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Prospectus Supplement

to Prospectus dated August 9, 2011

Depository Shares

Boston Properties, Inc.

Depository Shares Each Representing 1/100th of a Share of

% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (Liquidation Preference Equivalent to \$25.00 per Depository Share)

We are selling _____ depository shares, or Depository Shares, each of which represents 1/100th of a share of our _____ % Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share, which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as our Series B Preferred Stock. The Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depository Shares will be deposited with Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Depositary. As a holder of a Depository Share, you will be entitled to proportional rights and preferences as if you held 1/100th of a share of our Series B Preferred Stock. The following is a summary of the Series B Preferred Stock:

We will pay cumulative cash dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock from, and including, the date of original issuance, at a rate of _____ % per annum of the \$2,500 liquidation preference per share of the Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$ _____ per share of the Series B Preferred Stock or \$ _____ per Depository Share).

We will pay cash dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock quarterly, commencing on May 15, 2013, with the payment on that date being based pro rata on the number of days from and including the original issuance date through and including May 15, 2013, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Except in certain circumstances relating to the preservation of our status as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for United States federal income tax purposes we may not redeem the Series B Preferred Stock prior to March , 2018.

On and after March , 2018, we, at our option, may redeem the Series B Preferred Stock (and cause the redemption of the Depositary Shares) for a cash redemption price of \$2,500 per share of Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share), plus all accrued and unpaid dividends.

The Series B Preferred Stock has no maturity date and no sinking fund has been established for the retirement or redemption thereof and is not convertible into or exchangeable for any other property or securities.

Holders of the Depositary Shares representing the Series B Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights, except if we fail to pay dividends for six or more quarters and in other limited circumstances.

Currently, no market exists for the Depositary Shares. We intend to apply to list the Depositary Shares on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol BXP PrB. If the application is approved, trading of the Depositary Shares is expected to commence within 30 days after the initial delivery of the Depositary Shares.

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional Depositary Shares from us solely to cover over-allotments, if any, on the same terms and conditions set forth above within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement.

Investing in the Depositary Shares involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 16 of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, or any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Depositary Share	Total ⁽¹⁾
Public offering price	\$ 25.00	\$
Underwriting discounts	\$ ⁽²⁾	\$ ⁽²⁾
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$

(1) Assumes no exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option.

(2) The underwriting discount will be \$ per Depositary Share for retail orders and \$ per Depositary Share for institutional orders. The underwriters expect to deliver the Depositary Shares in book-entry form through The Depositary Trust Company on or about March , 2013.

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch

Morgan Stanley

Wells Fargo Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is March , 2013

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in any related free writing prospectus we have prepared. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated herein by reference, is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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This prospectus supplement is a supplement to the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and supersede the information in the prospectus. It is important for you to read and carefully consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should also read and carefully consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you to in Information Incorporated by Reference in the accompanying prospectus.

As used herein, unless the context otherwise requires, all references to we, us, our, Boston Properties or the Company refer to Boston Properties Inc. individually or together with its subsidiaries, including Boston Properties Limited Partnership, or BPLP, and our predecessors.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. We encourage you to carefully read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, especially the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2013 before making an investment decision regarding the Depositary Shares.

About Our Company

We are a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed REIT, and one of the largest owners and developers of office properties in the United States. We conduct substantially all of our business through our subsidiary, BPLP. We are the sole general partner and, at February 21, 2013, the owner of approximately 89.0% of the economic interests in BPLP.

Our properties are concentrated in five markets Boston, New York, Princeton, San Francisco and Washington, DC. At December 31, 2012, we owned or had interests in 157 properties, totaling approximately 44.4 million net rentable square feet, including nine properties under construction totaling approximately 2.8 million net rentable square feet. In addition, we had structured parking for approximately 46,833 vehicles containing approximately 15.9 million square feet. At December 31, 2012, our properties consisted of:

149 office properties, including 132 Class A office properties (including eight properties under construction) and 17 Office/Technical properties;

one hotel;

four retail properties; and

three residential properties (one of which is under construction).

