National Health Investors, Inc.



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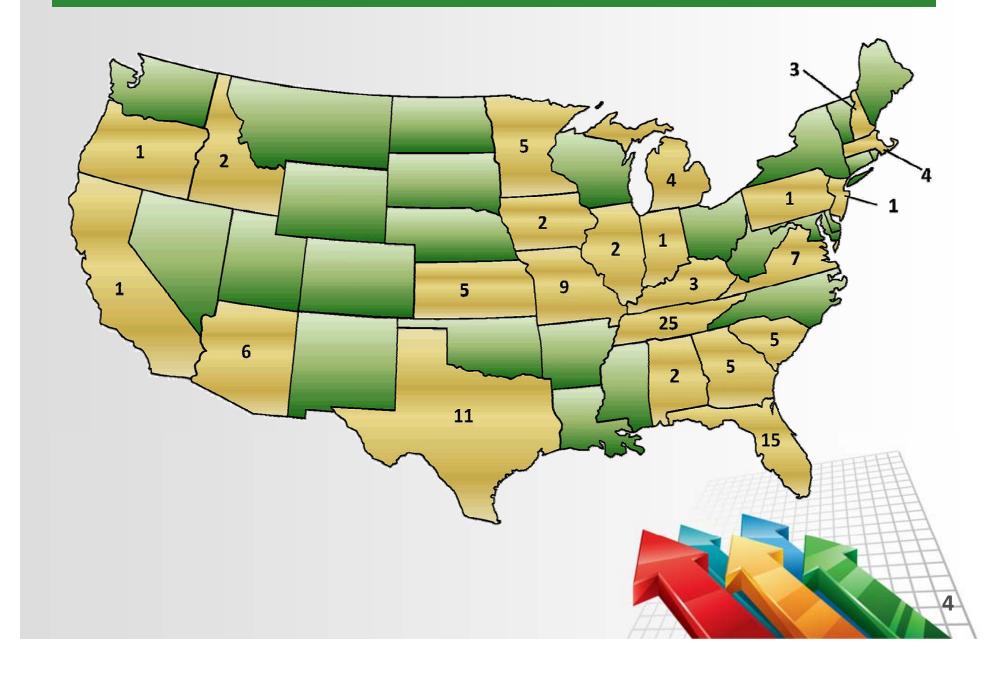
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INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong diversified portfolio
- ***** Focus on need driven senior housing properties
- **Attractive investment opportunities in the marketplace**
- Low leverage balance sheet
- Solid dividend



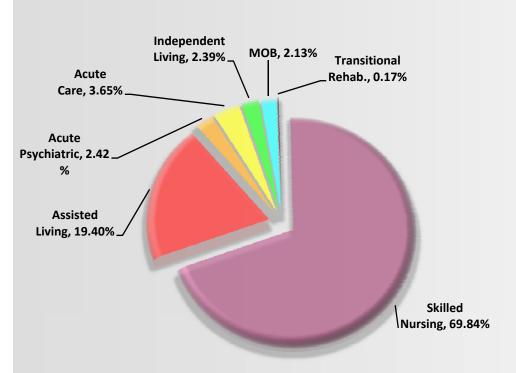
GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION June 30, 2010



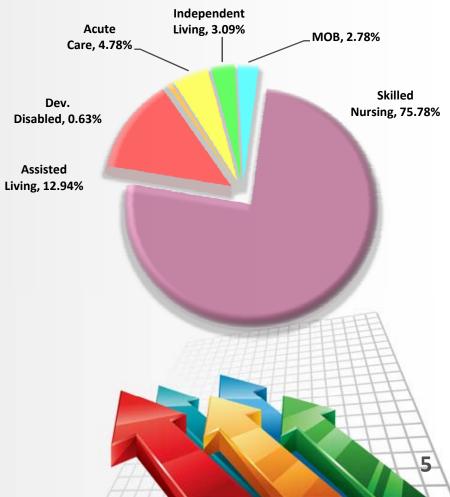
PORTFOLIO BY INVESTMENT TYPE

(Revenue)

Quarter Ended June 30, 2010



Quarter Ended June 30, 2009

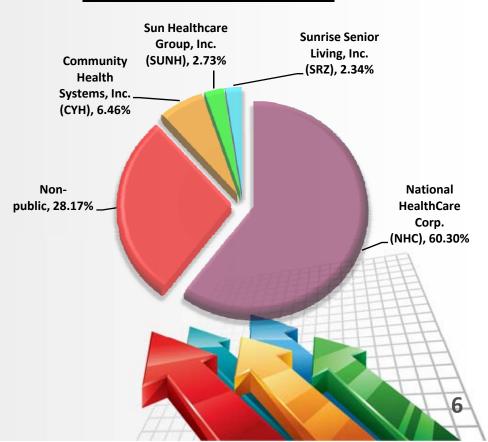


- Well diversified tenant mix with both public and privately-held companies
- •Of the 86 health care properties leased to operators, 41 are leased to National HealthCare Corporation ("NHC"), a publicly-held company and our largest customer.

Quarter Ended June 30, 2010

Emeritus Sun Healthcare Community Senior Living Group, Inc. Health (ESC), 9.12% (SUNH), 2.07% Systems, Inc. (CYH), 4.79%. **Sunrise Senior** Living, Inc. (SRZ), 1.73% Non-National public, 37.19%. **HealthCare** Corp. (NHC), 45.10%

Year Ended June 30, 2009



LARGEST TENANT - NHC

- Strongest Balance Sheet in the Senior-Housing public company operating space
- ❖ National HealthCare Corporation ("NHC"), a publicly-held company, founded in 1971, provides services to 76 long-term health care centers with 9,772 beds. NHC's affiliates also operate 32 homecare programs, seven independent living centers and 23 assisted living communities. NHC's other services include Alzheimer's units, long-term care pharmacies, hospice, a rehabilitation services company, and providing management and accounting services to third parties.

