





IN 2009, A YEAR OF DISRUPTION,
JOB LOSSES, AND ONGOING
UNCERTAINTY, WE REMAINED
FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE, BY
INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
ASSOCIATES AND OPERATING
PLATFORM, AND STRENGTHENING
OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.

### Dear Shareholder,

To say 2009 was a challenging year is certainly an understatement. The primary driver of our business– jobs– disappeared at an unprecedented pace, leading to the highest unemployment rate in almost thirty years. Despite these challenges, our experienced management team took the necessary steps to navigate the business through the downturn. We focused our efforts on improving our financial flexibility and strengthening our operating platform to position the company for the future economic recovery.

Our operating results for the year were negatively impacted by the recession, with Funds from Operations (FFO) down 6 cents to \$1.24 per share, excluding one-time items. 2009 same-store net operating income (NOI) fell by 2.2% on a decrease in same-store revenues of 2.0% and a reduction of same-store operating expenses of 1.6%. While we will never be satisfied with negative results, our performance for the year was relatively strong given the severe economic challenges.

**Balance Sheet and Liquidity** The dislocation in the capital markets that started in 2008 continued in 2009 and presented us with opportunities to restructure our balance sheet and improve our financial flexibility for the future. During the year we:

- → Repurchased over \$300 million of debt and preferred shares at a discount of more than \$16 million;
- → Refinanced or extended nearly \$1 billion of debt to strengthen our balance sheet while taking advantage of the low interest rate environment;
- → Executed a new ten-year, \$200 million secured facility with Fannie Mae at a weighted average interest rate of 5.28%;
- → Raised \$68 million through sales of our common stock at a weighted average price within 12% of our 2009 high; and
- → Entered into a \$450 million acquisition joint venture with Kuwait Finance House that allows us to expand our portfolio with the judicious use of our capital.

As a result, we ended 2009 with a strong balance sheet and over \$730 million in available cash and undrawn capacity on our credit facilities.

In May, we further enhanced our liquidity by reducing our annual common stock dividend from \$1.32 to \$0.72 per share to reflect the current economic environment and the operating fundamentals of our business. We will continue to review our dividend policy and look forward to improving fundamentals that will allow us to grow our dividend.

**Operating Platform and Technology** While it may have been tempting in 2009 to reduce or eliminate spending on our technology initiatives and enhancements, we elected to continue investing in our operating platform. We made this decision to better appeal to our primary customer– 20 to 35 year olds—who have a propensity to rent at nearly twice the national average. This group prefers to interact through technology and we want to enable them to do business with us using their preferred channels. The benefits of our investment are apparent in the following results:

- → We increased 2009 same-store occupancy by 60 basis points to 95.4%, which exceeds the peer group average of 94.6%; and
- → 2009 same-store operating margin was 68%, which is substantially higher than the peer average of 62%.

**Looking Ahead** We entered 2010 with a strengthened capital position, an industry-leading operating platform and cautious optimism while recognizing that we still have challenges ahead. We believe the strength of the recovery will occur in 2011 and 2012 as the fundamentals of the multi-family business improve. The drivers of the recovery will be:

- → Pent-up Demand: The re-emergence of job growth in our markets as the economy improves, further benefiting from the influence of the demographic trends of the Echo Boom generation (15 28 years old). This generation consists of over 60 million individuals who have pushed college enrollment to all time highs. As they graduate from college and find employment they will join the rental market and increase the demand for apartments.
- → Lack of Supply: The delivery of newly-constructed apartment homes in 2010 and 2011 is forecast to be lower than at any point over the last 40 years.

In anticipation of the improvement in the fundamentals of our business, we will remain focused on:

- → Continuing to look for attractive acquisitions and selective disposition opportunities;
- → Completing the development or redevelopment of 2,424 homes and preparing to start new communities when we see firm signs of a recovery; and
- → Continuing to drive our efficiency, performance and customer satisfaction by investing in our operating platform and technology initiatives.

We believe the hard work and dedication of our more than 1,300 associates were key contributors to our 2009 achievements, and we are confident that with the strength of our team we can continue our success.

We announced with great sadness that on March 11, 2010 that Robert C. Larson, Chairman of the Board passed away. Mr. Larson served as a board member of UDR for 10 years. We will all miss his insight, knowledge and friendship.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

Thomas W. Toomey

President and Chief Executive Officer

# EXECUTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

### Our Communities



## Strengthen Our Portfolio

Completed the new development of 831 homes, redevelopment of 598 homes, and 2,424 homes are currently under development and redevelopment.



989 Elements and Elements Too, Bellevue, WA

# Transform Operations

Our full suite of mobile websites and apartment search applications encompasses over 90% of all mobile operating systems.

