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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

DIVIDEND CAPITAL TRUST INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

**518 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1700
Denver, Colorado 80202
Telephone (303) 228-2200**

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of
registrant's principal executive offices)

82-0538520
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public:
As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share*	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price*	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value(1)	53,000,000	\$10.50	\$549,675,000	\$69,643.82
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value(2)	1,600,000	\$12.60	\$20,160,000	\$2,554.27
Soliciting Dealer Warrants(3)	1,600,000	\$.001	\$1,600	\$.20
Total			\$569,836,600	\$72,198.29

*

Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Our board of directors shall determine the price to the public prior to the commencement of this offering. The actual price to the public may be less than the proposed maximum offering price per share.

(1)

Includes 13,000,000 shares issuable pursuant to the Company's distribution reinvestment plan.

(2)

Represents shares issuable upon exercise of warrants to be issued to Dividend Capital Securities LLC or its assigns pursuant to the Warrant Purchase Agreement with the Registrant. Pursuant to Rule 416, includes such indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock as may be required for issuance on exercise of the Soliciting Dealer Warrants as a result of any adjustment in the number of shares of Common Stock issuable on such exercise by reason of the anti-dilution provisions of the Soliciting Dealer Warrants.

(3)

Consists of warrants to purchase up to 1,600,000 shares pursuant to the Warrant Purchase Agreement.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. No person may sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion Dated June 28, 2004

53,000,000 Shares

Common Stock

Dividend Capital Trust Inc. is organized as a real estate investment trust that owns and operates real estate properties, consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate tenants. Dividend Capital Trust was formed as a Maryland corporation in April 2002. Dividend Capital Trust is organized and conducts its operations in a manner so as to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes.

We are offering 40,000,000 shares to the public at a price of \$ _____ per share. Dividend Capital Securities LLC, which is an affiliate of Dividend Capital Trust, is acting as an underwriter and dealer manager of this offering on a best efforts basis. We are also offering up to 13,000,000 shares to participants in our distribution reinvestment plan and up to 1,600,000 shares upon the exercise of certain warrants that are earned by Dividend Capital Securities LLC and may be re-allowed to broker-dealers participating in this offering. Subject to certain exceptions described in this prospectus, investors that want to participate in this offering must invest a minimum of \$2,000.

Dividend Capital Advisors LLC, our advisor, which is an affiliate of Dividend Capital Trust, is responsible for managing our day-to-day activities under the terms and conditions of an advisory agreement. Our advisor is beneficially owned and controlled by three of our directors. See the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus for a discussion of the relationship between Dividend Capital Trust, our advisor and other of our affiliates.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 19 for a discussion of certain factors that you should consider before you invest in our common stock. In particular, you should carefully consider the following risks:

We have a limited operating history

There will not be a public trading market for the common stock; if you choose to sell your shares, you will likely receive less than \$10.00 per share

Reliance on our advisor to select properties and conduct our operations

Payment of substantial fees to our advisor and its affiliates

Borrowing which increases the risk of loss of our investments

Conflicts of interest between Dividend Capital Trust and certain affiliates which will be compensated for their services, including our advisor, Dividend Capital Property Management LLC, our property manager, and Dividend Capital Securities LLC, our dealer manager

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulator has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. In addition, the Attorney General of the State of New York has not passed on or endorsed the merits of this offering. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The use of forecasts in this offering is prohibited. Any representation to the contrary and any predictions, written or oral, as to the amount or certainty of any present or future cash benefits or tax consequences which may flow from your investment is not permitted.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We make statements in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference that are considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are usually identified by the use of words such as "will," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "plans," "intends," "should" or similar expressions. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995 and are including this statement for purposes of complying with those safe harbor provisions. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views about our plans, strategies and prospects, which are based on the information currently available to us and on assumptions we have made. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations as reflected in or suggested by those forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. We have discussed in this prospectus some important risks, uncertainties and contingencies which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the forward-looking statements we make in these documents.

We assume no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In evaluating forward-looking statements, you should consider these risks and uncertainties, together with the other risks described from time to time in our reports and documents filed with the SEC, and you should not place undue reliance on those statements.

SUITABILITY STANDARDS

The shares we are offering are suitable only as a long-term investment for persons of adequate financial means. Initially, we do not expect to have a public market for the common stock, which means that it may be difficult for you to sell your shares. You should not buy these shares if you need to sell them immediately or will need to sell them quickly in the future.

Our advisor and those selling shares on our behalf shall make every reasonable effort to determine that the purchase of common stock is a suitable and appropriate investment for each investor based on information obtained by those selling shares on our behalf concerning the investor's financial situation and investment objectives. In consideration of these factors, we have established suitability standards for initial shareholders and subsequent transferees. Those selling shares on our behalf will determine that each purchaser of common stock satisfy these standards. These suitability standards require that a purchaser of common stock have either:

A net worth of at least \$150,000; or

A gross annual income of at least \$45,000 and a net worth of at least \$45,000.

For purposes of determining suitability, net worth shall exclude the value of an investor's home, furnishings and automobiles.

The minimum purchase is \$2,000 except in certain states as described below. In order to satisfy the minimum purchase requirements for retirement plans, unless otherwise prohibited by state law, a husband and wife may jointly contribute funds from their separate IRAs, provided that each such contribution is made in increments of \$100. You should note that an investment in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust will not, in itself, create a retirement plan and that, in order to create a retirement plan, you must comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The minimum purchase for Maine, Minnesota, New York and North Carolina residents is \$2,500, except for IRAs and other qualified retirement plans which must purchase a minimum of \$2,000.

Purchases of common stock pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan may be in amounts less than set forth above.

Several states have established suitability standards different from those we have outlined. Shares will be sold only to investors in these states who meet the special suitability standards set forth below.

Arizona, California, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon and Tennessee Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$225,000 or (2) gross annual income of \$60,000 and a net worth of at least \$60,000.

Maine Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$200,000 or (2) gross annual income of \$50,000 and a net worth of at least \$50,000.

Kansas, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania In addition to our suitability requirements, investors must have a net worth of at least ten times their investment in Dividend Capital Trust.

In the case of sales to fiduciary accounts, these suitability standards must be met by the fiduciary account, by the person who directly or indirectly supplied the funds for the purchase of the common stock or by the beneficiary of the account. These suitability standards are intended to help ensure that, given the long-term nature of an investment in our common stock, our investment objectives and the relative illiquidity of our common stock, shares of Dividend Capital Trust are an appropriate investment for each shareholder. Each participating broker-dealer must make every reasonable effort to determine that the purchase of shares is a suitable and appropriate investment for each shareholder based on information provided by the shareholder in the Subscription Agreement. Each participating broker-dealer is required to maintain for six years records of the information used to determine that an investment in the shares is suitable and appropriate for a shareholder.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This prospectus summary summarizes information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section.

Dividend Capital Trust Inc.

Dividend Capital Trust Inc. is organized as a real estate investment trust that owns and operates real estate properties, consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate tenants. Dividend Capital Trust was formed as a Maryland corporation in April 2002. Our office is located at 518 17th Street, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80202 and our telephone number is (303) 228-2200.

Dividend Capital Advisors LLC (the "Advisor") is responsible for managing our affairs on a day-to-day basis and for identifying and making acquisitions on our behalf. Our board of directors, or our investment committee comprised of board members, must approve each property acquisition proposed by the Advisor, as well as certain other matters set forth in our articles of incorporation. We have seven members on our board of directors. Four of our directors are independent of the Advisor and have responsibility for reviewing the performance of the Advisor. Our directors are elected annually by the shareholders.

Our REIT Status

We operate in a manner to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2003. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on income that we distribute to our shareholders. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), REITs are subject to numerous organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that they distribute at least 90% of their taxable income. If we fail to qualify for taxation as a REIT in any year, our income will be taxed at regular corporate rates, we will not be allowed a deduction for distributions to our shareholders in computing our taxable income and we may be precluded from qualifying for treatment as a REIT for the four-year period following the year of our failure to qualify. Even if we qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we may still be subject to state and local taxes on our income and property and to federal income and excise taxes on our undistributed income.

Summary Risk Factors

Following are the most significant risks relating to your investment:

There is no current public market for the common stock and we have no obligation or immediate plans to apply for quotation or listing in any public securities market. Although in the future we will consider opportunities to establish a public market for our common stock, there can be no assurance that a public market will ever exist. It will therefore be very difficult for you to sell your shares promptly or at all.

We have a limited history of operations and a limited portfolio of properties which you are able to evaluate in making a decision to purchase our common stock.

We must rely on the Advisor for the day-to-day management of our business and the identification of real estate properties which we may acquire.

To ensure that we continue to qualify as a REIT, our articles of incorporation prohibit any person or entity from owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock. This may discourage or prevent a third party from acquiring Dividend Capital Trust on terms that might be favorable to our shareholders.

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If for any reason we fail to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we would be subject to tax on our income at corporate rates. That would reduce the amount of funds available for investment or distribution to our shareholders because of the additional tax liability for the years involved.

You will not have preemptive rights as a shareholder, so any common stock we issue in the future may dilute your interest in Dividend Capital Trust.

We will pay significant fees to the Advisor and its affiliates.

Real estate investments are subject to cyclical trends, which are beyond our control.

We may enter into certain transactions that could potentially impair our ability to dispose of or otherwise turn our investments into cash and could potentially subject the Company to additional liabilities.

Loans we have and will obtain are and may be secured by some of our properties, which will put those properties at risk of forfeiture if we are unable to repay those loans.

To the extent we invest in vacant land to be developed, such investment may create risks relating to the builder's ability to control construction costs, failure to perform or failure to build in conformity with plans, specifications and timetables.

If we have not listed our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market by February 2013, or completed a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly traded company or sold substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our investors.

The Advisor will face various conflicts of interest resulting from its activities with affiliated entities.

Before you invest in Dividend Capital Trust, you should read the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus.

Description of Properties

We invest in commercial real estate properties consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate tenants. These facilities will generally be located in the top 25 distribution and logistics markets in the United States. Such properties may include properties which are under development or construction, newly constructed or have been constructed and have operating histories. In addition, we may acquire properties with some level of vacancy at the time of closing. Please see the "Real Estate Investments" section of this prospectus for a more complete description of the properties we have acquired.

Estimated Use of Proceeds of Offering

Our management team intends to invest a minimum of approximately 91.2% of the gross offering proceeds, including shares sold pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, to acquire such properties. The remainder of the gross offering proceeds will be used to pay fees and expenses of this offering, which shall include sales commissions, dealer manager fees, reimbursement of offering expenses and acquisition fees in an aggregate amount of up to approximately 8.8% of gross offering proceeds.

Investment Objectives

Our investment objectives are:

To pay consistent quarterly cash distributions to our investors and to increase the amount of such distributions over time;

To manage risk in order to preserve, protect and return our investors' capital contributions;

To realize capital appreciation upon our ultimate sale of our properties; and

To ultimately list our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the counter market or complete a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly traded company or sell substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration; if we do not complete such a transaction or obtain such listing of our common stock by February 2013, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and distribute the net proceeds to our investors.

We may only change these investment objectives upon a majority vote of our shareholders. See the "Investment Objectives and Criteria" section of this prospectus for a more complete description of our business and objectives.

