entirety of the comparable reporting periods.

We define same property revenue as total revenue minus the revenue of properties not in operation for the entirety of the comparable reporting periods, and we define same property operating income as net income plus (a) interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs, (b) depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs, (c) general and administrative expenses, (d) change in fair value of derivatives, and (e) loss on the early extinguishment of debt minus (f) gains on sale of property and (g) the operating income of properties that were not in operation for the entirety of the comparable periods.

Other REITs may use different methodologies for calculating same property revenue and same property operating income. Accordingly, our same property revenue and same property operating income may not be comparable to those of other REITs.

Same property revenue and same property operating income are used by management to evaluate and compare the operating performance of our properties, and to determine trends in earnings, because these measures are not affected by the cost of our funding, the impact of depreciation and amortization expenses, gains or losses from the acquisition and sale of operating real estate assets, general and administrative expenses or other gains and losses that relate to ownership of our properties. We believe the exclusion of these items from revenue and operating income is useful because the resulting measures capture the actual revenue generated and actual expenses incurred by operating our properties.

Same property revenue and same property operating income are measures of the operating performance of our properties but do not measure our performance as a whole. Such measures are therefore not substitutes for total revenue, net income or operating income as computed in accordance with GAAP.

The tables below provide reconciliations of property revenue and property operating income under GAAP to same property revenue and same property operating income for the indicated periods. No properties were excluded from same property results.

Same property revenue

(in thousands)	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
<b>Total revenue</b>	\$ 257,207	\$ 245,860
Less: Acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
<b>Total same property revenue</b>	\$ 257,207	\$ 245,860
<b>Shopping Centers</b>	\$ 179,350	\$ 172,055
<b>Mixed-Use properties</b>	\$ 77,857	\$ 73,805
<b>Total same property revenue</b>	\$ 257,207	\$ 245,860
<b>Total Shopping Center revenue</b>	\$ 179,350	\$ 172,055
Less: Shopping Center acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
<b>Total same Shopping Center revenue</b>	\$ 179,350	\$ 172,055
<b>Total Mixed-Use property revenue</b>	\$ 77,857	\$ 73,805
Less: Mixed-Use acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
<b>Total same Mixed-Use revenue</b>	\$ 77,857	\$ 73,805

The \$11.3 million increase in same property revenue in 2023 compared to 2022 was primarily due to (a) higher base rent of \$7.3 million, (b) higher termination fees of \$2.7 million, and (c) higher expense recoveries of \$1.1 million.

Mixed-Use same property revenue is composed of the following:

(in thousands)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Office mixed-use properties (1)	\$ 38,514	\$ 37,845
Residential mixed-use properties (retail activity) (2)	4,583	3,984
Residential mixed-use properties (residential activity) (3)	34,760	\$ 31,976
<b>Total Mixed-Use same property revenue</b>	\$ 77,857	\$ 73,805

(1) Includes Avenel Business Park, Clarendon Center – North and South Blocks, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue and Washington Square

(2) Includes The Waycroft and Park Van Ness

(3) Includes Clarendon South Block, The Waycroft and Park Van Ness

Same property operating income.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 69,026	\$ 65,392
Add: Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	49,153	43,937
Add: Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	48,430	48,969
Add: General and administrative	23,459	22,392
Add: Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	648
Property operating income	190,068	181,338
Less: Acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
Total same property operating income	\$ 190,068	\$ 181,338
<b>Shopping Centers</b>	\$ 140,866	\$ 135,160
<b>Mixed-Use properties</b>	49,202	46,178
Total same property operating income	\$ 190,068	\$ 181,338
<b>Shopping Center operating income</b>	\$ 140,866	\$ 135,160
Less: Shopping Center acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
Total same Shopping Center operating income	\$ 140,866	\$ 135,160
<b>Mixed-Use property operating income</b>	\$ 49,202	\$ 46,178
Less: Mixed-Use acquisitions, dispositions and development properties	—	—
Total same Mixed-Use property operating income	\$ 49,202	\$ 46,178

During the year ended 2023, Shopping Center same property operating income increased 4.2% and Mixed-Use same property operating income increased 6.5%. Shopping Center same property operating income increased primarily due to (a) higher base rent of \$4.2 million and (b) higher termination fees of \$2.3 million, partially offset by (c) lower expense recoveries, net of expenses of \$0.7 million. Mixed-Use same property operating income increased primarily due to higher base rent of \$3.1 million.

Mixed-Use same property operating income is composed of the following:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Office mixed-use properties (1)	\$ 24,508	\$ 24,367
Residential mixed-use properties (retail activity) (2)	3,346	2,917
Residential mixed-use properties (residential activity) (3)	21,348	18,894
Total Mixed-Use same property operating income	\$ 49,202	\$ 46,178

(1) Includes Avenel Business Park, Clarendon Center – North and South Blocks, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue and Washington Square  
 (2) Includes The Waycroft and Park Van Ness  
 (3) Includes Clarendon South Block, The Waycroft and Park Van Ness

#### Impact of Inflation

The impact of rising operating expenses due to inflation on the operating performance of the Company's portfolio is partially mitigated by terms in substantially all of the Company's retail and office leases, which contain provisions designed to increase revenues to offset the adverse impact of inflation on the Company's results of operations. These provisions include upward periodic adjustments in base rent due from tenants, usually based on a stipulated increase, and, to a lesser extent, on the change in the consumer price index, commonly referred to as the CPI.

In addition, many of the Company's properties are leased to retail and office tenants under long-term leases, which provide for reimbursement of operating expenses by tenants. These leases tend to reduce the Company's exposure to rising property expenses due to inflation. Inflation and increased costs may have an adverse impact on the Company's retail and office tenants if increases in their operating expenses exceed increases in their revenue. In a highly inflationary environment, we may not be able to raise apartment rental rates at or above the rate of inflation, which could reduce our profit margins.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents were \$8.4 million and \$13.3 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The changes in cash and cash equivalents during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were attributable to operating, investing and financing activities, as described below.

(in thousands)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 117,727	\$ 121,151
Net cash used in investing activities	(203,681)	(116,888)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	81,082	(5,578)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (4,872)	\$ (1,315)

##### *Operating Activities*

Net cash provided by operating activities represents cash received primarily from rental revenue, plus other revenue, less property operating expenses, leasing costs, normal recurring general and administrative expenses and interest payments on outstanding debt.

##### *Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities includes property acquisitions, developments, redevelopments, tenant improvements and other property capital expenditures. The \$86.8 million increase in cash used in investing activities is primarily due to (a) higher development expenditures of \$76.4 million and (b) higher additions to real estate investments throughout the portfolio of \$10.4 million.

##### *Financing Activities*

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities represents (a) cash received from loan proceeds and issuance of common stock, preferred stock and limited partnership units minus (b) cash used to repay and curtail loans, redeem preferred stock and pay dividends and distributions to holders of common stock, preferred stock and limited partnership units. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of financing activity.

#### Liquidity Requirements

Short-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of normal recurring operating expenses and capital expenditures, debt service requirements (including debt service relating to additional and replacement debt), distributions to common and preferred stockholders, distributions to unit holders, and amounts required for expansion and renovation of the Current Portfolio Properties and selective acquisition and development of additional properties. In order to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, the Company must distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its "real estate investment trust taxable income," as defined in the Code. The Company expects to meet these short-term liquidity requirements (other than amounts required for additional property acquisitions and developments) through cash provided from operations, available cash and its existing line of credit.

The Company is developing Twinbrook Quarter Phase I ("Phase I") located in Rockville, Maryland. Phase I includes an 80,000 square foot Wegmans, approximately 25,000 square feet of small shop space, 450 apartments and a 230,000 square foot office building. The office tower portion of Phase I is not being constructed at this time. In connection with the development of the residential and retail portions of Phase I, we must also invest in infrastructure and other items that will support both Phase I and other portions of the development of Twinbrook Quarter. Excluding imputed capitalized interest, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$331.5 million, of which \$271.4 million is related to the development of the residential and retail portions of Phase I and \$60.1 million is related to infrastructure and other items. Of the expected \$331.5 million total cost, \$263.2 million has been invested to date. A portion of the cost of the project is being financed by a \$145.0 million construction-to-permanent loan. During the second quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and, as of December 31, 2023, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$72.4 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs. Sitework and ground floor retail façade work continues around all four sides of the building. Apartment unit construction is in process on levels two through 12 and work is in process on the lobbies and interior amenity spaces. Initial delivery of Phase I is anticipated in late 2024. The development potential of all phases of the entire 18.4 acre Twinbrook Quarter site totals 1,865 residential units, 473,000 square feet of retail space, and 431,000 square feet of office space.

The Company is developing Hampden House, a project located in downtown Bethesda, Maryland that will include up to 366 apartment units and 10,100 square feet of retail space. Excluding imputed capitalized interest, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$246.4 million, of which \$133.0 million has been invested to date. A portion of the cost of the project is being financed by a \$133.0 million construction-to-permanent loan. During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and, as of December 31, 2023, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$4.9 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs. Above grade construction of the structure is on-going with framing and pouring of concrete being performed at the 23rd level above ground. Installation of the precast façade along with exterior metal and framing is in process. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2025.

Long-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of obligations under our long-term debt and dividends paid to our preferred shareholders. The Company anticipates that long-term liquidity requirements will also include amounts required for property acquisitions and developments. The Company may also redevelop certain of the Current Portfolio Properties and may develop additional freestanding outparcels or expansions within certain of the Shopping Centers. Acquisition and development of properties are undertaken only after careful analysis and review, and management's determination that such properties are expected to provide long-term earnings and cash flow growth. During the coming year, developments, expansions or acquisitions (if any) are expected to be funded with available cash, bank borrowings from the Company's credit line, construction and permanent financing, proceeds from the operation of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan or other external debt or equity capital resources available to the Company. Any future borrowings may be at the Saul Centers, Operating Partnership or Subsidiary Partnership level, and securities offerings may include (subject to certain limitations) the issuance of additional limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership which can be converted into shares of Saul Centers common stock. The availability and terms of any such financing will depend upon market and other conditions.

**Contractual Payment Obligations**

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had unfunded contractual payment obligations totaling approximately \$278.9 million, excluding operating obligations, due within the next 12 months. The table below shows the total contractual payment obligations as of December 31, 2023.

(Dollars in thousands)	Payments Due By Period		
	One Year or Less	More Than One Year	Total
Notes Payable:			
Interest	\$ 47,639	\$ 314,310	\$ 361,949
Scheduled Principal	33,291	299,042	332,333
Balloon Payments	50,694	1,023,258	1,073,952
Subtotal	<u>131,624</u>	<u>1,636,610</u>	<u>1,768,234</u>
Corporate Headquarters Lease (1)	825	1,872	2,697
Development and Predevelopment Obligations	126,415	16,675	143,090
Tenant Improvements	20,054	—	20,054
<b>Total Contractual Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 278,918</b>	<b>\$ 1,655,157</b>	<b>\$ 1,934,075</b>

(1) See Note 7 to Consolidated Financial Statements. Corporate Headquarters Lease amounts represent an allocation to the Company based upon employees' time dedicated to the Company's business as specified in the Shared Services Agreement. Future amounts are subject to change as the number of employees employed by each of the parties to the lease fluctuates.

**Dividend Reinvestments**

In December 1995, the Company established a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") to allow its common stockholders and holders of limited partnership interests an opportunity to buy additional shares of common stock by reinvesting all or a portion of their dividends or distributions. The Plan provides for investing in newly issued shares of common stock at a 3% discount from market price without payment of any brokerage commissions, service charges or other expenses. All expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. The Company issued 53,716 and 138,142 shares under the Plan at a weighted average discounted price of \$36.46 and \$48.56 per share during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company issued 44,500 and 26,659 limited partnership units under the Plan at a weighted average price of \$33.83 and \$49.81 per unit during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company also credited 7,643 and 5,815 shares to directors pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends specified by the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan at a weighted average discounted price of \$36.50 and \$46.74 per share, during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Capital Strategy and Financing Activity

As a general policy, the Company intends to maintain a ratio of its total debt to total estimated asset value of 50% or less and to actively manage the Company's leverage and debt expense on an ongoing basis in order to maintain prudent coverage of fixed charges. Asset value is the aggregate fair market value of the Current Portfolio Properties and any subsequently acquired properties as reasonably determined by management by reference to the properties' aggregate cash flow. Given the Company's current debt level, it is management's belief that the ratio of the Company's debt to total estimated asset value was below 50% as of December 31, 2023.

The organizational documents of the Company do not limit the absolute amount or percentage of indebtedness that it may incur. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, reevaluate the Company's debt capitalization policy in light of current economic conditions, relative costs of capital, market values of the Company property portfolio, opportunities for acquisition, development or expansion, and such other factors as the Board of Directors then deems relevant. The Board of Directors may modify the Company's debt capitalization policy based on such a reevaluation without shareholder approval and may increase or decrease the Company's debt to total asset ratio above or below 50% or may waive the policy for certain periods of time. The Company continues to refinance or renegotiate the terms of its outstanding debt in order to extend maturities and obtain generally more favorable loan terms, whenever management determines the financing environment is favorable.

On March 8, 2023, the Company closed on a 10-year, non-recourse, \$15.3 million mortgage secured by BJ's Wholesale Club in Alexandria, Virginia. The loan matures in 2033, bears interest at a fixed-rate of 6.07%, requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$99,200 based on a 25-year amortization schedule and requires a final principal payment of \$11.7 million at maturity. Proceeds were used to repay the remaining balance of approximately \$9.3 million on the existing mortgage and reduce the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility.

The Company's 2022 financing activity is described within Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The following is a summary of notes payable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Notes Payable (Dollars in thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		Interest Rate*	Scheduled Maturity*
	2023	2022		
BJ's Wholesale Club	\$ —	\$ 9,345	6.43	% Apr-2023
Leesburg Pike Center	11,822	12,543	7.35	% Jun-2024
White Oak	19,031	19,985	6.88	% Jul-2024
Avenel Business Park	21,611	22,906	7.45	% Jul-2024
Ashburn Village	21,805	23,039	7.30	% Jan-2025
Ravenwood	11,361	11,975	6.18	% Jan-2026
Clarendon Center	81,693	86,264	5.31	% Apr-2026
Severna Park Marketplace	24,458	25,857	4.30	% Oct-2026
Kentlands Square II	28,093	29,658	4.53	% Nov-2026
Cranberry Square	13,224	13,946	4.70	% Dec-2026
Fixed-rate portion of Credit Facility	100,000	100,000	4.38	% Feb-2027
Hampshire-Langley	11,569	12,231	4.04	% Apr-2028
Seabreeze Plaza	12,683	13,302	3.99	% Sep-2028
Great Falls Center	30,547	31,313	3.91	% Sep-2029
Shops at Fairfax / Boulevard	22,452	23,443	3.69	% Mar-2030
Northrock	12,135	12,652	3.99	% Apr-2030
Burtonsville Town Square	32,178	33,439	3.39	% Feb-2032
Park Van Ness	60,874	62,813	4.88	% Sep-2032
Washington Square	50,249	52,030	3.75	% Dec-2032
BJ's Wholesale Club	15,099	—	6.07	% Mar-2033
Broadlands Village	27,999	28,858	4.41	% Nov-2033
The Glen	20,234	20,827	4.69	% Jan-2034
Olde Forte Village	19,563	20,136	4.65	% Feb-2034
Olney	12,655	12,476	8.00	% Apr-2034
Shops at Monocacy	25,670	26,422	4.14	% Dec-2034
Ashbrook Marketplace	20,216	20,807	3.80	% Aug-2035
Kentlands	27,321	28,157	3.43	% Aug-2035
The Waycroft	149,078	152,679	4.67	% Sep-2035
Village Center	24,460	25,057	4.14	% Aug-2037
Beacon Center / Seven Corners	139,570	142,522	5.05	% Oct-2037
Hampden House	7,726	—	3.90	% Mar-2040
Twinbrook	74,909	—	3.83	% Dec-2041
Total fixed rate	1,130,285	1,074,682	4.70	% 8.62 years
Variable rate loans:				
Variable-rate portion of Credit Facility**	276,000	164,000	SOFR + 1.40%	Aug-2025
Total variable rate**	276,000	164,000	6.88	% 1.70 years
Total notes payable	\$ 1,406,285	\$ 1,238,682	5.13	% 7.26 years

\* Totals computed using weighted averages.

