# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 17, 2021

# WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State of incorporation) 001-06622 (Commission File Number) 53-0261100 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1775 EYE STREET, NW, SUITE 1000, WASHINGTON, DC 20006 (Address of principal executive office) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (202) 774-3200

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Shares of Beneficial Interest	WRE	NYSE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

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

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

#### At-the-Market Program

On February 17, 2021, Washington Real Estate Investment Trust ("Washington REIT"), entered into separate amendments (the "Amendments") to each of its existing equity distribution agreements with each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc. (*t/k/a* SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) (the "Existing Sales Agents"), each dated May 4, 2018 (collectively, as amended, the "Amended Equity Distribution Agreements"). Also on February 17, 2021, Washington REIT entered into a separate equity distribution agreement with BTIG, LLC (collectively, with each other Existing Sales Agents, the "Sales Agents") on the same terms as the Amended Equity Distribution Agreement, the "BTIG Equity Distribution Agreement," together with the Amended Equity Distribution Agreements, the "Equity Distribution Agreements, Washington REIT may sell, from time to time, up to an aggregate price of \$550,000,000 of its common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Shares").

The Common Shares sold in the offering will be issued pursuant to a prospectus dated February 16, 2021, and a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 17, 2021, in connection with one or more offerings of shares under Washington REIT's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-253164) filed with the SEC on February 16, 2021.

Sales of the Common Shares made pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements, if any, may be sold by any method permitted by law deemed to be an "at the market" offering as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), including without limitation directly on the New York Stock Exchange, or any other existing trading market for the Common Shares or through a market maker, or, if agreed by Washington REIT and the Sales Agents, by any other method permitted by law, including but not limited to in privately negotiated transactions. Washington REIT intends to use the net proceeds from these sales, if any, for general business purposes, including, without limitation, working capital, the acquisition, renovation, expansion, improvement, development or redevelopment of income-producing properties or the repayment of debt.

Washington REIT made certain customary representations, warranties and covenants concerning Washington REIT and the Common Shares in each Equity Distribution Agreement, and also agreed to indemnify the Sales Agents against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Copies of the Amendments are filed as exhibits 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1,5, 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the BTIG Equity Distribution Agreement is filed as exhibit 1.9 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing descriptions of the material terms of the Amendments, the BTIG Equity Distribution Agreement and the transactions thereby do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such exhibits, which are incorporated herein by reference.

From time to time, Washington REIT has had customary commercial and/or investment banking relationships with each Sales Agent and/or certain of their affiliates.

On February 17, 2021, Hogan Lovells US LLP delivered its legality opinion with respect to the Common Shares to be issued pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements. A copy of the legality opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

#### Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan

On February 18, 2021, Washington REIT also filed with the SEC a prospectus supplement dated February 18, 2021 related to Washington REIT's Direct Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan is designed to provide Washington REIT's existing shareholders and interested new investors with a method of purchasing Washington REIT's Common Shares and investing all or a percentage of their cash dividends in additional Common Shares.

In connection with the filing of the prospectus supplement, Hogan Lovells US LLP delivered its legality opinion with respect to the common shares to be issued pursuant to the Plan. A copy of the legality opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.2.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

- 1.1 Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
- 1.2 Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC
- Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and Capital One Securities, Inc.
   Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 172021, by and between Washington REIT and Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
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   Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
- 1.6 Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
- 1.7 Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.
- 1.8 Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and Truist Securities, Inc. (f/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.)
- 1.9 Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, by and between Washington REIT and BTIG, LLC
- 5.1 Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP regarding the legality of the common shares registered
- 5.2 Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP regarding the legality of the common shares registered
- 23.1 Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) 23.2 Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2)
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   Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Taryn D. Fielder (Signature)

> Taryn D. Fielder Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

February 18, 2021

(Date)

#### AMENDMENT TO EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

February 17, 2021

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is hereby made to the Equity Distribution Agreement, dated May 4, 2018 (the '<u>Equity Distribution Agreement</u>'') between Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "<u>Company</u>") and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (the '<u>Agent</u>"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell from time to time through the Agent, acting as agent and/or principal, up to an aggregate of \$250,000,000 of common shares of beneficial interest of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement (this '<u>Amendment</u>'') and not defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Equity Distribution Agreement. The Agent and the Company agree as follows:

A. Amendments to Equity Distribution Agreement. The Equity Distribution Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The first sentence of the first paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through Wells Fargo Securities acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

2. The second paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Company has also entered into (i) separate equity distribution agreements with respect to the Securities, dated as of May 4, 2018, each amended by an amendment to the equity distribution agreements, dated as of February 17, 2021 (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements"), with BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc. (f/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Placement Agents") and (ii) an equity distribution agreement with respect to the Securities, dated as of February 17, 2021 (together with the 2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, the "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements," and each, an "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement"), with BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Alternative Placement Agents"). The aggregate offering price of the Securities that may be sold pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements collectively shall not exceed the Maximum Amount."

3. The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

D. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The word "executed" and words of like import in this Amendment shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign).

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Chris Flouhouse</u> Name: Chris Flouhouse Title: Managing Director

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"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through BNYMCM acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

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"The Company has also entered into (i) separate equity distribution agreements with respect to the Securities, dated as of May 4, 2018, each amended by an amendment to the equity distribution agreements, dated as of February 17, 2021 (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements"), with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc. (*f*/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Placement Agents") and (ii) an equity distribution agreement with respect to the Securities, dated as of February 17, 2021 (together with the 2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, the "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements," and each, an "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement"), with BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Alternative Placement Agents,"). The aggregate offering price of the Securities that may be sold pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements collectively shall not exceed the Maximum Amount."

3. The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

D. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The word "executed" and words of like import in this Amendment shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign).

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

BNY MELLON CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Dan Klinger</u> Name: Dan Klinger Title: Managing Director

#### AMENDMENT TO EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

February 17, 2021

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Reference is hereby made to the Equity Distribution Agreement, dated May 4, 2018 (the '<u>Equity Distribution Agreement</u>'') between Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "<u>Company</u>") and Capital One Securities, Inc. (the "<u>Agent</u>"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell from time to time through the Agent, acting as agent and/or principal, up to an aggregate of \$250,000,000 of common shares of beneficial interest of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement (this "<u>Amendment</u>") and not defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Equity Distribution Agreement. The Agent and the Company agree as follows:

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"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through Capital One Securities acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

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3. The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

D. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The word "executed" and words of like import in this Amendment shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign).

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

CAPITAL ONE SECURITIES, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Greg Steele</u> Name: Greg Steele Title: Managing Director

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A. Amendments to Equity Distribution Agreement. The Equity Distribution Agreement is amended as follows:

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"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through Citigroup acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

2. The second paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

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3. The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

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Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Andrew Warin</u> Name: Andrew Warin Title: Vice President

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WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

By: <u>/s/ Ryan Cunn</u> Name: Ryan Cunn Title: Managing Director

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WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: <u>/s/ Stephanie Little</u> Name: Stephanie Little Title: Executive Director

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Reference is hereby made to the Equity Distribution Agreement, dated May 4, 2018 (the '<u>Equity Distribution Agreement</u>'') between Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "<u>Company</u>") and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. (the "<u>Agent</u>"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell from time to time through the Agent, acting as agent and/or principal, up to an aggregate of \$250,000,000 of common shares of beneficial interest of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement (this "<u>Amendment</u>") and not defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Equity Distribution Agreement. The Agent and the Company agree as follows:

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"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through KeyBanc acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

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"The Company has also entered into (i) separate equity distribution agreements with respect to the Securities, dated as of May 4, 2018, each amended by an amendment to the equity distribution agreements, dated as of February 17, 2021 (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements"), with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC, and Truist Securities, Inc. (f/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Placement Agents") and (ii) an equity distribution agreement with respect to the Securities, dated as of February 17, 2021 (together with the 2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, the "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements," and each, an "Alternative Placement Agent"), with BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Alternative Placement Agents.") The aggregate offering price of the Securities that may be sold pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements collectively shall not exceed the Maximum Amount."

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C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

D. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The word "executed" and words of like import in this Amendment shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign).

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS INC.