Conflicts of Interest

The Advisor will experience conflicts of interest in connection with the management of our business affairs, including the following:

The managers of the Advisor will have to allocate their time between Dividend Capital Trust and other real estate projects and business activities in which they are involved;

The Advisor must determine whether any related entities should enter into joint ventures with Dividend Capital Trust for the acquisition and operation of specific properties. The terms of any joint ventures proposed by the Advisor may not be the result of arm's-length negotiations;

The Advisor will present to Dividend Capital Trust all investment opportunities which the Advisor determines are suitable for Dividend Capital Trust given our investment objectives and certain other considerations. Opportunities which the Advisor determines are not suitable for us may be pursued by affiliates of the Advisor. As a result, the Advisor may be subject to certain conflicts of interest in evaluating the suitability of investment opportunities and making recommendations to our board of directors;

The Advisor and its affiliates will receive distributions with respect to their limited partnership interests in Dividend Capital OP and fees in connection with transactions involving the purchase, management and sale of our properties regardless of the quality of the property acquired or the services provided to us; and

The Property Manager may perform certain property management and leasing services with respect to the properties which we acquire and the Dealer Manager will serve as the dealer manager of this offering. The Property Manager is presently managed and directed by Messrs. Blumberg, Florence, Mulvihill, Wattles and Zucker, each of whom is a manager of the Advisor and each of whom, with the exception of Mr. Blumberg and Mr. Florence, is a director of Dividend Capital Trust. The Dealer Manager is beneficially owned by Mark Quam and Messrs. Blumberg, Florence, Mulvihill, Wattles and Zucker and/or their affiliates and is controlled by Mr. Florence and Mr. Quam. As a result, conflicts of interest may exist with respect to certain transactions between Dividend Capital Trust and the Property Manager and the Dealer Manager. See the

"Management" and "Conflicts of Interest" sections of this prospectus for a more detailed discussion of these relationships and certain conflicts of interest.

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The following chart shows the ownership structure of the various Dividend Capital entities that are affiliated with the Advisor. Dividend Capital Securities Group LLLP, Dividend Capital Management Group LLC, Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC and Dividend Capital Exchange Facilitators LLC are presently each majority owned and controlled collectively by John Blumberg, Thomas Florence, James Mulvihill, Mark Quam, Thomas Wattles, Evan Zucker and/or their affiliates. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC and Dividend Capital Management Group LLC may each issue their equity securities in the future to certain of their employees, consultants or other parties. However, any such transactions are not expected to result in a change in control of these entities.

The Advisor initially invested \$200,000 in Dividend Capital OP in exchange for a regular limited partner interest and Dividend Capital Trust has invested \$2,000 in Dividend Capital OP in exchange for an approximately 1% general partner interest. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of the Advisor, has invested \$1,000 in Dividend Capital OP and has been issued limited partnership units of Dividend Capital OP which constitute the Special Units (as defined below). Except as described above, the Advisor, the Dealer Manager and the Property Manager do not have any ownership interests in Dividend Capital Trust or Dividend Capital OP.

Prior Offering Summary

Certain managers of our Advisor, directly or indirectly through affiliated entities, have sponsored two public REITs, American Real Estate Investment Corp. (now known as Keystone Property Trust, NYSE: KTR), which raised approximately \$93,230,000 of equity capital (including \$10,750,000 in its initial public offering and \$82,480,000 in connection with the acquisition of real estate) from more than 130 investors, and Dividend Capital Trust Inc., which as of May 31, 2004, has raised approximately \$313,100,000 from more than 9,000 investors. In addition, as of May 31, 2004, certain of these managers have sponsored 47 private real estate programs which had raised approximately \$414,000,000 of equity capital from over 500 investors. Collectively, as of May 31, 2004, the public and private programs sponsored by certain managers of our Advisor, as described above, purchased interests in 128 real estate projects having combined acquisition and development costs of approximately \$946,000,000. In addition, the Chief Investment Officer of our Advisor, in his capacity as either or both Co-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ProLogis Trust, participated in overseeing the growth in its asset base from its inception in 1992 to approximately \$2.5 billion in March 1997.

The Offering

We are offering up to 40,000,000 shares to the public at \$10.00 per share. We are also offering up to 13,000,000 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan at an amount per share equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the applicable distribution date including applicable fees and commissions, and up to 1,600,000 shares to the Dealer Manager pursuant to warrants whereby the Dealer Manager will have the right to purchase one share for every 25 shares it sells in this offering. These warrants may be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers. The exercise price for common stock purchased pursuant to the warrants is \$12 per share.

Terms of the Offering

This offering will terminate on or before _____ 2006 (two years after the date of our effective date). However, we may terminate this offering at any time prior to such termination date. The offering proceeds will be released to us and available for the acquisition of properties or the payment of fees and expenses as soon as we accept your Subscription Agreement. We generally intend to continue to admit shareholders to Dividend Capital Trust on a daily basis.

Compensation to the Advisor

The Advisor and its affiliates will receive compensation and fees for services relating to this offering and the investment and management of our assets. In addition, Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of the Advisor, has been issued partnership units in Dividend Capital OP constituting a separate series of limited partnership interests with special distribution rights (the "Special Units"). The most significant items of compensation and the Special Units are as follows:

Offering Stage

Sales Commissions:	Up to 6.0% of gross offering proceeds (all or substantially all of which we expect will be paid to participating broker-dealers).
Dealer Manager Fee:	Up to 2.0% of gross offering proceeds.
Offering Expenses Reimbursement:	Up to 2.0% of gross offering proceeds.

Acquisition and Development Stage

Acquisition and Advisory Fees: Up to 1% of the aggregate purchase price of all properties we acquire.

Operational Stage

Asset Management Fees: Up to 0.75% annually of the cost of properties acquired (before non-cash reserves and depreciation).

Property Management Fees: Up to the lesser of 3% of the gross revenues of our properties managed by the Property Manager or 0.6% of the net asset value of our properties managed by the Property Manager.

Initial Lease-Up Fee for Newly Constructed Property: Competitive fee for geographic location of property based on a survey of brokers and agents (which may in certain markets be equal to the first month's rent).

Real Estate Commissions: Up to the lesser of (1) 50% of the reasonable, customary and competitive commission paid for the sale of a comparable property or (2) 3% of the contract price of each property sold. Payment of any Real Estate Commissions is deferred until investors receive a return of capital plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual return on their net capital contributions.

Special Units: In general, the holder of the Special Units will be entitled to receive 15% of specified distributions made after other investors have received cumulative distributions equal to their capital contributions plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual return on their net contributions.

More specifically, while the Special Units are outstanding, and after other partners have received, in the aggregate, cumulative distributions from all sources equal to their net capital contributions plus a 7% pre-tax cumulative non-compounded annual return on their contributions, the holder will receive 15% of net sales proceeds received by Dividend Capital OP on dispositions of Dividend Capital OP assets. Special Units will be redeemed for cash upon the earlier of the listing of our common stock or the occurrence of specified events that result in a termination or non-renewal of the Advisory Agreement for the amount that would have been distributed with respect to the Special Units in accordance with the preceding sentence if Dividend Capital OP sold all of its assets for their then fair market values, paid all of its liabilities and distributed any remaining amounts to partners in liquidation of Dividend Capital OP.

Neither the Advisor nor any of its affiliates will be entitled to receive any other form of distribution or incentive compensation.

There are many conditions and restrictions on the amount of compensation the Advisor and its affiliates may receive. There are also some smaller items of expense reimbursements that the Advisor may receive. For a more detailed explanation of these fees and expenses payable to the Advisor and its

affiliates, and for a more detailed discussion of the Special Units described above, please see the "Management Management Compensation" section of this prospectus.

Dividend Policy

Dividend Capital Trust intends to qualify as a real estate investment trust for the year ending December 31, 2003. In order to remain qualified as a REIT, we are required to distribute 90% of our annual taxable income to our shareholders. We accrue and pay dividends on a quarterly basis. We will calculate our dividends based upon daily record and dividend declaration dates so investors will be entitled to earn dividends immediately upon purchasing common stock.

Listing

We presently intend to pursue the listing of our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market by February 2013. In the event we do not obtain listing prior to that date, or we have not completed a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly-traded company or sold substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our investors.

Distribution Reinvestment Plan

You may participate in our distribution reinvestment plan pursuant to which you may have the cash distributions you receive reinvested in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust at a discount purchase price equal to the current offering price of our common stock less 5% (currently \$9.50). If you participate, you will be taxed on an amount equal to the fair market value, on the relevant distribution date, of the shares of our common stock purchased with reinvested distributions even though you will not receive the cash from those distributions. As a result, you may have a tax liability without receiving cash to pay such liability. We may terminate the distribution reinvestment plan in our discretion at any time upon 10 days notice to you. Following any termination of the distribution reinvestment plan, all subsequent distributions to shareholders would be made in cash. Any such termination may limit our ability to fund the share redemptions discussed below. (See "Description of Securities Distribution Reinvestment Plan").

Share Redemption Program

As long as our common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange or traded on an over-the-counter market, shareholders of Dividend Capital Trust who have held their shares for at least one year may be able to redeem all or any portion of their shares in accordance with the procedures outlined in this prospectus. At that time, we may, subject to the conditions and limitations described below, redeem the shares presented for redemption for cash to the extent that we have sufficient funds available to us to fund such redemption. The amount received from the redemption of shares will be equal to the lesser of the price actually paid for the shares or the redemption price which is dependent upon the number of years the shares are held as described in the following table:

Share Purchase Anniversary	Redemption Price Per Share
0-1	No Redemption Allowed
1	\$9.25
2	\$9.50
3	\$9.75
4	Purchase Price

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We currently expect that our distribution reinvestment plan will be the primary source of funds used to redeem common stock. Our board of directors reserves the right to use other sources of funds to redeem common stock, to reject any request for redemption of common stock for any reason or no reason or to amend or terminate the share redemption program at any time. You will have no right to request redemption of your shares after the common stock is listed on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market. (See "Description of Securities Share Redemption Program").

Dividend Capital Operating Partnership

We intend to own all of our real estate properties through Dividend Capital OP or its subsidiaries. We are the sole general partner of Dividend Capital OP. Along with the Advisor and the parent of the Advisor, we are currently the only limited partners of Dividend Capital OP. Our ownership of properties in Dividend Capital OP allows us to acquire real estate properties in exchange for limited partnership units in Dividend Capital OP. This structure will also allow sellers of properties to transfer their properties to Dividend Capital OP in exchange for limited partnership units of Dividend Capital OP and defer recognition of taxable gain that would have been recognized if the properties had instead been sold to us. The holders of limited partnership units in Dividend Capital OP may have their units redeemed under certain circumstances. (See "The Partnership Agreement").

ERISA Considerations

The section of this prospectus entitled "ERISA Considerations" describes the effect the purchase of common stock will have on individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and retirement plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), and/or the Code. ERISA is a federal law that regulates the operation of certain tax-advantaged retirement plans. Any retirement plan trustee or individual considering purchasing common stock for a retirement plan or an IRA should read this section of the prospectus very carefully.

Description of Securities

General

Your investment will be recorded on our books only. We will not issue stock certificates. If you wish to transfer your shares, you will be required to send an executed transfer form to us. We will provide the required form to you upon request.

Shareholder Voting Rights and Limitations

We will hold annual meetings of our shareholders for the purpose of electing our directors and conducting other business matters that may be presented at such meetings. We may also call a special meeting of shareholders from time to time for the purpose of conducting certain matters. You are entitled to one vote for each share you own at any of these meetings.

Restriction on Share Ownership

Our articles of incorporation contain a restriction on ownership of the common stock that prevents any person or entity from owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock. (See "Description of Securities Restriction on Ownership of Common Stock"). These restrictions, as well as other share ownership and transfer restrictions contained in our articles of incorporation, are designed to enable us to comply with share accumulation and other restrictions imposed on REITs by the Code. For a more complete description of the common stock, including restrictions on the ownership of common stock, please see the "Description of Securities" section of this prospectus.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS OFFERING

Set forth below are some of the more frequently asked questions and answers relating to an offering of this type. Please see the "Prospectus Summary" and the remainder of this prospectus for more detailed information about this offering.

Q: What is a real estate investment trust?

A: In general, a real estate investment trust, or REIT, is a company that:

Offers the benefit of a diversified real estate portfolio under professional management;

Pays dividends to investors of at least 90% of its taxable income for each year;

Avoids the federal "double taxation" treatment of income that generally results from investments in a corporation because a REIT is not generally subject to federal corporate income taxes on its net income, provided certain income tax requirements are satisfied; and

Combines the capital of many investors to acquire or provide financing for real estate properties.

Q: What is Dividend Capital Trust Inc.?

A: Dividend Capital Trust was formed in April 2002 as a Maryland corporation to invest in commercial real estate properties consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate tenants. Our management team targets for acquisitions facilities generally located in what we believe are the top 25 distribution and logistics markets in the United States.

Q: Who will choose which real estate properties to invest in?