At December 31, 2012, we owned or controlled undeveloped land totaling approximately 509.3 acres, which could support approximately 12.5 million square feet of additional development. In addition, we have a noncontrolling interest in the Boston Properties Office Value-Added Fund, L.P. which we refer to as the Value-Added Fund, which is a strategic partnership with two institutional investors through which we have pursued the acquisition of assets within our existing markets that had deficiencies in property characteristics that provided an opportunity to create value through repositioning, refurbishment or renovation. Our investments through the Value-Added Fund are not included in our portfolio information or any other portfolio level statistics. At December 31, 2012, the Value-Added Fund had investments in 23 buildings comprised of two office complexes in Mountain View, California.

We consider Class A office properties to be centrally-located buildings that are professionally managed and maintained, attract high-quality tenants and command upper-tier rental rates, and that are modern structures or have been modernized to compete with newer buildings. We consider Office/Technical properties to be properties that support office, research and development, laboratory and other technical uses. Our definitions of Class A Office and Office/Technical properties may be different than those used by other companies.

Our principal executive office is located at 800 Boylston Street, Suite 1900, Boston, Massachusetts 02199-8103 and our telephone number is (617) 236-3300.

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The Offering

The following summary of the offering is provided solely for your convenience. This summary is not intended to be complete. You should read the full text and more specific details contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement under the heading Description of Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares. For purposes of the sections entitled The Offering and Description of Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares, references to we, us, and our refer only to Boston Properties, Inc. and not to its subsidiaries.

Issuer Boston Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Securities Offered Depositary Shares (or Depositary Shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), each representing 1/100th of a share of our % Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.

Price per Depositary Share \$25.00

Ranking The Series B Preferred Stock shall, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our voluntary and involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, rank:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock and all classes or series of our capital stock now or hereafter authorized, issued or outstanding expressly designated as ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock;

on parity with any class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock; and

junior to any class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock.

We will contribute the net proceeds from the sale of the Depositary Shares to BPLP in exchange for a number of preferred units of BPLP equal to the number of, and with substantially identical economic terms as, the Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares sold in this offering. These preferred units will rank, as to distributions and upon liquidation, senior to the common units and long term incentive units of partnership interest in BPLP and on parity with the Series Two and Series Four preferred units of partnership interest in BPLP.

Dividends and Distributions Holders of the Depositary Shares representing the Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors (or a duly authorized committee thereof), cumulative preferential cash dividends at the rate of % per annum of the liquidation preference (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$ per Depositary Share). Such dividends will be payable quarterly in arrears on the fifteenth day of each February, May, August and November (or, if not a business day, the next succeeding

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business day), commencing on May 15, 2013. Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, and whether or not such dividends are declared. Accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accumulate as of the date on which they first become payable.

Liquidation Preference

Holders of the Depositary Shares representing the Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to a liquidation preference equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share, plus an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) up to, but excluding, the date of payment.

Redemption

Except in certain circumstances relating to the preservation of our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes, we may not redeem the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares representing the Series B Preferred Stock prior to March 31, 2018. On and after March 31, 2018, we, at our option, may redeem the Series B Preferred Stock (and cause the redemption of the Depositary Shares), in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$2,500 per share (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share), plus all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) thereon up to, but excluding the date fixed for redemption, without interest.

No Maturity or Sinking Fund

The Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares have no maturity date, and no sinking fund has been established for the retirement or redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock. Accordingly, the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we decide to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock (and cause the redemption of the Depositary Shares) at our option.

No Conversion

The Series B Preferred Stock is not convertible into shares of any other class or series of our capital stock.

Limited Voting Rights

Holders of the Depositary Shares representing the Series B Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights, except as described below. Whenever dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more consecutive or non-consecutive quarterly periods, the holders of the Depositary Shares (voting together as a single class with all other classes or series of our preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, if any) will be entitled to vote for the election of a total of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors, until we pay, or declare and set aside for payment, all dividends accumulated on the Series B Preferred Stock and such other preferred stock. In addition, the holders of the Depositary Shares will have voting rights in connection with the authorization or issuance of senior preferred stock or amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, or the Certificate of Incorporation, or the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares that materially and adversely affect the rights of the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares. See Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary

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Shares Series B Preferred Stock Limited Voting Rights and Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Depositary Shares Voting and Other Rights in this prospectus supplement.

Listing

Currently, no market exists for the Depositary Shares. We intend to apply to list the Depositary Shares on the NYSE under the symbol BXP PrB. If the application is approved, trading of the Depositary Shares is expected to commence within 30 days after the initial delivery of the Depositary Shares. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Depositary Shares prior to commencement of any trading on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Depositary Shares. The Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares will not be listed and we do not expect that there will be any other trading market for the Series B Preferred Stock except as represented by the Depositary Shares.

Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer

Generally, ownership of more than 6.6% of the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock or Depositary Shares is, subject to certain exceptions, prohibited. See Description of Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Series B Preferred Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer and Description of Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Depositary Shares Transfer in Trust on page S-19 and S-23 of this prospectus supplement, respectively.

Use of Proceeds

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full) after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated transaction offering costs payable by us. We will contribute the net proceeds from the sale of the Depositary Shares to BPLP in exchange for a number of preferred units of BPLP equal to the number of, and with substantially identical economic terms as, our Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares sold in this offering. BPLP intends to use the net proceeds for general business purposes, which may include investment opportunities and debt reduction. See Use of Proceeds, on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement.

Settlement

The underwriters expect to deliver the Depositary Shares through The Depositary Trust Company on or about March , 2013.

Risk Factors

See Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement for information you should consider before buying the Depositary Shares.

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The following table sets forth our historical ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends for each of the periods indicated:

	Year ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Ratios of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends	1.48	1.45	1.29	1.58	1.79

The ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends were computed by dividing earnings by combined fixed charges and preferred dividends on our securities. We had no preferred securities outstanding for the periods presented. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures, plus gains on sales of real estate, amortization of interest capitalized, distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures, and fixed charges, minus interest capitalized and preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries. Combined fixed charges and preferred dividends consist of interest expensed, interest capitalized, preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries and preferred dividends on our securities.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in the Depositary Shares involves risks. Before purchasing the Depositary Shares offered by this prospectus supplement, you should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2013, as well as the risks, uncertainties and additional information (i) set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K generally and in our SEC reports that we file with the SEC and which are deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and (ii) the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These risks are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by the materialization of any of these risks. The trading price of the Depositary Shares could decline due to the materialization of any of these risks and you may lose all or a part of your investment.

Risks Relating to this Offering

The Depositary Shares are a new issue of securities with no stated maturity date and do not have an established trading market, which may negatively affect their market value and your ability to transfer or sell your shares.

The Depositary Shares, each of which represents 1/100th of a share of Series B Preferred Stock are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. In addition, because the securities have no stated maturity date, investors seeking liquidity will be limited to selling their shares in the secondary market. We intend to apply to list the Depositary Shares on the NYSE under the symbol BXP PrB, but there can be no assurance that the NYSE will accept the Depositary Shares for listing. If the Depositary Shares are approved for listing by the NYSE, we expect that trading of the Depositary Shares on the NYSE will begin within 30 days after the initial delivery of the Depositary Shares. We cannot assure you that an active trading market on the NYSE for the Depositary Shares will develop or, even if it develops, will be maintained, in which case the trading price of the Depositary Shares could be adversely affected and your ability to transfer your Depositary Shares will be limited. If an active market does develop on the NYSE, the Depositary Shares may trade at prices lower than the initial offering price.

We have been advised by the underwriters that they intend to make a market in the Depositary Shares prior to the commencement of trading on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice.

Market interest rates and other factors may affect the value of the Depositary Shares.

One of the factors that will influence the trading price of the Depositary Shares will be the dividend yield on the Depositary Shares (as a percentage of the price of the Depositary Shares, as applicable) relative to market interest rates. An increase in market interest rates, which are currently at low levels relative to historical rates, may lead prospective purchasers of the Depositary Shares to expect a higher dividend yield. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of the Depositary Shares to decrease. The trading price of the Depositary Shares will also depend on many other factors, which may change from time to time, including:

our financial condition, performance, liquidity and prospects;

the market for similar securities issued by REITs;

the attractiveness of REIT securities in comparison to the securities of other companies, taking into account, among other things, the higher tax rates imposed on dividends paid by REITs;

our issuance of debt or preferred equity securities;

changes in earnings estimates by analysts and our ability to meet analysts' earnings estimates;

government action or regulation;

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prevailing interest rates; and

general economic, capital markets and real estate market conditions.

In addition, over the last few years, prices of equity securities in the U.S. trading markets have been experiencing extreme price fluctuations. As a result of this and other factors, investors who purchase the Depositary Shares in this offering may experience a decrease, which could be substantial and rapid, in the market price of the Depositary Shares, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects.

