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FORM 10-Q

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

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015  
1-07094

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC.  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MARYLAND  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

13-2711135  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

190 EAST CAPITOL STREET  
SUITE 400  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
(Address of principal executive offices)

39201  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number: (601) 354-3555

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES (x) NO ( )

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer (x) Accelerated Filer ( ) Non-accelerated Filer ( ) Smaller Reporting Company ( )

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES ( ) NO (x)

The number of shares of common stock, \$.0001 par value, outstanding as of October 16, 2015 was 32,420,315.

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EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)

	September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Real estate properties	\$1,960,171	1,894,973
Development	204,981	179,973
	2,165,152	2,074,946
Less accumulated depreciation	(642,142)	(600,526)
	1,523,010	1,474,420
Unconsolidated investment	7,947	7,884
Cash	342	11
Other assets	88,609	93,509
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,619,908</b>	<b>1,575,824</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Secured debt	\$380,715	453,776
Unsecured debt	455,000	380,000
Unsecured bank credit facilities	143,146	99,401
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	47,872	39,439
Other liabilities	31,310	27,593
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,058,043</b>	<b>1,000,209</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common shares; \$.0001 par value; 70,000,000 shares authorized; 32,420,315 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and 32,232,587 at December 31, 2014	3	3
Excess shares; \$.0001 par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued	—	—
Additional paid-in capital on common shares	885,285	874,335
Distributions in excess of earnings	(320,876)	(300,852)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(6,910)	(2,357)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>557,502</b>	<b>571,129</b>
Noncontrolling interest in joint ventures	4,363	4,486
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>561,865</b>	<b>575,615</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,619,908</b>	<b>1,575,824</b>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)  
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Income from real estate operations	\$58,520	55,896	173,922	162,474
Other income	33	61	67	114
	58,553	55,957	173,989	162,588
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Expenses from real estate operations	16,795	15,899	49,255	46,536
Depreciation and amortization	18,232	17,779	54,358	52,101
General and administrative	3,179	3,373	11,529	9,779
Acquisition costs	—	—	—	160
	38,206	37,051	115,142	108,576
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	20,347	18,906	58,847	54,012
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>				
Interest expense	(8,492 )	(8,781 )	(25,780 )	(26,665 )
Gain on sales of real estate investments	—	7,417	2,903	7,512
Other	242	319	851	758
<b>NET INCOME</b>	12,097	17,861	36,821	35,617
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest in joint ventures	(129 )	(132 )	(390 )	(398 )
<b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>	11,968	17,729	36,431	35,219
Other comprehensive income (loss) - cash flow hedges	(5,140 )	1,063	(4,553 )	(1,714 )
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	\$6,828	18,792	31,878	33,505
<b>BASIC PER COMMON SHARE DATA FOR NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>				
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$0.37	0.56	1.14	1.13
Weighted average shares outstanding	32,126	31,515	32,068	31,156
<b>DILUTED PER COMMON SHARE DATA FOR NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>				
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$0.37	0.56	1.13	1.13
Weighted average shares outstanding	32,248	31,644	32,160	31,256
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).				

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)  
(UNAUDITED)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Distributions in Excess of Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Noncontrolling Interest in Joint Ventures	Total
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$3	874,335	(300,852 )	(2,357 )	4,486	575,615
Net income	—	—	36,431	—	390	36,821
Net unrealized change in fair value of interest rate swaps	—	—	—	(4,553 )	—	(4,553 )
Common dividends declared – \$1.74 per share	—	—	(56,455 )	—	—	(56,455 )
Stock-based compensation, net of forfeitures	—	6,565	—	—	—	6,565
Issuance of 106,751 shares of common stock, common stock offering, net of expenses	—	6,233	—	—	—	6,233
Issuance of 3,391 shares of common stock, dividend reinvestment plan	—	193	—	—	—	193
Withheld 32,409 shares of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock	—	(2,041 )	—	—	—	(2,041 )
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	(513 )	(513 )
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$3	885,285	(320,876 )	(6,910 )	4,363	561,865

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(IN THOUSANDS)  
(UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended September	
	30,	2014
	2015	2014
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$36,821	35,617
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	54,358	52,101
Stock-based compensation expense	5,185	4,005
Gain on sales of land and real estate investments	(3,026)	(7,610)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued income and other assets	3,559	2,373
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and prepaid rent	6,765	8,658
Other	(87)	(53)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>103,575</b>	<b>95,091</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Real estate development	(75,768)	(80,748)
Purchases of real estate	—	(41,751)
Real estate improvements	(17,753)	(12,931)
Proceeds from sales of land and real estate investments	5,156	17,269
Repayments on mortgage loans receivable	87	118
Changes in accrued development costs	159	7,483
Changes in other assets and other liabilities	(6,333)	(15,705)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(94,452)</b>	<b>(126,265)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from unsecured bank credit facilities	273,253	251,033
Repayments on unsecured bank credit facilities	(229,508)	(255,465)
Repayments on secured debt	(73,031)	(43,268)
Proceeds from unsecured debt	75,000	75,000
Debt issuance costs	(1,767)	(434)
	(56,549)	(52,231)



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Distributions paid to stockholders (not including dividends accrued on unvested restricted stock)		
Proceeds from common stock offerings	6,233	59,110
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment plan	189	154
Other	(2,612)	) (2,410 )
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(8,792)	) 31,489
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	331	315
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	11	8
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$342	323
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid for interest, net of amount capitalized of \$3,903 and \$3,682 for 2015 and 2014, respectively	\$25,958	26,788

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

(1)BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of EastGroup Properties, Inc. (“EastGroup” or “the Company”) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In management’s opinion, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements contained in the 2014 annual report on Form 10-K and the notes thereto. Certain reclassifications have been made in the 2014 consolidated financial statements to conform to the 2015 presentation.

(2)PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of EastGroup Properties, Inc., its wholly owned subsidiaries and its investment in any joint ventures in which the Company has a controlling interest. At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had a controlling interest in two joint ventures: the 80% owned University Business Center and the 80% owned Castilian Research Center. The Company records 100% of the joint ventures’ assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses with noncontrolling interests provided for in accordance with the joint venture agreements. The equity method of accounting is used for the Company’s 50% undivided tenant-in-common interest in Industry Distribution Center II. All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

(3)USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses during the reporting period and to disclose material contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(4)REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES

EastGroup has one reportable segment – industrial properties. These properties are concentrated in major Sunbelt markets of the United States, primarily in the states of Florida, Texas, Arizona, California and North Carolina, have similar economic characteristics and also meet the other criteria permitting the properties to be aggregated into one reportable segment.

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows (including estimated future expenditures necessary to substantially complete the asset) expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company determined that no impairment charges on the Company’s real estate properties were necessary.

Depreciation of buildings and other improvements is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of generally 40 years for buildings and 3 to 15 years for improvements. Building improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repair expenses are charged to expense as incurred. Significant renovations and improvements that improve or extend the useful life of the assets are capitalized. Depreciation expense was \$14,945,000 and \$44,503,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$14,504,000 and \$42,571,000 for the same periods in 2014.

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The Company's real estate properties and development at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Real estate properties:		
Land	\$289,039	283,116
Buildings and building improvements	1,329,723	1,284,961
Tenant and other improvements	341,409	326,896
Development	204,981	179,973
	2,165,152	2,074,946
Less accumulated depreciation	(642,142)	(600,526)
	\$1,523,010	1,474,420

#### (5) DEVELOPMENT

During the period in which a property is under development, costs associated with development (i.e., land, construction costs, interest expense, property taxes and other direct and indirect costs associated with development) are aggregated into the total capitalized costs of the property. Included in these costs are management's estimates for the portions of internal costs (primarily personnel costs) deemed directly or indirectly related to such development activities. The internal costs are allocated to specific development properties based on construction activity. As the property becomes occupied, depreciation commences on the occupied portion of the building, and costs are capitalized only for the portion of the building that remains vacant. When the property becomes 80% occupied or one year after completion of the shell construction (whichever comes first), capitalization of development costs, including interest expense, property taxes and internal personnel costs, ceases. The properties are then transferred to Real estate properties, and depreciation commences on the entire property (excluding the land).

#### (6) BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND ACQUIRED INTANGIBLES

Upon acquisition of real estate properties, the Company applies the principles of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 805, Business Combinations, which requires that acquisition-related costs be recognized as expenses in the periods in which the costs are incurred and the services are received. The Codification also provides guidance on how to properly determine the allocation of the purchase price among the individual components of both the tangible and intangible assets based on their respective fair values. Goodwill is recorded when the purchase price exceeds the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired. Factors considered by management in allocating the cost of the properties acquired include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up periods considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. The allocation to tangible assets (land, building and improvements) is based upon management's determination of the value of the property as if it were vacant using discounted cash flow models. The Company determines whether any financing assumed is above or below market based upon comparison to similar financing terms for similar properties. The cost of the properties acquired may be adjusted based on indebtedness assumed from the seller that is determined to be above or below market rates.

The purchase price is also allocated among the following categories of intangible assets: the above or below market component of in-place leases, the value of in-place leases, and the value of customer relationships. The value allocable to the above or below market component of an acquired in-place lease is determined based upon the present value (using a discount rate reflecting the risks associated with the acquired leases) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the lease over its remaining term, and (ii) management's estimate of the

amounts that would be paid using fair market rates over the remaining term of the lease. The amounts allocated to above and below market leases are included in Other Assets and Other Liabilities, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and are amortized to rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The total amount of intangible assets is further allocated to in-place lease values and customer relationship values based upon management's assessment of their respective values. These intangible assets are included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and are amortized over the remaining term of the existing lease or the anticipated life of the customer relationship, as applicable.