By: <u>/s/ Michael C. Jones</u> Name: Michael C. Jones Title: Director, Equity Capital Markets

#### AMENDMENT TO EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

February 17, 2021

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is hereby made to the Equity Distribution Agreement, dated May 4, 2018 (the '<u>Equity Distribution Agreement</u>'') between Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "<u>Company</u>") and Truist Securities, Inc. (*f*/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) (the '<u>Agent</u>"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell from time to time through the Agent, acting as agent and/or principal, up to an aggregate of \$250,000,000 of common shares of beneficial interest of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement (this '<u>Amendment</u>'') and not defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Equity Distribution Agreement. The Agent and the Company agree as follows:

A. Amendments to Equity Distribution Agreement. The Equity Distribution Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The first sentence of the first paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through SunTrust acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>")."

2. The second paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Company has also entered into (i) separate equity distribution agreements with respect to the Securities, dated as of May 4, 2018, each amended by an amendment to the equity distribution agreements, dated as of February 17, 2021 (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements"), with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC, and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. (collectively, the "2018 Alternative Placement Agents") and (ii) an equity distribution agreement with respect to the Securities, dated as of February 17, 2021 (together with the 2018 Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, and each, an "Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement"), with BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Alternative Placement Agents, and each, an "Alternative Placement Agent," and, together with SunTrust, the "Agents"). The aggregate offering price of the Securities that may be sold pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements collectively shall not exceed the Maximum Amount."

3. The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 of the Equity Distribution Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

C. No Other Amendments. Except as set forth in Part A above, all the terms and provisions of the Equity Distribution Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

D. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The word "executed" and words of like import in this Amendment shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign).

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

TRUIST SECURITIES, INC. (F/K/A SUNTRUST ROBINSON HUMPHREY, INC.)

By: <u>/s/ Keith Carpenter</u> Name: Keith Carpenter Title: Director

## Washington Real Estate Investment Trust

\$550,000,000 of Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

# EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Dated: February 17, 2021

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#### Washington Real Estate Investment Trust

\$550,000,000 of Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

#### **EQUITY DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

February 17, 2021

BTIG, LLC 65 East 55th Street New York, NY 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "<u>Company</u>"), confirms its agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") with BTIG, LLC ("<u>BTIG</u>"), as follows:

### SECTION 1. Description of Securities.

The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through BTIG, acting as agent and/or principal, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), having an aggregate sale price of up to \$550,000,000 (such Common Shares, the "<u>Securities</u>", and such maximum amount, the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto agree that compliance with the limitations set forth in this Section 1 regarding the aggregate sale price of the Securities issued and sold under this Agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the Company, and BTIG shall have no obligation in connection with such compliance. The issuance and sale of the Securities through BTIG will be effected pursuant to the Registration Statement (as defined below) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>"), which became effective upon filing, although nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Company to use the Registration Statement to issue the Securities. The Company agrees that whenever it determines to sell Securities directly to BTIG as principal it will enter into a separate written agreement containing the terms and conditions of such sale.

The Company has also entered into separate equity distribution agreements with respect to the Securities, dated as of May 4, 2018, each amended by an amendment to the equity distribution agreements, dated as of February 17, 2021 (each, an "<u>Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements</u>") with BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (each, an "<u>Alternative Placement Agents</u>") and collectively, the "<u>Alternative Placement Agents</u>"). The aggregate offering price of the Securities that may be sold pursuant to

this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements collectively shall not exceed the Maximum Amount.

The Company has filed, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act, with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-253164), including a base prospectus, relating to certain securities, including the Securities to be issued from time to time by the Company, and which incorporates by reference documents that the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"). The Company has prepared a prospectus supplement specifically relating to the Securities (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement. The Company will furnish to BTIG, for use by BTIG, copies of the prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, relating to the Securities. The "Registration Statement", as of any time, means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto at such time, including the exhibits and any schedules thereto at such time, the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act and the documents and information otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to Rule 430B of the Securities Act ("Rule 430B"); provided, however, that the "Registration Statement" without reference to a time means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto as of the time of the first contract of sale for the Securities, which time shall be considered the "new effective date" of the Registration Statement with respect to the Securities within the meaning of paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 430B, including the exhibits and schedules thereto at such time, the documents and information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to Rule 430B. The base prospectus, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, included in the Registration Statement, as it may be supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, in the form in which such prospectus and/or Prospectus Supplement have most recently been filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act is herein called the "Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein, and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing after the execution hereof of any document with the Commission deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR.

## SECTION 2. Placements.

Each time that the Company wishes to issue and sell the Securities hereunder (each, a "<u>Placement</u>"), it will notify BTIG by email notice (or other method mutually agreed to in writing

by the parties) containing the parameters in accordance with which it desires the Securities to be sold, which shall at a minimum include the number or dollar amount of Securities to be issued (the "Placement Securities"), the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number or dollar amount of Securities that may be sold in any one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made (a "Placement Notice"), a form of which containing such minimum sales parameters necessary is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Placement Notice shall originate from any of the individuals from the Company set forth on Exhibit B (with a copy to each of the other individuals from the Company listed on such schedule), and shall be addressed to each of the individuals from BTIG set forth on Exhibit B, as such Exhibit B may be amended from time to time. If BTIG wishes to accept such proposed terms included in the Placement Notice (which it may decline to do so for any reason in its sole discretion) or, following discussion with the Company, wishes to accept amended terms, BTIG will, prior to 4:30 p.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day following the Business Day on which such Placement Notice is delivered to BTIG, issue to the Company a notice by email (or other method mutually agreed to in writing by the parties) addressed to all of the individuals from the Company and BTIG set forth on Exhibit B) setting forth the terms that BTIG is willing to accept. Where the terms provided in the Placement Notice are amended as provided for in the immediately preceding sentence, such terms will not be binding on the Company or BTIG until the Company delivers to BTIG an acceptance by email (or other method mutually agreed to in writing by the parties) of all of the terms of such Placement Notice, as amended (the "Acceptance"), which email shall be addressed to all of the individuals from the Company and BTIG set forth on Exhibit B. The Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) shall be effective upon receipt by the Company of BTIG's acceptance of the terms of the Placement Notice or upon receipt by BTIG of the Company's Acceptance, as the case may be, unless and until (i) the entire amount of the Placement Securities has been sold, (ii) in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in the second sentence of this paragraph, the Company terminates the Placement Notice, (iii) the Company issues a subsequent Placement Notice with parameters superseding those on the earlier dated Placement Notice, (iv) this Agreement has been terminated under the provisions of Section 13 or (v) either party shall have suspended the sale of the Placement Securities in accordance with Section 4 below. The amount of any discount, commission or other compensation to be paid by the Company to BTIG in connection with the sale of the Placement Securities shall be calculated in accordance with the terms set forth in Exhibit C. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that neither the Company nor BTIG will have any obligation whatsoever with respect to a Placement or any Placement Securities unless and until the Company delivers a Placement Notice to BTIG and either (i) BTIG accepts the terms of such Placement Notice or (ii) where the terms of such Placement Notice are amended, the Company accepts such amended terms by means of an Acceptance pursuant to the terms set forth above, and then only upon the terms specified in the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) and herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable), the terms of the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) will control.

The Company agrees that any offer to sell or any sales of Securities pursuant to this Agreement or any Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement shall only be effected by or through only one of BTIG or an Alternative Placement Agent on any single given day, and the Company shall in no event request that BTIG and an Alternative Placement Agent sell Securities on the same day; *provided, however*, that the foregoing limitation shall only apply with respect to an agency transaction and shall not apply to any principal transaction effected at any time by any Agent and, provided further, such limitation shall not apply on any day during which no sales are made pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary contained herein, the Company shall be permitted, at any time and from time to time, to engage one or more additional agents and/or principals, subject to such additional agents and/or principals executing the expense reimbursement agreement then in effect among the Agents relating only to the sale of the Securities and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Alternative Distribution Agreements, that, once engaged, may offer to sell, solicit an offer to buy or sell the Securities.