Our Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares are subordinated to our existing and future indebtedness, as well as all other liabilities of our subsidiaries, and your interests could be adversely affected by our incurrence of additional indebtedness in the future.

Payment of dividends and other amounts due on our Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares will be subordinated to all of our existing and future consolidated debt. As of February 21, 2013, our total consolidated debt was approximately \$8.9 billion. We may incur additional indebtedness in the future. Other than the limited voting rights as described under [Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Series B Preferred Stock Limited Voting Rights](#) and [Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Depositary Shares Voting and Other Rights](#) below, none of the provisions relating to the Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares relates to or limits our incurrence of additional indebtedness or affords the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares protection in the event of a highly leveraged or other transaction, including a merger or the sale, lease or conveyance of all or substantially all of our assets or business, that might adversely affect the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares. If we incur significant indebtedness, we may not have sufficient funds to make dividend or liquidation payments on the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares. In addition, in connection with our existing and future indebtedness, we may be subject to restrictive covenants or other provisions that may prevent our subsidiaries from distributing to us cash needed for payments on the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares or may otherwise limit our ability to make dividend or liquidation payments on the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares. In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, our assets will be available to pay obligations on the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares only after all of our indebtedness and other liabilities have been paid. The rights of holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares to participate in the distribution of our assets will rank junior to the prior claims of our creditors.

As a holder of Depositary Shares you have limited voting rights.

Your voting rights as a holder of Depositary Shares will be limited. Shares of our common stock are currently the only class or series of our capital stock carrying full voting rights. Voting rights for holders of Depositary Shares exist primarily with respect to the ability to vote, together as a single class with all other classes or series of our preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, if any, for the election of a total of two additional directors whenever dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more consecutive or non-consecutive quarterly periods, and in connection with the authorization or issuance of senior preferred stock or amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation or the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares that materially and adversely affect the rights of the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares. See [Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Series B Preferred Stock Limited Voting Rights](#) and [Description of Our Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares Depositary Shares Voting and Other Rights](#) below. Other than the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, holders of Series B Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares will not have voting rights.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are including this statement for purposes of complying with those safe harbor provisions. We caution investors that any such forward-looking statements are based on beliefs and assumptions made by, and information currently available to, our management. When used, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, might, plan, project, result, should, will and similar expressions which do not relate solely to historical matters are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions and are not guarantees of future performance, which may be affected by known and unknown risks, trends, uncertainties and factors that are beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected by the forward-looking statements. We caution you that while forward-looking statements reflect our good-faith beliefs when we make them, they are not guarantees of future performance and are impacted by actual events when they occur after we make such statements. Accordingly, investors should use caution in relying on forward-looking statements, which are based on results and trends at the time they are made, to anticipate future results or trends.

Some of the risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

the factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, including those set forth under the headings Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement under the heading Risk Factors;

the continuing impacts of high unemployment and other macroeconomic trends, which are having and may continue to have a negative effect on the following, among other things:

the fundamentals of our business, including overall market occupancy, tenant space utilization, and rental rates;

the financial condition of our tenants, many of which are financial, legal and other professional firms, our lenders, counterparties to our derivative financial instruments and institutions that hold our cash balances and short-term investments, which may expose us to increased risks of default by these parties; and

the value of our real estate assets, which may limit our ability to dispose of assets at attractive prices or obtain or maintain debt financing secured by our properties or on an unsecured basis;

general risks affecting the real estate industry (including, without limitation, the inability to enter into or renew leases, tenant space utilization, dependence on tenants' financial condition, and competition from other developers, owners and operators of real estate);

failure to manage effectively our growth and expansion into new markets and sub-markets or to integrate acquisitions and developments successfully;

the ability of our joint venture partners to satisfy their obligations;

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risks and uncertainties affecting property development and construction (including, without limitation, construction delays, cost overruns, inability to obtain necessary permits and public opposition to such activities);

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risks associated with the availability and terms of financing and the use of debt to fund acquisitions and developments, including the impact of higher interest rates on the cost and/or availability of financing;

risks associated with forward interest rate contracts and the effectiveness of such arrangements;

risks associated with downturns in the national and local economies, increases in interest rates, and volatility in the securities markets;

risks associated with actual or threatened terrorist attacks;

costs of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other similar laws;

potential liability for uninsured losses and environmental contamination;

risks associated with our potential failure to qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code;

possible adverse changes in tax and environmental laws;

the impact of newly adopted accounting principles on our accounting policies and on period-to-period comparisons of financial results;

risks associated with possible state and local tax audits; and

risks associated with our dependence on key personnel whose continued service is not guaranteed.