Amortization expense for in-place lease intangibles was \$944,000 and \$3,129,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$1,215,000 and \$3,548,000 for the same periods in 2014. Amortization of above and below market leases increased rental income by \$94,000 and \$326,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$119,000 and \$295,000 for the same periods in 2014.

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EastGroup did not acquire any operating properties during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. During 2014, the Company acquired Ridge Creek Distribution Center III in Charlotte, North Carolina; Colorado Crossing Distribution Center in Austin, Texas; and Ramona Distribution Center in Chino, California. The Company purchased these properties for a total cost of \$51,652,000, of which \$47,477,000 was allocated to Real estate properties. The Company allocated \$10,822,000 of the total purchase price to land using third party land valuations for the Charlotte, Austin and Chino markets. The market values are considered to be Level 3 inputs as defined by ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (see Note 18 for additional information on ASC 820). Intangibles associated with the purchase of real estate were allocated as follows: \$5,074,000 to in-place lease intangibles, \$4,000 to above market leases (both included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets), and \$903,000 to below market leases (included in Other Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets). These costs are amortized over the remaining lives of the associated leases in place at the time of acquisition. The Company paid cash of \$48,805,000 for the properties and intangibles acquired, assumed a mortgage of \$2,617,000 and recorded a premium of \$230,000 to adjust the mortgage loan assumed to fair value.

EastGroup did not have any acquisition-related costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company did not recognize any acquisition-related costs; the Company expensed acquisition-related costs of \$160,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The Company periodically reviews the recoverability of goodwill (at least annually) and the recoverability of other intangibles (on a quarterly basis) for possible impairment. In management's opinion, no impairment of goodwill or other intangibles existed at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

#### (7) REAL ESTATE HELD FOR SALE/DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

The Company considers a real estate property to be held for sale when it meets the criteria established under ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment, including when it is probable that the property will be sold within a year. Real estate properties held for sale are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less estimated costs to sell and are not depreciated while they are held for sale.

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-08, Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360), Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, which amended the requirements for reporting discontinued operations. Under ASU 2014-08, a disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity is required to be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results when the component or group of components meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale or when the component or group of components is disposed of by sale or other than by sale. In addition, this ASU requires additional disclosures about both discontinued operations and the disposal of an individually significant component of an entity that does not qualify for discontinued operations presentation in the financial statements. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU 2014-08 as of January 1, 2014, and has applied the provisions prospectively.

EastGroup sold a small parcel of land in New Orleans during the first quarter of 2015 for gross proceeds of \$170,000 and recognized a gain of \$123,000. During the second quarter of 2015, EastGroup sold one operating property, the last of its three Ambassador Row Warehouses in Dallas containing 185,000 square feet, for \$5,250,000 and recognized a gain of \$2,903,000.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, EastGroup sold five operating properties (442,000 square feet) for \$21,381,000 and recognized gains of \$9,188,000. In addition, the Company sold a small parcel of land in Orlando for \$141,000 and recognized a gain of \$98,000.

The results of operations and gains on sales for the properties sold or held for sale during the periods presented are reported in continuing operations on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The gains on the sales of land are included in Other, and the gains on the sales of operating properties are included in Gain on sales of real estate investments.

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## (8) OTHER ASSETS

A summary of the Company's Other Assets follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Leasing costs (principally commissions)	\$57,711	56,171
Accumulated amortization of leasing costs	(23,375	) (22,951
Leasing costs (principally commissions), net of accumulated amortization	34,336	33,220
Straight-line rents receivable	25,795	25,013
Allowance for doubtful accounts on straight-line rents receivable	(292	) (102
Straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	25,503	24,911
Accounts receivable	3,771	4,459
Allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts receivable	(349	) (379
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	3,422	4,080
Acquired in-place lease intangibles	17,920	20,118
Accumulated amortization of acquired in-place lease intangibles	(9,276	) (8,345
Acquired in-place lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	8,644	11,773
Acquired above market lease intangibles	1,444	1,575
Accumulated amortization of acquired above market lease intangibles	(740	) (699
Acquired above market lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	704	876
Loan costs	9,119	8,166
Accumulated amortization of loan costs	(4,655	) (4,454
Loan costs, net of accumulated amortization	4,464	3,712
Mortgage loans receivable	4,904	4,991
Interest rate swap assets	—	812
Escrow deposits for 1031 exchange	—	698
Goodwill	990	990
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,642	7,446
Total Other Assets	\$88,609	93,509

## (9) DEBT

Secured Debt decreased \$73,061,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease primarily resulted from the repayment of a mortgage loan with a balance of \$57,450,000, regularly scheduled principal payments of \$15,581,000 and mortgage loan premium amortization of \$30,000.



Unsecured Debt increased \$75,000,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as a result of the closing of a \$75 million unsecured term loan in March 2015. The loan has a seven-year term and requires interest only payments. It bears interest at the annual rate of LIBOR plus an applicable margin (currently 1.4%) based on the Company's senior unsecured long-term debt rating. The Company also entered into an interest rate swap agreement to convert the loan's LIBOR rate component to a fixed interest rate for the entire term of the loan providing a total effective fixed interest rate of 3.031%. See note 13 for additional information on the Company's interest rate swaps.

Unsecured Bank Credit Facilities increased \$43,745,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Until July 30, 2015, EastGroup had \$225 million and \$25 million unsecured bank credit facilities with margins over LIBOR of 117.5 basis points,

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facility fees of 22.5 basis points and maturity dates of January 5, 2017. The Company closed on amended credit facilities on July 30, 2015. The amended agreements expand the facilities to \$300 million and \$35 million, reduce the current applicable margins to 100 basis points and the current applicable facility fees to 20 basis points, and extend the maturity dates to July 30, 2019. The amended \$300 million agreement contains an option for a one-year extension (at the Company's election) and a \$150 million expansion (with agreement by both parties). The \$35 million agreement contains a provision that the credit facility would automatically be extended for one year if the extension option in the \$300 million facility is exercised.

Principal payments on long-term debt, including Secured Debt and Unsecured Debt (not including Unsecured Bank Credit Facilities), as of September 30, 2015 are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	(In thousands)
Remainder of 2015	\$29,313
2016	92,807
2017	58,239
2018	141,316
2019	130,569
2020 and beyond	383,471

(10) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

A summary of the Company's Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Property taxes payable	\$24,425	15,216
Development costs payable	8,079	7,920
Interest payable	2,337	3,500
Dividends payable on unvested restricted stock	2,002	2,096
Other payables and accrued expenses	11,029	10,707
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$47,872	39,439

(11) OTHER LIABILITIES

A summary of the Company's Other Liabilities follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Security deposits	\$13,234	12,803
Prepaid rent and other deferred income	8,613	8,971
Acquired below-market lease intangibles	3,298	3,657
Accumulated amortization of below-market lease intangibles	(1,520)	(1,380)
Acquired below-market lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	1,778	2,277
Interest rate swap liabilities	7,029	3,314
Prepaid tenant improvement reimbursements	433	212
Other liabilities	223	16

Total Other Liabilities	\$31,310	27,593
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## (12) COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Total Comprehensive Income is comprised of net income plus all other changes in equity from non-owner sources and is presented on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) are presented in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and are summarized below. See Note 13 for information regarding the Company's interest rate swaps.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
<b>ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):</b>				
Balance at beginning of period	\$(1,770 )	(1,148 )	(2,357 )	1,629
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(5,140 )	1,063	(4,553 )	(1,714 )
Balance at end of period	\$(6,910 )	(85 )	(6,910 )	(85 )

## (13) DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

The Company is exposed to certain risks arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company principally manages its exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of its core business activities. The Company manages economic risk, including interest rate, liquidity and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources and duration of its debt funding and, to a limited extent, the use of derivative instruments.

Specifically, the Company has entered into derivative instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. The Company's derivative instruments, described below, are used to manage differences in the amount, timing and duration of the Company's known or expected cash payments principally related to certain of the Company's borrowings.

The Company's objective in using interest rate derivatives is to change variable interest rates to fixed interest rates by using interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had five interest rate swaps outstanding, all of which are used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with unsecured loans. The Company executed an \$80,000,000 interest rate swap associated with an \$80,000,000 unsecured loan during the third quarter of 2012. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company entered into two forward starting interest rate swaps totaling \$75,000,000 which are hedging an unsecured loan which closed in December 2013. During the third quarter of 2014, the Company executed a \$75,000,000 interest rate swap associated with a \$75,000,000 unsecured loan. During the first quarter of 2015, EastGroup executed a \$75,000,000 interest rate swap associated with a \$75,000,000 unsecured loan. All of the aforementioned interest rate swaps convert the related loans' LIBOR rate components to fixed interest rates for the entire terms of the loans, and the Company has concluded that each of the hedging relationships is highly effective.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges is recorded in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivatives, which is immaterial for the periods reported, is recognized directly in earnings (included in Other on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income).

Amounts reported in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) related to derivatives will be reclassified to Interest Expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate debt. The Company estimates that an additional \$3,828,000 will be reclassified from Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) as an increase to Interest Expense over the next twelve months.