\*\* The interest rate incurred on our variable rate debt changes monthly and is based on the 1-month Term SOFR rate plus a 0.10% SOFR credit spread plus the applicable margin on the Credit Facility, which was 1.40% as of December 31, 2023.

**Funds From Operations**

In 2023, the Company reported Funds From Operations ("FFO")<sup>1</sup> available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests of \$106.3 million, a 3.0% increase from 2022 FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests of \$103.2 million. FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests increased primarily due to (a) higher base rent of \$7.3 million and (b) higher termination fees of \$2.7 million, partially offset by (c) higher interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs of \$5.2 million and (d) lower expense recovery income, net of expenses, of \$1.5 million. The following table presents a reconciliation from net income to FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 69,026	\$ 65,392	\$ 61,649
Add:			
Real estate depreciation and amortization	48,430	48,969	50,272
FFO	117,456	114,361	111,921
Subtract:			
Preferred stock dividends	(11,194)	(11,194)	(11,194)
FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests	\$ 106,262	\$ 103,167	\$ 100,727
Weighted average shares and units:			
Basic	33,474	33,256	32,029
Diluted <sup>(2)</sup>	34,066	33,972	33,098
Basic FFO per share available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.14
Diluted FFO per share available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests.	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.04

(1) The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("Nareit") developed FFO as a relative non-GAAP financial measure of performance of an equity REIT in order to recognize that income-producing real estate historically has not depreciated on the basis determined under GAAP. FFO is defined by Nareit as net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and excluding impairment charges on depreciable real estate assets and gains or losses from property dispositions. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs, which is disclosed in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the applicable periods. There are no material legal or functional restrictions on the use of FFO. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income, its most directly comparable GAAP measure, as an indicator of the Company's operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. Management considers FFO a meaningful supplemental measure of operating performance because it primarily excludes the assumption that the value of the real estate assets diminishes predictably over time (i.e. depreciation), which is contrary to what we believe occurs with our assets, and because industry analysts have accepted it as a performance measure. FFO may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other REITs.

(2) Beginning March 5, 2021, fully diluted shares and units includes 1,416,071 limited partnership units held in escrow related to the contribution of Twinbrook Quarter by 1592 Rockville Pike. Half of the units held in escrow were released on October 18, 2021. The remaining units held in escrow were released on October 18, 2023.

Acquisitions and Redevelopments

Management anticipates that during the coming year, the Company may redevelop certain of the Current Portfolio Properties and may develop additional freestanding outparcels or expansions within certain of the Shopping Centers. Acquisition and development of properties are undertaken only after careful analysis and review, and management's determination that such properties are expected to provide long-term earnings and cash flow growth. During the coming year, any developments, expansions or acquisitions are expected to be funded with bank borrowings from the Company's credit line, construction financing, proceeds from the operation of the Company's dividend reinvestment plan or other external capital resources available to the Company.

The Company has been selectively involved in acquisition, development, redevelopment and renovation activities. It continues to evaluate the acquisition of land parcels for retail and mixed-use development and acquisitions of operating properties for opportunities to enhance operating income and cash flow growth. The Company also continues to analyze redevelopment, renovation and expansion opportunities within the portfolio.

Portfolio Leasing Status

The following table sets forth average annualized base rent per square foot and average annualized effective rent per square foot for the Company's commercial properties (all properties except for the apartments within The Waycroft, Clarendon Center and Park Van Ness properties). For purposes of this table, annualized effective rent is annualized base rent minus amortized tenant improvements and amortized leasing commissions.

	Commercial Rents		
	Year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Base rent	\$ 20.79	\$ 20.55	\$ 20.63
Effective rent	\$ 19.24	\$ 18.95	\$ 18.91

The following chart sets forth certain information regarding commercial leases at our properties for the periods indicated. This section generally discusses 2023 and 2022 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2023 and 2022. Discussions of 2021 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2022 and 2021 that are not included in this Form 10-K can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" [Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 filed on March 2, 2023.

As of December 31,	Total Properties		Total Square Footage		Percentage Leased	
	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use
					95.3 %	86.0 %
2023	50	7	7,878,088	1,136,885	95.3 %	86.0 %
2022	50	7	7,877,330	1,136,885	94.7 %	82.5 %

The overall commercial portfolio leasing percentage, on a comparative same property basis, increased to 94.2% at December 31, 2023 from 93.2% at December 31, 2022. Included in the 94.2% of space leased as of December 31, 2023, is approximately 157,355 square feet of space, representing 1.75% of total commercial square footage, that has not been occupied by the tenant. Collectively, these leases are expected to produce approximately \$4.1 million of additional annualized base rent, an average of \$26.20 per square foot, upon tenant occupancy and following any contractual rent concessions.

The Mixed-Use commercial leasing percentage is composed of commercial leases at office mixed-use properties and residential mixed-use properties. The Mixed-Use portfolio includes 164,892 square feet of retail space and 971,993 square feet of office space. The leasing percentage at office mixed-use properties increased to 85.3% at December 31, 2023 from 82.0% at December 31, 2022. The retail leasing percentage at residential mixed-use properties increased to 97.0% at December 31, 2023 from 91.2% at December 31, 2022.

The following table shows selected data for leases executed in the indicated periods. The information is based on executed leases without adjustment for the timing of occupancy, tenant defaults, or landlord concessions. The base rent for an expiring lease is the annualized contractual base rent, on a cash basis, as of the expiration date of the lease. The base rent for a new or renewed lease is the annualized contractual base rent, on a cash basis, as of the expected rent commencement date. Because tenants that execute leases may not ultimately take possession of their space or pay all of their contractual rent, the changes presented in the table provide information only about trends in market rental rates. The actual changes in rental income received by the Company may be different.

Year ended December 31,	Commercial Property Leasing Activity					Average Base Rent per Square Foot			
	Square Feet		Number of Leases		New/Renewed Leases		Expiring Leases		
	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use	Shopping Centers	Mixed- Use	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use	
	2023	1,554,663	229,956	282	35	\$ 20.38	\$ 36.70	\$ 19.35	
	2022	1,274,191	86,713	304	17	22.50	28.04	21.37	

Additional information about commercial leasing activity during the three months ended December 31, 2023, is set forth below. The below information includes leases for space which had not been previously leased during the period of the Company's ownership, either as a result of acquisition or development.

Number of leases	Commercial Property Leasing Activity			Renewed Leases
	New Leases		First Generation/Development Leases	
	16	—	—	46
Square feet	37,161	—	—	283,639
Per square foot average annualized:				
Base rent	\$ 44.71	\$ —	—	\$ 28.93
Tenant improvements	(2.96)	—	—	(0.53)
Leasing costs	(1.95)	—	—	(0.55)
Rent concessions	(2.98)	—	—	(0.05)
Effective rents	\$ 36.82	\$ —	—	\$ 27.80

As of December 31, 2023, 713,271 square feet of Commercial space was subject to leases scheduled to expire in 2024. Below is information about existing and estimated market base rents per square foot for that space.

Expiring Commercial Property Leases:		Total
Square feet		713,271
Average base rent per square foot	\$ 23.32	
Estimated market base rent per square foot	\$ 23.56	

The Residential portfolio was 98.0% leased at December 31, 2023, compared to 97.2% at December 31, 2022.

Year ended December 31,	Number of leases	Average Rent per Square Foot		
		New/Renewed Leases	Expiring Leases	
2023	929	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.43	
2022	1,005	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.22	

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

The Company is exposed to certain financial market risks, the most predominant being fluctuations in interest rates and inflation. Interest rate fluctuations are monitored by management as an integral part of the Company's overall risk management program, which recognizes the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to reduce the potentially adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is exposed to interest rate fluctuations that will affect the amount of interest expense of its variable-rate debt and the fair value of its fixed-rate debt. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had unhedged variable rate indebtedness totaling \$276.0 million. If the interest rates on the Company's unhedged variable rate debt instruments outstanding at December 31, 2023 had been one percentage point higher or lower, our annual interest expense relating to these debt instruments would have increased or decreased by \$2.8 million based on those balances. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had fixed-rate indebtedness totaling \$1.13 billion with a weighted average interest rate of 4.7%. If interest rates on the Company's fixed-rate debt instruments at December 31, 2023 had been one percentage point higher, the fair value of those debt instruments on that date would have decreased by \$51.6 million. If interest rates on the Company's fixed-rate debt instruments at December 31, 2023 had been one percentage point lower, the fair value of those debt instruments on that date would have increased by \$56.3 million.

Inflation may impact the Company's results of operations by (a) increasing costs unreimbursed by tenants faster than rents increase and (b) adversely impacting consumer demand at our retail shopping centers, which, in turn, may result in (i) lower percentage rent and/or (ii) the inability of tenants to pay their rent. Inflation may also negatively impact the cost of development projects. While the Company has not been significantly impacted by any of these items in the current year, no assurances can be provided that inflationary pressures will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business in the future.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

The financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are included in this report on the pages indicated, and are incorporated herein by reference:

Page	
F-1	<a href="#">(a) Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</a> (PCAOB ID Number 34).
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F-4	<a href="#">(c) Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.</a>
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**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures***Quarterly Assessment*

The Company carried out an assessment as of December 31, 2023 of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures and its internal control over financial reporting. This assessment was done under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, as appropriate. Rules adopted by the SEC require that the Company present the

conclusions of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer about the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and the conclusions of the Company's management about the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*CEO and CFO Certifications.*

Included as Exhibits 31 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K are forms of "Certification" of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer. The forms of Certification are required in accordance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. This section of the Annual Report on Form 10-K that you are currently reading is the information concerning the assessment referred to in the Section 302 certifications and this information should be read in conjunction with the Section 302 certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Control over Financial Reporting.*

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act, such as this Annual Report on Form 10-K, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to provide reasonable assurance that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, and effected by the Company's Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U. S. GAAP and includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Company's assets;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U. S. GAAP, and that the Company's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management or the Company's Board of Directors; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

*Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls.*

Management, including the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, does not expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no assessment of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the

individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management's override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

*Scope of the Assessments.*

The assessment by the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and the assessment by the Company's management of the Company's internal control over financial reporting included a review of procedures and discussions with the Company's Disclosure Committee and others in the Company. In the course of the assessments, management sought to identify data errors, control problems or acts of fraud and to confirm that appropriate corrective action, including process improvements, were being undertaken. Management used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013 Framework) to assess the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting is done on a quarterly basis so that the conclusions concerning the effectiveness of disclosure controls can be reported in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting is also evaluated on an ongoing basis by management, other personnel in the Company's accounting department and the Company's internal audit function. The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting is audited by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. We consider the results of these various assessment activities as we monitor the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting and when deciding to make modifications as necessary. Management's intent in this regard is that the disclosure controls and procedures and the internal control over financial reporting will be maintained and updated (including improvements and corrections) as conditions warrant.

*Assessment of Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Based upon the assessments, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, its Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, and its Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer have concluded that, as of December 31, 2023, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

*Assessment of Effectiveness of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.*

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Management used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013 Framework) to assess the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based upon the assessments, the Company's management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm has issued a report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which appears on page F-2 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.*

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information this Item requires is incorporated by reference to the information under the captions "The Board of Directors," "Corporate Governance – Ethical Conduct Policy and Senior Financial Officer Code of Ethics," "Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports," "Corporate Governance – Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee – Selection of Director Nominees," and "Corporate Governance – Audit Committee" of the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed with the SEC for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 17, 2024 (the "Proxy Statement").

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information this Item requires is incorporated by reference to the information under the captions "Corporate Governance – Compensation of Directors," "Report of the Compensation Committee," and "Executive Compensation" of the Proxy Statement.

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

The information this Item requires is incorporated by reference to the information under the captions "Equity Compensation Plan Information" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" of the Proxy Statement.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence**

The information this Item requires is incorporated by reference to the information under the captions "Certain Relationships and Transactions" and "Corporate Governance – Board of Directors" of the Proxy Statement.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information this Item requires is incorporated by reference to the information contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Audit Committee Report – 2023 and 2022 Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fee Summary" of the Proxy Statement.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1 **Financial Statements**  
The following financial statements of the Company and their consolidated subsidiaries are incorporated by reference in Part II, Item 8.  
(a) Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Deloitte & Touche LLP — PCAOB ID Number 34  
(b) Consolidated Balance Sheets - December 31, 2023 and 2022  
(c) Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.  
(d) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income – Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.  
(e) Consolidated Statements of Equity - Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.  
(f) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.  
(g) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

2. **Financial Statement Schedule and Supplementary Data**  
(a) Selected Quarterly Financial Data for the Company are incorporated by reference in Part II, Item 8  
(b) Schedule of the Company:  
Schedule III - Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation

All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.

Exhibits

3. (a) First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Saul Centers, Inc. filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation on August 23, 1994 and filed as Exhibit 3.(a) of the 1993 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K are hereby incorporated by reference. [Articles of Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Saul Centers, Inc., filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation on May 28, 2004 and filed as Exhibit 3.\(a\) of the June 30, 2004 Quarterly Report of the Company](#) is hereby incorporated by reference. [Articles of Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Saul Centers, Inc., filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation on May 26, 2006 and filed as Exhibit 3.\(a\) of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 30, 2006](#) is hereby incorporated by reference. [Articles of Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Saul Centers, Inc., filed with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation on May 14, 2013 and filed as Exhibit 3.\(a\) of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 14, 2013](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) [Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Saul Centers, Inc. as in effect at and after June 22, 2017 and filed as Exhibit 3.\(b\) of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 28, 2017](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(c) [Articles Supplementary to First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, dated January 19, 2018, filed as Exhibit 3.3 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed January 23, 2018](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(d) [Articles Supplementary to First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, dated September 12, 2019, filed as Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed September 17, 2019](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

4. (a) [Deposit Agreement, dated January 23, 2018, among the Company, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Depositary, and the holders of depositary receipts, filed as Exhibit 4.2 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed January 23, 2018](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) [Specimen certificate representing the 6.125% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \\$0.01 per share, of the Company, filed as Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed January 23, 2018](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(c) [Deposit Agreement, dated September 17, 2019, among the Company, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Depositary, and the holders of depositary receipts, filed as Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed September 17, 2019](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(d) [Specimen certificate representing the 6.000% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \\$0.01 per share, of the Company, filed as Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed September 17, 2019](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(e) [Description of Registrant's Securities, filed as Exhibit 4.\(h\) of the 2019 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K](#) is hereby incorporated by reference.