The risks set forth above are not exhaustive. Other sections of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, may include additional factors that could adversely affect our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Investors should also refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for future periods and Current Reports on Form 8-K as we file them with the SEC and to other materials we may furnish to the public from time to time through Forms 8-K or otherwise, for a discussion of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any responsibility to update any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events, or otherwise, and you should not rely upon these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus supplement.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full) after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated transaction offering costs payable by us. We will contribute the net proceeds from the sale of the Depositary Shares to BPLP in exchange for a number of preferred units of BPLP equal to the number of, and with substantially identical economic terms as, our Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares sold in this offering. BPLP intends to use the net proceeds for general business purposes, which may include investment opportunities and debt reduction. Pending such uses, we may invest the net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES B PREFERRED STOCK AND DEPOSITARY SHARES

General

Each Depositary Share will represent 1/100th of a share of our Series B Preferred Stock. Prior to the closing of this offering, we will classify _____ shares of our authorized but unissued preferred stock as, and will approve and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware a Certificate of Designations setting forth the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, or the Certificate of Designations. We will then deposit shares of Series B Preferred Stock with Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Depositary, under a Master Deposit Agreement among us, the Depositary and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Shares, or the Master Deposit Agreement, to create the Depositary Shares that we will sell in this offering. The Depositary Shares will be governed by and subject to the terms of the Master Deposit Agreement and, in general, each Depositary Share will represent, and entitle the holder to proportional rights and preferences (including dividends, voting, redemption and liquidation rights and preferences) as if such holder held, 1/100th of a share of the Series B Preferred Stock. The material terms of the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares are summarized below.

In the future, we may create and sell additional Depositary Shares or shares of the Series B Preferred Stock.

Listing

Currently, no market exists for the Depositary Shares. We intend to apply to list the Depositary Shares on the NYSE under the symbol BXP PrB. If the application is approved, trading of the Depositary Shares is expected to commence within 30 days after the initial delivery of the Depositary Shares. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Depositary Shares prior to the commencement of any trading on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Depositary Shares. The Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares will not be listed and we do not expect that there will be any other trading market for the Series B Preferred Stock except as represented by the Depositary Shares.

Series B Preferred Stock

The following is a summary of the material terms and provisions of the Series B Preferred Stock. The following summary does not set forth the full terms and provisions of the Series B Preferred Stock, which will be set forth in the Certificate of Designations. The Certificate of Designations, and not this description, will define the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock.

Ranking

The Series B Preferred Stock shall, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, rank:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock and all classes or series of our capital stock now or hereafter authorized, issued or outstanding expressly designated as ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock;

on parity with any class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock; and

junior to any class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock.

The term capital stock does not include convertible or exchangeable debt securities, which will rank senior to the Series B Preferred Stock prior to conversion or exchange. The Series B Preferred Stock will also rank junior in right of payment to our other existing and future debt obligations.

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We will contribute the net proceeds from the sale of the Depositary Shares to BPLP in exchange for a number of preferred units of BPLP equal to the number of, and with substantially identical economic terms as, the Series B Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares sold in this offering. These preferred units will rank, with respect to distribution rights and rights upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of BPLP, senior to the common units and long term incentive units of partnership interest in BPLP and on parity with the Series Two and Series Four preferred units of partnership interest in BPLP.

At December 31, 2012, the Series Two preferred units consisted of 995,997 units, which bear a preferred distribution equal to the greater of (i) the distribution which would have been paid in respect of the Series Two preferred unit had such Series Two preferred unit been converted into any common units (including both regular and special distributions) or (ii) 6.00% per annum on a liquidation preference of \$50.00 per unit, and are convertible into common units at a rate of \$38.10 per preferred unit (1.312336 common units for each preferred unit). The holders of Series Two preferred units have the right to require BPLP to redeem their units for cash at the redemption price of \$50.00 per unit on May 14, 2013 and May 12, 2014. The maximum number of units that may be required to be redeemed from all holders on each of these dates is 1,007,662, which is one-sixth of the number of Series Two preferred units that were originally issued. BPLP also has the right, subject to certain conditions, to redeem Series Two preferred units for cash or to convert into common units any Series Two preferred units that are not redeemed when they are eligible for redemption.