The Company's valuation methodology for over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives is to discount cash flows based on Overnight Index Swap ("OIS") rates. Uncollateralized or partially-collateralized trades are discounted at OIS, but include appropriate economic adjustments for funding costs (i.e., a LIBOR-OIS basis adjustment to approximate uncollateralized cost of funds) and credit risk. As of January 15, 2015, the Company began calculating its derivative valuations using mid-market prices; prior to that date, the Company used bid-market prices. The change in valuation methodology is considered a change in accounting

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estimate and is the result of recent developments in the marketplace. Management has assessed the impact of the change for all periods presented and has deemed the impact to be immaterial.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had the following outstanding interest rate derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk:

Interest Rate Derivative	Notional Amount as of September 30, 2015 (In thousands)	Notional Amount as of December 31, 2014
Interest Rate Swap	\$80,000	\$80,000
Interest Rate Swap	\$75,000	\$75,000
Interest Rate Swap	\$75,000	—
Interest Rate Swap	\$60,000	\$60,000
Interest Rate Swap	\$15,000	\$15,000

The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. See Note 18 for additional information on the fair value of the Company's interest rate swaps.

	Derivatives As of September 30, 2015		Derivatives As of December 31, 2014	
	Balance Sheet Location (In thousands)	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:				
Interest rate swap assets	Other Assets	\$—	Other Assets	\$812
Interest rate swap liabilities	Other Liabilities	7,029	Other Liabilities	3,314

The table below presents the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			

DERIVATIVES IN CASH FLOW HEDGING RELATIONSHIPS

Interest Rate Swaps:

Amount of income (loss) recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on derivatives	\$ (6,261 )	287	(7,723 )	(3,635 )
Amount of loss reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Interest Expense	(1,121 )	(776 )	(3,170 )	(1,921 )

See Note 12 for additional information on the Company's Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss resulting from its interest rate swaps.

Derivative financial agreements expose the Company to credit risk in the event of non-performance by the counterparties under the terms of the interest rate hedge agreements. The Company believes it minimizes the credit risk by transacting with financial institutions the Company regards as credit-worthy.

The Company has an agreement with its derivative counterparties containing a provision stating that the Company could be declared in default on its derivative obligations if the Company defaults on any of its indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been accelerated by the lender.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had no derivatives in an asset position; the fair value of derivatives in a liability position related to the Company's derivative agreements was \$7,029,000. If the Company breached any of the contractual provisions of the derivative contracts, it could be required to settle its obligation under the agreements at the swap termination value. As of September 30, 2015, the swap termination value of derivatives in a liability position was a liability in the amount of \$7,149,000.

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## (14) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company applies ASC 260, Earnings Per Share, which requires companies to present basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS). Basic EPS represents the amount of earnings for the period attributable to each share of common stock outstanding during the reporting period. The Company's basic EPS is calculated by dividing Net Income Attributable to EastGroup Properties, Inc. Common Stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding does not include any potentially dilutive securities or any unvested restricted shares of common stock. These unvested restricted shares, although classified as issued and outstanding, are considered forfeitable until the restrictions lapse and will not be included in the basic EPS calculation until the shares are vested.

Diluted EPS represents the amount of earnings for the period attributable to each share of common stock outstanding during the reporting period and to each share that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of common shares for all dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the reporting period. The Company calculates diluted EPS by dividing Net Income Attributable to EastGroup Properties, Inc. Common Stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the dilutive effect of unvested restricted stock. The dilutive effect of unvested restricted stock is determined using the treasury stock method.

Reconciliation of the numerators and denominators in the basic and diluted EPS computations is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
<b>BASIC EPS COMPUTATION FOR NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>				
Numerator – net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 11,968	17,729	36,431	35,219
Denominator – weighted average shares outstanding	32,126	31,515	32,068	31,156
<b>DILUTED EPS COMPUTATION FOR NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>				
Numerator – net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 11,968	17,729	36,431	35,219
Denominator:				
Weighted average shares outstanding	32,126	31,515	32,068	31,156
Unvested restricted stock	122	129	92	100
Total Shares	32,248	31,644	32,160	31,256

## (15) STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

EastGroup applies the provisions of ASC 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation, to account for its stock-based compensation plans. ASC 718 requires that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements and that the cost be measured on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued.



Stock-based compensation cost for employees was \$1,855,000 and \$6,035,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, of which \$410,000 and \$1,231,000 were capitalized as part of the Company's development costs. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, stock-based compensation cost for employees was \$1,324,000 and \$4,741,000, respectively, of which \$267,000 and \$1,099,000 were capitalized as part of the Company's development costs.

Stock-based compensation expense for directors was \$133,000 and \$381,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$124,000 and \$363,000 for the same periods of 2014.

In the second quarter of 2015, the Company's Board of Directors approved an equity compensation plan for its executive officers based upon certain annual performance measures (primarily funds from operations (FFO) per share and total shareholder return). Any shares issued pursuant to this compensation plan will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion and issued in the first quarter of 2016. The number of shares to be issued on the grant date could range from zero to 49,366. These shares will vest 20% on the date shares are determined and awarded and generally will vest 20% per year on each January 1 for the subsequent four years.

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Also in the second quarter of 2015, EastGroup's Board of Directors approved a long-term equity compensation plan for the Company's executive officers. The awards will be based on the results of the Company's total shareholder return, both on an absolute basis for 2015 as well as on a relative basis compared to the NAREIT Equity Index, NAREIT Industrial Index and Russell 2000 Index over the five-year period ending December 31, 2015. Any shares issued pursuant to this equity compensation plan will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion and issued in the first quarter of 2016. The number of shares to be issued on the grant date could range from zero to 51,432. These shares will vest 25% on the date shares are determined and awarded and generally will vest 25% per year on each January 1 for the subsequent three years.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, shares issued to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, David H. Hoster II, will become fully vested on the date shares are determined and awarded and shares issued to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, N. Keith McKey, will become fully vested no later than April 6, 2016.

Following is a summary of the total restricted shares granted, forfeited and delivered (vested) to participants with the related weighted average grant date fair value share prices. Of the shares that vested in the first nine months of 2015, the Company withheld 32,409 shares to satisfy the tax obligations for those participants who elected this option as permitted under the applicable equity plan. As of the vesting dates, the aggregate fair value of shares that vested during the first nine months of 2015 was \$6,664,000.

Award Activity:	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at beginning of period	261,010	\$52.69	266,223	\$49.81
Granted	—	—	100,622	61.07
Forfeited	—	—	—	—
Vested	—	—	(105,835)	53.40
Unvested at end of period	261,010	\$52.69	261,010	\$52.69

#### (16) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The state of the overall economy can significantly impact the Company's operational performance and thus impact its financial position. Should EastGroup experience a significant decline in operational performance, it may affect the Company's ability to make distributions to its shareholders, service debt, or meet other financial obligations.

#### (17) RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

EastGroup has evaluated all ASUs recently released by the FASB through the date the financial statements were issued and determined that ASU 2014-09 and ASU 2015-03 apply to the Company.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The effective date of ASU was extended by one year by ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2018. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures

beginning with the Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. For public business entities, the ASU is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Entities should apply the new guidance on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. Upon transition, entities are required to comply with the applicable disclosures for a change in an accounting principle. EastGroup plans to adopt ASU 2015-03 effective January 1, 2016; as such, the Company plans to present debt issuance costs as a direct deduction from the carrying amounts of its debt liabilities and to provide all necessary disclosures beginning with the Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Interest - Imputation of Interest: Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements, which adds comments from the Securities and Exchange

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Commission (SEC) addressing ASU 2015-03, as discussed above, and debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements. The SEC commented it would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. EastGroup plans to adopt ASU 2015-15 in connection with its adoption of ASU 2015-03 effective January 1, 2016. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of ASU 2015-15 will have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

(18) FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL  
 INSTRUMENTS

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 also provides guidance for using fair value to measure financial assets and liabilities. The Codification requires disclosure of the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall, including measurements using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1), quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active (Level 2), and significant valuation assumptions that are not readily observable in the market (Level 3).

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments in accordance with ASC 820 at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying Amount <sup>(1)</sup>	Fair Value	Carrying Amount <sup>(1)</sup>	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Financial Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$342	342	11	11
Cash held in escrow for 1031 exchange	—	—	698	698
Mortgage loans receivable	4,904	4,973	4,991	5,055
Interest rate swap assets	—	—	812	812
Financial Liabilities:				
Secured debt	380,715	402,425	453,776	478,659
Unsecured debt	455,000	430,709	380,000	364,295
Unsecured bank credit facilities	143,146	143,184	99,401	99,638
Interest rate swap liabilities	7,029	7,029	3,314	3,314

(1) Carrying amounts shown in the table are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets under the indicated captions, except as explained in the notes below.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of those instruments.

Cash held in escrow for 1031 exchange (included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets): The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of those instruments.

Mortgage loans receivable (included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets): The fair value is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities (Level 2 input).

Interest rate swap assets (included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets): The instruments are recorded at fair value based on models using inputs, such as interest rate yield curves, LIBOR swap curves and OIS curves, observable for substantially the full term of the contract (Level 2 input). See Note 13 for additional information on the Company's interest rate swaps.

Secured debt: The fair value of the Company's secured debt is estimated by discounting expected cash flows at the rates currently offered to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturities, as advised by the Company's bankers (Level 2 input).