## SECTION 3. Sale of Placement Securities by BTIG.

Subject to the provisions of Section 6(a), BTIG, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell the Placement Securities up to the amount specified, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable). BTIG will provide written confirmation to the Company no later than the opening of the Trading Day (as defined below) immediately following the Trading Day on which it has made sales of Placement Securities hereunder setting forth the number of Placement Securities sold on such day, the compensation payable by the Company to BTIG pursuant to Section 2. with respect to such sales, and the Net Proceeds (as defined below) payable to the Company, with an itemization of the deductions made by BTIG (as set forth in Section 6(b)) from the gross proceeds that it receives from such sales. Subject to the terms of the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable), BTIG may sell Placement Securities by any method permitted by law deemed to be an "at the market" offering as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act, including without limitation sales made directly on the NYSE, on any other existing trading market for the Common Stock or to or through a market maker. Subject to the terms of the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable), BTIG may also sell Placement Securities by any other method permitted by law, including but not limited to in privately negotiated transactions, which may include block trades. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) there can be no assurance that BTIG will be successful in selling Placement Securities, and (ii) BTIG will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if it does not sell Placement Securities for any reason other than a failure by BTIG to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell such Placement Securities as required under this Section 3. For the purposes hereof, "Trading Day" means any day on which shares of Common Stock are purchased and sold on the principal market on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted.

SECTION 4. <u>Suspension of Sales</u>. The Company or BTIG may, upon notice to the other party in writing (including by email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other party set forth on <u>Exhibit B</u>, if receipt of such correspondence is actually acknowledged by any of the

individuals to whom the notice is sent, other than via auto-reply) or by telephone (confirmed immediately by verifiable facsimile transmission or email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other party set forth on <u>Exhibit B</u>), suspend any sale of Placement Securities; *provided, however*, that such suspension shall not affect or impair either party's obligations with respect to any Placement Securities sold hereunder prior to the receipt of such notice or any Placement Securities sold under the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements. Each of the parties agrees that no such notice under this Section 4. shall be effective against the other unless it is made to one of the individuals named on <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, as such <u>Exhibit B</u> may be amended from time to time.

#### SECTION 5. Representations and Warranties.

(a) *Representations and Warranties by the Company*. The Company represents and warrants to BTIG as of the date hereof and as of each Representation Date (as defined below) on which a certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7(n) of this Agreement, as of each Applicable Time and as of each Settlement Date (as defined below), and agrees with BTIG, as follows:

(1) <u>Compliance with Registration Requirements</u>. The Securities have been duly registered under the Securities Act pursuant to the Registration Statement. The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, or, with respect to any registration statement to be filed to register the offer and sale of the Securities pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (a "<u>Rule 462(b)</u> <u>Registration Statement</u>"), will be filed with the Commission and become effective under the Securities Act no later than 10:00 p.m. (New York City time), on the date of determination of the public offering price for the Securities, and no stop order preventing or suspending the use of any base prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus or any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus (as defined below), or the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with.

At the respective times each of the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto became or becomes effective and as of the date hereof, the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any amendments and supplements thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. The conditions for the use of Form S-3, as set forth in the General Instructions thereto, and the Registration Statement meets, and the offering and sale of the Securities as contemplated hereby complies with, the requirements of Rule 415 under the Securities Act (including, without limitation, Rule 415(a)(5)). The Registration Statement, as of the date hereof and each effective date with respect thereto, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any

amendments or supplements thereto, as of their respective dates, and at each Applicable Time and Settlement Date, as the case may be, included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The representations and warranties set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by BTIG expressly for use therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the only information so furnished as of the date hereof shall be BTIG's name (the "Agent Information").

The copies of the Registration Statement and any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any amendments thereto, any other preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto delivered and to be delivered to BTIG (electronically or otherwise) in connection with the offering of the Securities were and will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus relating to the Securities, as of its issue date and as of each Applicable Time and Settlement Date, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any incorporated document deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified, or included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances, prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading. The foregoing sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by BTIG specifically for use therein.

At the time of the initial filing of the Registration Statement, at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), at the time the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning, for this paragraph only, of Rule 164(h)(2) of the Securities Act), the Company was and is a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, including not having been and not being an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act; and, without limitation to the foregoing, the Company has at all relevant times met, meets and will at all relevant times meet the requirements of Rule 164 for the use of a free writing prospectus (as defined in Rule 405)

in connection with the offering contemplated hereby. The Company agrees to pay the fees required by the Commission relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r).

Each document incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus heretofore filed, when it was filed (or, if any amendment with respect to any such document was filed, when such amendment was filed), conformed in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act, and any further documents so filed and incorporated after the date of this Agreement will, when they are filed, conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act; no such document when it was filed (or, if an amendment with respect to any such document was filed, when such amendment was filed), contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and no such document, when it is filed, will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein not misleading.

(2) <u>Prior Written Communications</u>. Any offer that is a written communication relating to the Securities made prior to the initial filing of the Registration Statement by the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this paragraph only, of Rule 163(c) of the Securities Act) has been filed with the Commission in accordance with the exemption provided by Rule 163 of the Securities Act and otherwise complied with the requirements of Rule 163 of the Securities Act, including without limitation the legending requirement.

(3) <u>Good Standing of Company</u>. The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a real estate investment trust of unlimited duration with transferable shares of beneficial interest in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with full power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The Company is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not result in a material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or the results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>").

(4) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. Each "significant subsidiary" of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act) (each, a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") (which term includes corporations, limited and general partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures and other entities, and includes direct and indirect subsidiaries), has been duly organized and is

validly existing as a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, as the case may be, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, has power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other ownership interests of each subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity; and none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any subsidiary was issued in violation of preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of such subsidiary.

(5) <u>Capitalization</u>. The Securities and all other outstanding Common Stock have been duly authorized; the authorized equity capitalization of the Company is as set forth in the Prospectus; all outstanding Common Stock is, and, when the Securities have been delivered and paid for in accordance with this Agreement or any Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement, such Securities will have been, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, will be consistent with the information in the Prospectus and will conform to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus; the shareholders of the Company have no preemptive rights with respect to the Securities; and none of the outstanding Common Stock has been issued in violation of any preemptive or similar rights of any security holder.

(6) <u>Absence of Further Requirements</u>. No consent, approval, authorization, or order of, or filing or registration with, any person (including any governmental agency or body or any court) is required for the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the offering, issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company, except such as have been obtained under the Securities Act, and such as may be required under state securities laws.

(7) <u>Title to Property</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to, or valid and enforceable leasehold estates in, all items of real and personal property referred to in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as owned or leased by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims, security interests and defects, other than those disclosed in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has no reasonable basis to believe that the lessee under any lease calling for annual lease payments in excess of one percent of the Company's annual revenue for its last fiscal year is not financially capable of performing its obligations thereunder (excluding leases for which rent payments due for the remainder of such lease are less than such amount).

(8) Absence of Defaults and Conflicts Resulting from Transaction. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the issuance and sale of the Securities and compliance with the terms and provisions thereof will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, the declaration of trust, partnership agreement, charter or bylaws or other organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, or any agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject; a "Debt Repayment Triggering Event" means any event or condition that gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(9) <u>Absence of Existing Defaults and Conflicts</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its respective declaration of trust, partnership agreement, charter or bylaws or other organizational document or (ii) in default (or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would be in default) under any existing obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, loan agreement, mortgage, lease or other agreement or instrument to which any of them is a party or by which any of them is bound or to which any of the properties of any of them is subject or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(10) <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(11) <u>Possession of Licenses and Permits</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries possess, and are in compliance with the terms of, all certificates, authorizations, franchises, licenses and permits ("<u>Licenses</u>") necessary or material to the conduct of the business now conducted or proposed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus to be conducted by them and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.

(12) <u>Absence of Labor Dispute</u>. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or its subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, that, in any such case, would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(13) <u>Possession of Intellectual Property</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries own, possess or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate trademarks, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property (collectively, "intellectual property rights") necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, or presently employed by them, and have not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any intellectual property rights that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.

(14) <u>Environmental Laws</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any statute, any rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, "environmental laws"), owns or operates any real property contaminated with any substance that is subject to any environmental laws, is liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any environmental laws, or is subject to any claim relating to any environmental laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect; and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which might lead to such a claim.

(15) <u>Accurate Disclosure</u>. The statements in, or incorporated by reference into, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus under the headings "Description of Shares," "Description of Common Shares," "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" and "Risk Factors" and the statements in the Registration Statement under Item 15 insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings and present the information required to be shown in all material respects.

(16) <u>REIT Status</u>. With respect to all tax periods regarding which the Internal Revenue Service is or will be entitled to assert any claim, the Company has met the requirements for qualification as a real estate investment trust ("<u>REIT</u>") under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "<u>Code</u>"), and the Company's current organization and present and contemplated operations, assets and income as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus will permit the Company to continue to meet such requirements.