At December 31, 2012, the Series Four preferred units consisted of 1,221,527 units, which bear a preferred distribution equal to 2.00% per annum on a liquidation preference of \$50.00 per unit and are not convertible into common units. The holders of Series Four preferred units have the right, at certain times and subject to certain conditions, to require BPLP to redeem their units for cash at the redemption price of \$50.00 per unit. BPLP also has the right, at certain times and subject to certain conditions, to redeem Series Four preferred units for cash at the redemption price of \$50.00 per unit.

In the future, BPLP may create additional classes or series of common or preferred units, including preferred units that are senior to preferred units corresponding to the Series B Preferred Stock, or issue additional common or preferred units of any class or series (including long term incentive units) without the consent of any holder of the Series B Preferred Stock or the Depositary Shares.

Dividends and Distributions

Subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any class or series of our capital stock ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends, the holders of shares of the Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors (or a duly authorized committee thereof), out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative preferential cash dividends at the rate of % per annum of the \$2,500 liquidation preference per share of the Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$ per share of the Series B Preferred Stock or \$ per Depositary Share).

Such dividends will accrue on each share of Series B Preferred Stock and be cumulative from, and including, the first date on which any share of Series B Preferred Stock is issued, or the Original Issue Date, and will be payable quarterly in arrears on the fifteenth day of each February, May, August and November, each such date a Dividend Payment Date, commencing on May 15, 2013; provided, however, that if any Dividend Payment Date falls on a date other than a business day, then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on such Dividend Payment Date shall be paid on the first business day immediately following such Dividend Payment Date. For any shares of the Series B Preferred Stock issued after the Original Issue Date, dividends will accrue and be cumulative from, and including, the later of (i) the Original Issue Date or (ii) the day immediately following the date of the last daily distribution accrual on the Series B Preferred Stock that has been paid in full in accordance with the Certificate of Designations.

The amount of any dividend payable on the Series B Preferred Stock for any dividend period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends will be payable to holders of record

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as they appear in our stockholder records at the close of business on the applicable Dividend Record Date, which shall be the date designated by our board of directors as the record date for the payment of dividends that is not more than 35 nor fewer than 10 days prior to the applicable Dividend Payment Date. A dividend period is the period commencing on, but excluding, a Dividend Payment Date to and including, the next Dividend Payment Date (other than the initial dividend period, which shall commence on and include the Original Issue Date and end on, and include, May 15, 2013).

The first dividend payable on the Series B Preferred Stock is scheduled to be paid on May 15, 2013 and will accrue from, and including, the Original Issue Date and end on, and include, May 15, 2013 and will be in the amount of \$ per share of the Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to \$ per Depositary Share).

The term business day means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accrue whether or not:

we have earnings;

there are funds legally available for the payment of those dividends; or

those dividends are declared.

Accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accumulate as of the Dividend Payment Date on which they first become payable.

Except as provided below, unless full cumulative dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods that have ended shall have been or contemporaneously are (i) declared and paid in cash or (ii) declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in cash is set apart for such payment, we will not:

declare and pay or declare and set apart for payment of dividends, and we will not declare and make any distribution of cash or other property, directly or indirectly, on or with respect to any shares of our common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock or shares of any other class or series of our capital stock ranking, as to dividends, on parity with or junior to the Series B Preferred Stock, for any period; or

redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for any consideration, or make any other distribution of cash or other property, directly or indirectly, on or with respect to, or pay or make available any monies for a sinking fund for the redemption of, any common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock or shares of any other class or series of our capital stock ranking, as to dividends and upon liquidation, on parity with or junior to the Series B Preferred Stock.

The foregoing sentence, however, will not prohibit:

dividends payable solely in our common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock or in shares of any other class or series of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation;

the conversion into or exchange for other shares of any class or series of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation;

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the redemption, purchase or acquisition of shares of any class or series of our capital stock made for the purposes of and in compliance with requirements of an employee incentive, benefit or share purchase plan of the Company or any subsidiary;

other acquisitions of shares of our capital stock pursuant to provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation; and

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our purchase or acquisition of shares of any other class or series of our capital stock ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends and upon liquidation pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock.