Unsecured debt: The fair value of the Company's unsecured debt is estimated by discounting expected cash flows at the rates currently offered to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturities, as advised by the Company's bankers (Level 2 input).

Unsecured bank credit facilities: The fair value of the Company's unsecured bank credit facilities is estimated by discounting expected cash flows at current market rates (Level 2 input).

Interest rate swap liabilities (included in Other Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets): The instruments are recorded at fair value based on models using inputs, such as interest rate yield curves, LIBOR swap curves and OIS curves, observable for substantially the full term of the contract (Level 2 input). See Note 13 for additional information on the Company's interest rate swaps.

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(19) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In October 2015, EastGroup issued \$75 million of senior unsecured private placement notes with two insurance companies. The 10-year notes have a weighted average interest rate of 3.98% with semi-annual interest payments. The notes will not be and have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

EastGroup is currently under contract to purchase 335,000 square feet of business distribution buildings in Austin, Texas, in two separate transactions for a total purchase price of approximately \$31.6 million. The transactions are expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2015.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

OVERVIEW

EastGroup's goal is to maximize shareholder value by being the leading provider in its markets of functional, flexible and quality business distribution space for location sensitive customers (primarily in the 5,000 to 50,000 square foot range). The Company develops, acquires and operates distribution facilities, the majority of which are clustered around major transportation features in supply constrained submarkets in major Sunbelt regions. The Company's core markets are in the states of Florida, Texas, Arizona, California and North Carolina.

The Company believes its current operating cash flows and unsecured bank credit facilities provide the capacity to fund the operations of the Company. The Company also believes it can issue common and/or preferred equity and obtain financing from financial institutions and insurance companies, as evidenced by the issuance of \$75 million of senior unsecured private placement notes in October 2015. The continuous common equity program provided net proceeds to the Company of \$6,233,000 in the first nine months of 2015. EastGroup's financing and equity issuances are further described in Liquidity and Capital Resources.

The Company's primary revenue is rental income; as such, EastGroup's greatest challenge is leasing space. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, leases expired on 5,254,000 square feet (15.5% of EastGroup's total square footage of 33,962,000), and the Company was successful in renewing or re-leasing 89% of the expiring square feet. In addition, EastGroup leased 1,183,000 square feet of other vacant space during this period. During the first nine months of 2015, average rental rates on new and renewal leases increased by 11.5%. Property net operating income (PNOI) from same properties, defined as operating properties owned during the entire current period and prior year reporting period, increased 1.3% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same quarter in 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, PNOI from same properties increased 2.5% as compared to the same period of 2014.

EastGroup's total leased percentage was 96.6% at September 30, 2015, compared to 96.8% at September 30, 2014. Leases scheduled to expire for the remainder of 2015 were 1.8% of the portfolio on a square foot basis at September 30, 2015, and this figure was reduced to 1.1% as of October 16, 2015.

The Company generates new sources of leasing revenue through its development and acquisition programs. EastGroup continues to see targeted development as a contributor to the Company's long-term growth. The Company mitigates risks associated with development through a Board-approved maximum level of land held for development and by adjusting development start dates according to leasing activity. During the first nine months of 2015, the Company began construction of nine development projects containing 1,024,000 square feet in Orlando, Tampa, San Antonio, Houston, Phoenix and Charlotte. EastGroup also transferred eight properties (748,000 square feet) in Orlando, Phoenix, Charlotte and Houston from its development program to real estate properties with costs of \$47.0 million at the date of transfer. As of September 30, 2015, EastGroup's development program consisted of 21 projects (2,077,000 square feet) located in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Phoenix, Tampa, Orlando, Denver and Charlotte. The projected total investment for the development projects, which were collectively 37% leased as of October 16, 2015, is \$156.8 million, of which \$41.7 million remained to be invested as of September 30, 2015.

Typically, the Company initially funds its development and acquisition programs through its \$335 million unsecured bank credit facilities (as discussed in Liquidity and Capital Resources). As market conditions permit, EastGroup issues equity and/or employs fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, to replace short-term bank borrowings. In March 2015, Moody's Investor Services affirmed the Company's issuer rating of Baa2 with a stable outlook. Also in March 2015, Fitch Ratings affirmed EastGroup's issuer rating of BBB with a stable outlook. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy,

sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. The Company intends to obtain primarily unsecured fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, in the future. The Company may also access the public debt market in the future as a means to raise capital.

EastGroup has one reportable segment – industrial properties. These properties are primarily located in major Sunbelt regions of the United States, have similar economic characteristics and also meet the other criteria permitting the properties to be aggregated into one reportable segment. The Company’s chief decision makers use two primary measures of operating results in making decisions: (1) property net operating income (PNOI), defined as Income from real estate operations less Expenses from real estate operations (including market-based internal management fee expense) plus the Company's share of income and property operating expenses from its less-than-wholly-owned real estate investments, and (2) funds from operations attributable to common stockholders (FFO), defined as net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), excluding gains or losses from sales of depreciable real estate property and impairment



losses, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. The Company calculates FFO based on the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts' (NAREIT) definition.

PNOI is a supplemental industry reporting measurement used to evaluate the performance of the Company's real estate investments. The Company believes the exclusion of depreciation and amortization in the industry's calculation of PNOI provides a supplemental indicator of the properties' performance since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions. PNOI as calculated by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled but differently calculated measures for other real estate investment trusts (REITs). The major factors influencing PNOI are occupancy levels, acquisitions and sales, development properties that achieve stabilized operations, rental rate increases or decreases, and the recoverability of operating expenses. The Company's success depends largely upon its ability to lease space and to recover from tenants the operating costs associated with those leases.

PNOI is comprised of Income from real estate operations, less Expenses from real estate operations plus the Company's share of income and property operating expenses from its less-than-wholly-owned real estate investments. PNOI was calculated as follows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
Income from real estate operations	\$58,520	55,896	173,922	162,474
Expenses from real estate operations	(16,795 )	(15,899 )	(49,255 )	(46,536 )
Noncontrolling interest in PNOI of consolidated 80% joint ventures	(208 )	(209 )	(628 )	(636 )
PNOI from 50% owned unconsolidated investment	213	199	629	595
<b>PROPERTY NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$41,730</b>	<b>39,987</b>	<b>124,668</b>	<b>115,897</b>

Income from real estate operations is comprised of rental income, expense reimbursement pass-through income and other real estate income including lease termination fees. Expenses from real estate operations is comprised of property taxes, insurance, utilities, repair and maintenance expenses, management fees, other operating costs and bad debt expense. Generally, the Company's most significant operating expenses are property taxes and insurance. Tenant leases may be net leases in which the total operating expenses are recoverable, modified gross leases in which some of the operating expenses are recoverable, or gross leases in which no expenses are recoverable (gross leases represent only a small portion of the Company's total leases). Increases in property operating expenses are fully recoverable under net leases and recoverable to a high degree under modified gross leases. Modified gross leases often include base year amounts and expense increases over these amounts are recoverable. The Company's exposure to property operating expenses is primarily due to vacancies and leases for occupied space that limit the amount of expenses that can be recovered.



The following table presents reconciliations of Net Income to PNOI for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
NET INCOME	\$12,097	17,861	36,821	35,617
Interest income	(65 )	(127 )	(195 )	(379 )
Gain on sales of real estate investments	—	(7,417 )	(2,903 )	(7,512 )
Company's share of interest expense from unconsolidated investment	—	71	—	213
Company's share of depreciation from unconsolidated investment	31	34	91	100
Other income	(33 )	(61 )	(67 )	(114 )
Gain on sales of non-operating real estate	—	(98 )	(123 )	(98 )
Depreciation and amortization	18,232	17,779	54,358	52,101
Interest expense	8,492	8,781	25,780	26,665
General and administrative expense	3,179	3,373	11,529	9,779
Acquisition costs	—	—	—	160
Interest rate swap ineffectiveness	5	—	5	1
Noncontrolling interest in PNOI of consolidated 80% joint ventures	(208 )	(209 )	(628 )	(636 )
PROPERTY NET OPERATING INCOME	\$41,730	39,987	124,668	115,897

The Company believes FFO is a meaningful supplemental measure of operating performance for equity REITs. The Company believes excluding depreciation and amortization in the calculation of FFO is appropriate since real estate values have historically increased or decreased based on market conditions. FFO is not considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of the Company's financial performance, nor is it a measure of the Company's liquidity or indicative of funds available to provide for the Company's cash needs, including its ability to make distributions. In addition, FFO, as reported by the Company, may not be comparable to FFO reported by other REITs that do not define the term in accordance with the current NAREIT definition. The Company's key drivers affecting FFO are changes in PNOI (as discussed above), interest rates, the amount of leverage the Company employs and general and administrative expenses. The following table presents reconciliations of Net Income Attributable to EastGroup Properties, Inc. Common Stockholders to FFO Attributable to Common Stockholders for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC. COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$11,968	17,729	36,431	35,219
Depreciation and amortization	18,232	17,779	54,358	52,101
Company's share of depreciation from unconsolidated investment	31	34	91	100
Depreciation and amortization from noncontrolling interest	(51 )	(50 )	(153 )	(153 )
Gain on sales of real estate investments	—	(7,417 )	(2,903 )	(7,512 )
FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS (FFO) ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$30,180	28,075	87,824	79,755
	\$0.37	0.56	1.13	1.13

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Net income attributable to common stockholders per diluted share

Funds from operations (FFO) attributable to common stockholders per diluted share

\$0.94	0.89	2.73	2.55
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Diluted shares for earnings per share and funds from operations

32,248	31,644	32,160	31,256
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The Company analyzes the following performance trends in evaluating the progress of the Company:

The FFO change per share represents the increase or decrease in FFO per share from the current period compared to the same period in the prior year. FFO per share for the third quarter of 2015 was \$.94 per share compared with \$.89 per share for the same period of 2014, an increase of 5.6%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, FFO was \$2.73 per share compared with \$2.55 per share for the same period of 2014, an increase of 7.1%.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, PNOI increased by \$1,743,000, or 4.4%, compared to the same period in 2014. PNOI increased \$1,468,000 from newly developed properties, \$493,000 from same property operations and \$147,000 from 2014 acquisitions; PNOI decreased \$377,000 from properties sold in 2014 and 2015.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, PNOI increased by \$8,771,000, or 7.6%, compared to the same period in 2014. PNOI increased \$5,015,000 from newly developed properties, \$2,825,000 from same property operations and \$2,016,000 from 2014 acquisitions; PNOI decreased \$1,106,000 from properties sold in 2014 and 2015.