(17) Insurance. The Company and its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; the Company has no reason to believe that it or any of its subsidiaries will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect; and the Company and each of its subsidiaries has obtained title insurance on all of the properties owned by each of them in an amount at least equal to the original purchase price to acquire land and improvements and such title insurance is in full force and effect.

(18) <u>Taxes</u>. The Company has filed all federal, state and foreign income tax returns that have been required to be filed and has paid all taxes indicated by said returns and all assessments, fines and penalties received by it to the extent that such taxes, assessments, fines or penalties have become due.

(19) <u>Statistical and Market-Related Data</u>. Any third-party statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate.

(20) Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Except as set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (i) the Company, its subsidiaries and the Company's Board of Trustees (the "Board") are in compliance in all material respects with Sarbanes-Oxley (as defined below) and all applicable Exchange Rules (as defined below); (ii) the Company has adopted and disclosed corporate governance guidelines; (iii) the Company maintains a system of internal controls, including, but not limited to, disclosure controls and procedures, internal control over financial reporting, an internal audit function and legal and regulatory compliance controls (collectively, "Internal Controls"), which complies with the Securities Laws (as defined below) and is overseen by the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board in accordance with Exchange Rules; (iv) since December 31, 2009, the Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee or the Board, and within the next 90 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, a significant deficiency, material weakness, change in Internal Controls or fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls (each, an "Internal Control Event"), any violation of, or failure to comply with, the Securities Laws, or any matter which, if determined adversely, would have a Material Adverse Effect; and (v) "Securities Laws" means, collectively, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Sarbanes-Oxley"), the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of "issuers" (as defined in Sarbanes-Oxley) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB Rules" and "PCAOB," respectively), and, as applicable, the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("Exchange Rules"). There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and

any of the Company's trustees or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley Section 402 relating to loans and there is and has been no material failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company's trustees or officers, in their capacities as such to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley Sections 302 and 906 relating to certifications.

(21) <u>Litigation</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Securities; and no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are threatened or, to the Company's knowledge, contemplated.

(22) <u>No Registration Rights</u>. No holders of securities of the Company have rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.

(23) Financial Statements. The consolidated historical financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus present fairly the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). The selected financial data set forth under the caption "Selected Financial Information" in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus fairly present, on the basis stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, the information included therein. The pro forma financial statements included in Registration Statement and the Prospectus include assumptions that provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the transactions and events described therein, the related pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those assumptions, and the pro forma adjustments reflect the proper application of those adjustments to the historical financial statement amounts in the pro forma financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The pro forma financial statements included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act and the pro forma adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements. The historical summaries of revenue and certain operating expenses included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus present fairly the revenue and those operating expenses included in such summaries of the properties related thereto for the periods specified in conformity with GAAP. Any

information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as defined in Regulation G of the Commission) complies with Regulation G and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the Commission, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(24) <u>Independent Accountants</u>. The accountants, who certified the financial statements and delivered their reports with respect to the audited consolidated financial statements and supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, are independent registered public accountants with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder.

(25) <u>No Prohibition on Dividends by Subsidiaries</u>. Except as otherwise provided in a secured loan document relating to a property owned by a subsidiary, no Subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such Subsidiary's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such Subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

(26) <u>Absence of Manipulation</u>. The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(27) <u>ERISA</u>. None of the following events has occurred or exists that would have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) a failure to fulfill the obligations, if any, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("<u>ERISA</u>"), and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to a Plan, determined without regard to any waiver of such obligations or extension of any amortization period; (ii) an audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) any breach of any contractual obligation, or any violation of law or applicable qualification standards, with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by the Company or any of its subsidiaries. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (i) a material increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans in the current fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such

contributions made in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (ii) a material increase in the "accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations" (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such obligations in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (iii) any event or condition giving rise to a liability under Title IV of ERISA that would have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iv) the filing of a claim by one or more employees or former employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries related to their employment that would have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "Plan" means a plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA with respect to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries may have any liability.

(28) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any trustee, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA"), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA; and the Company, its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, its other affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA.

(29) <u>Money Laundering Laws</u>. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar applicable rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, "<u>Money Laundering Laws</u>") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(30) <u>OFAC</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any trustee, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("<u>OFAC</u>"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use any of the proceeds received by the Company from the sale of Securities contemplated by this Agreement, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available any such proceeds to any

subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(31) <u>Significant Subsidiaries</u>. The subsidiaries listed on <u>Exhibit D</u> attached hereto are the only significant subsidiaries of the Company as defined by Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X.

(32) <u>Lending Relationship</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any outstanding borrowings from, or is a party to any line of credit, credit agreement or other credit facility or otherwise has a borrowing relationship with, any bank or other lending institution affiliated with BTIG, and, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, the Company does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities to repay any debt owed to BTIG or any affiliate thereof.

(33) <u>No Other Contracts</u>. There are no contracts or documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto that have not been so described and filed as required.

(34) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "<u>Investment Company Act</u>").

(35) <u>Finder's Fee</u>. Other than this Agreement, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or BTIG for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment as a result of any transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(36) <u>Proprietary Trading by BTIG</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that BTIG has informed the Company that BTIG may, to the extent permitted under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, purchase and sell shares of Common Stock for its own account and for the account of its clients while this Agreement is in effect, and shall be under no obligation to purchase Securities on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed by BTIG in the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable); provided, that no such purchase or sales for BTIG's own account shall take place while a Placement Notice is in effect (except (i) as agreed by BTIG in the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) or (ii) to the extent BTIG may engage in sales of Placement Securities purchased or deemed purchased from the Company as a "riskless principal" or in a similar capacity).

(37) <u>No Material Adverse Change in Business</u>. Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, since the end of the period covered by the latest audited financial statements

included in the Prospectus (i) there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole that is material and adverse, (ii) except for ordinary quarterly dividends, there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock and (iii) there has been no material adverse change in the capital stock, short-term indebtedness, long-term indebtedness, net current assets or net assets of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(38) <u>Actively Traded Security</u>. Except under circumstances where the Company has provided BTIG with the notice required pursuant to Section 7(x) of this Agreement, the Common Stock is an "actively traded security" excepted from the requirements of Rule 101 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act by subsection (c)(1) of such rule.

(39) <u>NYSE</u>. The outstanding shares of Common Stock have been and the Securities to be sold by the Company hereunder will have been approved for listing, subject only to official notice of issuance, on the NYSE, and are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Securities under the Exchange Act or delisting any such securities from the NYSE, nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission or the NYSE is contemplating terminating such registration or listing.

(b) *Certificates*. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and delivered to BTIG or to counsel for BTIG shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to BTIG as to the matters covered thereby.

## SECTION 6. Sale and Delivery to BTIG; Settlement.

(a) Sale of Placement Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, upon BTIG's acceptance of the terms of a Placement Notice or upon receipt by BTIG of an Acceptance, as the case may be, and unless the sale of the Placement Securities described therein has been declined, suspended, or otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, BTIG, for the period specified in the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable), will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell such Placement Securities up to the amount specified, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable). The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) there can be no assurance that BTIG will be successful in selling Placement Securities, (ii) BTIG will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if it does not sell Placement Securities for any reason other than a failure by BTIG to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell such Placement Securities as required under this Section 6. and (iii) BTIG shall be under no obligation to purchase Securities

on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed by BTIG in the Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable).

(b) Settlement of Placement Securities. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable), settlement for sales of Placement Securities will occur on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Trading Day (or such earlier day as is industry practice for regular-way trading) following the date on which such sales are made (each, a "<u>Settlement Date</u>"). The amount of proceeds to be delivered to the Company on a Settlement Date against receipt of the Placement Securities sold (the "<u>Net Proceeds</u>") will be equal to the aggregate sales price received by BTIG at which such Placement Securities were sold, after deduction for (i) BTIG's commission, discount or other compensation for such sales payable by the Company pursuant to Section 2 hereof, (ii) any other amounts due and payable by the Company to BTIG hereunder pursuant to Section 8(a) hereof, and (iii) any transaction fees imposed by any governmental or self-regulatory organization in respect of such sales.