10. (a) First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit No. 10.1 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 is hereby incorporated by reference. The First Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, the Second Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.(a) of the 1995 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference. [The Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the March 31, 1997 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Fifth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 4.\(c\) to Registration Statement No. 333-41436, is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Sixth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the September 30, 2003 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Seventh Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the December 31, 2003 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Eighth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the December 31, 2007 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Ninth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the March 31, 2008 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Tenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the March 31, 2008 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Eleventh Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the September 30, 2011 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Twelfth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated February 12, 2013 is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Thirteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated November 12, 2014, is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Fourteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated January 23, 2018, is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Fifteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated May 14, 2018, is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Sixteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated September 17, 2019, is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Seventeenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the June 30, 2021 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Eighteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the September 30, 2021 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#), [The Nineteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the September 30, 2023 Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference](#).

(b) First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 are hereby incorporated by reference. [The Second Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership, the Third Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership and the Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership as filed as Exhibit 10.\(b\) of the 1997 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K are hereby incorporated by reference](#).

(c) First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership and Amendment No. 1 thereto filed as Exhibit 10.3 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 are hereby incorporated by reference. [The Second Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(c\) of the June 30, 2001 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.](#) [The Third Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership filed as exhibit 10.\(c\) of the 2006 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K are hereby incorporated by reference.](#) [The Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(c\) of the 2009 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference.](#) [The Fifth Amendment to our First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership filed as Exhibit 10.\(c\) of the September 30, 2016 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

(d) Property Conveyance Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.4 to Registration Statement No. 33- 64562 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(e) Management Functions Conveyance Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.5 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(f) Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.6 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(g) Exclusivity and Right of First Refusal Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.7 to Registration Statement No. 33-64562 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(h) Agreement of Assumption dated as of August 26, 1993 executed by Saul Holdings Limited Partnership and filed as Exhibit 10.(i) of the 1993 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference.

(i) [Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, dated as of April 23, 2004 and filed as Exhibit 10.\(k\) of the June 30, 2004 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.\\*](#)

(j) [Credit Agreement dated January 26, 2018, by and among: the Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, as Borrower; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent; Capital One, National Association, as Syndication Agent; TD Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association, as Documentation Agents; and Wells Fargo, Capital One, TD Bank, U.S. Bank, Regions Bank and Associated Bank, National Association, as Lenders and filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2018, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

(k) [Guaranty dated January 26, 2018, by and between: Saul Centers, Inc.; Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership; Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership; Briggs Chaney Plaza, LLC; Kentlands Lot 1, LLC; 11503 Rockville Pike LLC; Rockville Pike Holdings LLC; 1500 Rockville Pike LLC; Smallwood Village Center LLC; Westview Village Center LLC; Avenel VI, Inc.; Metro Pike Center LLC; and Washington Square Center, LLC, as Guarantors; in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent for the lenders from time to time party to that certain Credit Agreement dated January 26, 2018 and filed as Exhibit 10.2 of the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2018, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

(l) [Credit Agreement dated August 31, 2021, by and among: the Partnership, as Borrower; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent; Capital One, National Association, as Syndication Agent; TD Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association, as Documentation Agents; and Wells Fargo, Capital One, TD Bank, U.S. Bank, Regions Bank, PNC Bank and Associated Bank, National Association, as Lenders and filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated September 1, 2021, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

(m) [Guaranty dated August 31, 2021, by and between: Saul Centers, Inc.; Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership; Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership; Briggs Chaney Plaza, LLC; Kentlands Lot 1, LLC; 11503 Rockville Pike LLC; Rockville Pike Holdings LLC; 1500 Rockville Pike LLC; Smallwood Village Center LLC; Westview Village Center LLC; Avenel VI, Inc.; Metro Pike Center LLC; and Washington Square Center LLC, as Guarantors; in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent for the lenders from time to time party to that certain Credit Agreement dated August 31, 2021 and filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated September 1, 2021, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

(n) [First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated October 3, 2022, by and among: the Partnership, as Borrower; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent; Capitol One, National Association, as Syndication Agent; TD Bank, N.A., U.S. Bank National Association, Regions Bank, PNC Bank, National Association, and Associated Bank, National Association, as Lenders and filed as Exhibit 10.1 of the September 30, 2022 Quarterly Report of the Company, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

- (o) [The Saul Centers, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan, as amended on April 25, 2008, May 10, 2013 and May 3, 2019, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)
- (p) [Form of Director Stock Option Agreements, as filed as Exhibit 10.\(j\) of the September 30, 2004 Quarterly Report of the Company, is hereby incorporated by reference.\\*](#)
- (q) [Form of Officer Stock Option Grant Agreements, as filed as Exhibit 10.\(k\) of the September 30, 2004 Quarterly Report of the Company, is hereby incorporated by reference.\\*](#)
- (r) [Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement dated as of January 1, 2018, between B. F. Saul Company and Saul Centers, Inc., filed as Exhibit 10.\(s\) of the 2017 Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)
- (s) [Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2011, by and among the Company, Saul Holdings Limited Partnership and B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust and filed as Exhibit 10.\(r\) of the September 30, 2011 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)
- (t) [First Amendment to Amended and Restated Shared Services Agreement effective as of January 1, 2019, between B. F. Saul Company and Saul Centers, Inc. filed as Exhibit 10.\(1\) of the June 30, 2019 Quarterly Report of the Company, is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)
- (u) [Contribution Agreement, dated as of November 5, 2019, by and between Saul Holdings Limited Partnership and 1592 Rockville Pike LLC filed as Exhibit 10.\(u\) of the December 31, 2020 Annual Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)
- (v) [First Amendment to the Contribution Agreement, entered into on March 5, 2021, by and between Saul Holdings Limited Partnership and 1592 Rockville Pike LLC, as filed as Exhibit 10.\(a\) of the March 31, 2021 Quarterly Report of the Company is hereby incorporated by reference.](#)

21. [Subsidiaries of Saul Centers, Inc. is filed herewith.](#)

23.1 [Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm is filed herewith..](#)

24. [Power of Attorney \(included on signature page\).](#)

31. [Rule 13a-14\(a\)/15d-14\(a\) Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are filed herewith.\\*\\*](#)

32. [Section 1350 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are filed herewith\\*\\*](#)

97.1 [Incentive-based Compensation Recoupment Policy is filed herewith.](#)

101. The following financial statements from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language ("XBRL"): (i) consolidated balance sheets, (ii) consolidated statements of operations, (iii) consolidated statements of changes in stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, (iv) consolidated statements of cash flows, and (v) the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

104.1 Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

\* - Management Contract or Compensatory Plan or Agreement

\*\* - In accordance with Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K, this Exhibit is not deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Such certifications will not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

**Item 16. Form 10-K Summary**

Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SAUL CENTERS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ B. Francis Saul II  
B. Francis Saul II  
Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Report has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated. Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of B. Francis Saul II and Carlos L. Heard as his attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this Report and to file same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, granting unto such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters and hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitutes may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ Philip D. Caraci  
Philip D. Caraci, Vice Chairman

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ Patricia Saul Lotuff  
Patricia Saul Lotuff, Vice Chairman

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ D. Todd Pearson  
D. Todd Pearson, President, Chief  
Operating Officer and Director

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ Carlos L. Heard  
Carlos L. Heard, Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer (Principal  
Financial Officer)

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ Joel A. Friedman  
Joel A. Friedman, Executive Vice  
President, Chief Accounting Officer and  
Treasurer (Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ John E. Chapoton  
John E. Chapoton, Director

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ G. Patrick Clancy, Jr.  
G. Patrick Clancy, Jr., Director

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ J. Page Lansdale  
J. Page Lansdale, Director

Date: February 29, 2024 /s/ Willoughby B. Laycock  
Willoughby B. Laycock, Director

Date: February 29, 2024 /s/ H. Gregory Platts  
H. Gregory Platts, Director

Date: February 29, 2024 /s/ Earl A. Powell III  
Earl A. Powell III, Director

Date: February 29, 2024 /s/ Andrew M. Saul II  
Andrew M. Saul II Director

Date: February 29, 2024 /s/ Mark Sullivan III  
Mark Sullivan III, Director

## Financial Statements

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the stockholders and the Board of Directors of Saul Centers, Inc.

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Saul Centers, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes and the schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2)(b) (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 29, 2024, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Critical Audit Matters

Critical audit matters are matters arising from the current-period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. We determined that there are no critical audit matters.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

McLean, Virginia  
February 29, 2024

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2018.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the stockholders and the Board of Directors of Saul Centers, Inc.

**Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Saul Centers, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, of the Company and our report dated February 29, 2024, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

**Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Assessment of Effectiveness of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

*I/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP*

McLean, Virginia  
February 29, 2024

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Real estate investments		
Land	\$ 511,529	\$ 511,529
Buildings and equipment	1,595,023	1,574,381
Construction in progress	514,553	322,226
	2,621,105	2,408,136
Accumulated depreciation	( 729,470 )	( 688,475 )
Total real estate investments, net	1,891,635	1,719,661
Cash and cash equivalents	8,407	13,279
Accounts receivable and accrued income, net	56,032	56,323
Deferred leasing costs, net	23,728	22,388
Other assets	14,335	21,651
Total assets	\$ 1,994,137	\$ 1,833,302
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Mortgage notes payable, net	\$ 935,451	\$ 961,577
Revolving credit facility payable, net	274,715	161,941
Term loan facility payable, net	99,530	99,382
Construction loans payable, net	77,305	—
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	57,022	42,978
Deferred income	22,748	23,169
Dividends and distributions payable	22,937	22,453
Total liabilities	1,489,708	1,311,500
<b>Equity</b>		
Preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares authorized:		
Series D Cumulative Redeemable, 30,000 shares issued and outstanding	75,000	75,000
Series E Cumulative Redeemable, 44,000 shares issued and outstanding	110,000	110,000
Common stock, \$ 0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized, 24,082,887 and 24,016,009 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	241	240
Additional paid-in capital	449,959	446,301
Partnership units in escrow	—	39,650
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	( 288,825 )	( 273,559 )
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,014	2,852
Total Saul Centers, Inc. equity	348,389	400,484
Noncontrolling interests	156,040	121,318
Total equity	504,429	521,802
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,994,137	\$ 1,833,302

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	For The Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>			
Rental revenue	\$ 249,057	\$ 240,837	\$ 234,515
Other	8,150	5,023	4,710
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>257,207</b>	<b>245,860</b>	<b>239,225</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Property operating expenses	37,489	35,934	32,881
Real estate taxes	29,650	28,588	28,747
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	49,153	43,937	45,424
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	48,430	48,969	50,272
General and administrative	23,459	22,392	20,252
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	648	—
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>188,181</b>	<b>180,468</b>	<b>177,576</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>69,026</b>	<b>65,392</b>	<b>61,649</b>
<b>Noncontrolling interests</b>			
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	( 16,337 )	( 15,198 )	( 13,260 )
<b>Net income attributable to Saul Centers, Inc.</b>	<b>52,689</b>	<b>50,194</b>	<b>48,389</b>
Preferred stock dividends	( 11,194 )	( 11,194 )	( 11,194 )
<b>Net income available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 41,495</b>	<b>\$ 39,000</b>	<b>\$ 37,195</b>
<b>Per share net income available to common stockholders</b>			
Basic and diluted	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.57

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in thousands)	For The Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 69,026	\$ 65,392	\$ 61,649
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Change in unrealized gain on cash flow hedge	( 1,220 )	3,962	—
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	67,806	69,354	61,649
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	( 15,955 )	( 16,308 )	( 13,260 )
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to Saul Centers, Inc.</b>	51,851	53,046	48,389
Preferred stock dividends	( 11,194 )	( 11,194 )	( 11,194 )
<b>Total comprehensive income available to common stockholders</b>	\$ 40,657	\$ 41,852	\$ 37,195

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Partnership Units in Escrow	Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Saul Centers, Inc.	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 185,000	\$ 235	\$ 420,625	\$ —	\$ (241,535)	\$ —	\$ 364,325	\$ 63,208	\$ 427,533
Issuance of common stock:									
293,615 shares pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	3	11,497	—	—	—	11,500	—	11,500
70,231 shares due to share grants, exercise of employee stock options and issuance of directors' deferred stock	—	—	4,487	—	—	—	4,487	—	4,487
Issuance of partnership units:									
61,009 pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,398	2,398
469,740 pursuant to the acquisition of Twinbrook leasehold interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,500	21,500
93,674 for the Ashbrook bonus value pursuant to the Ashbrook Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,320	4,320
1,416,071 restricted units pursuant to the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement	—	—	—	79,300	—	—	79,300	—	79,300
708,036 restricted units released from escrow pursuant to the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement	—	—	—	(39,650)	—	—	(39,650)	39,650	—
Net income	—	—	—	—	48,389	—	48,389	13,260	61,649
Preferred stock distributions:									
Series D	—	—	—	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)
Series E	—	—	—	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)
Common stock distributions	—	—	—	—	(38,525)	—	(38,525)	(13,614)	(52,139)
Distributions payable on Series D preferred stock, \$ 38.28 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)
Distributions payable on Series E preferred stock, \$ 37.50 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)
Distributions payable common stock (\$ 0.57 /share) and partnership units (\$ 0.57 /unit)	—	—	—	—	(13,583)	—	(13,583)	(5,284)	(18,867)
Balance, December 31, 2021	185,000	238	436,609	39,650	(256,448)	—	405,049	125,438	530,487

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (continued)**

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Partnership Units in Escrow	Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Saul Centers, Inc.	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
Issuance of common stock:									
143,957 shares pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	2	6,977	—	—	—	6,979	—	6,979
31,581 shares due to share grants, exercise of employee stock options and issuance of directors' deferred stock	—	—	2,715	—	—	—	2,715	—	2,715
Issuance of partnership units:									
26,659 pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,322	1,322
Net income	—	—	—	—	50,194	—	50,194	15,198	65,392
Change in unrealized loss on cash flow hedge	—	—	—	—	—	2,852	2,852	1,110	3,962
Preferred stock distributions:									
Series D	—	—	—	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)
Series E	—	—	—	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)
Common stock distributions	—	—	—	—	(41,940)	—	(41,940)	(16,264)	(58,204)
Distributions payable on Series D preferred stock, \$ 38.28 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)
Distributions payable on Series E preferred stock, \$ 37.50 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)
Distributions payable common stock (\$ 0.59 /share) and partnership units (\$ 0.59 /unit)	—	—	—	—	(14,171)	—	(14,171)	(5,486)	(19,657)
Balance, December 31, 2022	185,000	240	446,301	39,650	(273,559)	2,852	400,484	121,318	521,802