The same property net operating income change represents the PNOI increase or decrease for the same operating properties owned during the entire current period and prior year reporting period. PNOI from same properties increased 1.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2015, and increased 2.5% for the nine months compared to the same periods in 2014.

Same property average occupancy represents the average month-end percentage of leased square footage for which the lease term has commenced as compared to the total leasable square footage for the same operating properties owned during the entire current period and prior year reporting period. Same property average occupancy for the three months ended September 30, 2015, was 96.0% compared to 95.4% for the same period of 2014. Same property average occupancy for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, was 96.0% compared to 95.3% for the same period of 2014.

The same property average rental rate calculated in accordance with GAAP represents the average annual rental rates of leases in place for the same operating properties owned during the entire current period and prior year reporting period. The same property average rental rate was \$5.41 per square foot for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$5.22 per square foot for the same period of 2014. The same property average rental rate was \$5.37 per square foot for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$5.20 per square foot for the same period of 2014.

Occupancy is the percentage of leased square footage for which the lease term has commenced as compared to the total leasable square footage as of the close of the reporting period. Occupancy at September 30, 2015, was 95.8%. Quarter-end occupancy ranged from 96.2% to 96.3% over the period from September 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Rental rate change represents the rental rate increase or decrease on new and renewal leases compared to the prior leases on the same space. Rental rate increases on new and renewal leases (5.1% of total square footage) averaged 12.7% for the third quarter of 2015. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, rental rate increases on new and renewal leases (17.2% of total square footage) averaged 11.5%.

Lease termination fee income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$130,000 and \$211,000, respectively, compared to \$634,000 and \$772,000 for the same periods of 2014. The Company recorded bad debt expense of \$324,000 and \$662,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. Net bad debt recoveries for the same periods in 2014 were \$82,000 and \$89,000, respectively.



## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The Company's management considers the following accounting policies and estimates to be critical to the reported operations of the Company.

### Real Estate Properties

The Company allocates the purchase price of acquired properties to net tangible and identified intangible assets based on their respective fair values. Goodwill is recorded when the purchase price exceeds the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired. Factors considered by management in allocating the cost of the properties acquired include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up periods considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. The allocation to tangible assets (land, building and improvements) is based upon management's determination of the value of the property as if it were vacant using discounted cash flow models. The purchase price is also allocated among the following categories of intangible assets: the above or below market component of in-place leases, the value of in-place leases, and the value of customer relationships. The value allocable to the above or below market component of an acquired in-place lease is determined based upon the present value (using a discount rate reflecting the risks associated with the acquired leases) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the lease over its remaining term and (ii) management's estimate of the amounts that would be paid using fair market rates over the remaining term of the lease. The amounts allocated to above and below market leases are included in Other Assets and Other Liabilities, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and are amortized to rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The total amount of intangible assets is further allocated to in-place lease values and customer relationship values based upon management's assessment of their respective values. These intangible assets are included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and are amortized over the remaining term of the existing lease or the anticipated life of the customer relationship, as applicable.

During the period in which a property is under development, costs associated with development (i.e., land, construction costs, interest expense, property taxes and other direct and indirect costs associated with development) are aggregated into the total capitalized costs of the property. Included in these costs are management's estimates for the portions of internal costs (primarily personnel costs) deemed directly or indirectly related to such development activities. The internal costs are allocated to specific development properties based on construction activity.

The Company reviews its real estate investments for impairment of value whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If any real estate investment is considered permanently impaired, a loss is recorded to reduce the carrying value of the property to its estimated fair value. Real estate assets to be sold are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less selling costs. The evaluation of real estate investments involves many subjective assumptions dependent upon future economic events that affect the ultimate value of the property. Currently, the Company's management knows of no impairment issues nor has it experienced any impairment issues in recent years. EastGroup currently has the intent and ability to hold its real estate investments and to hold its land inventory for future development. In the event of impairment, the property's basis would be reduced, and the impairment would be recognized as a current period charge on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

### Valuation of Receivables

The Company is subject to tenant defaults and bankruptcies that could affect the collection of outstanding receivables. In order to mitigate these risks, the Company performs credit reviews and analyses on prospective tenants before significant leases are executed and on existing tenants before properties are acquired. On a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates outstanding receivables and estimates the allowance for doubtful accounts. Management specifically analyzes aged receivables, customer credit-worthiness, historical bad debts and current economic trends when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company

believes its allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate for its outstanding receivables for the periods presented. In the event the allowance for doubtful accounts is insufficient for an account that is subsequently written off, additional bad debt expense would be recognized as a current period charge on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

#### Tax Status

EastGroup, a Maryland corporation, has qualified as a real estate investment trust under Sections 856-860 of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to continue to qualify as such. To maintain its status as a REIT, the Company is required to distribute at least 90% of its ordinary taxable income to its stockholders. If the Company has a capital gain, it has the option of (i) deferring recognition of the capital gain through a tax-deferred exchange, (ii) declaring and paying a capital gain dividend on any recognized net capital gain resulting in no corporate level tax, or (iii) retaining and paying corporate income tax on its net long-term capital gain, with shareholders reporting their proportional share of the undistributed long-term capital gain and receiving a credit or refund of their share of the tax paid by the Company. The Company distributed all of its 2014 taxable income to its stockholders and expects to distribute all of its taxable income in 2015. Accordingly, no significant provision for income taxes was necessary in 2014, nor is any significant income tax provision expected to be necessary for 2015.



## FINANCIAL CONDITION

EastGroup's assets were \$1,619,908,000 at September 30, 2015, an increase of \$44,084,000 from December 31, 2014. Liabilities increased \$57,834,000 to \$1,058,043,000, and equity decreased \$13,750,000 to \$561,865,000 during the same period. The following paragraphs explain these changes in detail.

### Assets

#### Real Estate Properties

Real Estate Properties increased \$65,198,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to capital improvements at the Company's properties and the transfer of eight properties from Development, as detailed under Development below. These increases were partially offset by the sale of the Ambassador Row Warehouse (185,000 square feet) in Dallas and 1.5 acres of land in New Orleans for \$5,420,000.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company made capital improvements of \$19,328,000 on existing and acquired properties (included in the Capital Expenditures table under Results of Operations). Also, the Company incurred costs of \$3,892,000 on development properties subsequent to transfer to Real Estate Properties; the Company records these expenditures as development costs on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

#### Development

EastGroup's investment in development at September 30, 2015 consisted of properties in lease-up and under construction of \$115,103,000 and prospective development (primarily land) of \$89,878,000. The Company's total investment in development at September 30, 2015 was \$204,981,000 compared to \$179,973,000 at December 31, 2014. Total capital invested for development during the first nine months of 2015 was \$75,768,000, which primarily consisted of costs of \$67,123,000 and \$4,876,000 as detailed in the development activity table below and costs of \$3,892,000 on development properties subsequent to transfer to Real Estate Properties. The capitalized costs incurred on development properties subsequent to transfer to Real Estate Properties include capital improvements at the properties and do not include other capitalized costs associated with development (i.e., interest expense, property taxes and internal personnel costs).

The Company capitalized internal development costs of \$1,223,000 and \$3,265,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, compared to \$897,000 and \$3,077,000 in the same periods of 2014.

The Company transferred eight development properties to Real Estate Properties during the first nine months of 2015 with a total investment of \$46,991,000 as of the date of transfer.