A: Dividend Capital Advisors LLC is our Advisor and it makes recommendations on all property acquisitions to the board of directors. The board of directors may delegate to our investment committee, which is comprised of three directors, two of whom are independent directors, the ability to approve acquisitions of up to \$25 million. Acquisitions in excess of \$25 million must be approved by our full board of directors, including a majority of the independent directors.

Q: What is Dividend Capital Advisors?

A: Our Advisor was formed as a Colorado limited liability company in April 2002. Certain managers of our Advisor, directly or indirectly through affiliated entities, have sponsored two public REITs, American Real Estate Investment Corp. (now known as Keystone Property Trust, NYSE: KTR), which raised approximately \$93,230,000 of equity capital (including \$10,750,000 in its initial public offering and \$82,480,000 in connection with the acquisition of real estate) from more than 130 investors, and Dividend Capital Trust Inc., which as of May 31, 2004, has raised approximately \$313,100,000 from more than 9,000 investors. In addition, as of May 31, 2004, certain of these managers have sponsored 47 private real estate programs which had raised approximately \$414,000,000 of equity capital from over 500 investors. Collectively, as of May 31, 2004, the public and private programs sponsored by certain managers of our Advisor, as described above, purchased interests in 128 real estate projects having combined acquisition and development costs of approximately \$946,000,000. In addition, the Chief Investment Officer of our Advisor, in his capacity as either or both Co-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ProLogis Trust, participated in overseeing the growth in its asset base from its inception in 1992 to approximately \$2.5 billion in March 1997.

Q: **What is the ownership structure of Dividend Capital Trust and its affiliates?**

A: The following chart shows the ownership structure of the various Dividend Capital entities that are affiliated with our Advisor. Dividend Capital Securities Group LLP, Dividend Capital Management Group LLC and Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC are presently each majority owned and controlled collectively by John Blumberg, Thomas Florence, James Mulvihill, Mark Quam, Thomas Wattles, Evan Zucker and/or their affiliates. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC and Dividend Capital Management Group LLC have issued and may further issue equity interests or derivatives thereof to certain of their employees or other unaffiliated individuals, consultants or other parties. However, none of such transactions are expected to result in a change in control of these entities.

Q: **What are some of the risks and conflicts to investing in this offering?**

A: We have summarized certain risks in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus, which you should review carefully. We have also described certain conflicts in the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus. These risks and conflicts include, but are not limited to:

We have a limited operating history;

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There is not a public market for your shares and no such public market may ever develop; it may be difficult for you to sell your shares and should you choose to sell your shares it will likely be at a price which is less than your purchase price;

Reliance on our Advisor and the board of directors for the selection of properties and the application of offering proceeds;

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The timing and availability of cash distributions to our shareholders is uncertain;

We will be subject to the risks which are inherent in the ownership of real estate;

Failure to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes could adversely affect our operations and our ability to make distributions to shareholders;

Our Advisor will be subject to conflicts of interest in the allocation of both management time and real estate opportunities among Dividend Capital Trust and other entities affiliated with our Advisor; and

We will pay our Advisor and its affiliates significant fees. Certain fees, such as those relating to property acquisitions and asset management services, will be paid regardless of the quality of the properties acquired or the services provided.

Q:

What fees will Dividend Capital Trust incur?

A:

We will incur various fees and expenses in our organization and offering stage, our acquisition and development stage and our operating stage. In most cases, these fees will be paid to our Advisor or its affiliates, including our Dealer Manager and our property manager. These fees, which are discussed in detail in the "Management Management Compensation" section of this prospectus, consist of:

- (i) Dealer manager fee payable to our dealer manager of up to 2% of gross offering proceeds;
- (ii) Sales commissions payable to our dealer manager (all or substantially all of which we expect will be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers) of up to 6% of gross offering proceeds;
- (iii) Reimbursement to our advisor or its affiliates for organization and offering expenses of up to 2% of gross offering proceeds;
- (iv) Acquisition fees payable to our advisor or its affiliates which may represent up to 1% of the aggregate purchase price of properties we acquire;
- (v) Asset management fee payable to our advisor of up to 0.75% annually of the cost of properties acquired (before non-cash reserves and depreciation);
- (vi) Property management and leasing fees payable to our property manager which may equal up to 3% of the gross revenues of each property per annum;
- (vii) Initial lease-up fees for newly constructed properties;
- (viii) Real estate commissions payable to our advisor or its affiliates on property sales of up to 50% of the brokerage commission paid, provided that 50% of such commission shall not exceed 3% of the contract price of the property sold; and
- (ix) Distributions made to an affiliate of our advisor with respect to the Special Units (as defined below). In general, the holder of the Special Units will be entitled to receive 15% of specified distributions after other investors have received, in the aggregate, cumulative distributions equal to their capital contributions plus a pre-tax 7% cumulative non-compounded annual return on their net contributions.

Q: Will our Advisor use any specific criteria when selecting a potential property acquisition?

A: Yes. Our Advisor will generally seek to invest in properties that satisfy four primary objectives: (1) providing consistent quarterly dividend distributions to our shareholders with the potential to increase the dividend over time; (2) protecting our shareholders' capital contributions; (3) exhibiting potential to realize capital appreciation upon the ultimate sale of our properties or

the occurrence of a liquidity event; and (4) having a high degree of liquidity, relative to other real estate assets, due to their attractiveness to the institutional market.

Our management team will attempt to accomplish these objectives by acquiring primarily high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties generally located in the top 25 U.S. industrial markets which are newly constructed, under construction, or which have been previously constructed and have operating histories. In general, national, regional and local companies utilize the space in these building types to store and ship product to their customers. In some cases, the buildings can be used for light manufacturing or assembly. Our Advisor intends to generally focus on properties that have been leased or pre-leased on a net basis to one or more creditworthy corporate tenants, although some of the properties we purchase may have some vacancy to be filled after closing.

Q:

Why do you plan on focusing your acquisitions on industrial properties?

A:

Our management team believes that ownership of industrial properties may have certain potential advantages relative to ownership of other classes of real estate. Our management team believes that industrial tenants tend to be more stable than tenants of residential or office properties, resulting in greater revenue stability. Because industrial properties are typically leased on a net basis, the owner has limited management responsibilities. Our management team believes that the costs of capital improvements are also generally lower for industrial properties. Our management team also believes that many industrial properties have a shorter development period than other real estate classes, allowing owners to respond more quickly to changes in demand.

Although our management team also believes that there may be certain advantages to investing in industrial properties, by focusing on industrial properties we will not have the advantage of a portfolio of properties that is diversified across different property types. As a result, we will be exposed to risks or trends that have a greater impact on the market for industrial properties. These risks or trends may include the movement of manufacturing facilities to foreign markets which have lower labor or production costs, changes in land use or zoning regulations which restrict the availability of suitable industrial properties and other economic trends or events which would cause industrial properties to under-perform other property types.

Q:

Why may you acquire certain properties in joint ventures?

A:

We may acquire some of our properties in joint ventures, some of which may be entered into with affiliates of our Advisor. Joint ventures may allow us to acquire an interest in a property without requiring that we fund the entire purchase price. In addition, certain properties may be available to us only through joint ventures. As a result, joint ventures may allow us to diversify our portfolio of properties in terms of geographic region, property type and industry group of our tenants. We may also enter into joint ventures with developers that include acquisition rights on current or future properties to be built or leased or both. Depending upon the circumstance, the joint ventures may have a debt and/or an equity component.

Q:

What steps do you intend to take to make sure you purchase environmentally compliant property?

A:

We intend to obtain a new Phase I environmental assessment of each property purchased which, in addition to our internal review is also reviewed by our environmental legal counsel. In addition, we generally intend to obtain a representation from the seller that, to its knowledge, the property is not contaminated with hazardous materials. Although these steps may reduce certain environmental risks, Dividend Capital Trust may nevertheless be liable for the costs related to removal or redemption of hazardous materials found on any properties we acquire.

Q: What are the proposed terms of the leases you expect to enter into?

A: Our management team will seek primarily to enter into "net" leases, the majority of which we expect will have five to ten year original lease terms, and many of which will have renewal options for additional periods. "Net" means that the tenant is responsible for repairs, maintenance, property taxes, utilities, insurance and other operating costs. We expect that the majority of our leases will provide that we, as landlord, have responsibility for certain capital repairs or replacement of specific structural components of a property such as the roof of the building, the truck court and parking areas, as well as the interior floor or slab of the building.

Q: How will Dividend Capital Trust own its real estate properties?

A: We expect to own all of our real estate properties through an operating partnership called Dividend Capital Operating Partnership LP or subsidiaries of our operating partnership. Our operating partnership has been organized to own and lease real properties on our behalf. Dividend Capital Trust is the sole general partner of our operating partnership and Dividend Capital Trust, our Advisor and Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of our Advisor, are currently the only limited partners of our operating partnership. Dividend Capital Trust has and will continue to contribute the net proceeds of the offering to our operating partnership in return for limited partnership interests. Our operating partnership will use these proceeds to acquire real estate properties. In addition, fractional interests in certain of our properties are held in a taxable REIT subsidiary, and may continue to be held in one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries that are wholly owned by our operating partnership. We intend to utilize the taxable REIT subsidiary, or additional taxable REIT subsidiaries, in certain transactions to potentially facilitate the sale of interests in our limited partnership.

Q: What is an "UPREIT"?

A: UPREIT stands for "Umbrella Partnership Real Estate Investment Trust". An UPREIT is a REIT that holds all or substantially all of its properties through a partnership in which the REIT holds an interest. We use this structure because a sale of property directly to the REIT is generally a taxable transaction to the selling property owner. In an UPREIT structure, a seller of a property who desires to defer taxable gain on the sale of his property may transfer the property to the partnership in exchange for limited partnership units in the operating partnership and defer taxation of gain until the seller later sells the partnership units or redeems his partnership units normally on a one-for-one basis for REIT common stock. If the REIT common stock is publicly traded, the former property owner will achieve liquidity for his investment. Using an UPREIT structure gives us an advantage in acquiring desired properties from persons who may not otherwise sell their properties because of unfavorable tax results.

Q: If I buy common stock, will I receive dividends and how often?

A: We pay dividends on a quarterly basis to our shareholders. The amount of each dividend is determined by the board of directors and typically depends on the amount of distributable funds, current and projected cash requirements, tax considerations and other factors. However, in order to qualify as a REIT, we must make distributions of at least 90% of our taxable income for each year.

Q: How do you calculate the payment of dividends to shareholders?

A: We will calculate our quarterly dividends using daily record and declaration dates so your dividend benefits will begin to accrue immediately upon becoming a shareholder.

Q: May I reinvest the dividends I may receive in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust?

A: Yes. You may participate in our distribution reinvestment plan by checking the appropriate box on the Subscription Agreement (see "Appendix B" of this prospectus) or by filling out an enrollment form we will provide to you at your request. As part of this offering we have registered 13,000,000 shares to be sold under the distribution reinvestment plan at a discounted price equal to the current offering price per share less a 5% discount (currently \$9.50 per share) on the applicable dividend date. (See "Description of Securities Distribution Reinvestment Plan").

Q: Will the dividends I receive be taxable as ordinary income?

A: Yes and No. Generally, dividends that you receive, including dividends that are reinvested pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, will be taxed as ordinary income to the extent they are from current or accumulated earnings and profits. Although recently enacted tax legislation generally reduces the maximum tax rate for dividends payable by corporations to individuals to 15% through 2008, dividends payable by REITs generally continue to be taxed at the normal ordinary income rates applicable to the individual recipient, rather than the 15% preferential rate. We expect that some portion of your dividends may not be subject to tax in the year received due to the fact that depreciation expenses reduce earnings and profits but do not reduce cash available for distribution. Amounts distributed to you in excess of our earnings and profits will reduce the tax basis of your investment and distributions in excess of tax basis will be taxable as an amount realized from the sale of your shares of our common stock. This, in effect, would defer a portion of your taxes until your investment is sold or our assets are liquidated and the net proceeds are distributed to our investors, at which time you may be taxed at capital gains rates. However, because each investor's tax considerations are different, you are urged to consult with your tax advisor. You should also review the section of this prospectus entitled "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Q: What will you do with the money raised in this offering?