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (continued)**

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Partnership Units in Escrow	Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Saul Centers, Inc.	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
Issuance of common stock:									
61,359 shares pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	1	2,237	—	—	—	2,238	—	2,238
5,520 shares due to share grants, exercise of employee stock options and issuance of directors' deferred stock	—	—	1,421	—	—	—	1,421	—	1,421
Issuance of partnership units:									
44,500 pursuant to dividend reinvestment plan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,505	1,505
708,035 restricted units released from escrow pursuant to the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement	—	—	—	(39,650)	—	—	(39,650)	39,650	—
Net income	—	—	—	—	52,689	—	52,689	16,337	69,026
Change in unrealized gain on cash flow hedge	—	—	—	—	(838)	—	(838)	(382)	(1,220)
Preferred stock distributions:									
Series D	—	—	—	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)	—	(3,445)
Series E	—	—	—	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)	—	(4,950)
Common stock distributions	—	—	—	—	(42,553)	—	(42,553)	(16,458)	(59,011)
Distributions payable on Series D preferred stock, \$ 38.28 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)	—	(1,149)
Distributions payable on Series E preferred stock, \$ 37.50 per share	—	—	—	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)	—	(1,650)
Distributions payable common stock (\$ 0.59 /share) and partnership units (\$ 0.59 /unit)	—	—	—	—	(14,208)	—	(14,208)	(5,930)	(20,138)
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 185,000</u>	<u>\$ 241</u>	<u>\$ 449,959</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (288,825)</u>	<u>\$ 2,014</u>	<u>\$ 348,389</u>	<u>\$ 156,040</u>	<u>\$ 504,429</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For The Year Ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
<i><u>in thousands)</u></i>			
<b>ows from operating activities:</b>			
come	\$ 69,026	65,392	61,649
tments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
on early extinguishment of debt	—	648	—
eciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	48,430	48,969	50,272
rtization of deferred debt costs	2,250	1,985	1,710
cash compensation costs of stock grants and options	1,421	1,521	1,562
lit losses (recoveries) on operating lease receivables	534	(88)	812
ease) decrease in accounts receivable and accrued income	(243)	2,424	5,446
tions to deferred leasing costs	(5,607)	(2,716)	(1,814)
ease) decrease in other assets	453	4,511	(2,820)
ase (decrease) in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,884	524	(285)
ase (decrease) in deferred income	(421)	(2,019)	1,895
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>117,727</u>	<u>121,151</u>	<u>118,427</u>
<b>ows from investing activities:</b>			
isitions of real estate investments (1) (2) (3)	—	—	(9,011)
tions to real estate investments	(26,196)	(15,781)	(21,023)
tions to development and redevelopment projects	(177,485)	(101,107)	(25,884)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(203,681)</u>	<u>(116,888)</u>	<u>(55,918)</u>
<b>ows from financing activities:</b>			
eds from mortgage notes payable	15,300	199,750	—
yments on mortgage notes payable	(42,332)	(174,096)	(42,641)
eds from term loan facility	—	—	25,000
eds from revolving credit facility	160,000	155,000	46,000
yments on revolving credit facility	(48,000)	(97,000)	(44,500)
eds from construction loans payable	82,635	—	10,917
ments of debt extinguishment costs	—	(593)	—
tions to deferred debt costs	(404)	(9,869)	(6,393)
eds from the issuance of:			
common stock	2,238	8,173	14,425
artnership units (1) (2) (3)	1,505	1,322	2,398
ibutions to:			
ries D preferred stockholders	(4,594)	(4,594)	(4,593)
ries E preferred stockholders	(6,600)	(6,600)	(6,600)
ommon stockholders	(56,722)	(55,523)	(50,963)
oncontrolling interests	(21,944)	(21,548)	(17,821)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>81,082</u>	<u>(5,578)</u>	<u>(74,771)</u>
crease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,872)	(1,315)	(12,262)
nd cash equivalents, beginning of year	13,279	14,594	26,856
nd cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>8,407</u>	<u>13,279</u>	<u>14,594</u>
ental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 46,083	46,725	44,575
Accrued capital expenditures included in accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	\$ 36,166	18,006	5,906

(1) The 2021 acquisition of real estate and proceeds from the issuance of partnership units each excludes \$ 79,300 in connection with the contribution of Twinbrook Quarter by the B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust in exchange for limited partnership units.

(2) The 2021 acquisition of real estate and proceeds from the issuance of partnership units each excludes \$ 21,500 in connection with the contribution of the Twinbrook Quarter leasehold interest in exchange for limited partnership units.

(3) The 2021 acquisition of real estate and proceeds from the issuance of partnership units each excludes \$ 4,320 in connection with the issuance of additional limited partnership units to B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust as additional consideration pursuant to the terms of the 2016 contribution agreement, as amended, related to Ashbrook Marketplace.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

**SAUL CENTERS, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**1. ORGANIZATION, BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

Saul Centers, Inc. ("Saul Centers") was incorporated under the Maryland General Corporation Law on June 10, 1993, and operates as a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Company is required to annually distribute at least 90 % of its REIT taxable income (excluding net capital gains) to its stockholders and meet certain organizational and other requirements. Saul Centers has made and intends to continue to make regular quarterly distributions to its stockholders. Saul Centers, together with its wholly owned subsidiaries and the limited partnerships of which Saul Centers or one of its subsidiaries is the sole general partner, are referred to collectively as the "Company." B. Francis Saul II serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Saul Centers.

Saul Centers was formed to continue and expand the shopping center business previously owned and conducted by the B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Saul Trust"), the B. F. Saul Company and certain other affiliated entities, each of which is controlled by B. Francis Saul II and his family members (collectively, the "Saul Organization"). On August 26, 1993, members of the Saul Organization transferred to Saul Holdings Limited Partnership, a newly formed Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and two newly formed subsidiary limited partnerships (the "Subsidiary Partnerships," and collectively with the Operating Partnership, the "Partnerships"), Shopping Centers and Mixed-Used Properties, and the management functions related to the transferred properties. Since its formation, the Company has developed and purchased additional properties.

The Company, which conducts all of its activities through its subsidiaries, the Operating Partnership and Subsidiary Partnerships, engages in the ownership, operation, management, leasing, acquisition, renovation, expansion, development and financing of community and neighborhood shopping centers and mixed-used properties, primarily in the Washington, DC/Baltimore metropolitan area.

Because the properties are located primarily in the Washington, DC/Baltimore metropolitan area, a disproportionate economic downturn in the local economy would have a greater negative impact on our overall financial performance than on the overall financial performance of a company with a portfolio that is more geographically diverse. A majority of the Shopping Centers are anchored by several major tenants. As of December 31, 2023, 33 of the Shopping Centers were anchored by a grocery store and offer primarily day-to-day necessities and services. One retail tenant, Giant Food (4.9 %), a tenant at 11 Shopping Centers, individually accounted for 2.5 % or more of the Company's total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, the Current Portfolio Properties consisted of 50 Shopping Centers, seven Mixed-Use Properties, and four (non-operating) development properties.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of Saul Centers and its subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership and Subsidiary Partnerships, which are majority owned by Saul Centers. Substantially all assets and liabilities of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, are comprised of the assets and liabilities of the Operating Partnership. The debt arrangements which are subject to recourse are described in Note 5. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Operating Partnership is a variable interest entity ("VIE") of the Company because the limited partners do not have substantive kick-out or participating rights. The Company is the primary beneficiary of the Operating Partnership because it has the power to direct the activities of the Operating Partnership and the rights to absorb 70.4 % of the net income of the Operating Partnership. Because the Operating Partnership is consolidated into the financial statements of the Company, the identification of it as a VIE has no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The most significant estimates and assumptions relate to impairment of real estate properties and collectability of operating lease receivables. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Real Estate Investment Properties**

Real estate investment properties are stated at historic cost less depreciation. Although the Company intends to own its real estate investment properties over a long term, from time to time it will evaluate its market position, market conditions, and other factors and may elect to sell properties that do not conform to the Company's investment profile. Management believes that the Company's real estate assets have generally appreciated in value since their acquisition or development and, accordingly, the aggregate current value exceeds their aggregate net book value and also exceeds the value of the Company's liabilities as reported in the financial statements. Because the financial statements are prepared in conformity with GAAP, they do not report the current value of the Company's real estate investment properties.

If there is an event or change in circumstance that indicates a potential impairment in the value of a real estate investment property, the Company prepares an analysis to determine whether the carrying amount of the real estate investment property exceeds its estimated fair value. The Company considers both quantitative and qualitative factors including recurring operating losses, significant decreases in occupancy, and significant adverse changes in legal factors and business climate. If impairment indicators are present, the Company compares the projected cash flows of the property over its remaining useful life, on an undiscounted basis, to the carrying amount of that property. The Company assesses its undiscounted projected cash flows based upon estimated capitalization rates, historic operating results and market conditions that may affect the property. If the carrying amount is greater than the undiscounted projected cash flows, the Company would recognize an impairment loss equivalent to an amount required to adjust the carrying amount to its then estimated fair value. The fair value of any property is sensitive to the actual results of any of the aforementioned estimated factors, either individually or taken as a whole. Should the actual results differ from management's projections, the valuation could be negatively or positively affected. The Company did not recognize an impairment loss on any of its real estate in 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives of generally between 35 and 50 years for base buildings, or a shorter period if management determines that the building has a shorter useful life, and up to 20 years for certain other improvements that extend the useful lives. Leasehold improvements expenditures are capitalized when certain criteria are met, including when the Company supervises construction and will own the improvements. Tenant improvements are amortized, over the shorter of the lives of the related leases or the useful life of the improvement, using the straight-line method. Depreciation expense, which is included in Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, was \$ 44.2 million, \$ 44.6 million, and \$ 45.5 million, respectively. Repairs and maintenance expense totaled \$ 15.5 million, \$ 15.2 million, and \$ 13.5 million for 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively, and is included in property operating expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**Assets Held for Sale**

The Company considers properties to be assets held for sale when all of the following criteria are met:

- management commits to a plan to sell a property;
- it is unlikely that the disposal plan will be significantly modified or discontinued;
- the property is available for immediate sale in its present condition;
- actions required to complete the sale of the property have been initiated;
- sale of the property is probable and the Company expects the completed sale will occur within one year; and
- the property is actively being marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable given its current market value.

The Company must make a determination as to the point in time that it is probable that a sale will be consummated, which generally occurs when an executed sales contract has no contingencies and the prospective buyer has significant funds at risk to ensure performance. Upon designation as an asset held for sale, the Company records the carrying amount of each property at the lower of its carrying amount or its estimated fair value, less estimated costs to sell, and ceases depreciation. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had no assets designated as held for sale.

**Revenue Recognition**

We lease Shopping Centers and Mixed-Use Properties to lessees in exchange for monthly payments that cover rent, and where applicable, reimbursement for property taxes, insurance, and certain property operating expenses. Our leases were determined to be operating leases and generally range in term from one to 15 years.

Some of our leases have termination options and/or extension options. Termination options allow the lessee to terminate the lease prior to the end of the lease term, provided certain conditions are met. Termination options generally require advance notification from the lessee and payment of a termination fee. Termination fees are recognized as revenue over the modified lease term. Extension options are subject to terms and conditions stated in the lease.

Rental and interest income are accrued as earned. Recognition of rental income commences when control of the space has been given to the tenant. When rental payments due under leases vary from a straight-line basis because of free rent periods or stepped increases, income is recognized on a straight-line basis. Expense recoveries represent a portion of property operating expenses billed to the tenants, including common area maintenance, real estate taxes and other recoverable costs. Upon adoption of Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, we made a policy election not to separate lease and nonlease components and have accounted for each lease component and the related nonlease components together as a single component. Expense recoveries are recognized in the period in which the expenses are incurred. Rental income based on a tenant's revenue ("percentage rent") is accrued when a tenant reports sales that exceed a specified breakpoint, pursuant to the terms of their respective leases.

**Accounts Receivable, Accrued Income, and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

Accounts receivable are primarily comprised of rental and reimbursement billings due from tenants, and straight-line rent receivables representing the cumulative amount of adjustments necessary to present rental income on a straight-line basis. Individual leases are assessed for collectability and, upon the determination that the collection of rents is not probable, accrued rent and accounts receivable are charged off, and the charge off is reflected as an adjustment to rental revenue. Revenue from leases where collection is not probable is recorded on a cash basis until collectability is determined to be probable. We also assess whether operating lease receivables, at the portfolio level, are appropriately valued based upon an analysis of balances outstanding, effects of tenant bankruptcies, historical levels of bad debt and current economic trends. Evaluating and estimating uncollectable lease payments and related receivables requires a significant amount of judgment by management and is based on the best information available to management at the time of evaluation.

**Deferred Leasing Costs**

Deferred leasing costs primarily consist of initial direct costs incurred in connection with successful property leasing and amounts attributed to in place leases associated with acquired properties. Such amounts are capitalized and amortized, using the straight-line method, over the term of the lease or the remaining term of an acquired lease. Initial direct costs primarily consist of leasing commissions, costs paid to external third-party brokers, and internal lease commissions that are incremental to obtaining a lease and would not have been incurred if the lease had not been obtained. Unamortized deferred costs are charged to expense if the applicable lease is terminated prior to expiration of the initial lease term. Collectively, deferred leasing costs totaled \$ 23.7 million and \$ 22.4 million, net of accumulated amortization of approximately \$ 53.7 million and \$ 51.3 million, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Amortization expense, which is included in Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, totaled approximately \$ 4.2 million, \$ 4.3 million, and \$ 4.7 million, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term investments. Short-term investments include money market accounts and other investments that generally mature within three months, measured from the acquisition date, and/or are readily convertible to cash. Substantially all of the Company's cash balances at December 31, 2023 are held in accounts at various banks. From time to time the Company may maintain deposits with financial institutions in amounts in excess of federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses on such deposits and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on those deposits.

**Deferred Income**

Deferred income consists of payments received from tenants prior to the time they are earned and recognized by the Company as revenue, including tenant prepayment of rent for future periods, real estate taxes when the taxing jurisdiction has a fiscal year differing from the calendar year reimbursements specified in the lease agreement and tenant construction work provided by the Company. In addition, deferred income includes unamortized balances that represent the fair value of certain below market leases determined as of the date of acquisition.

**Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company may, when appropriate, employ derivative instruments, such as interest-rate swaps, to mitigate the risk of interest rate fluctuations. The Company does not enter into derivative or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Derivative financial instruments are carried at fair value as either assets or liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets. For those derivative instruments that qualify, the Company may designate the hedging instrument, based upon the exposure being hedged, as a fair value hedge or a cash flow hedge. Derivative instruments that are designated as a hedge are evaluated to ensure they continue to qualify for hedge accounting. The effective portion of any gain or loss on the hedge instruments is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and recognized in earnings within the same line item associated with the forecasted transaction in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Any ineffective portion of the change in fair value of a derivative instrument is immediately recognized in earnings. For derivative instruments that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting, or that qualify and are not designated, changes in fair value are immediately recognized in earnings.

**Income Taxes**

The Company made an election to be treated, and intends to continue operating so as to qualify, as a REIT under the Code, commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 1993. A REIT generally will not be subject to federal income taxation, provided that distributions to its stockholders equal or exceed its REIT taxable income and complies with certain other requirements. Therefore, no provision has been made for federal income taxes in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

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As of December 31, 2023, the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits and there exist no potentially significant unrecognized tax benefits which are reasonably expected to occur within the next twelve months. The Company recognizes penalties and interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits, if any, as general and administrative expense. No penalties and interest have been accrued in years 2023, 2022, and 2021. The tax basis of the Company's real estate investments was approximately \$ 1.59 billion and \$ 1.61 billion as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, and local tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2020.

**Legal Contingencies**

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, which are generally covered by insurance. Upon determination that a loss is probable to occur and can be reasonably estimated, the estimated amount of the loss is recorded in the financial statements.

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

Recently issued accounting standards or pronouncements have been excluded because they are either not relevant to the Company or they are expected not to have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior years to conform to the presentation used for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**3. REAL ESTATE****Construction in Progress**

Construction in progress includes land, preconstruction and development costs of active projects. Preconstruction costs include legal, zoning and permitting costs and other project carrying costs incurred prior to the commencement of construction. Development costs include direct construction costs and indirect costs incurred subsequent to the start of construction such as architectural, engineering, construction management and carrying costs consisting of interest, real estate taxes and insurance. The following table shows the components of construction in progress.