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DEVELOPMENT	Building Size (Square feet)	Costs Incurred			Estimated Total Costs	Anticipated Building Conversion Date
		Costs Transferred in 2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	For the Nine Months Ended 9/30/2015	Cumulative as of 9/30/2015		
(In thousands)						
LEASE-UP						
Sky Harbor 6, Phoenix, AZ	31,000	\$—	1,352	2,972	3,100	10/15
Ten West Crossing 6, Houston, TX	64,000	—	470	4,712	5,100	10/15
Thousand Oaks 4, San Antonio, TX	66,000	—	1,576	4,519	5,600	10/15
West Road I, Houston, TX	63,000	—	662	4,939	5,100	10/15
Kyrene 202 I, Phoenix, AZ	75,000	—	186	6,125	6,900	11/15
Rampart IV, Denver, CO	84,000	—	1,182	8,129	9,300	11/15
Alamo Ridge I, San Antonio, TX	96,000	—	1,525	7,000	7,800	02/16
Alamo Ridge II, San Antonio, TX	62,000	—	489	3,855	4,200	02/16
Steele Creek IV, Charlotte, NC	57,000	—	1,003	4,463	4,700	02/16
West Road III, Houston, TX	78,000	—	811	4,676	5,000	03/16
Ten West Crossing 7, Houston, TX	68,000	—	749	3,919	4,900	04/16
Madison II & III, Tampa, FL	127,000	—	3,553	7,233	8,000	05/16
West Road IV, Houston, TX	65,000	1,292	3,120	4,412	5,400	08/16
Kyrene 202 VI, Phoenix, AZ	123,000	1,515	5,355	6,870	9,500	09/16
Total Lease-Up	1,059,000	2,807	22,033	73,824	84,600	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION						
Oak Creek VIII, Tampa, FL	108,000	2,255	2,755	5,010	7,500	01/16
Horizon IV, Orlando, FL	123,000	2,616	4,514	7,130	10,200	02/16
ParkView 1-3, Dallas, TX	276,000	—	12,762	16,838	19,600	10/16
Horizon III, Orlando, FL	109,000	2,399	3,032	5,431	7,800	01/17
Eisenhower Point 1 & 2, San Antonio, TX	201,000	1,880	1,502	3,382	13,500	02/17
Steele Creek VI, Charlotte, NC	137,000	1,273	421	1,694	7,600	03/17
Ten Sky Harbor, Phoenix, AZ	64,000	1,653	141	1,794	6,000	03/17
Total Under Construction	1,018,000	12,076	25,127	41,279	72,200	
PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT (PRIMARILY LAND)	Estimated Building Size (Square feet)					
Phoenix, AZ	163,000	(3,168	) 1,781	2,076		
Tucson, AZ	70,000	—	—	417		
Fort Myers, FL	663,000	—	—	17,858		
Orlando, FL	912,000	(5,015	) 1,021	19,857		
Tampa, FL	291,000	(2,255	) 634	4,563		
Jackson, MS	28,000	—	—	706		
Charlotte, NC	281,000	(1,273	) 499	4,209		
Dallas, TX	519,000	—	6,297	7,946		
El Paso, TX	251,000	—	—	2,444		

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Houston, TX	1,603,000	(2,581	) 5,103	24,232	
San Antonio, TX	611,000	(1,880	) 4,628	5,570	
Total Prospective Development	5,392,000	(16,172	) 19,963	89,878	
	7,469,000	\$(1,289	) 67,123	204,981	
DEVELOPMENTS COMPLETED AND TRANSFERRED TO REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES DURING 2015	Building Size (Square feet)				Building Conversion Date
Horizon I, Orlando, FL	109,000	\$—	(16	) 7,096	02/15
Kyrene 202 II, Phoenix, AZ	45,000	—	61	3,470	02/15
Steele Creek II, Charlotte, NC	71,000	—	22	4,945	03/15
Steele Creek III, Charlotte, NC	108,000	—	(179	) 7,141	02/15
World Houston 39, Houston, TX	94,000	—	420	5,476	06/15
Horizon II, Orlando, FL	123,000	—	232	7,892	09/15
World Houston 41, Houston, TX	104,000	—	603	5,949	08/15
World Houston 42, Houston, TX	94,000	1,289	3,733	5,022	07/15
Total Transferred to Real Estate Properties	748,000	\$1,289	4,876	46,991	(2)

(1) Represents costs transferred from Prospective Development (primarily land) to Under Construction during the period. Negative amounts represent land inventory costs transferred to Under Construction.

(2) Represents cumulative costs at the date of transfer.

### Accumulated Depreciation

Accumulated depreciation on real estate and development properties increased \$41,616,000 during the first nine months of 2015 due primarily to depreciation expense, offset by the sale of one operating property during the period.

### Other Assets

Other Assets decreased \$4,900,000 during the first nine months of 2015. A summary of Other Assets follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Leasing costs (principally commissions)	\$57,711	56,171
Accumulated amortization of leasing costs	(23,375	) (22,951 )
Leasing costs (principally commissions), net of accumulated amortization	34,336	33,220
Straight-line rents receivable	25,795	25,013
Allowance for doubtful accounts on straight-line rents receivable	(292	) (102 )
Straight-line rents receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	25,503	24,911
Accounts receivable	3,771	4,459
Allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts receivable	(349	) (379 )
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	3,422	4,080
Acquired in-place lease intangibles	17,920	20,118
Accumulated amortization of acquired in-place lease intangibles	(9,276	) (8,345 )
Acquired in-place lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	8,644	11,773
Acquired above market lease intangibles	1,444	1,575
Accumulated amortization of acquired above market lease intangibles	(740	) (699 )
Acquired above market lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	704	876
Loan costs	9,119	8,166
Accumulated amortization of loan costs	(4,655	) (4,454 )
Loan costs, net of accumulated amortization	4,464	3,712
Mortgage loans receivable	4,904	4,991
Interest rate swap assets	—	812
Escrow deposits for 1031 exchange	—	698
Goodwill	990	990
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,642	7,446
Total Other Assets	\$88,609	93,509

### Liabilities

Secured Debt decreased \$73,061,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease resulted from the repayment of one mortgage loan with a balance of \$57,450,000, regularly scheduled principal payments of \$15,581,000 and mortgage loan premium amortization of \$30,000.

Unsecured Debt increased \$75,000,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as a result of the closing of a \$75 million unsecured term loan in March 2015.

Unsecured Bank Credit Facilities increased \$43,745,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015; the Company's credit facilities are described in greater detail under Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses increased \$8,433,000 during the first nine months of 2015. A summary of the Company's Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Property taxes payable	\$24,425	15,216
Development costs payable	8,079	7,920
Interest payable	2,337	3,500
Dividends payable on unvested restricted stock	2,002	2,096
Other payables and accrued expenses	11,029	10,707
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$47,872	39,439

Other Liabilities increased \$3,717,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. A summary of the Company's Other Liabilities follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Security deposits	\$13,234	12,803
Prepaid rent and other deferred income	8,613	8,971
Acquired below-market lease intangibles	3,298	3,657
Accumulated amortization of below-market lease intangibles	(1,520)	(1,380)
Acquired below-market lease intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	1,778	2,277
Interest rate swap liabilities	7,029	3,314
Prepaid tenant improvement reimbursements	433	212
Other liabilities	223	16
Total Other Liabilities	\$31,310	27,593

#### Equity

Additional Paid-In Capital increased \$10,950,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase primarily resulted from stock-based compensation (as discussed in Note 15 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) and the issuance of 106,751 shares of common stock under the Company's continuous equity program (as discussed in Liquidity and Capital Resources).

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, Distributions in Excess of Earnings increased \$20,024,000 as a result of dividends on common stock of \$56,455,000 exceeding Net Income Attributable to EastGroup Properties, Inc. Common Stockholders of \$36,431,000.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss increased \$4,553,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase resulted from the change in fair value of the Company's interest rate swaps which are further discussed in Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(Comments are for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.)

Net Income Attributable to EastGroup Properties, Inc. Common Stockholders for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, was \$11,968,000 (\$.37 per basic and diluted share) and \$36,431,000 (\$1.14 per basic share and \$1.13 per diluted share), respectively, compared to \$17,729,000 (\$.56 per basic and diluted share) and \$35,219,000 (\$1.13 per basic and diluted share) for the same periods in 2014.

PNOI for the three months ended September 30, 2015, increased by \$1,743,000, or 4.4%, compared to the same period in 2014. PNOI increased \$1,468,000 from newly developed properties, \$493,000 from same property operations and \$147,000 from 2014 acquisitions; PNOI decreased \$377,000 from properties sold in 2014 and 2015. Lease termination fee income was \$130,000 and \$634,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company recorded bad debt expense of \$324,000 and net bad debt recoveries of \$82,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Straight-lining of rent increased Income from real estate operations by \$140,000 and \$372,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

PNOI for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, increased by \$8,771,000, or 7.6%, compared to the same period in 2014. PNOI increased \$5,015,000 from newly developed properties, \$2,825,000 from same property operations and \$2,016,000 from 2014 acquisitions; PNOI decreased \$1,106,000 from properties sold in 2014 and 2015. Lease termination fee income was \$211,000 and \$772,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company recorded bad debt expense of \$662,000 and net bad debt recoveries of \$89,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Straight-lining of rent increased Income from real estate operations by \$672,000 and \$1,420,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

EastGroup signed 44 leases with free rent concessions on 679,000 square feet during the three months ended September 30, 2015, with total free rent concessions of \$678,000 over the lives of the leases. During the same period of 2014, the Company signed 40 leases with free rent concessions on 884,000 square feet with total free rent concessions of \$1,017,000 over the lives of the leases.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, EastGroup signed 125 leases with free rent concessions on 2,714,000 square feet with total free rent concessions of \$2,874,000 over the lives of the leases. During the same period of 2014, the Company signed 119 leases with free rent concessions on 2,570,000 square feet with total free rent concessions of \$3,113,000 over the lives of the leases.

Property expense to revenue ratios, defined as Expenses from Real Estate Operations as a percentage of Income from Real Estate Operations, were 28.7% and 28.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, compared to 28.4% and 28.6% for the same periods in 2014. The Company's percentage of leased square footage was 96.6% at September 30, 2015, compared to 96.8% at September 30, 2014. Occupancy at September 30, 2015 was 95.8% compared to 96.2% at September 30, 2014.