A: Our management team will use the net offering proceeds to invest in commercial real estate consisting primarily of high quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate tenants. Our management team intends to invest a minimum of approximately 91.2% of the gross offering proceeds, including shares sold pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, to acquire such properties. The remainder of the gross offering proceeds will be used to pay fees and expenses of this offering, which shall include sales commissions, dealer manager fees, reimbursement of offering expenses and acquisition fees in an aggregate amount of up to approximately 8.8% of gross offering proceeds.

Q: How will the payment of fees and expenses affect my invested capital?

A: The payment of fees and expenses will reduce the funds available for investment in real estate. The payment of fees and expenses will also reduce the book value of your shares. However, your initial invested capital amount will remain \$10.00 per share, and your dividend yield will be based on your \$10.00 per share investment. Until we invest the proceeds of this offering in real estate, we may invest in short-term, highly liquid investments including government obligations, bank certificates of deposit, short-term debt obligations, interest bearing accounts and preferred securities of other REITs. These short-term investments may earn a lower return than we expect to earn on our real estate investments, and we cannot guarantee how long it will take to fully invest the proceeds in real estate.

Q: What kind of offering is this?

A: We are offering the public up to 40,000,000 shares of common stock on a "best efforts" basis. We have also registered 13,000,000 shares to be offered under our distribution reinvestment plan and

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1,600,000 shares to be issued upon the exercise of warrants that may be issued to broker-dealers participating in this offering.

Q:
How does a "best efforts" offering work?

A:
When common stock is offered to the public on a "best efforts" basis, the broker-dealers participating in the offering are only required to use their best efforts to sell the common stock. Broker-dealers do not have a firm commitment or obligation to purchase any common stock.

Q:
How long will this offering last?

A:
The offering will not last beyond _____, 2006 or until we sell all shares registered under this offering, whichever is sooner.

Q:
Who can buy common stock?

A:
You can buy common stock pursuant to this prospectus provided that you have either (1) a net worth of at least \$45,000 and an annual gross income of at least \$45,000, or (2) a net worth of at least \$150,000. For this purpose, net worth does not include your home, home furnishings and personal automobiles. These minimum levels may be higher in certain states, so you should carefully read the more detailed description in the "Suitability Standards" section of this prospectus.

Q:
May persons affiliated with Dividend Capital Trust purchase common stock in this offering?

A:
Yes. Officers and directors of Dividend Capital Trust and their immediate families, as well as officers and employees of our Advisor or other affiliated entities and their immediate families, may purchase common stock at a price of \$9.20 per share. The reduced offering price reflects the elimination of the \$0.60 sales commission and the \$0.20 dealer manager fee that would otherwise be paid on each share. Notwithstanding this reduced sale price, the net proceeds received by Dividend Capital Trust will be the same on all common stock sold in the offering.

Q:
Is there any minimum investment required?

A:
Yes. Generally, you must invest at least \$2,000. This minimum investment level may be higher in certain states, so you should carefully read the more detailed description of the minimum investment requirements appearing in the "Suitability Standards" section of this prospectus.

Q:
How do I subscribe for common stock?

A:
If you choose to purchase common stock in this offering, you will need to complete a Subscription Agreement in the form attached to this prospectus as Appendix B for a specific number of shares. You must pay for the common stock at the time you subscribe. Offering proceeds will be released to us on an ongoing basis at the time we accept each Subscription Agreement.

Q:
If I buy common stock in this offering, how may I later sell it?

A:
At the time you purchase common stock, it will not be listed for trading on any national securities exchange or over-the-counter market. Our management team presently believes it is unlikely that we would apply to have the common stock listed for trading in any public market for at least the next two years or longer, and we may never list our common stock. However, we plan to consider opportunities to list our common stock for trading based on a number of factors, such as the public market for REITs generally, the amount of capital we have been able to raise and the economic performance of the properties we have acquired.

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As discussed in the following paragraph, the absence of a public market may continue for an extended period of time after the date of this prospectus. As a result, you may find it difficult to find a buyer for your shares and realize a return on your investment. You may sell your shares to any buyer unless such sale would cause any person or entity to directly or indirectly own more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock or would violate the other restrictions imposed by our articles of incorporation on ownership and transfers of our common stock. (See "Description of Securities Restriction on Ownership of Common Stock").

In addition, after you have held your shares for at least one year, you may be able to have your shares repurchased by us pursuant to our share redemption program. (See "Description of Securities Share Redemption Program"). If we have not listed the common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market by February 2013, or completed a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly traded company or sold substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our investors.

Q: What is the experience of your officers and directors?

A: The key members of our management team are James R. Mulvihill, Thomas G. Wattles and Evan H. Zucker, each of whom is a director of Dividend Capital Trust as well as a manager of our Advisor. From 1989 through May 31, 2004, Messrs. Mulvihill and Zucker have, along with other affiliates, overseen directly, or indirectly through affiliated entities, the acquisition, development, financing and sale of approximately 128 real estate projects with an aggregate value in excess of \$946,000,000. See the "Management Directors and Executive Officers" section of this prospectus for a more detailed description of the background and experience of each of our officers and directors and the Prior Performance Tables which appear as Appendix A of this Prospectus for detailed information concerning certain real estate programs sponsored by managers of our Advisor. In addition, Mr. Wattles, in his capacity as either or both Co-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ProLogis Trust, participated in overseeing the growth in its asset base from its inception in 1992 to approximately \$2.5 billion in 1997.

Q: Will I be notified of how my investment is doing?

A: Each year we will provide shareholders an annual report providing financial information about us. In addition, we will provide periodic updates on our performance in conjunction with our filings with the SEC including three quarterly filings and an annual filing. Additionally, we will provide periodic press releases describing significant developments, current period performance and current period earnings. We will provide these reports and press releases on our website at www.dividendcapital.com. (See "Where You Can Find Additional Information").

Q: When will I get my detailed tax information?

A: We intend to mail your Form 1099 tax information by January 31st of each year.

Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: If you have more questions about the offering or if you would like additional copies of this prospectus, you should contact your registered representative or contact:

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RISK FACTORS

Your purchase of common stock involves a number of risks. In addition to other risks discussed in this prospectus, you should specifically consider the following:

INVESTMENT RISKS

We have a limited operating history.

Dividend Capital Trust was formed in April 2002 in order to invest primarily in industrial real estate properties. We have a limited history of operations and a limited portfolio of properties which you are able to evaluate in making a decision to purchase our common stock.

There is no public trading market for your shares.

There is no current public market for the common stock and we have no obligation or immediate plans to apply for quotation or listing in any public securities market. Although in the future we will consider opportunities to establish a public market for our common stock, there can be no assurance that a public market will ever exist. It will therefore be very difficult for you to sell your shares promptly or at all. Even if you are able to sell your shares, the absence of a public market may cause the price received for any common stock sold to be less than the proportionate value of the real estate we own or less than the price you paid. Therefore, you should purchase the common stock only as a long-term investment. (See the "Description of Securities Share Redemption Program" section of this prospectus).

We currently utilize our Advisor for selection of properties and we rely on our board of directors for ultimate approval of the investment of offering proceeds.

Our ability to pay distributions and achieve our other investment objectives is partially dependent upon the performance of our Advisor in the acquisition of real estate properties, the selection of tenants and the determination of any financing arrangements. Our board of directors, which must approve all property acquisitions, will have broad discretion to monitor the performance of our Advisor as well as to determine the manner in which the net offering proceeds are invested. Our board of directors may delegate to our investment committee, which is comprised of three directors, two of whom are independent directors, the authority to approve individual property acquisitions of up to \$25 million. All acquisitions in excess of \$25 million must be approved by our board of directors, including a majority of the independent directors. As a result, you must rely on our Advisor to identify properties and propose transactions and on the board of directors to oversee and approve such transactions. (See "Management").

Dividends payable by REITs do not qualify for the reduced tax rates under recently enacted tax legislation.

Tax legislation enacted in 2003 generally reduces the maximum tax rate for dividends payable by corporations to individuals to 15% through 2008. Dividends payable by REITs, however, generally continue to be taxed at the normal rate applicable to the individual recipient, rather than the 15% preferential rate. Although this legislation does not adversely affect the taxation of REITs or dividends paid by REITs, the more favorable rates applicable to regular corporate dividends could cause investors who are individuals to perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends, which could adversely affect the value of the stock of REITs, including our common stock. (See "Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation of Taxable U.S. Shareholders Distributions Generally").

We depend on key personnel.

Our success depends to a significant degree upon the continued contributions of certain key personnel, including James Mulvihill, Thomas Wattles and Evan Zucker, each of whom would be difficult to replace. We do not have employment agreements with any of our key personnel, and we currently do not have key man life insurance on any person. If any of our key personnel were to cease employment with us, our operating results could suffer. We also believe that our future success depends, in large part, upon our ability to hire and retain highly skilled managerial, operational and marketing personnel. Competition for such personnel is intense, and we cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting and retaining such skilled personnel. (See "Management").

Our Advisor will face conflicts of interest relating to time management.

Our Advisor is currently pursuing other business opportunities with third parties. Managers of our Advisor are currently engaged in other real estate activities, including acquisition and development of commercial and residential real estate in the United States and Mexico. We are not able to estimate the amount of time that managers of our Advisor will devote to our business. As a result, managers of our Advisor may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time between our business and these other activities. During times of intense activity in other programs and ventures, the time they devote to our business may decline and be less than we would require. We expect that as our real estate activities expand, our Advisor may attempt to hire additional employees who would devote substantially all of their time to the business of Dividend Capital Trust and its affiliates. However, there can be no assurance that our Advisor will devote adequate time to our business activities. See "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus for a discussion of the other activities and real estate interests of our Advisor's affiliates. (See "Conflicts of Interest").

Our Advisor may face conflicts of interest relating to the purchase and leasing of properties.

We may be buying properties at the same time as other entities that are affiliated with our Advisor are buying properties. There is a risk that our Advisor will choose a property that provides lower returns to us than a property purchased by another entity affiliated with our Advisor. We may acquire properties in geographic areas where other affiliates of our Advisor own properties. If one of the entities affiliated with our Advisor attracts a tenant that we are competing for, we could suffer a loss of revenue due to delays in locating another suitable tenant. See the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus. (See "Conflicts of Interest Competition").

Our Advisor will face conflicts of interest relating to joint ventures with affiliates.

We may enter into joint ventures with third parties, including entities that are affiliated with our Advisor, for the acquisition, development and improvement of properties. We may also purchase and develop properties in joint ventures or in partnerships, co-tenancies or other co-ownership arrangements with the sellers of the properties, affiliates of the sellers, developers or other persons. Such investments may involve risks not otherwise present with a direct investment in real estate, including, for example:

The possibility that our venture partner, co-tenant or partner in an investment might become bankrupt;

That such venture partner, co-tenant or partner may at any time have economic or business interests or goals which are or which become inconsistent with our business interests or goals; or

That such venture partner, co-tenant or partner may be in a position to take action contrary to our instructions or requests or contrary to our policies or objectives.

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Actions by such a venture partner or co-tenant might have the result of subjecting the property to liabilities in excess of those contemplated and may have the effect of reducing your returns.

Under certain joint venture arrangements, neither venture partner may have the power to control the venture, and an impasse could be reached, which might have a negative influence on the joint venture and decrease potential returns to you. In the event that a venture partner has a right of first refusal to buy out the other partner, it may be unable to finance such buy-out at that time. It may also be difficult for us to sell our interest in any such joint venture or partnership or as a co-tenant in property. In addition, to the extent that our venture partner or co-tenant is an affiliate of our Advisor, certain conflicts of interest will exist. (See "Conflicts of Interest Joint Ventures with Affiliates of our Advisor").

Our Dealer Manager was recently formed and has not participated in similar offerings.

Our Dealer Manager was formed in December 2001 and it has not participated in any securities offering other than our prior public offerings. Our Dealer Manager has entered into agreements with broker-dealers pursuant to which those firms will sell our common stock in this offering. Should our Dealer Manager be unable to maintain agreements with a significant group of broker-dealers, then we may be unable to sell a significant number of shares. If we do not sell a significant number of shares then we will likely acquire a limited number of properties and will not achieve significant diversification of our property holdings. Because our Dealer Manager has limited experience in prior offerings, it may be difficult to evaluate its ability to manage this offering.