(c) Delivery of Placement Securities. On or before each Settlement Date, the Company will, or will cause its transfer agent to, electronically transfer the Placement Securities being sold by crediting BTIG's or its designee's account (provided BTIG shall have given the Company written notice of such designee prior to the Settlement Date) at The Depository Trust Company through its Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian System or by such other means of delivery as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto which in all cases shall be freely tradable, transferable, registered shares in good deliverable form. On each Settlement Date, BTIG will deliver the related Net Proceeds in same day funds to an account designated by the Company on, or prior to, the Settlement Date. The Company agrees that if the Company, or its transfer agent (if applicable), defaults in its obligation to deliver Placement Securities on a Settlement Date, the Company agrees that in addition to and in no way limiting the rights and obligations set forth in Section 10(a) hereto, it will (i) hold BTIG harmless against any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense whatsoever (including reasonable legal fees and expenses), as incurred, arising out of or in connection with such default by the Company or its transfer agent and (ii) pay to BTIG any commission, discount, or other compensation to which it would otherwise have been entitled absent such default.

(d) *Denominations; Registration.* Certificates for the Securities shall be in such denominations and registered in such names as BTIG may request in writing at least one full business day before the Settlement Date. The Company shall deliver the Securities, if any, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company unless BTIG shall otherwise instruct.

(e) *Limitations on Offering Size*. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Securities, if after giving effect to the sale of such Securities, the aggregate offering price of the Securities sold pursuant to this Agreement would exceed the lesser of (A) together with all sales of Securities under the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, the Maximum Amount, (B) the amount available for offer and sale under the currently effective Registration Statement and (C) the amount authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements by the Company (which authorized amount shall be notified to BTIG in writing at any time upon

BTIG's written request during the pendency of an active Placement Notice). Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Securities pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements at a price lower than the minimum price authorized from time to time by the Company (which minimum price shall be notified to BTIG in writing at any time upon BTIG's written request during the pendency of an active Placement Notice). Further, under no circumstances shall the aggregate offering price of Securities sold pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, including any separate underwriting or similar agreement covering principal transactions described in Section 1. of this Agreement, exceed the Maximum Amount.

(f) Black-out Limitations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company shall not offer or sell, or instruct BTIG to offer or sell, any Securities through BTIG as agent (and, by notice to BTIG given by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email), shall cancel any instructions for any such offer or sale of any Securities prior to the commencement of the periods referenced below), and BTIG shall not be obligated to make any such offer or sale of Securities, (i) during any period in which the Company is, or could be deemed to be, in possession of material non-public information or (ii) except as provided in Section 6(f)(1) hereof, at any time from and including the date on which the Company issues a press release containing, or shall otherwise publicly announce, its earnings, revenues or other operating results for a fiscal period or periods (each, an "Earnings Announcement") through and including the time that is 24 hours after the time that the Company files a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or an Annual Report on Form 10-K (a "Filing Time") that includes consolidated financial statements as of and for the same fiscal period or periods, as the case may be, covered by such Earnings Announcement.

(1) If the Company wishes to offer or sell Securities to BTIG as agent at any time during the period from and including an Earnings Announcement through and including the time that is 24 hours after the corresponding Filing Time, the Company shall first (i) prepare and deliver to BTIG (with a copy to counsel to BTIG) a Current Report on Form 8-K that includes substantially the same financial and related information (together with management's discussion and analysis thereof) that was included in such Earnings Announcement (other than any earnings projections and similar forward-looking data and officers' quotations) (each, an "Earnings 8-K"), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to BTIG, and, prior to its filing, obtain the written consent of BTIG to such filing (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), (ii) provide BTIG with the officers' certificate, opinions and letters of counsel and accountants' letter specified in Section 7(o), (p) and (q), respectively, hereof, (iii) afford BTIG the opportunity to conduct a due diligence review in accordance with Section 7(m) hereof prior to filing such Earnings 8-K and (iv) file such Earnings 8-K with the Commission, then the provision of clause (ii) of Section 6(f) shall not be applicable for the period from and after the time at which the foregoing conditions shall have been satisfied (or, if later, the time that is 24 hours after the Filing Time of the relevant Earnings Announcement was first publicly released) through and including the time that is 24 hours after the Filing Time of the relevant Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Annual Report on Form 10-K, as the case may be. For purposes of clarity, the parties hereto



agree that (A) the delivery of any officers' certificate, opinion or letter of counsel or accountants' letter pursuant to this Section 6(f) shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to any Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Annual Report on Form 10-K, as the case may be, including, without limitation, the obligation to deliver officers' certificates, opinions and letters of counsel and accountants' letters as provided in Section 7(o), (p) and (q), respectively, hereof, and (B) this Section 6(f) shall in no way affect or limit the operation of clause (i) of Section 6(f) hereof, which shall have independent application.

#### SECTION 7. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with BTIG as follows:

Registration Statement Amendments; Payment of Fees. After the date of this Agreement and during any period in which a (a) Prospectus relating to any Placement Securities is required to be delivered by BTIG under the Securities Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act), (i) the Company will notify BTIG promptly of the time when any subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement, other than documents incorporated by reference, has been filed with the Commission and/or has become effective or any subsequent supplement to the Prospectus has been filed and of any comment letter from the Commission or any request by the Commission for any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information; (ii) the Company will prepare and file with the Commission, promptly upon BTIG's request, any amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus that, in BTIG's reasonable opinion, may be necessary or advisable in connection with the distribution of the Placement Securities by BTIG (provided, however, that the failure of BTIG to make such request shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect BTIG's right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement): (iii) the Company will not file any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus, other than documents incorporated by reference, relating to the Placement Securities or a security convertible into the Placement Securities unless a copy thereof has been submitted to BTIG within a reasonable period of time before the filing and BTIG has not reasonably objected thereto (provided, however, that the failure of BTIG to make such objection shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect BTIG's right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement) and the Company will furnish to BTIG at the time of filing thereof a copy of any document that upon filing is deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or Prospectus, except for those documents available via EDGAR; and (iv) the Company will cause each amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, other than documents incorporated by reference, to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8) of the Securities Act).

(b) *Notice of Commission Stop Orders.* The Company will advise BTIG, promptly after it receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, of the issuance or threatened issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or

of any other order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Placement Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction or of the loss or suspension of any exemption from any such qualification, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes, or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Securities Act concerning the Registration Statement or if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order, the suspension of any qualification of the Securities for offering or sale and any loss or suspension of any exemption from any such qualification, and if any such stop order is issued or any such suspension or loss occurs, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(c) Delivery of Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company will furnish to BTIG and its counsel (at the expense of the Company) copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) and all amendments and supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus, and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, that are filed with the Commission during any period in which a Prospectus relating to the Placement Securities is required to be delivered under the Securities Act (including all documents filed with the Commission during such period that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), in each case as soon as reasonably practicable and in such quantities and at such locations as BTIG may from time to time reasonably request. The copies of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any supplements or amendments thereto furnished to BTIG will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(d) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. If at any time when a Prospectus is required by the Securities Act or the Exchange Act to be delivered in connection with a pending sale of the Placement Securities (including, without limitation, pursuant to Rule 172), any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for BTIG or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the Securities Act, the Company will promptly notify BTIG to suspend the offering of Placement Securities during such period and the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement or the Prospectus comply with such requirements, and the Company will furnish to BTIG such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as BTIG may reasonably request. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or included, includes or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or would omit to state a material fact

necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify BTIG to suspend the offering of Placement Securities during such period and the Company will, subject to Section 7(a) hereof, promptly amend or supplement such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(e) Blue Sky and Other Qualifications. The Company will use its best efforts, in cooperation with BTIG, to qualify the Placement Securities for offering and sale, or to obtain an exemption for the Securities to be offered and sold, under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as BTIG may designate and to maintain such qualifications and exemptions in effect for so long as required for the distribution of the Securities (but in no event for less than one year from the date of this Agreement); provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. In each jurisdiction in which the Placement Securities have been so qualified or exempt, the Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of such jurisdiction to continue such qualification or exemption, as the case may be, in effect for so long as required for the distribution of the Placement Securities (but in no event for less than one year from the date of this Agreement).

(f) *Rule 158.* The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the Exchange Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as reasonably practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to BTIG the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act.

(g) Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds."

(h) *Listing.* During any period in which the Prospectus relating to the Placement Securities is required to be delivered by BTIG under the Securities Act with respect to a pending sale of the Placement Securities (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act), the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Placement Securities to be listed on the NYSE.

(i) *Filings with the NYSE*. The Company will timely file with the NYSE all material documents and notices required by the NYSE of companies that have or will issue securities that are traded on the NYSE.