Interest Expense decreased \$289,000 and \$885,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the same periods in 2014. The following table presents the components of Interest Expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months September
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	2015
	(In thousands)			
<b>VARIABLE RATE INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
Unsecured bank credit facilities interest (excluding loan cost amortization)	\$548	496	52	1,531
Amortization of loan costs - unsecured bank credit facilities	174	103	71	380
Total variable rate interest expense	722	599	123	1,911
<b>FIXED RATE INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
Secured debt interest (excluding loan cost amortization)	5,135	6,229	(1,094)	16,179
Unsecured debt interest <sup>(1)</sup> (excluding loan cost amortization)	3,834	3,086	748	10,958
Amortization of loan costs - secured debt	102	132	(30)	325
Amortization of loan costs - unsecured debt	108	81	27	310
Total fixed rate interest expense	9,179	9,528	(349)	27,772
Total interest	9,901	10,127	(226)	29,683
Less capitalized interest	(1,409)	(1,346)	(63)	(3,903)
<b>TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$8,492</b>	<b>8,781</b>	<b>(289)</b>	<b>25,780</b>

(1) Includes interest on the Company's unsecured debt with fixed interest rates per the debt agreements or effectively fixed interest rates due to interest rate swaps, as discussed in Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

EastGroup's variable rate interest expense increased by \$123,000 and \$164,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same periods in 2014 primarily due to increases in the Company's average unsecured bank credit facilities borrowings as shown in the following table:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)
	(In thousands, except rates of interest)					
Average unsecured bank credit facilities borrowings	\$122,908	105,484	17,424	110,980	102,060	8,920
Weighted average variable interest rates (excluding loan cost amortization)	1.77	% 1.86	%	1.85	% 1.88	%

The Company's fixed rate interest expense decreased by \$349,000 and \$828,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same periods in 2014. The decreases were primarily due to decreases in secured debt interest, partially offset by increases in unsecured debt interest resulting from the Company's debt activity described below.

The decrease in secured debt interest resulted from regularly scheduled principal payments and debt repayments. Regularly scheduled principal payments on secured debt were \$15,581,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. During the year ended December 31, 2014, regularly scheduled principal payments on secured debt were \$22,269,000. The details of the secured debt repaid in 2014 and 2015 are shown in the following table:

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SECURED DEBT REPAID IN 2014 AND 2015	Interest Rate	Date Repaid	Payoff Amount (In thousands)
Kyrene Distribution Center	9.00%	06/30/2014	\$11
Americas Ten I, Kirby, Palm River North I, II & III, Shady Trail, Westlake I & II and World Houston 17	5.68%	07/10/2014	26,565
Weighted Average/Total Amount for 2014	5.68%		\$26,576
Beltway II, III & IV, Commerce Park 1, Eastlake, Fairgrounds I-IV, Nations Ford I-IV, Techway Southwest III, Wetmore I-IV and World Houston 15 & 22	5.50%	03/06/2015	\$57,450

During the first nine months of 2015, EastGroup did not obtain any new secured debt; in 2014, the Company assumed the secured debt detailed in the following table:

NEW SECURED DEBT IN 2014	Effective Interest Rate	Date Obtained	Maturity Date	Amount (In thousands)
Ramona Distribution Center <sup>(1)</sup>	3.85%	12/19/14	11/30/2026	\$2,847

In connection with the acquisition of Ramona Distribution Center, the Company assumed a mortgage of (1)\$2,617,000 and recorded a premium of \$230,000 to adjust the mortgage loan assumed to fair value. This premium is being amortized over the remaining life of the mortgage.

The decrease in secured debt interest was partially offset by increases in unsecured debt interest resulting from the Company's unsecured debt activity described below. The details of the unsecured debt obtained in 2014 and 2015 are shown in the following table:

NEW UNSECURED DEBT IN 2014 and 2015	Effective Interest Rate	Date Obtained	Maturity Date	Amount (In thousands)
\$75 Million Unsecured Term Loan <sup>(1)</sup>	2.846%	07/31/2014	07/31/2019	\$75,000
\$75 Million Unsecured Term Loan <sup>(2)</sup>	3.031%	03/02/2015	02/28/2022	75,000

The interest rate on this unsecured term loan is comprised of LIBOR plus 115 basis points subject to a pricing grid for changes in the Company's coverage ratings. The Company entered into an interest rate swap to convert the (1)loan's LIBOR rate to a fixed interest rate, providing the Company a weighted average effective interest rate on the term loan of 2.846% as of September 30, 2015. See Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the interest rate swaps.

The interest rate on this unsecured term loan is comprised of LIBOR plus 140 basis points subject to a pricing grid for changes in the Company's coverage ratings. The Company entered into an interest rate swap to convert the (2)loan's LIBOR rate to a fixed interest rate, providing the Company a weighted average effective interest rate on the term loan of 3.031% as of September 30, 2015. See Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the interest rate swaps.

Interest costs during the period of construction of real estate properties are capitalized and offset against interest expense. Capitalized interest increased \$63,000 and \$221,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same periods of 2014.

Depreciation and Amortization expense increased \$453,000 and \$2,257,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same periods in 2014 primarily due to the operating properties acquired by the Company in 2014 and the properties transferred from Development in 2014 and 2015.

General and Administrative expense decreased \$194,000 for the three months and increased \$1,750,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the same periods in 2014. The decrease was primarily due to an increase in capitalized internal development costs during the third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014; the increase for the nine months was primarily due to accelerated restricted stock vesting for the Company's retiring Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and various costs associated with the CEO succession.

## Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures for EastGroup's operating properties for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	Estimated Useful Life	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
(In thousands)					
Upgrade on Acquisitions	40 yrs	\$2	128	5	182
Tenant Improvements:					
New Tenants	Lease Life	3,036	947	6,846	4,921
New Tenants (first generation) <sup>(1)</sup>	Lease Life	2	173	51	174
Renewal Tenants	Lease Life	450	475	1,447	1,728
Other:					
Building Improvements	5-40 yrs	1,185	961	3,182	2,345
Roofs	5-15 yrs	1,269	1,009	6,521	3,159
Parking Lots	3-5 yrs	369	48	560	265
Other	5 yrs	332	147	716	267
Total Capital Expenditures		\$6,645	3,888	19,328	13,041

(1) First generation refers only to space that has never been occupied under EastGroup's ownership.

## Capitalized Leasing Costs

The Company's leasing costs (principally commissions) are capitalized and included in Other Assets. The costs are amortized over the terms of the associated leases and are included in Depreciation and Amortization expense. Capitalized leasing costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	Estimated Useful Life	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
(In thousands)					
Development	Lease Life	\$635	717	2,338	1,816
New Tenants	Lease Life	863	1,265	2,723	2,897
New Tenants (first generation) <sup>(1)</sup>	Lease Life	—	190	(27	) 190
Renewal Tenants	Lease Life	883	1,522	2,892	3,619
Total Capitalized Leasing Costs		\$2,381	3,694	7,926	8,522
Amortization of Leasing Costs		\$2,343	2,060	6,726	5,982

(1) First generation refers only to space that has never been occupied under EastGroup's ownership.

## Discontinued Operations

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-08, Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360), Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, which amended the requirements for reporting discontinued operations. Under ASU 2014-08, a disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity is required to be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's

operations and financial results when the component or group of components meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale or when the component or group of components is disposed of by sale or other than by sale. In addition, this ASU requires additional disclosures about both discontinued operations and the disposal of an individually significant component of an entity that does not qualify for discontinued operations presentation in the financial statements. EastGroup performs an analysis of properties sold to determine whether the sales qualify for discontinued operations presentation. Typically, when the Company disposes of operating properties, the sales are not considered to be disposals of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity representing a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on the entity's operations and financial results. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU 2014-08 as of January 1, 2014, and has applied the provisions prospectively.

EastGroup sold one operating property, the last of its three Ambassador Row Warehouses in Dallas, during the first nine months of 2015. During 2014, the Company sold the following operating properties: Northpoint Commerce Center in Oklahoma City, Tampa West Distribution Center VI in Tampa, Clay Campbell Distribution Center and Kirby Business Center in Houston, and two of its three Ambassador Row Warehouses in Dallas. The results of operations and gains on sales for the properties sold during the periods presented are reported in continuing operations on the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The gains on sales are included in Gain on Sales of Real Estate Investments. See Note 7 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information related to discontinued operations and gain on sales of real estate investments.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

EastGroup has evaluated all ASUs recently released by the FASB through the date the financial statements were issued and determined that the following ASUs apply to the Company.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The effective date of ASU was extended by one year by ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2018. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures beginning with the Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. For public business entities, the ASU is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Entities should apply the new guidance on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. Upon transition, entities are required to comply with the applicable disclosures for a change in an accounting principle. EastGroup plans to adopt ASU 2015-03 effective January 1, 2016; as such, the Company plans to present debt issuance costs as a direct deduction from the carrying amounts of its debt liabilities and to provide all necessary disclosures beginning with the Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Interest - Imputation of Interest: Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements, which adds comments from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) addressing ASU 2015-03, as discussed above, and debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements. The SEC commented it would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. EastGroup plans to adopt ASU 2015-15 in connection with its adoption of ASU 2015-03 effective January 1, 2016. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of ASU 2015-15 will have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$103,575,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The primary other sources of cash were from borrowings on unsecured bank credit facilities and proceeds from unsecured



debt. The Company distributed \$56,549,000 in common stock dividends during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Other primary uses of cash were for repayments on unsecured bank credit facilities, secured debt repayments, the construction and development of properties and capital improvements at various properties.