A limit on the number of shares a person may own may discourage a takeover or business combination.

Our articles of incorporation restrict direct or indirect ownership by one person or entity to no more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock. This restriction may discourage a change of control of Dividend Capital Trust and may deter individuals or entities from making tender offers for common stock on terms that might be financially attractive to shareholders or which may cause a change in our management. This ownership restriction may also prohibit business combinations that would have otherwise been approved by our board of directors and shareholders. (See "Description of Securities Restriction on Ownership of Common Stock").

You are limited in your ability to sell your shares pursuant to the share redemption program.

Our share redemption program may provide you with a limited opportunity to redeem your shares after you have held them for a period of one year. However, our board of directors reserves the right to suspend or terminate the share redemption program at any time. In addition, our share redemption program contains certain restrictions and limitations. Common stock may be redeemed quarterly on a pro rata basis. Subject to funds being available, the number of shares redeemed during any calendar year will be limited to the lesser of (1) three percent (3%) of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year, and (2) that number of shares we can redeem with the proceeds we receive from the sale of common stock under our distribution reinvestment plan. Therefore, in making a decision to purchase our common stock, you should not assume that you will be able to sell any of your shares back to us pursuant to our share redemption program. (See "Description of Securities Share Redemption Program").

We did not establish the offering price of the common stock based on an appraised value of our properties.

We have not obtained a recent appraisal of the properties in connection with this offering. Our board of directors determined the selling price of the common stock; however such price may bear no relationship to property appraisals or to any established criteria for valuing our issued or outstanding common stock. Our board of directors determined the price of our shares considering a number of

factors including our historic, current and anticipated dividend yields, yields provided by similar and other real estate investments; our operating results; and our progress in executing our investment strategy.

If we have not listed our stock for public trading or created an alternative liquidity event for our shareholders by February 2013, then we will take steps to liquidate our assets.

If we have not listed our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter by February 2013, or completed a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly traded company or sold substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our investors. Various economic and political conditions existing at the time we liquidate our assets may adversely affect our ability to sell assets at favorable prices. As a result, there can be no assurance that we would be able to sell our assets at prices which are consistent with our estimate of the fair market value of our properties or that would provide our stockholders with any particular return. (See "Questions and Answers About this Offering If I buy common stock in this offering, how may I later sell it?").

Your interest in Dividend Capital Trust may be diluted if we issue additional common stock.

Our shareholders do not have preemptive rights to any common stock issued by Dividend Capital Trust in the future. Therefore, in the event that we (1) sell common stock in the future, including those issued pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan, (2) sell securities that are convertible into common stock, (3) issue common stock in a private offering to institutional investors, (4) issue shares of common stock upon the exercise of the options granted to our independent directors or employees of our Advisor and our property manager or the warrants to be issued to participating broker-dealers, or (5) issue common stock to sellers of properties acquired by us in connection with an exchange of limited partnership interests in our operating partnership, existing shareholders and investors purchasing shares in this offering will experience dilution of their percentage ownership in Dividend Capital Trust. Depending on the terms of such transactions, most notably the offer price per share, which may be less than the price paid per share in this offering, and the value of our properties, existing shareholders might also experience a dilution in the book value per share of their investment in Dividend Capital Trust. (See "Description of Securities").

Payment of fees to our Advisor and its affiliates will reduce cash available for investment and distribution.

Our Advisor and its affiliates will perform services for us in connection with the offer and sale of the common stock, the selection and acquisition of our properties, and the management and leasing of our properties. They will be paid substantial fees for these services, which will reduce the amount of cash available for investment in properties and distribution to shareholders. We estimate that approximately 8.8% of gross proceeds, including shares issued pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, will be paid to our Advisor, its affiliates and third parties for up-front fees and expenses associated with the offer and sale of our common stock. (See "Management Management Compensation").

The availability and timing of cash distributions is uncertain.

We expect to pay quarterly dividends to our shareholders. However, we bear all expenses incurred by our operations, which are deducted from cash funds generated by operations prior to computing the amount of cash dividends to be distributed to our shareholders. In addition, our board of directors, in its discretion, may retain any portion of such funds for working capital. We cannot assure you that sufficient cash will be available to pay dividends to you.

We are uncertain of our sources for funding our future capital needs.

Substantially all of the gross offering proceeds will be used for investment in properties and for payment of various fees and expenses. (See the "Estimated Use of Proceeds" section of this prospectus). In addition, we do not anticipate that we will maintain any permanent working capital reserves. Accordingly, in the event that we develop a need for additional capital in the future for the improvement of our properties or for any other reason, we cannot assure you that such sources of funding will be available to us.

If we are unable to find suitable investments, we may not be able to achieve our investment objectives or pay dividends.

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives and to pay dividends depends upon the performance of our Advisor in the acquisition of our investments and the determination of any financing arrangements and upon the performance of our property managers in the selection of tenants and negotiation of leasing arrangements. Except for the investments described in one or more supplements to this prospectus or incorporated into this prospectus, you will have no opportunity to evaluate the terms of transactions or other economic or financial data concerning our investments. You must rely entirely on the management abilities of our Advisor, the property managers our Advisor selects and the oversight of our board of directors. We cannot be sure that our Advisor will be successful in obtaining suitable investments on financially attractive terms or that, if our Advisor makes investments on our behalf, our objectives will be achieved. The more money we raise in this offering, the greater will be our challenge to invest all of the net offering proceeds on attractive terms. Therefore, the large size of this offering increases the risk that we may pay too much for real estate acquisitions. If we, through our Advisor, are unable to find suitable investments promptly, we will hold the proceeds from this offering in an interest-bearing account or invest the proceeds in short-term, investment-grade investments (which are not likely to earn as high a return as we expect to earn on our real estate investments) and may, ultimately, liquidate. In such an event, our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders would be adversely affected. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Acquisition and Investment Policies").

Our charter permits our board of directors to issue stock with terms that may subordinate the rights of our common stockholders or discourage a third party from acquiring us in a manner that could result in a premium price to our stockholders.

Our board of directors may classify or reclassify any unissued common stock or preferred stock and establish the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption of any such stock. Thus, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have priority as to distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation over the rights of the holders of our common stock. Such preferred stock could also have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us, including an extraordinary transaction (such as a merger, tender offer or sale of all or substantially all of our assets) that might otherwise provide a premium price to holders of our common stock. (See "Description of Securities Preferred Stock").

Our management has broad control over our operations and you will have limited control over changes in our policies and operations.

Our board of directors determines our major policies, including our policies regarding financing, growth, debt capitalization, REIT qualification, distributions and material acquisitions of properties of businesses (including the business of our Adviser or Property Manager). Our board of directors may amend or revise these and other policies without a vote of the stockholders. Under the Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter, our stockholders have a right to vote only on limited

matters. Our board's broad discretion in setting policies and our stockholders' inability to exert control over those policies increases the uncertainty and risks you face as a stockholder. (See "Management General").

Adverse economic and geopolitical conditions could negatively affect our returns and profitability.

Recent geopolitical events have exacerbated the general economic slowdown that has affected the nation as a whole and the local economies where our properties may be located. Among others, the following market and economic challenges may adversely affect our operating results:

poor economic times may result in tenant defaults under leases;

job transfers and layoffs may increase vacancies;

maintaining occupancy levels may require increased concessions or reduced rental rates; and

increased insurance premiums, resulting in part from the increased risk of terrorism, may reduce funds available for distribution or, to the extent we can pass such increases through to tenants, may lead to tenant defaults. Increased insurance premiums also may make it difficult to increase rents to tenants on turnover, which may adversely affect our ability to increase our returns.

Our operations could be negatively affected to the extent that an economic downturn is prolonged or becomes more severe.

Actions of our joint venture partners could negatively impact our performance.

We are likely to enter into joint ventures with third parties to acquire, develop or improve properties. We may also purchase and develop properties in joint ventures or in partnerships, co-tenancies or other co-ownership arrangements. Such investments may involve risks not otherwise present with other methods of investment in real estate, including, but not limited to:

the possibility that our co-venturer, co-tenant or partner in an investment might become bankrupt;

that such co-venturer, co-tenant or partner may at any time have economic or business interests or goals which are or which become inconsistent with our business interests or goals; or

that such co-venturer, co-tenant or partner may be in a position to take action contrary to our instructions or requests or contrary to our policies or objectives.

Any of the above might subject a property to liabilities in excess of those contemplated and thus reduce your returns. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Joint Venture Investments").

Increases in interest rates could increase the amount of our debt payments and adversely affect our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

We have incurred indebtedness and expect that we will incur additional indebtedness in the future. Interest we pay reduces our cash available for distributions. Additionally, when we incur variable rate debt, increases in interest rates increases our interest costs, which reduces our cash flows and our ability to pay dividends to you. In addition, if we need to repay existing debt during periods of rising interest rates, we could be required to liquidate one or more of our investments in properties at times which may not permit realization of the maximum return on such investments. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Borrowing Policies and Related Indebtedness").

Our hedging strategies may not be successful in mitigating our risks associated with interest rates.

We use various derivative financial instruments to provide a level of protection against interest rate risks, but no hedging strategy can protect us completely. We cannot assure you that our use of derivatives will offset the risks related to changes in interest rates. In addition, the nature and timing of hedging transactions may influence the effectiveness of our hedging strategies. Poorly designed strategies or improperly executed transactions could actually increase our risk and losses. In addition, hedging strategies involve transaction and other costs. We cannot assure you that our hedging strategy and the derivatives that we use will adequately offset the risk of interest rate volatility or that our hedging transactions will not result in losses.

Your investment return may be reduced if we are required to register as an investment company under the investment company act.

We are not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. If we were obligated to register as an investment company, we would have to comply with a variety of substantive requirements under the Investment Company Act. These requirements include:

limitations on capital structure;

restrictions on specified investments;

prohibitions on transactions with affiliates; and

compliance with reporting, record keeping, voting, proxy disclosure and other rules and regulations that would significantly change our operations.

In order to maintain our exemption from regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, we must engage primarily in the business of buying real estate, and these investments must be made within a year after the offering ends. If we are unable to invest a significant portion of the proceeds of this offering in properties within one year of the termination of the offering, we may avoid being required to register as an investment company by temporarily investing any unused proceeds in government securities with low returns. This would reduce the cash available for distribution to investors and possibly lower your returns.

To maintain compliance with the Investment Company Act exemption, we may be unable to sell assets we would otherwise want to sell and may need to sell assets we would otherwise wish to retain. In addition, we may have to acquire additional income or loss generating assets that we might not otherwise have acquired or may have to forgo opportunities to acquire interests in companies that we would otherwise want to acquire and would be important to our strategy.

If we were required to register as an investment company but failed to do so, we would be prohibited from engaging in our business, and criminal and civil actions could be brought against us. In addition, our contracts would be unenforceable unless a court were to require enforcement, and a court could appoint a receiver to take control of us and liquidate our business.

Our derivative financial instruments used to hedge against interest rate fluctuations could reduce the overall returns on your investment.

We may use derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in interest rates on loans secured by our properties. These instruments involve risk, such as the risk that counterparties may fail to perform under the terms of the derivative contract or that such arrangements may not be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate changes. In addition, the possible use of such instruments may reduce the overall return on our investments. These instruments may also generate income that may not be treated as qualifying REIT income for purposes of the 75% or 95% REIT income test.

Our Advisor may have conflicting fiduciary obligations if we acquire properties with its affiliates.

Our Advisor may cause us to acquire an interest in a property through a joint venture with its affiliates. In these circumstances, our Advisor will have a fiduciary duty to both us and its affiliates participating in the joint venture. The resolution of this conflict of interest may cause our Advisor to sacrifice our best interest in favor of the seller of the property and therefore, we may enter into a transaction that is not in our best interest. The resolution of this conflict of interest may negatively impact our financial performance. (See "Conflicts of Interest").

The fees we pay in connection with this offering were not determined on an arm's-length basis and therefore may not be on the same terms we could achieve from a third-party.