(j) *Reporting Requirements.* The Company, during any period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act), will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act within the time periods required by the Exchange Act.

Notice of Other Sales. During the pendency of any Placement Notice delivered hereunder (as amended by the corresponding (k) Acceptance, if applicable), the Company will not, without giving BTIG at least one (1) business day prior written notice specifying the nature of the proposed sale and the date of such proposed sale, (A) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any Common Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Common Stock, or file any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing (other than a shelf registration statement under Rule 415 under the 1933 Act, a registration statement on Form S-8 or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement) or (B) enter into any swap or other agreement or any transaction that transfers in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any of the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (A) or (B) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (i) the Common Stock to be offered and sold through BTIG and the Alternative Placement Agents pursuant to this Agreement and the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, (ii) any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion, redemption or exchange of a security outstanding at the time such Placement Notice is delivered, including Common Stock issuable upon exchange of operating partnership units of any operating partnership subsidiary of the Company ("OP Units"), (iii) any issuances of OP Units, (iv) Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company's direct dividend reinvestment plan as it may be amended or replaced from time to time, and (v) equity incentive awards approved by the Board or the compensation committee thereof or the issuance of Common Stock upon exercise thereof.

(1) *Change of Circumstances*. The Company will, at any time during a fiscal quarter in which the Company intends to tender a Placement Notice or sell Placement Securities, advise BTIG promptly after it shall have received notice or obtained knowledge thereof, of any information or fact that would alter or affect in any material respect any opinion, certificate, letter or other document provided to BTIG pursuant to this Agreement.

(m) *Due Diligence Cooperation.* The Company will cooperate with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by BTIG or its agents in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, providing information and making available documents and senior officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, as BTIG may reasonably request.

(n) *Representation Dates; Certificate.* On or prior to the date that the first Securities are sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and:

(1) each time the Company:

i. files the Prospectus relating to the Placement Securities or amends or supplements the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the

Placement Securities by means of a post-effective amendment, sticker, or supplement but not by means of incorporation of documents by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement Securities;

- ii. files an annual report on Form 10-K under the Exchange Act;
- iii. files a quarterly report on Form 10-Q under the Exchange Act; or

iv. files a report on Form 8-K containing amended financial information (other than an earnings release, to "furnish" information pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K) under the Exchange Act; and

(2) at any other time reasonably requested by BTIG (each such date of filing of one or more of the documents referred to in clauses (1)(i) through (iv) and any time of request pursuant to this Section 7(n) shall be a "<u>Representation Date</u>"),

the Company shall furnish BTIG with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F within two (2) Trading Days of any Representation Date. Except as otherwise notified by BTIG with respect to a Representation Date on which the Company files its Form 10-K, the requirement to provide a certificate under this Section 7(n) shall be waived for any Representation Date occurring at a time at which no Placement Notice (as amended by the corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) is pending, which waiver shall continue until the earlier to occur of the date the Company delivers a Placement Notice hereunder (which for such calendar quarter shall be considered a Representation Date) and the next occurring Representation Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company subsequently decides to sell Placement Securities following a Representation Date when the Company relied on such waiver and did not provide BTIG with a certificate under this Section 7(n), then before the Company delivers the Placement Notice or BTIG sells any Placement Securities, the Company shall provide BTIG with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F, dated the date of the Placement Notice.

(o) Legal Opinions. On or prior to the date that the first Securities are sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, within two (2) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause to be furnished to BTIG written opinions of Hogan Lovells US LLP ("Company Counsel"), or other counsel satisfactory to BTIG, in form and substance satisfactory to BTIG and its counsel, dated the date that the opinions are required to be delivered, substantially similar to the forms attached hereto as Exhibit E, modified, as necessary, to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented; provided, however, that in lieu of such opinions for subsequent Representation Dates, counsel may furnish BTIG with a letter (a "Reliance Letter") to the effect that BTIG may rely on a prior opinion delivered under this Section 7(o) to the same extent as if it were dated the date of such letter (except that statements in such prior opinion shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented at such Representation Date).



(p) Comfort Letter. On or prior to the date that the first Securities are sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, within two (2) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause its independent accountants (and any other independent accountants whose report is included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus) to furnish BTIG letters (the "Comfort Letters"), dated the date of the Comfort Letter is delivered, in form and substance satisfactory to BTIG, (i) confirming that they are an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the PCAOB, (ii) stating, as of such date, the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants" "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings (the first such letter, the "Initial Comfort Letter") and (iii) updating the Initial Comfort Letter with any information that would have been included in the Initial Comfort Letter had it been given on such date and modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter.

(q) *Market Activities.* The Company will not, directly or indirectly, (i) take any action designed to cause or result in, or that constitutes or might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities or (ii) sell, bid for, or purchase the Securities to be issued and sold pursuant to this Agreement, or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Securities to be issued and sold pursuant to this Agreement other than BTIG; *provided, however*, that the Company may bid for and purchase its Common Stock in accordance with Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act; and provided further, that no such bids or purchases shall be made by the Company during the two (2) Trading Days before or after any sale of any Securities pursuant to this Agreement.

(r) *Insurance*. The Company and its subsidiaries shall maintain, or caused to be maintained, insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as is reasonable and customary for companies engaged in similar businesses in similar industries, except where the failure to maintain such insurance would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(s) *Compliance with Laws.* The Company and each of its subsidiaries shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, all material environmental permits, licenses and other authorizations required by federal, state and local law in order to conduct their businesses as described in the Prospectus, and the Company and each of its subsidiaries shall conduct their businesses, or cause their businesses to be conducted, in substantial compliance with such permits, licenses and authorizations and with applicable environmental laws, except where the failure to maintain or be in compliance with such permits, licenses and authorizations could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(t) Investment Company Act. The Company will conduct its affairs in such a manner so as to reasonably ensure that neither it nor its subsidiaries will be or become, at any time prior to the termination of this Agreement, an "investment company," as such term is defined in the



Investment Company Act, assuming no change in the Commission's current interpretation as to entities that are not considered an investment company.

(u) *Securities Act and Exchange Act.* The Company will use its best efforts to comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as from time to time in force, so far as necessary to permit the continuance of sales of, or dealings in, the Placement Securities as contemplated by the provisions hereof and the Prospectus.

(v) *No Offer to Sell.* Other than a free writing prospectus (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) approved in advance in writing by the Company and the Agents in their respective capacities as a principal or agent hereunder or under the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements, the Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Agents in their respective capacities as such) will not, directly or indirectly, make, use, prepare, authorize, approve or refer to any free writing prospectus relating to the Securities to be sold by the Agents as principal or agent hereunder or under an Alternative Equity Distribution Agreement.

(w) Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Company and its subsidiaries will use their best efforts to comply with all effective applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(x) Regulation M. If the Company has reason to believe that the exemptive provisions set forth in Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the Exchange Act are not satisfied with respect to the Company or the Common Stock, it shall promptly notify BTIG and sales of the Placement Securities under this Agreement shall be suspended until that or other exemptive provisions have been satisfied in the judgment of each party.

(y) *REIT Treatment*. The Company currently intends to continue to elect to qualify as a REIT under the Code and will use its best efforts to enable the Company to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for subsequent tax years that include any portion of the term of this Agreement; unless the Company's Board in good faith determines by resolution that it is in the best interests of the Company's stockholders not to meet such requirements.

## SECTION 8. Payment of Expenses.

(a) *Expenses.* The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and of each amendment and supplement thereto, (ii) the word processing, printing and delivery to BTIG of this Agreement and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement Securities, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Placement Securities to BTIG, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any capital duties, stamp duties or other duties or taxes payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement Securities to BTIG, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the counsel, accountants and other advisors to the Company, (v) the qualification or exemption of



the Placement Securities under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(e) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for BTIG in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplements thereto (not to exceed \$10,000), (vi) the printing and delivery to BTIG of copies of any permitted Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by BTIG to investors, (vii) the preparation, printing and delivery to BTIG of copies of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplements thereto, (viii) the fees and expenses of the custodian and the transfer agent and registrar for the Securities, (ix) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to BTIG in connection with, any review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Securities, and (x) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Placement Securities on the NYSE.

SECTION 9. <u>Conditions of BTIG's Obligations</u>. The obligations of BTIG hereunder with respect to a Placement will be subject to the continuing accuracy and completeness of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement and in certificates of any officer of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement.* The Registration Statement and any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement shall have become effective and shall be available for (i) all sales of Placement Securities issued pursuant to all prior Placement Notices (each as amended by a corresponding Acceptance, if applicable) and (ii) the sale of all Placement Securities contemplated to be issued by any Placement Notice (each as amended by a corresponding Acceptance, if applicable).