(in thousands)	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Twinbrook Quarter	\$ 355,113	\$ 227,672
Hampden House	142,240	80,704
Other	17,200	13,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 514,553</b>	<b>\$ 322,226</b>

**Acquisitions****Twinbrook Quarter**

On November 5, 2019, the Company entered into the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement to acquire from 1592 Rockville Pike, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Saul Trust, approximately 6.8 acres of land and its leasehold interest in approximately 1.3 acres of contiguous land, together in each case with the improvements located thereon, located at the Twinbrook Metro Station in Rockville, Maryland in exchange for 1,416,071 limited partnership units in the Operating Partnership. The Contributed Property is immediately adjacent to approximately 10.3 acres owned by the Company. Title to the Contributed Property and the units were placed in escrow until certain conditions of the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement were satisfied.

The units issued to 1592 Rockville Pike remained in escrow until the conditions of the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement, as amended, were satisfied. Half of the units held in escrow were released on October 18, 2021. The remaining units held in escrow were released on October 18, 2023.

On March 5, 2021, the Company entered into an amendment to the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement in which it and 1592 Rockville Pike agreed to release to the Company from escrow the deed and assignment of the leasehold interest of the Contributed Property, as of that date. The Company also reimbursed 1592 Rockville Pike for certain expenses pursuant to the Twinbrook Contribution Agreement totaling \$ 7.4 million. Acquisition costs totaled \$ 1.2 million. The Company recorded a finance lease right-of-use asset of \$ 19.4 million and corresponding lease liability of \$ 19.4 million related to the leasehold interest assumed in the transaction. The incremental borrowing rate used to calculate the lease liability was 5.63 %.

On June 29, 2021, the third-party landlord under the ground lease contributed to the Company the fee simple interest in the land underlying the leasehold interest in exchange for 469,740 limited partnership units in the Operating Partnership, representing an aggregate value of \$ 21.5 million. Acquisition costs were paid in cash and totaled \$ 0.7 million. Accordingly, the related finance lease right-of-use asset and finance lease liability were extinguished. Amortization expense and interest expense related to the lease totaled \$ 104,000 and \$ 362,800, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2021.

**Allocation of Purchase Price of Real Estate Acquired**

The Company allocates the purchase price of real estate investment properties to various components, such as land, buildings and intangibles related to in-place leases and customer relationships, based on their relative fair values.

The gross carrying amount of lease acquisition costs included in deferred leasing costs as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$ 10.6 million and \$ 10.7 million, respectively, and accumulated amortization was \$ 9.4 million and \$ 9.2 million, respectively. Amortization expense totaled \$ 0.3 million, \$ 0.4 million and \$ 0.5 million, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. The gross carrying amount of below market lease intangible liabilities included in deferred income as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$ 23.3 million and \$ 23.3 million, respectively, and accumulated amortization was \$ 18.6 million and \$ 17.3 million, respectively. Accretion income totaled \$ 1.3 million, \$ 1.3 million, and \$ 1.4 million, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. The gross carrying amount of above market lease intangible assets included in accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$ 0.6 million and \$ 0.6 million, respectively, and accumulated amortization was \$ 227,700 and \$ 194,800, respectively. Amortization expense totaled \$ 32,900, \$ 32,900 and \$ 32,900, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The remaining weighted-average amortization period as of December 31, 2023 is 4.7 years, 5.8 years, and 5.0 years for lease acquisition costs, above market leases and below market leases, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2023, scheduled amortization of intangible assets and deferred income related to in place leases is as follows:

(In thousands)	Lease acquisition costs	Above market leases	Below market leases
2024	\$ 198	\$ 33	\$ 878
2025	153	33	601
2026	131	33	508
2027	119	33	507
2028	117	33	507
Thereafter	476	211	1,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,194</b>	<b>\$ 376</b>	<b>\$ 4,731</b>

**4. NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS - HOLDERS OF CONVERTIBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNITS IN THE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP**

Saul Centers is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, owning a 70.4 % common interest as of December 31, 2023. Noncontrolling interest in the Operating Partnership is comprised of limited partnership units owned by the Saul Organization and a third party. Noncontrolling interest reflected on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets is increased for earnings allocated to limited partnership interests and distributions reinvested in additional units, and is decreased for limited partner distributions. Noncontrolling interest reflected on the consolidated statements of operations represents earnings allocated to limited partnership interests.

The Saul Organization holds a 28.2 % limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership represented by 9,580,408 limited partnership units, as of December 31, 2023. The units are convertible into shares of Saul Centers' common stock, at the option of the unit holder, on a one -for-one basis provided that, in accordance with the Saul Centers, Inc. Articles of Incorporation, the rights may not be exercised at any time that the Saul Organization beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, in the aggregate more than 39.9 % of the value of the outstanding common stock and preferred stock of Saul Centers (the "Equity Securities"). As of December 31, 2023, approximately 854,000 units were eligible for conversion.

As of December 31, 2023, a third party investor holds a 1.4 % limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership represented by 469,740 convertible limited partnership units. At the option of the unit holder, these units are convertible into shares of Saul Centers' common stock on a one -for-one basis; provided that, in lieu of the delivery of Saul Centers' common stock, Saul Centers may, in its sole discretion, deliver cash in an amount equal to the value of such Saul Centers' common stock.

The impact of the Saul Organization's 28.2 % and the third party's 1.4 % limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership is reflected as Noncontrolling Interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Weighted average fully diluted partnership units and common stock outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, were 34.1 million, 34.0 million, and 33.1 million, respectively.

The Company previously issued 708,035 limited partnership units related to the contribution of Twinbrook Quarter that were held in escrow and released on October 18, 2023.

**5. NOTES PAYABLE, BANK CREDIT FACILITY, INTEREST EXPENSE AND AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED DEBT COSTS**

At December 31, 2023, the principal amount of outstanding debt totaled \$ 1.4 billion, of which \$ 1.13 billion was fixed rate debt and \$ 276.0 million was variable rate debt. The principal amount of the Company's outstanding debt totaled \$ 1.2 billion at December 31, 2022, of which \$ 1.07 billion was fixed rate debt and \$ 164.0 million was variable rate debt.

At December 31, 2023, the Company had a \$ 525.0 million Credit Facility comprised of a \$ 425.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$ 100.0 million term loan. The revolving credit facility matures on August 29, 2025, which may be extended by the Company for one additional year, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions. The term loan matures on February 26, 2027, and may not be extended. Through October 2, 2022, interest accrued at London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable spread, which was determined by certain leverage tests. Effective October 3, 2022, in conjunction with the execution of the First Amendment to the Credit Facility, interest accrues at SOFR plus 10 basis points plus an applicable spread, which is determined by certain leverage tests. As of December 31, 2023, the applicable spread for borrowings was 140 basis points related to the revolving credit facility and 135 basis points related to the term loan. Letters of credit may be issued under the Credit Facility. On December 31, 2023, based on the value of the Company's unencumbered properties, approximately \$ 137.9 million was available under the Credit Facility. \$ 376.0 million was outstanding and approximately \$ 185,000 was committed for letters of credit.

On August 23, 2022, the Company entered into two floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements to manage the interest rate risk associated with \$ 100.0 million of its variable-rate debt. Each swap agreement became effective October 3, 2022 and each has a \$ 50.0 million notional amount. One agreement terminates on October 1, 2027 and effectively fixes SOFR at 2.96 %. The other agreement terminates on October 1, 2030 and effectively fixes SOFR at 2.91 %. Because the interest-rate swaps effectively fix SOFR for \$ 100.0 million of variable-rate debt, unless otherwise indicated, \$ 100.0 million of variable-rate debt will be treated as fixed-rate debt for disclosure purposes beginning September 30, 2022. The Company has designated the agreements as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the fair value of the interest-rate swaps totaled approximately \$ 2.7 million and \$ 4.0 million, respectively, and is included in Other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The increase in value from inception of the swaps is reflected in Other Comprehensive Income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

On March 8, 2023, the Company closed on a 10 -year, non-recourse, \$ 15.3 million mortgage secured by BJ's Wholesale Club in Alexandria, Virginia. The loan matures in 2033, bears interest at a fixed-rate of 6.07 %, requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$ 99,200 based on a 25 -year amortization schedule and requires a final principal payment of \$ 11.7 million at maturity. Proceeds were used to repay the remaining balance of approximately \$ 9.3 million on the existing mortgage and reduce the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility.

On November 19, 2021, the Company closed on a \$ 145.0 million construction-to-permanent loan, the proceeds of which will be used to partially fund Phase I of the Twinbrook Quarter development project. The loan matures in 2041, bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.83 %, and requires interest only payments, which will be funded by the loan, until conversion to permanent. The conversion is expected in the fourth quarter of 2026 and, thereafter, monthly principal and interest payments based on a 25 -year amortization schedule will be required. During the second quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and as of December 31, 2023, the balance of the loan was \$ 72.4 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs.

On February 23, 2022, the Company closed on a \$ 133.0 million construction-to-permanent loan, the proceeds of which will be used to partially fund Hampden House. The loan matures in 2040, bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.90 %, and requires interest only payments, which will be funded by the loan, until conversion to permanent. The conversion is expected in the first quarter of 2026, and thereafter, monthly principal and interest payments based on a 25 -year amortization schedule will be required. During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company commenced drawing on the loan and as of December 31, 2023, the balance of the loan was \$ 4.9 million, net of unamortized deferred debt costs.

On March 11, 2022, the Company repaid in full the remaining principal balance of \$ 28.3 million of the mortgage loan secured by Lansdowne Town Center, which was scheduled to mature in June 2022.

On June 7, 2022, the Company repaid in full the remaining principal balance of \$ 8.6 million of the mortgage loan secured by Orchard Park, which was scheduled to mature in September 2022.

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On August 4, 2022, the Company closed on a 15 -year, non-recourse, \$ 25.3 million mortgage secured by Village Center. The loan matures in 2037, bears interest at a fixed-rate of 4.14 %, requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$ 135,200 based on a 25 -year amortization schedule and requires a final payment of \$ 13.4 million at maturity. Proceeds were used to repay the remaining balance of approximately \$ 11.2 million on the existing mortgage and reduce the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility. A \$ 0.4 million loss on early extinguishment of debt was recognized.

On August 24, 2022, the Company closed on a 7 -year, non-recourse, \$ 31.5 million mortgage secured by Great Falls Center. The loan matures in 2029, bears interest at a fixed-rate of 3.91 %, requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$ 164,700 based on a 25 -year amortization schedule and requires a final payment of \$ 25.7 million at maturity. Proceeds were used to repay the remaining balance of approximately \$ 8.0 million on the existing mortgage and reduce the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility. A \$ 0.2 million loss on early extinguishment of debt was recognized.

On September 6, 2022, the Company closed on a 15 -year, non-recourse, \$ 143.0 million mortgage secured by Beacon Center and Seven Corners Center. The loan matures in 2037, bears interest at a fixed-rate of 5.05 %, requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$ 840,100 based on a 25 -year amortization schedule and requires a final payment of \$ 79.9 million at maturity. Proceeds were used to repay the remaining balance of approximately \$ 85.3 million on the existing mortgages and reduce the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility. This transaction was treated as a modification of the original debt agreement. A prepayment penalty of \$ 5.9 million was incurred, which was deferred and will be amortized as interest expense over the life of the loan and is included as a reduction to notes payable, net in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Saul Centers and certain consolidated subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership have guaranteed the payment obligations of the Operating Partnership under the Credit Facility. The Operating Partnership is the guarantor of (a) a portion of the Avenel Business Park mortgage (approximately \$ 6.3 million of the \$ 21.6 million outstanding balance at December 31, 2023), (b) a portion of The Waycroft mortgage (approximately \$ 23.6 million of the \$ 149.1 million outstanding balance at December 31, 2023), (c) the Ashbrook Marketplace mortgage (totaling \$ 20.2 million at December 31, 2023), and (d) the mortgage secured by Kentlands Place, Kentlands Square I and Kentlands pad (totaling \$ 27.3 million at December 31, 2023).

The Company provides a repayment guaranty of 100 % of the loan secured by Twinbrook Quarter during construction and lease-up. Such guaranty is expected to be reduced in the future as the development achieves certain metrics. As of December 31, 2023, the loan balance and the amount guaranteed were \$ 74.9 million. The Company also provides the lender with a 100 % construction completion guaranty.

The Company provides a limited repayment guaranty of \$ 26.6 million during construction and lease-up for the loan secured by Hampden House. Such guaranty is expected to be reduced in the future as the development achieves certain metrics. As of December 31, 2023, the loan balance and the amount guaranteed was \$ 7.7 million. The Company also provides the lender with a 100 % construction completion guaranty.

All other notes payable are non-recourse.

The carrying amount of the properties collateralizing the mortgage notes payable totaled \$ 1.5 billion and \$ 1.0 billion, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company's Credit Facility requires the Company and its subsidiaries to maintain certain financial covenants, which are summarized below. The Company was in compliance as of December 31, 2023.

- limit the amount of debt as a percentage of gross asset value, as defined in the loan agreement, to less than 60 % (leverage ratio);

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- limit the amount of debt so that interest coverage will exceed 2.0 x on a trailing four-quarter basis (interest expense coverage); and
- limit the amount of debt so that interest, scheduled principal amortization and preferred dividend coverage exceeds 1.4 x on a trailing four-quarter basis (fixed charge coverage).

Mortgage notes payable totaling \$ 2.0 million at each of December 31, 2023 and 2022, are guaranteed by members of the Saul Organization.

As of December 31, 2023, the scheduled maturities of all debt including scheduled principal amortization for years ended December 31 are as follows:

(in thousands)	Balloon Payments	Scheduled Principal Amortization	Total
2024	\$ 50,694	\$ 33,291	\$ 83,985
2025	296,363	(a) 31,723	328,086
2026	134,088	28,756	162,844
2027	100,000	(b) 25,817	125,817
2028	18,785	25,182	43,967
Thereafter	474,022	187,564	661,586
<b>Principal amount</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,952</b>	<b>\$ 332,333</b>	<b>\$ 1,406,285</b>
Unamortized deferred debt costs			19,284
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 1,387,001</b>		

(a) Includes \$ 276.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility.

(b) Represents the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility.

#### Deferred Debt Costs

Deferred debt costs consist of fees and costs incurred to obtain long-term financing, construction financing and the Credit Facility. These fees and costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective loans or agreements, which approximates the effective interest method. Deferred debt costs totaled \$ 19.3 million and \$ 15.8 million, net of accumulated amortization of \$ 10.6 million and \$ 7.9 million at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and are reflected as a reduction of the related debt in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The components of interest expense are set forth below.

(in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Interest incurred	\$ 66,717	\$ 53,219	\$ 50,552
Amortization of deferred debt costs	2,250	1,985	1,710
Capitalized interest	( 19,519 )	( 11,191 )	( 6,831 )
Interest expense	49,448	44,013	45,431
<b>Less: Interest income</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs</b>	<b>\$ 49,153</b>	<b>\$ 43,937</b>	<b>\$ 45,424</b>

Deferred debt costs capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 totaled \$ 0.4 million, \$ 9.9 million and \$ 6.4 million, respectively.