Total debt at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is detailed below. The Company's unsecured bank credit facilities and unsecured term loans have certain restrictive covenants, such as maintaining debt service coverage and leverage ratios and maintaining insurance coverage, and the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

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	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Secured debt	\$380,715	453,776
Unsecured debt	455,000	380,000
Unsecured bank credit facilities	143,146	99,401
Total debt	\$978,861	933,177

Until July 30, 2015, EastGroup had \$225 million and \$25 million unsecured bank credit facilities with margins over LIBOR of 117.5 basis points, facility fees of 22.5 basis points and maturity dates of January 5, 2017. The Company closed on amended credit facilities on July 30, 2015. The amended agreements expand the facilities to \$300 million and \$35 million, reduce the current applicable margins to 100 basis points and the current applicable facility fees to 20 basis points, and extend the maturity dates to four years from closing.

EastGroup's amended \$300 million unsecured revolving credit facility is with a group of nine banks and matures in July 2019. The credit facility contains options for a one-year extension (at the Company's election) and a \$150 million expansion (with agreement by all parties). The interest rate on each tranche is usually reset on a monthly basis and as of September 30, 2015, was LIBOR plus 100 basis points with an annual facility fee of 20 basis points. The margin and facility fee are subject to changes in the Company's credit ratings. At September 30, 2015, the weighted average interest rate was 1.198% on a balance of \$130,000,000.

The Company's amended \$35 million unsecured revolving credit facility matures in July 2019. This credit facility automatically extends for one year if the extension option in the \$300 million revolving credit facility is exercised. The interest rate is reset on a daily basis and as of September 30, 2015, was LIBOR plus 100 basis points with an annual facility fee of 20 basis points. The margin and facility fee are subject to changes in the Company's credit ratings. At September 30, 2015, the interest rate was 1.193% on a balance of \$13,146,000.

As market conditions permit, EastGroup issues equity and/or employs fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, to replace the short-term bank borrowings. The Company believes its current operating cash flow and unsecured bank credit facilities provide the capacity to fund the operations of the Company. The Company also believes it can obtain financing from financial institutions and insurance companies and issue common and/or preferred equity. The Company intends to obtain primarily unsecured fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, in the future. The Company may also access the public debt market in the future as a means to raise capital.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company issued and sold 106,751 shares of common stock under its continuous equity program at an average price of \$60.26 per share with gross proceeds to the Company of \$6,433,000. The Company incurred offering-related costs of \$200,000 during the nine months, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$6,233,000. As of October 19, 2015, the Company has 8,646,849 shares of common stock remaining to sell under the program.

In October 2015, EastGroup issued \$75 million of senior unsecured private placement notes with two insurance companies. The 10-year notes have a weighted average interest rate of 3.98% with semi-annual interest payments. The Company used the proceeds of the notes to reduce borrowings on its variable rate unsecured bank credit facilities. The notes will not be and have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

The Company anticipates that its current cash balance, operating cash flows, borrowings under its unsecured bank credit facilities, proceeds from new secured and unsecured debt and/or proceeds from the issuance of equity instruments will be adequate for (i) operating and administrative expenses, (ii) normal repair and maintenance expenses at its properties, (iii) debt service obligations, (iv) maintaining compliance with its debt covenants, (v) distributions to stockholders, (vi) capital improvements, (vii) purchases of properties, (viii) development, and (ix) any other normal business activities of the Company, both in the short-term and long-term.

#### Contractual Obligations

EastGroup's fixed, non-cancelable obligations as of December 31, 2014, did not materially change during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, except for the increases in Unsecured Bank Credit Facilities and Unsecured Debt and the decrease in Secured Debt discussed above.

## INFLATION AND OTHER ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Most of the Company's leases include scheduled rent increases. Additionally, most of the Company's leases require the tenants to pay their pro rata share of operating expenses, including real estate taxes, insurance and common area maintenance, thereby reducing the Company's exposure to increases in operating expenses resulting from inflation. In the event inflation causes increases in the Company's general and administrative expenses or the level of interest rates, such increased costs would not be passed through to tenants and could adversely affect the Company's results of operations.

EastGroup's financial results are affected by general economic conditions in the markets in which the Company's properties are located. The state of the economy, or other adverse changes in general or local economic conditions, could result in the inability of some of the Company's existing tenants to make lease payments and may therefore increase bad debt expense. It may also impact the Company's ability to (i) renew leases or re-lease space as leases expire, or (ii) lease development space. In addition, an economic downturn or recession could also lead to an increase in overall vacancy rates or a decline in rents the Company can charge to re-lease properties upon expiration of current leases. In all of these cases, EastGroup's cash flows would be adversely affected.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

The Company is exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of its unsecured bank credit facilities and long-term debt maturities. This debt is used to maintain liquidity and fund capital expenditures and expansion of the Company's real estate investment portfolio and operations. The Company's objective for interest rate risk management is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower its overall borrowing costs. The Company has two variable rate unsecured bank credit facilities as discussed under Liquidity and Capital Resources. As market conditions permit, EastGroup issues equity and/or employs fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, to replace the short-term bank borrowings. The Company's interest rate swaps are discussed in Note 13 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The table below presents the principal payments due and weighted average interest rates, which include the impact of interest rate swaps, for both the fixed-rate and variable-rate debt as of September 30, 2015.

	October – December 2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Thereafter	Total	Fair Value
Secured debt (in thousands)	\$29,313	92,807	58,239	11,316	55,569	133,471	380,715	402,425 (1)
Weighted average interest rate	5.05	% 5.79	% 5.50	% 5.21	% 7.01	% 4.42	% 5.37	%
Unsecured debt (in thousands)	\$—	—	—	130,000	75,000	250,000	455,000	430,709 (1)
Weighted average interest rate	—	—	—	3.21	% 2.85	% 3.56	% 3.34	%
Unsecured bank credit facilities (in thousands)	\$—	—	—	—	143,146	(2)—	143,146	143,184 (3)
Weighted average interest rate	—	—	—	—	1.20	%(4)—	1.20	%

The fair value of the Company's fixed-rate debt, including variable-rate debt that has been swapped to an effectively fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps, is estimated by discounting expected cash flows at the rates currently offered to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturities, as advised by the Company's bankers.

(1) The variable rate debt matures in July 2019 and is comprised of two unsecured bank credit facilities with balances of \$130,000,000 on the \$300 million unsecured bank credit facility and \$13,146,000 on the \$35 million unsecured bank credit facility as of September 30, 2015.

(2) The fair value of the Company's variable rate debt is estimated by discounting expected cash flows at current market rates.

(3) Represents the weighted average interest rate as of September 30, 2015.

As the table above incorporates only those exposures that existed as of September 30, 2015, it does not consider those exposures or positions that could arise after that date. If the weighted average interest rate on the variable rate unsecured bank credit facilities as shown above changes by 10% or approximately 12 basis points, interest expense and cash flows would increase or decrease by approximately \$172,000 annually. This does not include variable-rate debt that has been effectively fixed through the use of interest rate swaps.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this report may be deemed “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “will,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “plans,” “seeks,” “estimates,” variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will occur in the future, including statements relating to rent and occupancy growth, development activity, the acquisition or sale of properties, general conditions in the geographic areas where the Company operates and the availability of capital, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which the Company cannot predict, including, without limitation: changes in general economic conditions; the extent of tenant defaults or of any early lease terminations; the Company's ability to lease or re-lease space at current or anticipated rents; the availability of financing; the failure to maintain credit ratings with rating agencies; changes in the supply of and demand for industrial/warehouse properties; increases in interest rate levels; increases in operating costs; natural disasters, terrorism, riots and acts of war, and the Company's ability to obtain adequate insurance; changes in governmental regulation, tax rates and similar matters; and other risks associated with the development and acquisition of properties, including risks that development projects may not be completed on schedule, development or operating costs may be greater than anticipated or acquisitions may not close as scheduled, and those additional factors discussed under “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in Part II of this report and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions at the time made, the Company can give no assurance that such expectations will be achieved. The Company assumes no obligation whatsoever to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements. See also the information contained in the Company's reports filed or to be filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”).

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

### (i) Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2015, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings.

### (ii) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the Company's third fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2015, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in EastGroup's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, except to the extent factual information disclosed elsewhere in this Form 10-Q relates to such risk factors. For a full description of these risk factors, please refer to "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in the 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

(a) Form 10-Q Exhibits:

- (10.1 ) Second Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of July 30, 2015 by and among EastGroup Properties, L.P.; EastGroup Properties, Inc.; PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent; and each of the financial institutions party thereto as lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed August 4, 2015).
- (31 ) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications (pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
- (a) David H. Hoster II, Chief Executive Officer
- (b) N. Keith McKey, Chief Financial Officer
- (32 ) Section 1350 Certifications (pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
- (a) David H. Hoster II, Chief Executive Officer
- (b) N. Keith McKey, Chief Financial Officer
- (101 ) The following materials from EastGroup Properties, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language):
- (i) consolidated balance sheets, (ii) consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, (iii) consolidated statement of changes in equity, (iv) consolidated statements of cash flows, and (v) the notes to the consolidated financial statements.



SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 19, 2015

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC.

/s/ BRUCE CORKERN  
Bruce Corkern, CPA  
Senior Vice President, Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

/s/ N. KEITH MCKEY  
N. Keith McKey, CPA  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

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