(b) No Material Notices. None of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing: (i) receipt by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any request for additional information from the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority during the period of effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the response to which would require any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus; (ii) the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; (iii) receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Placement Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; or (iv) the occurrence of any event that makes any material statement made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or any material document incorporated to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement, related Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or such documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain any materially untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements

therein not misleading and, that in the case of the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, it will not contain any materially untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(c) *No Material Misstatement or Omission.* BTIG shall not have advised the Company that the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, contains an untrue statement of fact that in BTIG's reasonable opinion is material, or omits to state a fact that in BTIG's opinion is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(d) *Material Changes*. Except as contemplated in the Prospectus, or disclosed in the Company's reports filed with the Commission, there shall not have been any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the results of operations, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business.

(e) *Opinions of Counsel for Company.* BTIG shall have received the favorable opinions of Company Counsel, required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7(o) on or before the date on which such delivery of such opinions is required pursuant to Section 7(o).

(f) Representation Certificate. BTIG shall have received the certificate required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7(n) on or before the date on which delivery of such certificate is required pursuant to Section 7(n).

(g) Accountant's Comfort Letter. BTIG shall have received the Comfort Letter required to be delivered pursuant Section 7(p) on or before the date on which such delivery of such opinion is required pursuant to Section 7(p).

(h) Opinion of Counsel for BTIG. On or prior to the date that the first Securities are sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, within two (2) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F for which no waiver is applicable, BTIG shall have received the favorable written opinion or opinions of Goodwin Procter LLP, counsel for BTIG, dated such date, with respect to such matters as BTIG may reasonably request.

(i) *Approval for Listing*. The Placement Securities shall either have been (i) approved for listing on NYSE, subject only to notice of issuance, or (ii) the Company shall have filed an application for listing of the Placement Securities on NYSE at, or prior to, the issuance of any Placement Notice.

(j) No Suspension. Trading in the Securities shall not have been suspended on the NYSE.

(k) *Additional Documents*. On each date on which the Company is required to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 7(n), counsel for BTIG shall have been furnished with

such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, contained in this Agreement.

(1) Securities Act Filings Made. All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed prior to the issuance of any Placement Notice hereunder shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424.

(m) *Termination of Agreement*. If any condition specified in this Section 9. shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by BTIG by notice to the Company, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 8. hereof and except that, in the case of any termination of this Agreement, Sections 5, 10, 11, 12 and 22 hereof shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 10. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification by the Company.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BTIG, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) of the Securities Act), and each person, if any, who controls BTIG within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:

i. against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included (A) in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of any offering of Securities ("<u>Marketing Materials</u>"), including any roadshow or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

ii. against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any

such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 10(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

iii. against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by BTIG), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above,

*provided*, *however*, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by BTIG expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by BTIG as of the date hereof consists of the Agent Information.

(b) Indemnification by BTIG. BTIG agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its trustees, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section 10, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by BTIG expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by BTIG as of the date hereof consists of the Agent Information.

(c) Actions against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. Counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected as follows: counsel to BTIG and each person, if any, who controls BTIG within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall be selected by BTIG; and counsel to the Company, its trustees, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; *provided, however*, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for the fees and expenses



of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for BTIG and each person, if any, who controls BTIG within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and the fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for the Company, its trustees, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, in each case in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or contribution could be sought under this Section 10 or Section 11 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) Settlement Without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 10(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

SECTION 11. <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in Section 10 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and BTIG on the other hand from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of BTIG on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions.

The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and BTIG on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and

the total commissions received by BTIG, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate public offering price of the Securities as set forth on such cover.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and BTIG on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or the alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by BTIG and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and BTIG agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 11 were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 11. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 11 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 11, BTIG shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which BTIG has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 11, each person, if any, who controls BTIG within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as BTIG, and each trustee of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Alternative Placement Agents' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 11 are several in proportion to the number of Securities placed or underwritten by it in the applicable offering.

SECTION 12. <u>Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery</u>. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of BTIG or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Company, and shall survive delivery of the Securities to BTIG.

#### SECTION 13. <u>Termination of Agreement</u>.

(a) *Termination; General.* BTIG may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company, as hereinafter specified at any time if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the results of operations, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of BTIG, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or if trading in the Placement Securities has been suspended or limited by the Commission or the NYSE, or if trading generally on the NYSE American, the NYSE or the Nasdaq Stock Market has been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by order of the Commission, the FINRA or any other governmental authority, or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or in Europe, or if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.

(b) *Termination by the Company*. The Company shall have the right, by giving three (3) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in their sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement.

(c) *Termination by BTIG*. BTIG shall have the right, by giving three (3) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement.

(d) *Automatic Termination*. Unless earlier terminated pursuant to this Section 13, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the issuance and sale of all of the Placement Securities through BTIG and the Alternative Placement Agents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Alternative Equity Distribution Agreements with an aggregate sale price equal to the amount set forth in Section 1. of this Agreement.

(e) *Continued Force and Effect.* This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to Sections 13. a)i), (b), (c) or d above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties.

(f) *Effectiveness of Termination.* Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; *provided, however*, that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by BTIG or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Placement Securities, such Placement Securities shall settle in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.



(g) *Liabilities*. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 13, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 8 hereof, and except that, in the case of any termination of this Agreement, Section 5., Section 10, Section 11, Section 12, and Section 22 hereof shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to BTIG shall be directed to BTIG at BTIG, LLC, 65 E 55th Street, New York, NY 10022, Attention: Equity Capital Markets, Email: BTIGUSATMTrading@btig.com; notices to the Company shall be directed to it at 1775 Eye Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20006, fax no. (212) 379-3554, Attention of Stephen E. Riffee, Chief Financial Officer, cc: Taryn D. Fielder, General Counsel.

SECTION 15. <u>Parties</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon BTIG, the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than BTIG, the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and trustees referred to in Sections 10 and 11 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of BTIG, the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and trustees and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Securities from BTIG shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 16. Adjustments for Stock Splits. The parties acknowledge and agree that all stock-related numbers contained in this Agreement shall be adjusted to take into account any stock split, stock dividend or similar event effected with respect to the Securities.

SECTION 17. <u>Governing Law; Time and Jurisdiction</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME. Any action, suit or proceeding to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in any federal court located in the Southern District of the State of New York or any New York state court located in the Borough of Manhattan, and the Company agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom) and each party waives (to the full extent permitted by law) any objection it may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.



SECTION 18. <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Section and Exhibit headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 19. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed Agreement by one party to the other may be made by facsimile or e-mail transmission.

SECTION 20. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:

"Applicable Time" means the time of each sale of any Securities or any securities pursuant to this Agreement.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"EDGAR" means the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

"FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, relating to the Securities that (i) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) is a "road show" that is a "written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (iii) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, and all free writing prospectuses that are listed in <u>Exhibit G</u> hereto, in each case in the form furnished (electronically or otherwise) to BTIG for use in connection with the offering of the Securities.

"<u>NYSE</u>" means the New York Stock Exchange.

"<u>Rule 163</u>," "<u>Rule 164</u>," "<u>Rule 172</u>," "<u>Rule 405</u>," "<u>Rule 415</u>," "<u>Rule 424(b)</u>," "<u>Rule 430B</u>," "<u>Rule 433</u>" and "<u>Rule 462(b)</u>" refer to such rules under the Securities Act.

"<u>Rule 462(b) Registration Statement</u>" means a registration statement filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 462(b) for the purpose of registering any of the Securities under the

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Securities Act, including the documents incorporated by reference therein and the Rule 430A Information.

"Sarbanes-Oxley Act" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or implementing the provisions thereof.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; all references in this Agreement to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (other than any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses that, pursuant to Rule 433, are not required to be filed with the Commission) shall be deemed to include the copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; and all references in this Agreement to "supplements" to the Prospectus shall include, without limitation, any supplements, "wrappers" or similar materials prepared in connection with any offering, sale or private placement of any Placement Securities by BTIG outside of the United States.