**6. LEASE AGREEMENTS**

Lease income includes primarily base rent arising from noncancelable leases. Base rent (including straight-line rent) for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, amounted to \$ 208.3 million, \$ 201.2 million, and \$ 197.9 million, respectively. Future contractual payments under noncancelable leases for years ending December 31 (which exclude the effect of straight-line rents), are as follows:

(in thousands)	\$	128,682
2024	\$ 178,423	
2025	158,968	
2026	133,438	
2027	114,606	
2028	411,452	
Thereafter	\$ 1,125,569	

The majority of the leases provide for rental increases based on fixed annual increases or increases in the Consumer Price Index and expense recoveries based on increases in operating expenses. The expense recoveries generally are payable in equal installments throughout the year based on estimates, with adjustments made in the succeeding year. Expense recoveries for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, amounted to \$ 37.1 million, \$ 36.0 million, and \$ 34.5 million, respectively. In addition, certain retail leases provide for percentage rent based on sales in excess of the minimum specified in the tenant's lease. Percentage rent amounted to \$ 1.8 million, \$ 1.6 million, and \$ 1.5 million, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

**7. LONG-TERM LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

Flagship Center consists of two developed out parcels that are part of a larger adjacent community shopping center formerly owned by the Saul Organization and sold to an affiliate of a tenant in 1991. The Company has a 90 -year ground leasehold interest, which commenced in September 1991, with a minimum rent of one dollar per year. Countryside shopping center was acquired in February 2004. Because of certain land use considerations, approximately 3.4 % of the underlying land is held under a 99 -year ground lease. The lease requires the Company to pay minimum rent of one dollar per year as well as its pro-rata share of the real estate taxes.

The Company's corporate headquarters space is leased by a member of the Saul Organization. The lease commenced in March 2002 and expires in February 2027. The Company and the Saul Organization entered into a Shared Services Agreement whereby each party pays an allocation of total rental payments based on a percentage proportionate to the number of employees employed by each party. The Company's rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 was \$ 871,300, \$ 824,300, and \$ 799,500, respectively. Expenses arising from the lease are included in general and administrative expense (see Note 9 – Related Party Transactions).

On January 1, 2019, in conjunction with the adoption of ASU 2016-02, a right of use asset and corresponding lease liability related to our headquarters lease were recorded in other assets and other liabilities, respectively. On February 28, 2022, the lease was extended for an additional period of 60 months. In conjunction with the lease extension, a right of use asset and corresponding lease liability was recognized of \$ 3.8 million and \$ 3.8 million, respectively. The right of use asset and corresponding lease liability totaled \$ 2.5 million and \$ 2.6 million, respectively, at December 31, 2023.

**8. EQUITY AND NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS**

The Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 reflect noncontrolling interests of \$ 16.3 million, \$ 15.2 million, and \$ 13.3 million, respectively, representing income attributable to limited partnership units not held by Saul Centers.

At December 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding 3.0 million depository shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of 6.125 % Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series D Stock"). The depository shares are redeemable at the Company's option, in whole or in part, at the \$ 25.00 liquidation preference,

plus accrued but unpaid dividends to but not including the redemption date. The depositary shares pay an annual dividend of \$ 1.53125 per share, equivalent to 6.125 % of the \$ 25.00 liquidation preference. The Series D Stock has no stated maturity, is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and is not convertible into any other securities of the Company except in connection with certain changes in control or delisting events. Investors in the depositary shares generally have no voting rights, but will have limited voting rights if the Company fails to pay dividends for six or more quarters (whether or not declared or consecutive) and in certain other events.

At December 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding 4.4 million depositary shares, each representing 1/100th of a share of 6.000 % Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series E Stock"). The depositary shares may be redeemed at the Company's option, in whole or in part, on or after September 17, 2024, at the \$ 25.00 liquidation preference, plus accrued but unpaid dividends to but not including the redemption date. The depositary shares pay an annual dividend of \$ 1.50 per share, equivalent to 6.000 % of the \$ 25.00 liquidation preference. The Series E Stock has no stated maturity, is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and is not convertible into any other securities of the Company except in connection with certain changes in control or delisting events. Investors in the depositary shares generally have no voting rights, but will have limited voting rights if the Company fails to pay dividends for six or more quarters (whether or not declared or consecutive) and in certain other events.

#### Per Share Data

Per share data for net income (basic and diluted) is computed using weighted average shares of common stock. Convertible limited partnership units and employee stock options are the Company's potentially dilutive securities. For all periods presented, the convertible limited partnership units are non-dilutive. The following table sets forth, for the indicated periods, weighted averages of the number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted, the effect of dilutive options and the number of options that are not dilutive because the average price of the Company's common stock was less than the exercise prices. The treasury stock method was used to measure the effect of the dilution.

(Shares in thousands)	December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
Weighted average common shares outstanding - Basic	24,051	23,964	23,655
Effect of dilutive options	2	8	7
Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted	24,053	23,972	23,662
Average share price	\$ 37.47	\$ 46.21	\$ 43.53
Non-dilutive options	1,668	1,438	1,360
Years non-dilutive options were issued	2013 through 2022	2013 through 2022	2013 through 2021

#### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the President and Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President-Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and the Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of the Company are also officers of various members of the Saul Organization and their management time is shared with the Saul Organization. Their annual compensation is fixed by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Executive Vice President-Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer whose share of annual compensation allocated to the Company is determined by the shared services agreement (described below).

The Company participates in a multiemployer 401K plan with entities in the Saul Organization which covers those full-time employees who meet the requirements as specified in the plan. Company contributions, which are included in general and administrative expense or property operating expenses in the consolidated statements of operations, at the discretionary amount of up to 6 % of the employee's cash compensation, subject to certain limits.

were \$ 425,300 , \$ 387,700 , and \$ 404,300 , for 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. All amounts deferred by employees and contributed by the Company are fully vested.

The Company also participates in a multiemployer nonqualified deferred compensation plan with entities in the Saul Organization which covers those full-time employees who meet the requirements as specified in the plan. According to the plan, which can be modified or discontinued at any time, participating employees defer 2 % of their compensation in excess of a specified amount and the Company matches those deferrals up to three times the amount deferred by employees. The Company's expense, included in general and administrative expense, totaled \$ 390,400 , \$ 337,900 , and \$ 238,400 , for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. All amounts deferred by employees and the Company are fully vested. The cumulative unfunded liability under this plan was \$ 3.3 million and \$ 3.0 million, at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company has entered into a shared services agreement (the "Agreement") with the Saul Organization that provides for the sharing of certain personnel and ancillary functions such as computer hardware, software, and support services and certain direct and indirect administrative personnel. The method for determining the cost of the shared services is provided for in the Agreement and is based upon head count, estimates of usage or estimates of time incurred, as applicable. Senior management has determined that the final allocations of shared costs are reasonable. The terms of the Agreement and the payments made thereunder are reviewed annually by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, which consists entirely of independent directors. Net billings by the Saul Organization for the Company's share of these ancillary costs and expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, which included rental expense for the Company's headquarters lease (see Note 7. Long Term Lease Obligations), totaled \$ 10.6 million, \$ 9.6 million, and \$ 8.0 million, respectively. The amounts are expensed when incurred and are primarily reported as general and administrative expenses or capitalized to specific development projects in these consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities included \$ 1.1 million and \$ 1.2 million, respectively, representing billings due to the Saul Organization for the Company's share of these ancillary costs and expenses.

The B. F. Saul Insurance Agency of Maryland, Inc., a subsidiary of the B. F. Saul Company and a member of the Saul Organization, is a general insurance agency that receives commissions and counter-signature fees in connection with the Company's insurance program. Such commissions and fees amounted to approximately \$ 562,800 , \$ 286,900 , and \$ 397,900 , for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

## **10. STOCK OPTION PLAN**

### **Stock Based Employee Compensation, Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors**

In 2004, the Company established a stock incentive plan (the "Plan"), as amended. Under the Plan, options were granted at an exercise price not less than the market value of the common stock on the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant. Officer options vest ratably over four years following the grant and are charged to expense using the straight-line method over the vesting period. Director options vest immediately and are charged to expense as of the date of grant.

The Company uses the fair value method to value and account for employee stock options. The fair value of options granted is determined at the time of each award using the Black-Scholes model, a widely used method for valuing stock-based employee compensation, and the following assumptions: (1) Expected Volatility determined using the most recent trading history of the Company's common stock (month-end closing prices) corresponding to the average expected term of the options; (2) Average Expected Term of the options is based on prior exercise history, scheduled vesting and the expiration date; (3) Expected Dividend Yield determined by management after considering the Company's current and historic dividend yield rates, the Company's yield in relation to other retail REITs and the Company's market yield at the grant date; and (4) a Risk-free Interest Rate based upon the market yields of US Treasury obligations with maturities corresponding to the average expected term of the options at the grant date. The Company amortizes the value of options granted ratably over the vesting period and includes the amounts as compensation expense in general and administrative expenses.

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Pursuant to the Plan, the Compensation Committee established a Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors for the benefit of the Company's directors and their beneficiaries, which replaced a previous Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors. Annually, directors are given the ability to make an election to defer all or part of their fees and have the option to have their fees paid in cash, in shares of common stock or in a combination of cash and shares of common stock upon separation from the Board of Directors. If a director elects to have their fees paid in stock, fees earned during a calendar quarter are aggregated and divided by the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the first trading day of the following quarter to determine the number of shares to be credited to the director. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2023, 10,762 shares were credited to director's deferred fee accounts and 8,225 shares were issued. As of December 31, 2023, the director's deferred fee accounts total 123,361 shares.

The Compensation Committee has also approved an annual award of shares of the Company's common stock as additional compensation to each director serving on the Board of Directors as of the record date for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The shares are awarded as of each Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and their issuance may not be deferred.

At the annual meeting of the Company's stockholders in 2004, the stockholders approved the adoption of the 2004 stock plan for the purpose of attracting and retaining executive officers, directors and other key personnel. The 2004 stock plan was subsequently amended by the Company's stockholders at the 2008 Annual Meeting, further amended at the 2013 Annual Meeting, and further amended at the 2019 Annual Meeting (the "Amended 2004 Plan"). The Amended 2004 Plan, which terminates in 2029, provides for grants of options to purchase up to 3,400,000 shares of common stock. The Amended 2004 Plan authorizes the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors to grant options at an exercise price which may not be less than the market value of the common stock on the date the option is granted.

Effective May 7, 2021, the Compensation Committee granted options to purchase 250,500 shares ( 35,572 incentive stock options and 214,928 nonqualified stock options) to 21 Company officers and 11 Company Directors (the "2021 Options"), which expire on May 6, 2031. The officers' 2021 Options vest 25 % per year over four years and are subject to early expiration upon termination of employment. The directors' 2021 Options were immediately exercisable. The exercise price of \$ 43.89 per share was the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award. Using the Black-Scholes model, the Company determined the total fair value of the 2021 Options to be \$ 1.4 million, of which \$ 1.2 million and \$ 173,800 were assigned to the officer options and director options, respectively. Because the directors' options vested immediately, the entire \$ 173,800 was charged to expense as of the date of grant. The expense for the officers' options is being recognized as compensation expense monthly during the four years the options vest.

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Effective May 12, 2023, the Compensation Committee granted options to purchase 253,500 shares ( 31,509 incentive stock options and 221,991 nonqualified stock options) to 18 Company officers and 12 Company Directors (the "2023 Options"), which expire on May 11, 2033. The officers' 2023 Options vest 25 % per year over four years and are subject to early expiration upon termination of employment. The directors' 2023 Options were immediately exercisable. The exercise price of \$ 33.79 per share was the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of award. Using the Black-Scholes model, the Company determined the total fair value of the 2023 Options to be \$ 1.4 million, of which \$ 1.2 million and \$ 195,900 were assigned to the officer options and director options, respectively. Because the directors' options vested immediately, the entire \$ 195,900 was charged to expense as of the date of grant. The expense for the officers' options is being recognized as compensation expense monthly during the four years the options vest.

The following table summarizes the assumptions used in the valuation of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 option grants. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2023, stock option expense totaling \$ 1.2 million was included in general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2023, the estimated future expense related to unvested stock options was \$ 2.0 million.

Grant date	Directors			Officers		
	May 12, 2023	May 13, 2022	May 7, 2021	May 12, 2023	May 13, 2022	May 7, 2021
Exercise price	\$ 33.79	\$ 47.90	\$ 43.89	\$ 33.79	\$ 47.90	\$ 43.89
Fair value per option	\$ 6.53	\$ 8.34	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.06	\$ 7.66	\$ 5.96
Volatility	0.319	0.300	0.297	0.288	0.271	0.275
Expected life (years)	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Assumed yield	4.94 %	4.90 %	4.96 %	4.96 %	4.93 %	4.97 %
Risk-free rate	3.45 %	2.89 %	0.77 %	3.45 %	2.95 %	1.24 %

The table below summarizes the option activity for the years 2023, 2022, and 2021:

	2023			2022			2021			
			Weighted			Weighted			Weighted	
	Shares	Price	Average	Exercise	Shares	Price	Average	Exercise	Shares	Price
Outstanding at January 1	1,768,375	\$ 51.28			1,601,250	\$ 51.73			1,502,670	\$ 52.86
Granted	253,500	33.79			248,000	47.90			250,500	43.89
Exercised	—	—			( 26,875 )	44.44			( 64,920 )	45.07
Expired/Forfeited	( 201,875 )	46.20			( 54,000 )	52.60			( 87,000 )	53.60
Outstanding December 31	1,820,000	49.41			1,768,375	51.28			1,601,250	51.73
Exercisable at December 31	1,177,375	52.52			1,237,250	52.76			1,098,500	53.22

The intrinsic value of stock options outstanding or exercisable measures the price difference between the options' exercise price and the closing share price quoted by the New York Stock Exchange as of the date of measurement. There were no options exercised in 2023. The intrinsic value of options exercised in 2022 and 2021, was \$ 0.2 million and \$ 0.4 million, respectively. The intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at year end 2023 was \$ 1.2 million and \$ 0.2 million, respectively. There was no intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at year end 2022. At December 29, 2023, the final trading day of calendar 2023, the closing price of \$ 39.27 per share was used for the calculation of aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at that date. The weighted average remaining contractual life of the Company's exercisable and outstanding options at December 31, 2023 are 4.0 and 5.3 years, respectively.

**11. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses and floating rate debt are reasonable estimates of their fair value. The aggregate fair value of the notes payable with fixed-rate payment terms was determined using Level 2 data in a discounted cash flow approach, which is based upon management's estimate of borrowing rates and loan terms currently available to the Company for fixed rate financing, would be approximately \$ 957.9 million and \$ 919.2 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, compared to the principal balances of \$ 1.13 billion and \$ 1.07 billion at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. A change in any of the significant inputs may lead to a change in the Company's fair value measurement of its debt.

**12. DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES**

The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish these objectives, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps as part of its interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

The change in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. During 2023 and 2022, such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with certain variable-rate debt.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate debt. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that approximately \$ 1.7 million will be reclassified from other comprehensive income and reflected as a decrease to interest expense.

The Company carries its interest-rate swaps at fair value. The Company has determined the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy with the exception of the impact of counterparty risk, which was determined using Level 3 inputs and is not significant. Derivative instruments are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because their values are determined using third-party pricing models that contain inputs that are derived from observable market data. Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, credit spreads, measure of volatility, and correlations of such inputs.