Revenue		31/2009	12/31/2008				
		668.2	\$	633.2			
EBITDA		93.8		78.9			
Cash and cash equivalents		39.0		49.0			
Restricted cash		96.9		119.4			
Marketable securities		71.3		54.7			
Restricted marketable securities		19.4		1.5			
Equity		525.8		480.8			
Debt/Total Book Capitalization		1.87%		11.18%			

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Primarily invest in senior housing real estate operated by top-tier regional operators
- Prioritize direct referrals and growth with existing tenants over brokered deals
- Diversify the portfolio with private pay senior housing facilities with a higher priority given to Assisted Living and newer Skilled Nursing Facilities with high potential to attract private pay and Medicare patients
- Consider other investment opportunities (i.e. 2nd Mortgage Lending, Construction lending w/ purchase option)



ACQUISITIONS JUNE 2009 THROUGH June 2010

			Weighted Average	Average		
Investment Type	Asset Class	Total Investment	<u>Initial Yield</u>	<u>Maturity</u>		
Lease-back	SNF	\$122,550,000	9.59%	2021		
Lease-back	AL/ALZ	\$61,150,000	9.58%	2025		
Construction Loan	TRC ¹	\$13,870,000	10.00%	2015		
Lease-back	APH ²	\$12,500,000	12.00%	2025		
2 nd Mortgage	SNF	\$5,000,000	14.00%	2015		
Mortgage	AL	\$3,900,000	9.64%³	2018		
2 nd Mortgage	AL/SNF	\$850,000	12.00%	2014		
		\$219,820,000	9.86%	2022		

¹ Transitional Rehabilitation Center

² Acute Psychiatric Hospital

³ \$5m mortgage purchased at a \$1.1m discount; stated borrower rate is 7.47%, initial cash yield is 9.64%, yield at maturity is 12.37%

NHI CAPITALIZATION & LIQUIDITY

(millions)

	Q2 2010		Q1 2010		2009		2008		:	2007	
Debt and Equity											
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	\$	43.8	\$	33.9	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Long-Term Debt		-		-		-		4.0		9.5	
Equity		438.5		436.8		434.6		429.6		446.1	
Total Book Capitalization	\$	482.3	\$ 4	170.7	\$ 4	134.6	\$ 4	33.6	\$	455.6	
Debt/Total Book Capitalization		9.1%		7.2%		0.0%		0.9%		2.1%	
Cash and Securities											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11.7	\$	4.4	\$	45.7	\$ 1	.00.2	\$	75.4	
Marketable securities		19.8		21.6		21.3		26.6		55.8	
LTC preferred stock		38.1		38.1		38.1		38.1		38.1	
Total Cash and Securities	\$	69.6	\$	64.1	\$ 1	L05.1	\$ 1	.64.9	\$	169.3	

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(000's except per share)

	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	2009	2008	2007
Revenues	\$ 19,248	\$ 20,449	\$ 64,221	\$ 58,005	\$ 57,506
Expenses	4,580	7,189	15,103	12,913	18,637
Other Income and Expenses ⁽¹⁾	4,521	2,683	15,111	12,418	57,566
Net Income	\$ 19,189	\$ 15,943	\$ 64,229	\$ 57,510	\$ 96,435
FFO per share - Basic	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.67	\$ 2.63 \$ 2.30 ⁽³⁾	\$ 2.35 \$ 2.34 (3)(4)	\$ 3.43 \$ 2.85 (3)
Dividend per share	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.58	\$ 2.30 (3)	\$ 2.34 · · · ·	\$ 2.85
Dividend payout ratio ⁽²⁾	79.9%	85.8%	87.5%	99.6%	83.1%

⁽¹⁾ Includes non-operating income and expense, discontinued operations and loan and realty loss recoveries

⁽²⁾ Dividend per share divided by FFO per share-basic

⁽³⁾ Includes special dividends of \$.10, \$.85, \$.14 and \$.45, per share declared in 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively

⁽⁴⁾ Excludes an \$.08 per common share 'spillover' dividend declared in 2008 for 2007

GOALS

- **Continue to aggressively manage our existing portfolio**
- Invest in primarily owned real estate assets and opportunistic mortgage investments
- ❖ Raise capital by evaluating all options with the best short term and long term benefit (i.e. bank debt, convertible debt, straight debt and HUD-Financing).
- **Continue to enhance public exposure and disclosure**

FFO RECONCILIATION

(000's except per share)

	Q2 2010		Q1 2010		2009		2008		2007	
Net income	\$	19,189	\$	15,943	\$	64,229	\$	57,510	\$	96,435
Real estate depreciation		2,654		2,461		7,373		6,667		6,877
Real estate depreciation in discontinued operations		29		-		992		1,030		4,780
Gain on partial land sale – continuing operations		-		-		-		-		(42)
Net gain on sale of real estate		(2,004)								(13,138)
Funds from operations	\$	19,868	\$	18,404	\$	72,594	\$	65,207	\$	94,912
Basic funds from operations per share	\$	0.72	\$	0.67	\$	2.63	\$	2.35	\$	3.43
Shares for basic funds from operations per share		27,665,629		27,632,376		27,586,338		27,706,106		27,703,464



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