SECTION 21. <u>Permitted Free Writing Prospectuses</u>. The Company represents, warrants and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of BTIG, and BTIG represents, warrants and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Company, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by BTIG or by the Company, as the case may be, is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company represents and warrants that it has treated and agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. For the purposes of clarity, the parties hereto agree that all free writing prospectuses, if any, listed in <u>Exhibit G</u> hereto are Permitted Free Writing Prospectuses.

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SECTION 22. <u>Absence of Fiduciary Relationship</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that:

(a) BTIG is acting solely as agent and/or principal in connection with the public offering of the Securities and in connection with each transaction contemplated by this Agreement and the process leading to such transactions, and no fiduciary or advisory relationship between the Company or any of its respective affiliates, stockholders (or other equity holders), creditors or employees or any other party, on the one hand, and BTIG, on the other hand, has been or will be created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not BTIG has advised or is advising the Company on other matters, and BTIG has no obligation to the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement;

(b) any public offering price of the Securities set forth in this Agreement was not established by BTIG;

(c) it is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(d) BTIG has not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and it has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate;

(e) it is aware that BTIG and its respective affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions which may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and BTIG has no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship or otherwise; and

(f) it waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against BTIG for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty and agrees that BTIG shall not have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to it in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any person asserting a fiduciary duty claim on its behalf or in right of it or the Company, employees or creditors of Company.



If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between BTIG and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

WASHINGTON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

By: <u>/s/ Stephen E. Riffee</u> Name: Stephen E. Riffee Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED, as of the date first above written:

BTIG, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Joseph Passaro</u> Authorized Signatory

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## EXHIBIT A

#### FORM OF PLACEMENT NOTICE

From: [ ]

Cc: [ ]

To: [ ]

Subject: Equity Distribution—Placement Notice

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Equity Distribution Agreement between Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (the "<u>Company</u>") and BTIG, LLC ("<u>BTIG</u>") dated February 17, 2021 (the "<u>Agreement</u>"), I hereby request on behalf of the Company that BTIG sell up to  $[\bullet]$  [or  $[\bullet]$  in aggregate offering price of] Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value 0.01 per share (the "<u>Securities</u>"), at a minimum market price of  $[\bullet]$  per share. The Company shall pay BTIG compensation equal to  $[\bullet]$ % of the gross proceeds from the sale of the Securities set forth in this Placement Notice.

[ADDITIONAL SALES PARAMETERS MAY BE ADDED, SUCH AS THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH SALES ARE REQUESTED TO BE MADE, SPECIFIC DATES THE SHARES MAY NOT BE SOLD ON, THE MANNER IN WHICH SALES ARE TO BE MADE BY BTIG, AND/OR THE CAPACITY IN WHICH BTIG MAY ACT IN SELLING SHARES (AS PRINCIPAL, AGENT, OR BOTH)]

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## EXHIBIT B

## AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS FOR PLACEMENT NOTICES AND ACCEPTANCES

# BTIG, LLC

Nicholas Nolan Email: <u>nnolan@btig.com</u>

Brenna Cummings Email: <u>bcummings@btig.com</u>

John Tufts Email: jtufts@btig.com

BTIG US ATM Trading Email: <u>BTIGUSATMTrading@btig.com</u>

## Washington Real Estate Investment Trust

Stephen E. Riffee Email: <u>sriffee@washreit.com</u>

Paul T. McDermott Email: <u>pmcdermott@washreit.com</u>

Taryn D. Fielder Email: <u>tfielder@washreit.com</u>



# EXHIBIT C

# **COMPENSATION**

BTIG shall be paid compensation equal to up to 2.0% of the gross proceeds from the sales of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The actual compensation paid to BTIG shall be set forth in the applicable Placement Notice.

# EXHIBIT D

# SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Name	Jurisdiction of Organization	<b>Type of Entity</b>
	Delaware	Limited Liability Company
	Delaware	Limited Liability Company
WashREIT OP LLC	Delaware	Limited Liability Company
WashREIT OP Sub DC LLC	Delaware	Limited Liability Company
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# EXHIBIT E

# FORM OF OPINIONS OF COMPANY COUNSEL

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#### EXHIBIT F

#### **OFFICER CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned  $[\bullet]$ , the duly qualified and elected  $[\bullet]$  of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust ("<u>Company</u>"), a Maryland real estate investment trust, does hereby certify in such capacity and on behalf of the Company, pursuant to Section 7(n) of (i) each of the Equity Distribution Agreements dated May 4, 2018, each as amended by the Amendment to Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021 (collectively, the "<u>2018 Agreements</u>"), between the Company and each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. (collectively, the "<u>2018 Agreements</u>") and (ii) the Equity Distribution Agreement dated February [\_], 2021 (together with the 2018 Agreements, the "<u>Agreements</u>") between the Company and BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Agreents, the "<u>Agreements</u>") between the Company and BTIG, LLC (together with the 2018 Agreents).

The representations and warranties of the Company in Section 5 of each of the Agreements (A) to the extent such representations and warranties are subject to qualifications and exceptions contained therein relating to materiality or Material Adverse Effect, are true and correct on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if expressly made on and as of the date hereof, except for those representations and warranties that speak solely as of a specific date and which were true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof as if made on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if expressly made on and as of the date hereof as of the date hereof as if made on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if expressly made on and as of the date hereof as of the date hereof as if made on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if expressly made on and as of the date hereof except for those representations and warranties that speak solely as of a specific date and which were true and correct as of such date; and

The Company has complied in all material respects with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied pursuant to each of the Agreements at or prior to the date hereof (other than those conditions waived by the Agents).

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# EXHIBIT G

# **ISSUER FREE WRITING PROSPECTUSES**

None

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February 17, 2021

Board of Trustees Washington Real Estate Investment Trust 1775 Eye Street, NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20006

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "**Company**"), in connection with the public offering of up to \$550,000,000 in aggregate value of the Company's common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "**Common Shares**"), all of which Common Shares are to be offered and sold by the Company from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Equity Distribution Agreements, dated May 4, 2018 and as amended February 17, 2021, between the Company and each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc (f/k/a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.), respectively and the Equity Distribution Agreement, dated February 17, 2021, between the Company and BTIG, LLC (each, individually, an "**Equity Distribution Agreement**" and collectively, the "**Equity Distribution Agreements**"), and as described in the prospectus supplement dated February 17, 2021 (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") and the accompanying prospectus dated February 16, 2021 (together with Prospectus Supplement, collectively, the "**Prospectus Supplement**") and the accompanying prospectus dated February 16, 2021 (together with Prospectus Supplement, collectively, the "**Prospectus Supplement**"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including pdfs). We also have assumed that the Common Shares will not be issued in violation of the ownership limit contained in the Company's Articles of Amendment and Restatement, as amended. As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the applicable provisions of Title 8 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other statutes, rules, or regulations. For purposes of the opinion set forth below,

we have assumed that the Common Shares are issued for a price per share equal to or greater than the minimum price authorized by the Company's board of trustees prior to the date hereof.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the issuance of the Common Shares has been authorized and, when the Common Shares have been issued in the manner set forth in the Registration Statement and Equity Distribution Agreements, the Common Shares will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for your use in connection with the filing by the Company of a Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the offer and sale of the Common Shares, which Form 8-K will be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and Prospectus, and speaks as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to advise of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the delivery of this letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the above-described Form 8-K and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hogan Lovells US LLP

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February 18, 2021

Board of Trustees Washington Real Estate Investment Trust 1775 Eye Street, NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20006

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "**Company**"), in connection with the public offering of up to 1,000,000 of the Company's common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the "**Common Shares**"), all of which Common Shares may be offered and sold by the Company from time to time in accordance with the Company's Direct Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan (the "Plan") as described in the prospectus supplement dated February 18, 2021 (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") and the accompanying prospectus dated February 16, 2021 (together with Prospectus Supplement, collectively, the "**Prospectus**") that form part of the Company's effective registration statement on Form S-3, as amended (No. 333-253164) (the "**Registration Statement**"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

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This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the applicable provisions of Title 8 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other statutes, rules, or regulations.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that following (i) issuance and sale of the Common Shares in accordance with the terms of the Plan as contemplated by the Registration Statement, and (ii) receipt by the Company of the consideration specified in the Plan, the Common Shares will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for your use in connection with the filing by the Company of a Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the offer and sale of the Common Shares pursuant to the Plan, which Form 8-K will be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and Prospectus, and speaks as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to advise of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the delivery of this letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.2 to the above-described Form 8-K and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hogan Lovells US LLP

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