The table below details the fair value and location of the interest rate swaps as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Derivative Instrument	Fair Values of Derivative Instruments				
	December 31,		2022		
	2023	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Interest rate swaps		Other Assets	\$ 2,742	Other Assets	\$ 3,962

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The table below details the location in the financial statements of the gain or loss recognized on interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

(In thousands)			The Effect of Hedge Accounting on Other Comprehensive Income (OCI)								
			Amount of Gain (or Loss) Recognized in OCI			Location of Gain (or Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income			Amount of Gain (or Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income		
			For the Years Ended December 31,								
Derivative Instrument	2023	2022	2021			2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021
Interest rate swaps	\$ 900	\$ 4,139	\$ —	Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs		Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs			N/A	\$ 2,120	\$ 177

### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Neither the Company nor the Current Portfolio Properties are subject to any material litigation, nor, to management's knowledge, is any material litigation currently threatened against the Company, other than routine litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Management believes that these items, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on the Company or the Current Portfolio Properties.

### 14. DISTRIBUTIONS

In December 1995, the Company established a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), to allow its stockholders and holders of limited partnership interests an opportunity to buy additional shares of common stock by reinvesting all or a portion of their dividends or distributions. The Plan provides for investing in newly issued shares of common stock at a 3% discount from market price without payment of any brokerage commissions, service charges or other expenses. All expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. The Operating Partnership also maintains a similar dividend reinvestment plan that mirrors the Plan, which allows holders of limited partnership interests the opportunity to buy either additional limited partnership units or common stock shares of the Company.

The Company paid common stock distributions of \$ 2.36 per share in 2023, \$ 2.32 per share in 2022, and \$ 2.16 per share in 2021, Series D preferred stock dividends of \$ 1.53 , \$ 1.53 and \$ 1.53 , respectively, per depositary share in 2023, 2022, and 2021, and Series E preferred stock dividends of \$ 1.50 , \$ 1.50 , and \$ 1.50 , respectively, per depositary share in 2023, 2022, and 2021. Of the common stock dividends paid, \$ 1.75 per share, \$ 1.32 per share, and \$ 1.49 per share, represented ordinary dividend income in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively, and \$ 0.61 per share, \$ 1.00 per share, and \$ 0.67 per share represented return of capital to the shareholders in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively. All of the preferred dividends paid represented ordinary dividend income.

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The following summarizes distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and includes activity in the Plan as well as limited partnership units issued from the reinvestment of unit distributions:

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Total Distributions to			Dividend Reinvestments			
	Preferred Stockholders	Common Stockholders	Limited Partnership Unitholders	Common Stock Shares Issued	Discounted Share Price	Limited Partnership Units Issued	Average Unit Price
<b>Distributions during 2023</b>							
4th Quarter	\$ 2,798	\$ 14,195	\$ 5,486	17,854	\$ 33.35	44,500	\$ 33.83
3rd Quarter	2,799	14,192	5,486	14,689	37.75	—	—
2nd Quarter	2,798	14,164	5,486	15,587	34.92	—	—
1st Quarter	2,799	14,171	5,486	13,229	41.06	—	—
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>\$ 11,194</b>	<b>\$ 56,722</b>	<b>\$ 21,944</b>	<b>61,359</b>		<b>44,500</b>	
<b>Distributions during 2022</b>							
4th Quarter	\$ 2,798	\$ 14,159	\$ 5,486	13,698	\$ 39.70	—	\$ —
3rd Quarter	2,799	14,156	5,486	10,577	50.80	—	—
2nd Quarter	2,798	13,625	5,292	57,819	51.61	12,955	51.55
1st Quarter	2,799	13,583	5,284	61,863	47.66	13,704	48.16
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>\$ 11,194</b>	<b>\$ 55,523</b>	<b>\$ 21,548</b>	<b>143,957</b>		<b>26,659</b>	
<b>Distributions during 2021</b>							
4th Quarter	\$ 2,798	\$ 13,037	\$ 4,702	63,970	\$ 45.46	13,697	\$ 45.95
3rd Quarter	2,799	12,999	4,694	65,171	44.44	13,841	44.92
2nd Quarter	2,798	12,488	4,218	68,206	41.87	13,978	42.33
1st Quarter	2,799	12,439	4,207	96,268	29.50	19,493	29.83
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>\$ 11,194</b>	<b>\$ 50,963</b>	<b>\$ 17,821</b>	<b>293,615</b>		<b>61,009</b>	

In December 2023, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a distribution of \$ 0.59 per common share payable in January 2024 to holders of record on January 16, 2024. As a result, \$ 13.6 million was paid to common shareholders on January 31, 2024. Also, \$ 5.9 million was paid to limited partnership unit holders on January 31, 2024 (\$ 0.59 per Operating Partnership unit). The Board of Directors authorized preferred stock dividends of (a) \$ 0.3750 per Series E depositary share and (b) \$ 0.3828 per Series D depositary share to holders of record on January 2, 2024. As a result, \$ 2.8 million was paid to preferred shareholders on January 16, 2024. These amounts are reflected as a reduction of stockholders' equity in the case of common stock and preferred stock dividends and noncontrolling interests deductions in the case of limited partner distributions and are included in dividends and distributions payable in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

#### 15. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

The Company has two reportable business segments: Shopping Centers and Mixed-Use Properties. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies (see Note 2). The Company evaluates performance based upon income and cash flows from real estate for the combined properties in each segment. All of our properties within each segment generate similar types of revenues and expenses related to tenant rent, reimbursements and operating expenses. Although services are provided to a range of tenants, the types of services provided to them are similar within each segment. The properties in each portfolio have similar economic characteristics and the nature of the products and services provided to our tenants and the method to distribute such services are consistent throughout the portfolio. Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year information to conform to the 2023 presentation.

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(In thousands)	Shopping Centers	Mixed-Use Properties	Corporate and Other	Consolidated Totals
<b>As of or for the year ended December 31, 2023</b>				
Real estate rental operations:				
Revenue	\$ 179,350	\$ 77,857	\$ —	\$ 257,207
Expenses	(38,484)	(28,655)	—	(67,139)
Income from real estate	140,866	49,202	—	190,068
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	—	—	(49,153)	(49,153)
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	(28,526)	(19,904)	—	(48,430)
General and administrative	—	—	(23,459)	(23,459)
Net income (loss)	\$ 112,340	\$ 29,298	\$ (72,612)	\$ 69,026
Capital investment	\$ 16,491	\$ 187,190	\$ —	\$ 203,681
Total assets	<u>\$ 918,089</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,332</u>	<u>\$ 18,716</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,137</u>
<b>As of or for the year ended December 31, 2022</b>				
Real estate rental operations:				
Revenue	\$ 172,055	\$ 73,805	\$ —	\$ 245,860
Expenses	(36,895)	(27,627)	—	(64,522)
Income from real estate	135,160	46,178	—	181,338
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	—	—	(43,937)	(43,937)
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	(28,359)	(20,610)	—	(48,969)
General and administrative	—	—	(22,392)	(22,392)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	(648)	(648)
Net income (loss)	\$ 106,801	\$ 25,568	\$ (66,977)	\$ 65,392
Capital investment	\$ 8,412	\$ 108,476	\$ —	\$ 116,888
Total assets	<u>\$ 928,071</u>	<u>\$ 885,500</u>	<u>\$ 19,731</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,302</u>
<b>As of or for the year ended December 31, 2021</b>				
Real estate rental operations:				
Revenue	\$ 169,681	\$ 69,544	\$ —	\$ 239,225
Expenses	(35,784)	(25,844)	—	(61,628)
Income from real estate	133,897	43,700	—	177,597
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs	—	—	(45,424)	(45,424)
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs	(28,843)	(21,429)	—	(50,272)
General and administrative	—	—	(20,252)	(20,252)
Net income (loss)	\$ 105,054	\$ 22,271	\$ (65,676)	\$ 61,649
Capital investment	\$ 12,673	\$ 43,245	\$ —	\$ 55,918
Total assets	<u>\$ 946,993</u>	<u>\$ 777,709</u>	<u>\$ 22,059</u>	<u>\$ 1,746,761</u>

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has reviewed all events and transactions for the period subsequent to December 31, 2023, and determined there are no subsequent events required to be disclosed.

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**Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation**  
**December 31, 2023**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Costs											Buildings and Improvements	Date Acquired	Improvements Depreciable Lives in Years		
	Initial Basis	Capitalized		Basis at Close of Period						Book Value	Related Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	Date of Construction				
		Subsequent to Acquisition	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Construction in Progress	Total	Accumulated Depreciation									
<b>Shopping Centers</b>																
Ashbrook Marketplace, Ashburn, VA	\$ 8,938	\$ 25,443	\$ 13,258	\$ 21,074	\$ 49	\$ 34,381	\$ 2,745	\$ 31,636	\$ 20,216	2019	05/18	50				
Ashburn Village, Ashburn, VA	11,431	21,000	6,764	25,658	9	32,431	17,147	15,284	21,805	1994 & 2000-6	3/94	40				
Ashland Square Phase I, Dumfries, VA	1,178	7,508	1,178	7,508	—	8,686	3,255	5,431	—	2007, 2013	12/04	20 & 50				
Beacon Center, Alexandria, VA	24,161	18,514	22,691	19,984	—	42,675	17,210	25,465	53,681	1960 & 1974	1/72, 11/16	40 & 50				
BJ's Wholesale Club, Alexandria, VA	22,623	—	22,623	—	—	22,623	—	22,623	15,099	—	3/08	—				
Boca Valley Plaza, Boca Raton, FL	16,720	3,616	5,735	14,473	128	20,336	7,161	13,175	—	—	2/04	40				
Boulevard, Fairfax, VA	4,883	4,731	3,687	5,921	6	9,614	4,040	5,574	9,358	1969, 1999 & 2009	4/94	40				
Briggs Chaney MarketPlace, Silver Spring, MD	27,037	5,916	9,789	23,155	9	32,953	12,079	20,874	—	—	4/04	40				
Broadlands Village, Ashburn, VA	5,316	36,806	5,300	36,360	462	42,122	16,713	25,409	27,999	2002-3, 2004 & 2006	3/02	40 & 50				
Burtonsville Town Square, Burtonsville, MD	74,212	6,357	28,402	52,149	18	80,569	9,935	70,634	32,178	2010	1/17	20 & 45				
CountrySide Marketplace, Sterling, VA	28,912	5,134	7,666	26,181	199	34,046	13,764	20,282	—	—	2/04	40				
Cranberry Square, Westminster, MD	31,578	2,047	6,700	26,906	19	33,625	8,332	25,293	13,224	—	9/11	40				
Cruse MarketPlace, Cumming, GA	12,226	954	3,901	9,279	—	13,180	4,700	8,480	—	—	3/04	40				
Flagship Center, Rockville, MD	160	409	169	400	—	569	117	452	—	1972	1/72	—				
French Market, Oklahoma City, OK	5,781	17,689	1,118	21,450	902	23,470	15,159	8,311	—	1972 & 1998	3/74	50				
Germantown, Germantown, MD	2,034	566	2,034	566	—	2,600	489	2,111	—	1990	8/93	40				
The Glen, Woodbridge, VA	12,918	8,799	5,300	16,377	40	21,717	12,027	9,690	20,234	1993 & 2005	6/94	40				
Great Falls Center, Great Falls, VA	41,750	3,516	14,766	30,414	86	45,266	12,945	32,321	30,547	—	3/08	40				
Hampshire Langley, Takoma, MD	3,159	3,559	1,892	4,816	10	6,718	4,291	2,427	11,569	1960	1/72	40				
Hunt Club Corners, Apopka, FL	12,584	4,771	4,822	12,533	—	17,355	6,613	10,742	—	—	6/06, 12/12	40				
Jamestown Place, Altamonte Springs, FL	14,055	2,486	4,455	12,085	1	16,541	5,925	10,616	—	—	11/05	40				
Kentlands Square I, Gaithersburg, MD	14,379	3,730	5,005	13,104	—	18,109	5,561	12,548	18,840	2002	9/02	40				
Kentlands Square II, Gaithersburg, MD	76,723	3,555	23,133	56,860	285	80,278	19,561	60,717	30,168	—	9/11, 9/13	40				
Kentlands Place, Gaithersburg, MD	1,425	7,944	1,425	7,700	244	9,369	4,951	4,418	6,406	2005	1/04	50				
Lansdowne Town Center, Leesburg, VA	6,545	43,903	6,546	43,593	309	50,448	21,009	29,439	—	2006	11/02	50				
Leesburg Pike Plaza, Baileys Crossroads, VA	2,418	7,012	1,132	8,195	103	9,430	6,523	2,907	11,822	1965	2/66	40				
Lumberton Plaza, Lumberton, NJ	4,400	11,792	950	15,161	81	16,192	14,170	2,022	—	1975	12/75	40				
Metro Pike Center, Rockville, MD	33,123	5,454	26,064	8,470	4,043	38,577	2,903	35,674	—	—	12/10	40				
Shops at Monocacy, Frederick, MD	9,541	16,070	9,260	16,351	—	25,611	7,680	17,931	25,670	2003-4	11/03	50				
Northrock, Warrenton, VA	12,686	15,430	12,686	15,422	8	28,116	6,734	21,382	12,135	2009	01/08	50				
Olde Forte Village, Ft. Washington, MD	15,933	6,979	5,409	17,468	35	22,912	9,995	12,917	19,563	2003-4	07/03	40				
Olney, Olney, MD	4,963	3,026	3,079	4,910	—	7,989	3,744	4,245	12,655	1972	11/75	40				
Orchard Park, Dunwoody, GA	19,377	1,642	7,751	13,242	26	21,019	5,692	15,327	—	—	7/07	40				
Palm Springs Center, Altamonte Springs, FL	18,365	2,534	5,739	14,665	495	20,899	7,371	13,528	—	—	3/05	40				
Ravewood, Baltimore, MD	1,245	4,486	703	5,028	—	5,731	3,717	2,014	11,361	1959 & 2006	1/72	40				
11503 Rockville Pike/5541																
Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD	26,561	24	22,113	4,472	—	26,585	1,488	25,097	—	—	10/10, 12/12	40				
1500/1580/1582 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD	45,351	2,046	38,065	7,050	2,282	47,397	6,950	40,447	—	—	12/12, 1/14, 4/14	5, 10, 54				
Seabreeze Plaza, Palm Harbor, FL	24,526	3,553	8,665	18,943	471	28,079	8,991	19,088	12,683	—	11/05	40				
Market Place at Sea Colony, Bethany Beach, DE	2,920	339	1,147	2,112	—	3,259	858	2,401	—	—	3/08	40				
Seven Corners, Falls Church, VA	4,848	46,536	4,929	46,450	5	51,384	35,402	15,982	85,889	1956 & 1997	7/73	40				
Severna Park Marketplace, Severna Park, MD	63,254	3,588	12,700	54,035	107	66,842	15,930	50,912	24,458	—	9/11	40				
Shops at Fairfax, Fairfax, VA	2,708	11,109	992	12,825	—	13,817	9,787	4,030	13,094	1975 & 1999	6/75	50				
Smallwood Village Center, Waldorf, MD	17,819	8,915	6,402	20,143	189	26,734	11,922	14,812	—	—	1/06	40				
Southdale, Glen Burnie, MD	18,895	26,767	15,255	29,318	1,089	45,662	24,607	21,055	—	1962 & 1986	1/72, 11/16	40				
Southside Plaza, Richmond, VA	6,728	12,284	1,878	17,134	—	19,012	14,019	4,993	—	1958	1/72	40				
South Dekalb Plaza, Atlanta, GA	2,474	5,111	615	6,901	69	7,585	5,601	1,984	—	1970	2/76	40				
Thruway, Winston-Salem, NC	7,848	31,346	7,692	29,867	1,635	39,194	21,721	17,473	—	1955 & 1965	5/72, 8/16	40				
Village Center, Centreville, VA	16,502	3,486	7,851	12,137	—	19,988	8,866	11,122	24,460	1990	8/93	40				
Westview Village, Frederick, MD	6,047	25,754	6,047	25,725	29	31,801	12,949	18,852	—	2009	11/07, 02/15	50				
White Oak, Silver Spring, MD	6,277	7,110	4,649	8,512	226	13,387	6,821	6,566	19,031	1958 & 1967	1/72	40				
Other Buildings / Improvements	—	182	—	182	—	182	178	4	—	—	—	—				
Total Shopping Centers	835,537	501,528	420,132	903,264	13,669	1,337,065	480,348	856,717	584,145	—	12/84, 8/85, 1984, 1986, 1990, 1998	2/86, 4/98 & 10/2000	35 & 40			
<b>Mixed-Use Properties</b>											7/73, 1/96 & 4/02	50				
Avenel Business Park, Gaithersburg, MD	21,459	37,762	3,756	55,385	80	59,221	43,412	15,809	21,611	—	10/2000	35 & 40				
Clarendon Center, Arlington, VA (1)	12,753	188,640	16,287	184,486	620	201,393	65,111	136,282	81,693	2010	4/02	50				
Park Van Ness, Washington, DC	2,242	91,960	2,242	91,775	185	94,202	20,370	73,832	60,874	2016	7/73, 2/11	50				