The compensation paid to our Advisor, Dealer Manager and other affiliates for services they provide us was not determined on an arm's-length basis. All agreements, contracts or arrangements with our affiliates were not negotiated at arm's length. Such agreements include, but are not limited to, the Advisory Agreement, the Dealer Manager Agreement and the Property Management and Leasing Agreement. These agreements may contain terms that are not in our best interest and may not otherwise be applicable if we entered into arm's-length agreements. See "Conflicts of Interest" for a discussion of various conflicts of interest. (See "Management Management Compensation").

We cannot predict the amounts of compensation to be paid to our Advisor and our other affiliates.

Because the fees that we will pay to our Advisor and our other affiliates are based in part on the level of our business activity, it is not possible to predict the amounts of compensation that we will be required to pay these entities. In addition, because key employees of our affiliates are given broad discretion to determine when to consummate a transaction, we rely on these key persons to dictate the level of our business activity. Furthermore, the fees paid to our affiliates will reduce funds available for distribution, and therefore we cannot predict precisely how such fees will impact our distributions. (See "Management Management Compensation").

Our Dealer Manager, which is affiliated with us, has not made an independent review of us or the prospectus.

Our Dealer Manager, Dividend Capital Securities LLC, is one of our affiliates and will not make an independent review of us or the offering. Accordingly, you do not have the benefit of an independent review of the terms of this offering. Further, the due diligence investigation of us by the Dealer Manager cannot be considered to be an independent review and, therefore, may not be as meaningful as a review conducted by an unaffiliated broker-dealer or investment banker. In addition, a substantial portion of the proceeds of the offering will be paid to our Dealer Manager for managing the offering, including cash selling commissions, a marketing contribution and a due diligence expense allowance.

If we invest in a limited partnership as a general partner we could be responsible for all liabilities of such partnership.

In some joint ventures or other investments we may make, if the entity in which we invest is a limited partnership, we may acquire all or a portion of our interest in such partnership as a general partner. As a general partner, we could be liable for all the liabilities of such partnership. Additionally, we may also be required to take our interests in other investments as a non-managing general partner as in the case of our initial investment. Consequently, we would be potentially liable for all such liabilities without having the same rights of management or control over the operation of the partnership as the managing general partner or partners may have. Therefore, we may be held responsible for all of the liabilities of an entity in which we do not have full management rights or

control, and our liability may far exceed the amount or value of investment we initially made or then had in the partnership.

If we do not have sufficient capital resources from equity and debt financings for acquisitions of new properties or other assets because of our inability to retain earnings, our growth may be limited.

In order to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we are required to distribute to our shareholders at least 90% of our taxable income (excluding any net capital gain). This requirement limits our ability to retain income or cash flow from operations to finance the acquisition of new properties. We will explore acquisition opportunities from time to time with the intention of expanding our operations and increasing our profitability. We anticipate that we will use debt and equity financing for such acquisitions because of our inability to retain significant earnings. Consequently, if we cannot obtain debt or equity financing on acceptable terms, our ability to acquire new properties and expand our operations will be adversely affected.

Your investment may be subject to additional risks if we make international investments.

We may purchase property located in Mexico and Canada. These investments may be affected by factors peculiar to the laws and business practices of the jurisdictions in which the properties are located. These laws may expose us to risks that are different from and in addition to those commonly found in the United States. Foreign investments could be subject to the following risks:

changing governmental rules and policies, including changes in land use and zoning laws;

enactment of laws relating to the foreign ownership of real property or mortgages and laws restricting the ability of foreign persons or companies to remove profits earned from activities within the country to the person's or company's country of origin;

variations in currency exchange rates;

adverse market conditions caused by terrorism, civil unrest and changes in national or local governmental or economic conditions;

the willingness of domestic or foreign lenders to make mortgage loans in certain countries and changes in the availability, cost and terms of mortgage funds resulting from varying national economic policies;

the imposition of unique tax structures and changes in real estate and other tax rates and other operating expenses in particular countries;

general political and economic instability;

Our limited experience and expertise in foreign countries relative to its experience and expertise in the United States; and

more stringent environmental laws or changes in such laws.

Our UPREIT structure may result in potential conflicts of interest.

Persons holding units in our operating partnership have the right to vote on certain amendments to the Limited Partnership Agreement, as well as on certain other matters. Persons holding such voting rights may exercise them in a manner that conflicts with the interests of our shareholders. As general partner of the operating partnership, we will be obligated to act in a manner that is in the best interest of all partners of the operating partnership. Circumstances may arise in the future when the interest of limited partners in the operating partnership may conflict

with the interests of our shareholders. For example, the timing and terms of dispositions of properties held by the operating partnership may result in tax consequences to certain limited partners and not to our shareholders. (See "The Partnership Agreement").

REAL ESTATE RISKS

General Real Estate Risks

We will be subject to risks generally incident to the ownership of real estate, including:

Changes in general economic or local conditions;

Changes in supply of or demand for similar or competing properties in an area;

Bankruptcies, financial difficulties or lease defaults by our tenants;

Changes in interest rates and availability of permanent mortgage funds that may render the sale of a property difficult or unattractive or otherwise reduce the returns to shareholders;

Changes in tax, real estate, environmental and zoning laws;

Changes in the cost or availability of insurance, including coverage for mold or asbestos;

Periods of high interest rates and tight money supply;

Tenant turnover; and

General overbuilding or excess supply in the market area.

For these and other reasons, we cannot assure you that we will be profitable or that we will realize growth in the value of our real estate properties. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Acquisition and Investment Policies").

Competition for investments may increase costs and reduce returns.

We will compete for real property investments with pension funds and their advisors, bank and insurance company investment accounts, other real estate investment trusts, real estate limited partnerships, individuals and other entities engaged in real estate investment activities. Many other competitors have greater financial resources than us and a greater ability to borrow funds to acquire properties. Competition for investments may reduce the number of suitable investment opportunities available to us and may have the effect of increasing acquisition costs reducing the rents we can charge and, as a result, reducing your returns. The current market for acquisitions is extremely competitive.

A property that incurs a vacancy could be difficult to sell or re-lease.

A property may incur a vacancy either by the continued default of a tenant under its lease or the expiration of one of our leases. In addition, certain of the properties we acquire may have some level of vacancy at the time of closing. Certain of our properties may be specifically suited to the particular needs of a tenant. We may have difficulty obtaining a new tenant for any vacant space we have in our properties. If the vacancy continues for a long period of time, we may suffer reduced revenues resulting in less cash dividends to be distributed to shareholders. In addition, the resale value of a property could be diminished because the market value of a particular property will depend principally upon the value of the leases of such property. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Acquisition and Investment Policies").

We are dependent on tenants for our revenue.

Certain of our properties are occupied by a single tenant. As a result, the success of those properties will depend on the financial stability of a single tenant. Lease payment defaults by tenants could cause us to reduce the amount of distributions to shareholders. A default by a tenant on its lease payments could force us to find an alternative source of revenue to pay any mortgage loan on the property. In the event of a tenant

default, we may experience delays in enforcing our rights as landlord

and may incur substantial costs in protecting our investment and re-letting our property. If a lease is terminated, we may be unable to lease the property for the rent previously received or sell the property without incurring a loss. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Terms of Leases and Tenant Creditworthiness").

We may not have funding for future tenant improvements.

When a tenant at one of our properties does not renew its lease or otherwise vacates its space in one of our buildings, it is likely that, in order to attract one or more new tenants, we will be required to expend funds to construct new tenant improvements in the vacated space. Substantially all of our net offering proceeds will be invested in real estate properties, and while we intend to manage our cash position or financing availability to pay for any improvements required for releasing we cannot assure you that we will have adequate sources of funding available to us for such purposes in the future.

Uninsured losses relating to real property may adversely affect your returns.

Our Advisor will attempt to ensure that all of our properties are adequately insured to cover casualty losses. However, changes in the cost or availability of insurance could expose us to uninsured casualty losses. In the event that any of our properties incurs a casualty loss that is not fully covered by insurance, the value of our assets will be reduced by any such uninsured loss. In addition, we may have no source of funding to repair or reconstruct the damaged property, and we cannot assure you that any such sources of funding will be available to us for such purposes in the future. (See "Real Estate Investments Insurance Coverage on Properties").

Development and construction of properties may result in delays and increased costs and risks.

We may invest some of the net offering proceeds available for investment in the acquisition of raw land upon which we will develop and construct improvements at a fixed contract price. In any such projects we will be subject to risks relating to the builder's ability to control construction costs or to build in conformity with plans, specifications and timetables. The builder's failure to perform may result in legal action by us to rescind the purchase or construction contract or to enforce the builder's obligations. Performance may also be affected or delayed by conditions beyond the builder's control. Delays in completion of construction could also give tenants the right to terminate preconstruction leases for space at a newly developed project. We may incur additional risks when we make periodic progress payments or other advances to such builders prior to completion of construction. Each of these factors could result in increased costs of a project or loss of our investment. In addition, we will be subject to normal lease-up risks relating to newly constructed projects if they are not fully leased prior to the commencement of construction. Furthermore, the price we agree to for the land will be based on projections of rental income and expenses and estimates of construction costs as well as the fair market value of the property upon completion of construction. If our projections are inaccurate, we may pay too much for the land and fail to achieve our forecast of returns due to the factors discussed above. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Development and Construction of Properties").

Delays in acquisitions of properties may have adverse effects on your investment.

Delays we encounter in the selection, acquisition and development of properties could adversely affect your returns. Where properties are acquired prior to the start of construction, it will typically take 8-14 months to complete construction and rent available space. Therefore, you could suffer delays in the distribution of cash distributions attributable to those particular properties. Our charter limits the amount we can invest in unimproved land to 10% of total assets.

Uncertain market conditions and the broad discretion of our Advisor relating to the future disposition of properties could adversely affect the return on your investment.

We expect to hold the various real properties in which we invest until such time as our Advisor decides that a sale or other disposition is appropriate given our investment objectives. Our Advisor, subject to approval of the board, may exercise its discretion as to whether and when to sell a property, and we will have no obligation to sell properties at any particular time, except in the event of a liquidation of our properties in accordance with our articles of incorporation if we do not list our common stock by February 2013, or we do not complete a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our investors with securities of a publicly traded company or do not sell substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration. We cannot predict the various market conditions affecting real estate investments which will exist at any particular time in the future. Due to the uncertainty of market conditions which may affect the future disposition of our properties, we cannot assure you that we will be able to sell our properties at a profit in the future. Accordingly, the extent to which you will receive cash distributions and realize potential appreciation on our real estate investments will be dependent upon fluctuating market conditions. (See "Management Advisor").

Discovery of previously undetected environmentally hazardous conditions may adversely affect our operating results.

Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, a current or previous owner or operator of real property may be liable for the cost of removing or remediating hazardous or toxic substances on such property. Such laws often impose liability whether or not the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. Environmental laws also may impose restrictions on the manner in which property may be used or businesses may be operated. A property owner who violates environmental laws may be subject to sanctions which may be enforced by governmental agencies or, in certain circumstances, by private parties. In connection with the acquisition and ownership of our properties, we may be exposed to such costs. The cost of defending against environmental claims, of compliance with environmental regulatory requirements or of remediating any contaminated property could materially adversely affect our business, assets or results of operations and, consequently, amounts available for distribution to our shareholders.

If we fail to make our debt payments, we could lose our investment in a property.

Loans obtained to fund property acquisitions will generally be secured by first mortgages on those properties. If we are unable to make our debt service payments as required, a lender could foreclose on the property or properties securing its debt. This could cause us to lose part or all of our investment which in turn could cause the value of the common stock and the dividends payable to shareholders to be reduced. Certain of our indebtedness is cross-collateralized and, consequently, a default on this indebtedness could cause us to lose part or all of our investment in multiple properties. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Borrowing Policies and Related Indebtedness").

Lenders may require us to enter into restrictive covenants relating to our operations.

In connection with obtaining certain financing, a lender may impose restrictions on us which affect our ability to incur additional debt and our ability to make distributions to our shareholders. Loan documents we enter into may contain negative covenants which limit our ability to further mortgage the property, replace our Advisor or impose other limitations. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Borrowing Policies and Related Indebtedness").