When we do not pay dividends in full (and do not set apart a sum sufficient for such full payment) on the Series B Preferred Stock and the shares of any other class or series of our capital stock ranking, as to dividends, on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series B Preferred Stock and each such other class or series of capital stock ranking, as to dividends, on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock shall be declared pro rata, so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series B Preferred Stock and such other class or series of capital stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series B Preferred Stock and such other class or series of our capital stock (which will not include any accrual in respect of unpaid dividends on such other class or series of our capital stock for prior dividend periods if such other class or series of our capital stock does not have a cumulative dividend) bear to each other. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series B Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

Holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock are not entitled to any dividend, whether payable in cash, property or shares of our capital stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock as described above. Any dividend payment made on the Series B Preferred Stock will first be credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid dividends due with respect to such shares which remain payable.

All dividend payments will be made in accordance with the Certificate of Designations.

Liquidation Preference

Upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, before any distribution or payment shall be made to holders of shares of our common stock, our Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock or any other class or series of our capital stock ranking, as to rights upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, junior to the Series B Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid out of our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders, after payment of or provision for our debts and other liabilities, a liquidation preference of \$2,500 per share of Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depository Share), plus an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) up to, but excluding, the date of payment. In the event that, upon such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our available assets are insufficient to pay the full amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all shares of other classes or series of our capital stock ranking, as to liquidation rights, on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of each such other class or series of our capital stock ranking, as to rights upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock will share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.

Written notice of any distribution in connection with our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up stating the payment date or dates when, and the place or places where, the amounts distributable in such circumstances shall be payable, will be given by us by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, not fewer than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each record holder of shares of Series B Preferred Stock at the respective addresses of such holders as the same may appear on our stock transfer records. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. For purposes of liquidation rights, our consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, or the voluntary sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, will not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs.

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Redemption

Except in certain circumstances relating to the preservation of our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes, we may not redeem the Series B Preferred Stock (and cause the redemption of the Depositary Shares) prior to March 31, 2018. On and after March 31, 2018 we, at our option, upon not fewer than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, may redeem the Series B Preferred Stock (and cause the redemption of the Depositary Shares), in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$2,500 per share (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share), plus all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) thereon up to but excluding the date fixed for redemption, without interest, to the extent we have funds legally available therefor.

If fewer than all of the outstanding shares of the Series B Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, the shares of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be redeemed pro rata, by lot, or by any other equitable method that we determine. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed must surrender such Series B Preferred Stock at the place designated in such notice and will be entitled to the redemption price of \$2,500 per share (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share) and any accrued and unpaid dividends payable upon such redemption following such surrender. If (i) notice of redemption of any shares of Series B Preferred Stock has been given, (ii) the funds necessary for such redemption have been set aside by us in trust for the benefit of the holders of any shares of Series B Preferred Stock so called for redemption, and (iii) irrevocable instructions have been given to pay the redemption price and all accrued and unpaid dividends, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accrue on such shares of Series B Preferred Stock, such shares of Series B Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding, and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus any accrued and unpaid dividends payable upon such redemption, without interest. Subject to applicable escheat laws, any such cash unclaimed at the end of two years from the redemption date shall revert to our general funds, after which reversion, the holders of such shares so called for redemption shall look only to our general funds for the payment of such cash. So long as no dividends are in arrears, nothing in the Certificate of Designations shall prevent or restrict our right or ability to purchase, from time to time, either at a public or a private sale, all or any part of the Series B Preferred Stock at such price or prices as we may determine, subject to the provisions of applicable law, including the repurchase of shares of Series B Preferred Stock in open-market transactions as duly authorized by our board of directors.

In the event of any redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock in order to preserve our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes, such redemption will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Designations. If we call for redemption any shares of Series B Preferred Stock pursuant to and in accordance with our right to preserve our status as a REIT, then the redemption price for such shares will be (i) the closing sale price of the Depositary Shares on any national securities exchange or trading market on which the Depositary Shares are listed, multiplied by 100, or (ii) the last quoted price of the Depositary Shares as reported by any United States automated inter-dealer quotation system on which the Depositary Shares are quoted, on the last business day prior to the redemption date, multiplied by 100, or if the Depositary Shares are not listed on any such exchange, trading market or quotation system, at \$2,500 per share of the Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depositary Share).