Property Address, Washington, DC	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
601 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC	5,479	71,722	5,667	71,041	493	77,201	60,634	16,567	—	1986	773	35
The Waycroft, Arlington, VA	52,067	228,794	53,618	227,243	—	280,861	25,188	255,673	149,078	2020	8/14, 12/14, 9/15, 8/16	50
Washington Square, Alexandria, VA	2,034	60,801	544	61,829	462	62,835	34,407	28,428	50,249	1952 & 2000	7/73	50
<b>Total Mixed-Use Properties</b>	<b>96,034</b>	<b>679,679</b>	<b>82,114</b>	<b>691,759</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>775,713</b>	<b>249,122</b>	<b>526,591</b>	<b>363,505</b>			
<b>Development Land</b>												
Ashland Square Phase II, Manassas, VA	5,292	3,448	7,049	—	1,691	8,740	—	8,740	—		12/04	
New Market, New Market, MD	2,088	146	2,234	—	—	2,234	—	2,234	—		9/05	
Hampden House, Bethesda, MD	39,641	102,599	—	—	142,240	142,240	—	142,240	7,726		10/18, 12/18	
Twinbrook, Rockville, MD	110,021	245,092	—	—	355,113	355,113	—	355,113	74,909		12/14, 03/21	
<b>Total Development Land</b>	<b>157,042</b>	<b>351,285</b>	<b>9,283</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>499,044</b>	<b>508,327</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>508,327</b>	<b>82,635</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,613</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,492</b>	<b>\$ 511,529</b>	<b>\$ 1,595,023</b>	<b>\$ 514,553</b>	<b>\$ 2,621,105</b>	<b>\$ 729,470</b>	<b>\$ 1,891,635</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,285</b>			

(1) Includes the North and South Blocks and Residential

(2) Amounts do not include deferred debt and therefore will not match the Consolidated Balance Sheet

**SAUL CENTERS, INC.**  
**Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation**  
**December 31, 2023**

Depreciation and amortization related to the real estate investments reflected in the statements of operations is calculated over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Base building	Generally 35 - 50 years or a shorter period if management determines that the building has a shorter useful life.
Building components	Up to 20 years
Tenant improvements	The shorter of the term of the lease or the useful life of the improvements

The aggregate remaining net basis of the real estate investments for federal income tax purposes was approximately \$ 1.59 billion at December 31, 2023. Depreciation and amortization are provided on the declining balance and straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The changes in total real estate investments and related accumulated depreciation for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2023 are summarized as follows:

(In thousands)	2023	2022	2021
<b>Total real estate investments:</b>			
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,408,136	\$ 2,284,126	\$ 2,124,796
Acquisitions	—	—	108,279
Improvements	216,154	130,300	54,177
Retirements	(3,185)	(6,290)	(3,126)
Balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,621,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,408,136</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,284,126</u></u>
<b>Total accumulated depreciation:</b>			
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 688,475	\$ 650,113	\$ 607,706
Depreciation expense	44,163	44,636	45,487
Retirements	(3,168)	(6,274)	(3,080)
Balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 729,470</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 688,475</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 650,113</u></u>

## SUBSIDIARIES OF SAUL CENTERS, INC.

101 Van Dorn LLC  
1500 Rockville Pike LLC  
11503 Rockville Pike LLC  
7316 Wisconsin LLC  
750 North Glebe LLC  
Ashbrook Marketplace LLC  
Ashburn Village Center LLC  
Avenel Business Park LLC  
Avenel VI, Inc.  
Beacon Center LLC  
Briggs Chaney Plaza, LLC  
Broadlands Village LLC  
Burtonsville Center LLC  
Clarendon Center LLC  
Cranberry Square LLC  
Cranberry Square Subsidiary LLC  
Great Falls Center VA LLC  
Kentlands 311 LLC  
Kentlands Lot 1, LLC  
Kentlands Square LLC  
Kentlands Subsidiary LLC  
Leesburg Pike Center LLC  
Metro Pike Center LLC  
Northrock Center LLC  
Olde Forte Village LLC  
Ravenwood Shopping Center LLC  
Rockville Pike Holdings LLC  
Saul Holdings Limited Partnership  
Saul Monocacy, LLC  
Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership  
Saul Subsidiary II Limited Partnership  
Seabreeze Plaza LLC  
Seven Corners Center LLC  
Severna Park MarketPlace LLC  
Severna Park MarketPlace Subsidiary LLC  
Shops at Fairfax LLC  
Smallwood Village Center LLC  
The Glen Center LLC  
Thruway Shopping Center LLC  
Twinbrook Quarter LLC  
Twinbrook Quarter Office LLC  
Twinbrook Quarter Lot 24 LLC  
Twinbrook Quarter Commercial Association, Inc.  
Village Center VA LLC  
Washington Square Center LLC  
Westview Village Center LLC  
White Oak Subsidiary LLC

## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements of Saul Centers, Inc.:

Registration Statement Number	Form	Description
333-123982	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-115262	Form S-8	2004 Stock Plan
333-60064	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-59962	Form S-8	Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors
333-41436	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-88127	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-82041	Form S-8	Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors
333-150785	Form S-8	Amended 2004 Stock Plan
333-151515	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-166751	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-188686	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-200921	Form S-3	Common Stock to be Resold by Selling Stockholders
333-216688	Form S-8	Amended 2004 Stock Plan
333-216689	Form S-8	Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors
333-231321	Form S-8	Amended 2004 Stock Plan
333-239358	Form S-3	Shelf Registration Statement
333-261691	Form S-3D	Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

of our reports dated February 29, 2024, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Saul Centers, Inc. and the effectiveness of Saul Centers, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023.

McLean, Virginia  
February 29, 2024

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, B. Francis Saul II, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Saul Centers, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this 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 report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this 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 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-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, 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 report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of the annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, 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 and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 29, 2024

/s/ B. Francis Saul II

B. Francis Saul II  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Carlos L. Heard, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Saul Centers, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this 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 report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this 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 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-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, 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 report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of the annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, 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 and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 29, 2024

*/s/ Carlos L. Heard*  
Carlos L. Heard  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned, B. Francis Saul II, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Saul Centers, Inc. (the "Company"), has executed this certification in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2023 (the "Report"). The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 29, 2024 */s/ B. Francis Saul II*

Name: B. Francis Saul II  
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned, Carlos L. Heard, the Chief Financial Officer of Saul Centers, Inc. (the "Company"), has executed this certification in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2023 (the "Report"). The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 29, 2024 */s/ Carlos L. Heard*

Name: Carlos L. Heard  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**Incentive-Based Compensation Clawback Policy**

**Saul Centers, Inc.**

**1. Purpose**

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Saul Centers, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), has adopted this Incentive-Based Compensation Recoupment Policy (this “**Policy**”) to comply with Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as codified by Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), and the applicable New York Stock Exchange (the “**NYSE**”) listing standards. This Policy provides for the Company’s recoupment of Incentive-Based Compensation paid erroneously to Covered Executives in the event of a Restatement. Capitalized terms will have the meanings set forth in Section 11.

**2. Administration**

This Policy will be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the “**Committee**”). The Committee is authorized to interpret and construe this Policy and to make all determinations necessary, appropriate, or advisable for the administration of this Policy. This Policy will be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act, any applicable rules or standards adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) and NYSE listing rules. Any determinations made by the Committee will be final and binding on all affected individuals.

**3. Recoupment of Incentive-Based Compensation**

In the event the Company is required to prepare a Restatement, the Committee will require that the Covered Executive promptly repay or forfeit to the Company, on a pre-tax basis, the full amount of the excess of: (a) the amount of any Incentive-Based Compensation received by the Covered Executive that was calculated based on the erroneous data in the original financial statements that were subsequently restated over (b) the amount of such Incentive-Based Compensation to which the Covered Executive would have been entitled to receive based on the restated financial statements (such excess amount, the “**Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation**”).

In the case of compensation based on stock price or total shareholder return, the amount subject to recoupment will be based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the Restatement on the Company’s stock price or total shareholder return upon which the Incentive-Based Compensation was received.

Such recoupment will apply on a “no-fault” basis—that is, regardless of whether any misconduct occurred or a Covered Executive officer’s responsibility for the Restatement. In addition, the Company’s obligation to recoup Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation is not dependent on if or when restated financial statements are filed with the SEC.

**4. Recoupment Methods**

The Committee will determine, in its reasonable discretion, the method or methods for recouping Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation pursuant to this Policy. The Committee will have no obligation to apply the same method of recoupment to each affected Covered Executive in connection with any Restatement.

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## **5. Exceptions to Recovery for Impracticability**

The Committee will recover any Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation unless such recovery would be impracticable, as determined in good faith by the Committee.

Specifically, no recovery will be required pursuant to this Policy if: (a) the direct expense paid to a third-party to assist in enforcing this Policy would exceed the amount of the Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation and the Company (i) makes a reasonable attempt to recover the Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation and (ii) documents such reasonable attempts, which documentation will be provided to the NYSE, or (b) recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees, to fail to meet the requirements of Section 401(a)(13) or Section 411(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder.

## **6. Notice**

The Company will provide notice of this Policy to each Covered Executive. In addition, before the Company takes any action to seek recovery of Recoverable Incentive-Based Compensation (“**clawback**”) pursuant to this Policy or any other action provided for hereunder against a Covered Executive, the Company will provide notice of such clawback or other action. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Company’s failure to provide notice will have no impact on the applicability or enforceability of this Policy.

## **7. Other Recoupment Rights**

Any rights or remedies under this Policy are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights or remedies that the Company may have pursuant to the terms of any similar policy in any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement, and any other legal rights and remedies available to the Company, or any actions that may be imposed by law enforcement agencies, regulators, administrative bodies, or other authorities.

## **8. Amendment**

The Committee may amend this Policy from time to time in its discretion, and will amend this Policy as it deems necessary to reflect the regulations adopted by the SEC under Section 10D of the Exchange Act and to comply with any rules or standards adopted by the NYSE or any other national securities exchange on which the Company’s securities are then listed.

## **9. Indemnification or Reimbursement**

Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates will: (a) indemnify any Covered Executive against the loss of any incorrectly awarded Incentive-Based Compensation or (b) pay or reimburse any Covered Executive for premiums incurred or paid for any insurance policy to fund such Covered Executive’s potential recovery obligations.

## **10. Effective Date**

This Policy was adopted by the Board on December 7, 2023, and applies to Incentive-Based Compensation that is granted, earned, or vested by Covered Executives on or after October 2, 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”). For the avoidance of doubt, this Policy will not apply to Incentive-Based Compensation that was received by a Covered Executive prior to the Effective Date.

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## **11. Definitions**

For purposes of this Policy:

(a)     **“Covered Executive”** means current and former executive officers who are, or were at any time, during an applicable Covered Period, executive officers as defined in Rule 10D-1(d) of the Exchange Act, the same definition used to determine the Company’s officers obligated to file Exchange Act section 16(a) beneficial ownership reports. Subsequent changes in a Covered Executive’s employment status, including retirement or termination of employment (including after serving in an interim capacity), do not affect the Company’s rights to recover Incentive-Based Compensation pursuant to this Policy.

(b)     **“Covered Period”** means the three (3) completed fiscal years immediately preceding the earlier of: (i) the date the Board, a Board committee, or officer(s) authorized to take such action if Board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that a Restatement is required, or (ii) the date a court, regulator, or other legally authorized body directs the Company to undertake a Restatement. For purposes of clause (ii), the date of the initial court order or other regulatory agency action would be the measurement date for the Covered Period, but the application of this Policy would occur only after such order is final and non-appealable. The Covered Period also includes any transition period that results from a change in the Company’s fiscal year within or immediately following such three (3) completed fiscal years.

(c)     A **“financial reporting measure”** means any measure that is determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company’s financial statements, and any measures that are derived wholly or in part from such measures, including, but not limited to, stock price and total shareholder return. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) financial reporting measures include non-GAAP financial measures for purposes of Regulation G of the Exchange Act, as well as other measures, metrics and ratios that are not non-GAAP measures, and (ii) financial reporting measures may or may not be included in a filing with the SEC, and may be presented outside the financial statements.

(d)     **“GAAP”** means U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(e)     **“Incentive-Based Compensation”** means any compensation that is granted, earned, or vested on or after the Effective Date based wholly or in part upon the attainment of a financial reporting measure based on or derived from financial information for any fiscal period ending on or after the Effective Date. Examples of compensation that is not Incentive-Based Compensation include, but are not limited to: (i) salary (except to the extent that a Covered Executive receives a salary increase earned wholly or in part based on the attainment of a financial reporting measure performance goal), (ii) bonuses paid solely at the discretion of the Board or the Committee that are not paid from a “bonus pool” that is determined by satisfying a financial reporting measure performance goal, (iii) bonuses awarded based solely on completion of a specified period of service, (iv) bonuses awarded based solely on subjective standards, strategic measures, or operational measures, or (v) equity awards for which the grant is not contingent upon achieving any financial reporting measure performance goal and vesting is contingent solely upon completion of a specified service period and/or attaining one or more nonfinancial reporting measures.

(f)     Incentive-Based Compensation will be deemed to have been **“received”** during the fiscal period during which the financial reporting measure specified in the compensation award is attained, even if the grant or payment of such Incentive-Based Compensation occurs after the end of such fiscal period.

(g)     **“Restatement”** means an accounting restatement of the Company’s financial statements due to the Company’s material non-compliance with any financial reporting requirement under the U.S. federal securities laws, including any required accounting restatement to correct an error in previously

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issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements (often referred to as a “Big R” restatement), or that would result in a material misstatement if the correction of the error was recognized in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period (often referred to as a “little R” restatement).

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