If we enter into financing arrangements involving balloon payment obligations, it may adversely affect our ability to pay dividends.

Some of our financing arrangements require us to make a lump-sum or "balloon" payment at maturity. Our ability to make a balloon payment at maturity is uncertain and may depend upon our ability to obtain additional financing or our ability to sell the property. At the time the balloon payment is due, we may or may not be able to refinance the balloon payment on terms as favorable as the original loan or sell the property at a price sufficient to make the balloon payment. The effect of a refinancing or sale could affect the rate of return to shareholders and the projected time of disposition of our assets. In addition, payments of principal and interest made to service our debts may leave us with insufficient cash to pay the distributions that we are required to pay to maintain our qualification as a REIT. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Borrowing Policies and Related Indebtedness").

Costs of complying with governmental laws and regulations may adversely affect our income and the cash available for any distributions.

All real property and the operations conducted on real property are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to environmental protection and human health and safety. Some of these laws and regulations may impose joint and several liability on tenants, owners or operators for the costs to investigate or remediate contaminated properties, regardless of fault or whether the acts causing the contamination were legal. In addition, the presence of hazardous substances, or the failure to properly remediate these substances, may adversely affect our ability to sell, rent or pledge such property as collateral for future borrowings.

Some of these laws and regulations have been amended so as to require compliance with new or more stringent standards as of future dates. Compliance with new or more stringent laws or regulations or stricter interpretation of existing laws may require us to incur material expenditures. Future laws, ordinances or regulations may impose material environmental liability. Additionally, our tenants' operations, the existing condition of land when we buy it, operations in the vicinity of our properties, such as the presence of underground storage tanks, or activities of unrelated third parties may affect our properties. In addition, there are various local, state and federal fire, health, life-safety and similar regulations with which we may be required to comply, and which may subject us to liability in the form of fines or damages for noncompliance. Any material expenditures, fines, or damages we must pay will reduce our ability to make distributions and may reduce the value of your investment.

If we sell properties and provide financing to purchasers, defaults by the purchasers would adversely affect our cash flows.

If we decide to sell any of our properties, we presently intend to use our best efforts to sell them for cash. However, in some instances we may sell our properties by providing financing to purchasers. When we provide financing to purchasers, we will bear the risk that the purchaser may default, which could negatively impact our cash dividends to stockholders. Even in the absence of a purchaser default, the distribution of the proceeds of sales to our stockholders, or their reinvestment in other assets, will be delayed until the promissory notes or other property we may accept upon a sale are actually paid, sold, refinanced or otherwise disposed of.

High mortgage rates may make it difficult for us to finance or refinance properties, which could reduce the number of properties we can acquire and the amount of cash distributions we can make.

If mortgage debt is unavailable at reasonable rates, we may not be able to finance the purchase of properties. If we place mortgage debt on properties, we run the risk of being unable to refinance the properties when the loans come due, or of being unable to refinance on favorable terms. If interest rates are higher when we refinance the properties, our income could be reduced. We may be unable to

refinance properties at appropriate times, which may require us to sell properties on terms not advantageous to us, or could result in the foreclosure of such properties. If any of these events occurs, our cash flow would be reduced. This, in turn, would reduce cash available for distribution to you and may hinder our ability to raise more capital by issuing more stock or by borrowing more money.

We may be unable to sell a property if or when we decide to do so.

The real estate market is affected by many factors, such as general economic conditions, availability of financing, interest rates and other factors, including supply and demand, that are beyond our control. We cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any property for the price or on the terms set by us, or whether any price or other terms offered by a prospective purchaser would be acceptable to us. We cannot predict the length of time needed to find a willing purchaser and to close the sale of a property.

We may be required to expend funds to correct defects or to make improvements before a property can be sold. We cannot assure you that we will have funds available to correct such defects or to make such improvements.

In acquiring a property, we may agree to restrictions that prohibit the sale of that property for a period of time or impose other restrictions, such as a limitation on the amount of debt that can be placed or repaid on that property. These provisions would restrict our ability to sell a property.

If a sale or leaseback transaction is recharacterized, our financial condition could be adversely affected.

We may enter into sale and leaseback transactions, where we would purchase a property and then lease the same property back to the person from whom we purchased it. In the event of the bankruptcy of a tenant, a transaction structured as a sale and leaseback may be recharacterized as either a financing or a joint venture, either of which outcomes could adversely affect our business.

If the sale and leaseback were recharacterized as a financing, we might not be considered the owner of the property, and as a result would have the status of a creditor in relation to the tenant. In that event, we would no longer have the right to sell or encumber our ownership interest in the property. Instead, we would have a claim against the tenant for the amounts owed under the lease, with the claim arguably secured by the property. The tenant/debtor might have the ability to propose a plan restructuring the term, interest rate and amortization schedule of its outstanding balance. If confirmed by the bankruptcy court, we could be bound by the new terms, and prevented from foreclosing our lien on the property. These outcomes could adversely affect our cash flow and the amount available for distributions to you.

If the sale and leaseback were recharacterized as a joint venture, we and our tenant could be treated as co-venturers with regard to the property. As a result, we could be held liable, under some circumstances, for debts incurred by the tenant relating to the property. The imposition of liability on us could adversely affect our cash flow and the amount available for distributions to our stockholders. (See "Federal Income Tax Considerations Sale Leaseback Transactions").

If our tenants are highly leveraged, they may have a higher possibility of filing for bankruptcy or insolvency.

Of tenants that experience downturns in their operating results due to adverse changes to their business or economic conditions, those that are highly leveraged may have a higher possibility of filing for bankruptcy or insolvency. In bankruptcy or insolvency, a tenant may have the option of vacating a property instead of paying rent. Until such a property is released from bankruptcy, our revenues would be reduced and could cause us to reduce distributions to shareholders. We may have highly leveraged tenants in the future. (See "Investment Objectives and Criteria Terms of Leases and Tenant Creditworthiness").

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR OPERATING PARTNERSHIP'S PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Our operating partnership's private placement subjects us to liabilities.

Our operating partnership has developed certain transaction structures that are designed to provide investors that own real property, either directly or indirectly through a limited liability company or limited partnership, with the opportunity to receive limited partnership units in our operating partnership in exchange for their direct or indirect interests in such real property on a tax-deferred basis. These transactions depend on the interpretation of, and compliance with, extremely technical tax laws and regulations. As the general partner of our operating partnership, we may be subject to liability, from litigation or otherwise, as a result of these transactions, including in the event an investor in these transactions fails to qualify for the desired tax advantage.

We have and may continue to acquire co-ownership interests in real property that are subject to certain co-ownership agreements which may affect our ability to operate or dispose of the property or our co-ownership interest.

We have and may continue to acquire co-ownership interests, especially in connection with our operating partnership's private placement, such as tenancy-in-common interests in real property, that are subject to certain co-ownership agreements. The co-ownership agreements may limit our ability to encumber, lease, or dispose of our co-ownership interest. Such agreements could affect our ability to turn our investments into cash and could affect cash available for distributions to you. The co-ownership agreements could also impair our ability to take actions that would otherwise be in the best interest of our shareholders and, therefore, may have an adverse impact on the value of our shares, relative to the value that would result if the co-ownership agreements did not exist.

We may acquire properties with "lock-out" provisions which may affect our ability to dispose of the properties.

We may acquire properties that are subject to contractual "lock-out" provisions that could restrict our ability to dispose of the property for a period of time. Lock-out provisions could affect our ability to turn our investments into cash and could affect cash available for distributions to you. Lock-out provisions could also impair our ability to take actions during the lock-out period that would otherwise be in the best interest of our shareholders and, therefore, may have an adverse impact on the value of our shares, relative to the value that would result if the lock-out provisions did not exist.

We may acquire interests in partnerships that could subject us to additional liabilities.

We will acquire partnership interests, especially in connection with our operating partnership's private placement, including general partnership interests, in partnerships that could subject us to the liabilities of the partnership.

Our operating partnership's private placement is discussed in greater detail in the "Investment Objectives and Criteria Our Operating Partnership's Private Placement" section of this prospectus.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX RISKS

Failure to qualify as a REIT could adversely affect our operations and our ability to make distributions.

We operate in a manner so as to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2003. Although we do not intend to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service as to our REIT status, we will receive the opinion of our special tax counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, with respect to our qualification as a REIT. This opinion will be issued in connection with this offering. Investors should be aware, however, that opinions of counsel are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or on any court. The opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP represents only the view of our counsel based on our

counsel's review and analysis of existing law and on certain representations as to factual matters and covenants made by us, including representations relating to the values of our assets and the sources of our income. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP has no obligation to advise us or the holders of our common stock of any subsequent change in the matters stated, represented or assumed in its opinion or of any subsequent change in applicable law. Furthermore, both the validity of the opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and our qualification as a REIT will depend on our satisfaction of numerous requirements (some on an annual and quarterly basis) established under highly technical and complex provisions of the Code for which there are only limited judicial or administrative interpretations, and involves the determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control. No assurance can be given that we will qualify as a REIT for any particular year. See "Federal Income Tax Considerations General REIT Qualification" and "Federal Income Tax Considerations General Requirement for Qualification as a REIT."

If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year for which a REIT election has been made, we would not be allowed a deduction for dividends paid to our shareholders in computing our taxable income and would be subject to federal income tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on our taxable income at corporate rates. Moreover, unless entitled to relief under certain statutory provisions, we would also be disqualified from treatment as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which qualification is lost. This treatment would reduce our net earnings available for investment or distribution to our shareholders because of the additional tax liability to us for the years involved. As a result of the additional tax liability, we might need to borrow funds or liquidate certain investments on terms that may be disadvantageous to us in order to pay the applicable tax, and we would not be compelled to make distributions under the Code.

To qualify as a REIT, we must meet annual distribution requirements.

To obtain the favorable tax treatment accorded to REITs, among other requirements, we normally will be required each year to distribute to our shareholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and by excluding net capital gains. We will be subject to federal income tax on our undistributed taxable income and net capital gain. In addition, if we fail to distribute during each calendar year at least the sum of (a) 85% of our ordinary income for such year, (b) 95% of our capital gain net income for such year, and (c) any undistributed taxable income from prior periods, we would be subject to a 4% excise tax on the excess of the required distribution over the sum of (i) the amounts actually distributed by us, plus (ii) retained amounts on which we pay income tax at the corporate level. These requirements could cause us to distribute amounts that otherwise would be spent on acquisitions of properties and it is possible that we might be required to borrow funds or sell assets to fund these distributions. Although we intend to make distributions sufficient to meet the annual distribution requirements and to avoid corporate income taxation on the earnings that we distribute, it is possible that we might not always be able to do so.

Legislative or regulatory action could adversely affect investors.

In recent years, numerous legislative, judicial and administrative changes have been made to the federal income tax laws applicable to investments in REITs and similar entities. Additional changes to tax laws are likely to continue to occur in the future, and we cannot assure you that any such changes will not adversely affect the taxation of a shareholder. Any such changes could have an adverse effect on an investment in our common stock. You are urged to consult with your tax advisor with respect to the status of legislative, regulatory or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on an investment in common stock.

Recharacterization of transactions under our operating partnership's private placement may result in a 100% tax on income from a prohibited transaction, which would diminish our cash distributions to our stockholders.

The Internal Revenue Service could recharacterize transactions under our operating partnership's private placement such that our operating partnership is treated as the bona fide owner, for tax purposes, of properties acquired and resold by the entity established to facilitate the transaction. Such recharacterization could result in the income realized on these transactions by our operating partnership being treated as gain on the sale of property that is held as inventory or otherwise held primarily for the sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. In such event, such gain would constitute income from a prohibited transaction and would be subject to a 100% tax. If this occurs, our ability to pay cash distributions to our stockholders will be adversely affected.

You may have current tax liability on distributions you elect to reinvest in our common stock.

If you participate in our distribution reinvestment plan, you will be deemed to have received, and for income tax purposes will be taxed on, the amount reinvested in common stock to the extent the amount reinvested was not a tax-free return of capital. As a result, you may have to use funds from other sources to pay your tax liability on the value of the common stock received.