Payments received electronically  $2\% \rightarrow 2\%$ Service requests entered through resident portal  $2\% \rightarrow 2\%$ Move-ins initiated via an Internet source  $2\% \rightarrow 2\%$ 

Percentages denote increase from December 2008 to December 2009

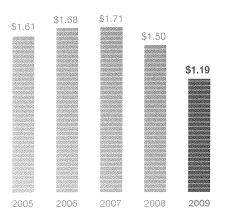
## Source Low Cost Capital

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# PERFORMANCE HISTORY

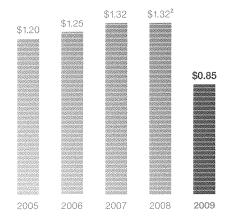
# Funds From Operations<sup>1</sup>

(per share)



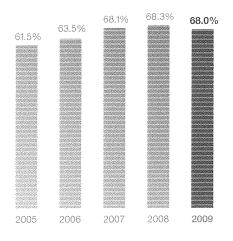
### Common Dividends

(per share)



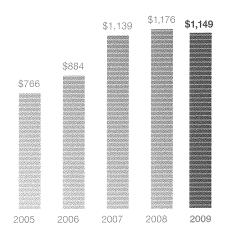
# **Operating Margin**

(same-store)



### Monthly Income

(per same-store apartment home)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Excludes non-cash charges related to convertible debt.

In 2008, distributions totaled \$2.29 per common share, including the special dividend.

# KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### 2009 Same-Store Results

Revenue (2.0%)	Net Operating Income (2.2%)	Operating Margin		income (per ap	artment home)
Years Ended Decemb (In millions, except po	oer 31, er share data and apartment	homes owned)	2009	2008	2007
Consolidated net oper (Loss)/income from co Income from discontin Net (loss)/income attril Distributions to prefer	ontinuing operations nued operations butable to UDR, Inc. red stockholders butable to common stockhold s - diluted (c) declared	lers	\$ 603 398 (94) 2 (88) 11 (96) 190 127	\$ 563 373 (62) 806 698 12 689 215 131 177	\$ 502 333 45 182 215 14 199 251 178
Per Share (a) (Loss)/earnings per co Funds from operations Common distributions	s - diluted (c)		\$ (0.64) 1.19 0.85	\$ 5.29 1.50 1.32	\$ 1.48 1.71 1.32
At Year End (a) Real estate owned, at Secured debt Unsecured debt Stockholders' equity Number of common s Number of completed			6,315 1,989 1,437 1,395 155 45,913	\$ 5,832 1,462 1,799 1,416 137 44,388	\$ 5,956 1,138 2,342 941 133 65,867

 <sup>(</sup>a) Prior year amounts have been adjusted for the effect of new accounting guidance pertaining to convertible debt, non-controlling interests and distributions that contain components of cash and stock.

RE' tax benefits and gain on sales, net of taxes, is defined as net sales proceeds less a tax provision and the gross investment basis of the asset before accumulated depreciation. We consider FFO and RE' tax benefits and gain on sales, net of taxes, to be a meaningful supplemental measure of performance because the short-term use of funds produce profits which differ from the traditional long-term investment in real estate for REFs.

#### Disclosure of Section 303A 12(a) Certifications

On May 19, 2009, the Company's Chief Executive Officer submitted to the New York Stock Exchange the annual certification required by Section 303A. 12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual regarding the Company's compliance with NYSE corporate governance listing standards. In addition the certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 were filed as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2, respectively, to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

<sup>(</sup>b) Net operating income is total rental revenue less rental expenses excluding property management fees and other operating expenses

<sup>(</sup>c) Funds from operations (FFO) is defined as net income (computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of depreciable property, non-cash charges for convertible debt premiums or original issuance costs associated with preferred stock redemptions, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. This definition conforms with the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust's definition issued in April 2002.

<sup>(</sup>d) in 2008, distributions totaled \$2,29 per common share, including the special dividend.

<sup>(</sup>e) Includes real estate held for investment, real estate held for disposition, and real estate under development, before depreciation

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Common Stockholders
At February 19, 2010, UDR had 5,060 common stockholders of record.

Associates

At February 12, 2010, UDR had 1,363 full and part-time associates.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hilton New York located at 1335 Avenue of the Americas in New York, NY. All stockholders are cordially invited.

Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan Information regarding the Plan can be

Information regarding the Plan can be obtained by contacting Investor Services.

Stock Listing

New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Symbols: UDR (Common) UDRPfg (Preferred)

Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements contained in this report are subject to certain economic risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" in the company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The company assumes no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events.

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