In certain circumstances, we may be subject to federal and state income taxes as a REIT, which would reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

Even if we qualify and maintain our status as a REIT, we may be subject to federal income taxes or state taxes. For example, net income from a "prohibited transaction" will be subject to a 100% tax. In addition, we may not be able to make sufficient distributions to avoid excise taxes. We may also decide to retain certain gains from the sale or other disposition of our property and pay income tax directly on such gains. In that event, our stockholders would be required to include such gains in income and would receive a corresponding credit for their share of taxes paid by us. We may also be subject to state and local taxes on our income or property, either directly or at the level of our operating partnership or at the level of the other companies through which we indirectly own our assets. Any federal or state taxes we pay will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

The opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP regarding our status as a REIT does not guarantee our ability to remain a REIT.

Our special tax counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, will render its opinion upon commencement of this offering that, commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2003, we were organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT and our actual and proposed method of operation has enabled and will enable us to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT. This opinion is based upon our representations as to the manner in which we will be owned, invest in assets, and operate, among other things. The validity of the opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and our qualification as a REIT will depend on our satisfaction of certain asset, income, organizational, distribution, stockholder ownership and other requirements on a continuing basis, the results of which will not be monitored by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that we will satisfy the REIT requirements in any one taxable year. Also, the opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP represents counsel's legal judgment based on the law in effect as of the date of the commencement of this offering, is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service, and could be subject to modification or withdrawal based on future legislative, judicial or administrative changes to the federal income tax laws, any of which could be applied retroactively. Also, the opinion represents Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP's legal judgment based on the law in effect as of the date of this prospectus, is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service, and could be subject to modification or withdrawal based

on future legislative, judicial or administrative changes to the federal income tax laws, any of which could be applied retroactively.

If the operating partnership was classified as a "publicly traded partnership" under the Code, our status as a REIT and our ability to pay distributions to our shareholders could be adversely affected.

The operating partnership is organized as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Even though the operating partnership will not elect to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation, it may be taxed as a corporation if it is deemed to be a "publicly traded partnership." A publicly traded partnership is a partnership whose interests are traded on an established securities market or are considered readily tradable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof. We and the operating partnership believe and currently intend to take the position that the operating partnership should not be classified as a publicly traded partnership because interests in the operating partnership are not traded on an established securities market, and the operating partnership should satisfy certain safe harbors which prevent a partnership's interests from being treated as readily tradable on an established securities market or substantial equivalent thereof. No assurance can be given, however, that the Internal Revenue Service will not assert that the operating partnership constitutes a publicly traded partnership, or that facts and circumstances will not develop which could result in the operating partnership being treated as a publicly traded partnership. If the Internal Revenue Service were to assert successfully that the operating partnership is a publicly traded partnership, and substantially all of the operating partnership's gross income did not consist of the specified types of passive income, the operating partnership would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation and would be subject to corporate tax at the entity level. In such event, the character of our assets and items of gross income would change and would result in a termination of our status as a REIT. In addition, the imposition of a corporate tax on the operating partnership would reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to you. See "Federal Income Tax Considerations Federal Income Tax Aspects of Our Partnership."

Foreign investors may be subject to FIRPTA tax on sale of common shares if we are unable to qualify as a "domestically controlled" REIT.

A foreign person disposing of a U.S. real property interest, including shares of a U.S. corporation whose assets consist principally of U.S. real property interests, is generally subject to a tax, known as FIRPTA tax, on the gain recognized on the disposition. Such FIRPTA tax does not apply, however, to the disposition of stock in a REIT if the REIT is a "domestically controlled REIT." A domestically controlled REIT is a REIT in which, at all times during a specified testing period, less than 50% in value of its shares is held directly or indirectly by non-U.S. holders. We cannot assure you that we will qualify as a domestically controlled REIT. If we were to fail to so qualify, gain realized by a foreign investor on a sale of our common stock would be subject to FIRPTA tax unless our common stock was traded on an established securities market and the foreign investor did not at any time during a specified testing period directly or indirectly own more than 5% of the value of our outstanding common stock. See "Federal Income Tax Considerations Special Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Shareholders Non-Dividend Distributions."

RETIREMENT PLAN RISKS

There are special considerations that apply to pension or profit sharing trusts or IRAs investing in common stock.

If you are investing the assets of an IRA, pension, profit sharing, 401(k), Keogh or other qualified retirement plan, you should satisfy yourself that:

You have analyzed to your satisfaction the question of whether your investment will not produce "unrelated business taxable income" for the plan or IRA;

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Your investment is consistent with your fiduciary obligations under ERISA and the Code;

Your investment is made in accordance with the documents and instruments governing your plan or IRA, including your plan's investment policy;

Your investment satisfies the prudence and diversification requirements of Sections 404(a)(1)(B) and 404(a)(1)(C) of ERISA;

Your investment will not impair the liquidity of the plan or IRA;

Your investment will not constitute a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code; and

You will be able to value the assets of the plan annually in accordance with ERISA requirements.

For a more complete discussion of the foregoing issues and other risks associated with an investment in our common stock by retirement plans, please see the "ERISA Considerations" section of this prospectus.

ESTIMATED USE OF PROCEEDS

Based on a price of \$10.00 per share, the following table sets forth our best estimate of how we intend to use the gross offering proceeds for our offering based on 40,000,000 shares sold and 53,000,000 shares sold, including shares issued pursuant to our DRIP, respectively. As of the date of this prospectus, we have sold _____ shares in our public offerings, which includes _____ shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan. The number of distribution reinvestment plan shares sold in the future will depend on the level of continued shareholder participation in the distribution reinvestment plan and the length of time covered by this offering.

	40,000,000 Shares Sold		53,000,000 (Including DRIP)	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Shares Sold Percent
Gross Proceeds(1)	\$ 400,000,000	100.0%	\$ 523,500,000	100.0%
Less Public Offering Expenses:				
Sales Commissions (2)	24,000,000	6.0%	24,000,000	4.6%
Dealer Manager Fee (2)	8,000,000	2.0%	9,300,000	1.8%
Organization and Offering Expenses(3)	8,000,000	2.0%	8,000,000	1.5%
Amount Available for Investment(4)	\$ 360,000,000	90.0%	\$ 482,200,000	92.1%
Acquisition and Development:				
Acquisition and Advisory Fees(5)	\$ 3,600,000	0.9%	\$ 4,822,000	0.9%
Initial Working Capital Reserve(6)				
Amount Invested in Properties(4)(7)	\$ 356,400,000	89.1%	\$ 477,378,000	91.2%

(1) The table does not reflect the possible sale of up to 1,600,000 shares which may be issued upon exercise of the soliciting dealer warrants.

(2) The 40,000,000 shares sold includes selling commissions equal to 6.0% of aggregate gross offering proceeds for which commissions may be reduced under certain circumstances and a dealer manager fee equal to 2.0% of aggregate gross offering proceeds, both of which are payable to our Dealer Manager, an affiliate of our Advisor. Our Dealer Manager, in its sole discretion, may re-allow selling commissions to other broker-dealers participating in this offering attributable to the shares sold by them and may re-allow out of its dealer manager fee up to 1.0% of aggregate gross offering proceeds to reimburse marketing fees and due diligence expenses incurred by broker-dealers participating in this offering based on such factors as the volume of shares sold by such participating broker-dealers, marketing support provided by such participating broker-dealers and bona fide conference fees incurred. The amount of selling commissions may also be reduced under certain circumstances for volume or other discounts. See the "Plan of Distribution" section of this prospectus for a description of such provisions. In addition, our Dealer Manager will receive a one-time servicing fee of up to 1.0% of the undiscounted selling price of the shares issued pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan. Our Dealer Manager may re-allow a portion or this entire service fee to participating broker-dealers.

(3) Organization and offering expenses consist of reimbursement of, among other things, actual legal, accounting, printing and other accountable offering expenses, including amounts to reimburse our Advisor for marketing, salaries and direct expenses of its employees, employees of its affiliates and others while engaged in registering and marketing the shares, which shall include development of marketing materials and marketing presentations, planning and participating in due diligence and marketing meetings and coordinating generally the marketing process for Dividend Capital Trust. The Company will be responsible for the payment of all organization and offering expenses not to

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exceed 2.0% of cumulative gross offering proceeds. Our Advisor is obligated to fund all organization and offering expenses in excess of these limitations. As of March 31, 2004, collectively, our Advisor had funded approximately \$13.0 million of offering related costs and we had reimbursed our Advisor approximately \$5.4 million for these costs.

- (4) Until required in connection with the acquisition and development of properties, substantially all of the net offering proceeds, and thereafter, the working capital reserves of Dividend Capital Trust, may be invested in short-term, highly-liquid investments including government obligations, bank certificates of deposit, short-term debt obligations, interest-bearing accounts and preferred securities of other REITs. The number of properties we are able to acquire will depend on several factors, including the amount of capital raised in this offering, the extent to which we incur debt or issue limited partnership interests in our operating partnership in order to acquire properties and the purchase price of the properties we acquire. We are not able to estimate the number of properties we may acquire assuming the sale of any particular number of shares. However, in general we expect that the concentration risk of our portfolio of properties will be inversely related to the number of shares sold in this offering.
- (5) Acquisition and advisory fees are defined generally as fees and commissions paid by any party to any person in connection with the purchase, development or construction of our properties. We will pay our Advisor acquisition and advisory fees up to a maximum amount of 1.0% of the aggregate purchase price of properties we acquire. The amount in this table is calculated assuming zero leverage. If we utilize debt to acquire our properties this amount would be greater as the acquisition and advisory fee is based upon the purchase price of our properties and not the equity used to purchase such properties.
- (6) Because most of the leases for the properties acquired and to be acquired by Dividend Capital Trust provide and will likely provide for tenant reimbursement of operating expenses, we do not anticipate that a permanent reserve for maintenance and repairs of real estate properties will be established. However, to the extent that we have insufficient funds for such purposes, we may apply an amount of up to 1.0% of gross offering proceeds for maintenance and repairs of properties. We also may, but are not required to, establish reserves from gross offering proceeds, out of cash flow generated by operating properties or out of net sale proceeds in non-liquidating sale transactions.
- (7) Includes amounts anticipated to be invested in properties, including other third-party acquisition expenses which are included in the total acquisition costs of the properties acquired or for properties that are not acquired these costs are expensed. Third-party acquisition expenses may include legal, accounting, consulting, appraisals, engineering, due diligence, title insurance, closing costs and other expenses related to potential acquisitions regardless of whether the property is actually acquired. Acquisition expenses as a percentage of a property's contract price vary. However, in no event will total acquisition fees and acquisition expenses on a property exceed 6% of the contract price of the property. Furthermore, in no event will the total of all acquisition fees and acquisition expenses paid by the Company, including acquisition expenses on properties which are not acquired, exceed 6% of the aggregate contract price of all properties acquired by the Company.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth selected financial data relating to our historical financial condition and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and for the periods ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. The table also sets forth selected financial data relating to the balance sheets as of March 31, 2004 and 2003 and December 31, 2003 and 2002. Since this information is only a summary, you should refer to our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," each as appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and for the period from inception (April 12, 2002) to December 31, 2002, and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, incorporated by reference into this prospectus, for additional information.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002(1)
Operating Data:				
Rental revenue	\$ 2,981,658	\$	\$ 2,289,074	\$
Other real estate income	600,253		356,019	
Total revenue	3,595,235	834	2,706,457	
Rental expenses	797,850		366,650	
Depreciation and amortization	1,646,277		1,195,330	
Interest expense	650,588		385,424	
General and administrative	328,074	72,450	411,948	212,867
Net income (loss)	\$ 172,446	\$ (71,616)	\$ 347,105	\$ (12,712)

Per Share Data:

Basic earning (loss) per common share	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.27)	\$ 0.09	\$ (63.56)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	0.01	(0.27)	0.09	(63.56)
Common share distributions declared	2,645,857		2,451,367	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	16,579,579	261,496	3,987,429	200
Diluted	16,599,579	261,496	4,007,429	200

	As of March 31,		As of December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
Balance Sheet Data:				
Net investment in real estate	\$ 179,068,586	\$	\$ 150,633,351	\$