Unless full cumulative dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods that have ended have been or contemporaneously are (i) declared and paid in cash or (ii) declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in cash is set apart for payment, no shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed and we shall not purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any shares of Series B Preferred Stock (except by conversion into or in exchange for shares of our capital stock ranking, as to dividends and upon liquidation, junior to the Series B Preferred Stock); provided, however, that the foregoing will not prevent our purchase of Series B Preferred Stock in accordance with the Certificate of Designations, in order to ensure that we remain qualified as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes, or the purchase or acquisition of Series B Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock.

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Notice of redemption will be mailed by us, postage pre-paid, not fewer than 30 or more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, addressed to the respective holders of record of the Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed at their respective addresses as they appear on our stock transfer records. The notice of redemption may be contingent upon the occurrence of a future event. No failure to give such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof will affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Series B Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom such notice was defective or not given. In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which the Series B Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, each such notice will state:

the redemption date;

the redemption price;

the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed;

the place or places where the certificates, if any, representing shares of Series B Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price;

procedures for surrendering noncertificated shares of Series B Preferred Stock for payment of the redemption price;

that dividends on the shares of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such redemption date; and

that payment of the redemption price and any accrued and unpaid dividends will be made upon presentation and surrender of such Series B Preferred Stock.

If fewer than all of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice mailed to such holder will also specify the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock held by such holder to be redeemed.

We are not required to provide notice to the holder of Series B Preferred Stock in the event such holder's Series B Preferred Stock is redeemed in accordance with the Certificate of Designations, in order to preserve our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes.

If a redemption date falls after a Dividend Record Date and on or prior to the corresponding Dividend Payment Date, each holder of the Series B Preferred Stock at the close of business of such Dividend Record Date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares on or prior to such Dividend Payment Date or our default in the payment of the dividend due and each holder of shares of Series B Preferred Stock that surrenders its shares on such redemption date will be entitled to the dividends accruing after the end of the applicable dividend period to which such Dividend Payment Date relates up to, but excluding the redemption date. Except as described above, we will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on Series B Preferred Stock for which a notice of redemption has been given.

All shares of the Series B Preferred Stock that we redeem or repurchase or otherwise acquire in any other manner will be retired and restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock, without designation as to series or class and may thereafter be reissued as shares of any series of preferred stock.

Limited Voting Rights

Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights, except as required by applicable law and as set forth below.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more consecutive or non-consecutive quarterly periods, which we refer to as a Preferred Dividend Default, the holders of such Series B

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Preferred Stock (voting together as a single class with all other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to vote for the election of a total of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors, or Preferred Directors, and the entire board of directors will be increased by two directors, until all dividends accumulated on the Series B Preferred Stock and such other classes or series of preferred stock for all past dividend periods that have ended shall have been fully paid or declared and a sum sufficient for payment is set aside for such payment. The Preferred Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in the election for a one-year term and each Preferred Director will serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until such Preferred Director's right to hold office terminates, whichever occurs earlier, subject to such Preferred Director's earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. The election will take place at either:

a special meeting of the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, called upon the written request of holders of record of at least 10% of the aggregate outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, provided that such special meeting will be held within 90 days after the delivery of such request and, in each case, at the place and upon the notice provided by law and in our second amended and restated by-laws, as amended; provided that we will not be required to call such a special meeting if such request is received less than 120 days before the date fixed for the next ensuing annual meeting of stockholders and the holders of all outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable are afforded the opportunity to elect Preferred Directors (or fill any vacancy) at that annual meeting;

the next annual or special meeting of stockholders; and

each subsequent annual meeting (or special meeting held in its place), until all dividends in arrears on the Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable have been paid in full.

If and when all such accumulated dividends on such Series B Preferred Stock and all classes or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable for the past dividend periods shall have been fully paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set aside for payment, the rights of the holders of Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, to elect such additional two directors shall immediately cease (subject to re-vesting in the event of each and every Preferred Dividend Default) and the term of office of each Preferred Director so elected will terminate and the size of the board of directors will be reduced accordingly.

Any Preferred Director may be removed at any time with or without cause by the vote of, and may not be removed otherwise than by the vote of, the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and each class or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, entitled to vote thereon when they have the voting rights described above (voting as a single class). So long as a Preferred Dividend Default continues, any vacancy in the office of a Preferred Director may be filled by written consent of the Preferred Director remaining in office, or if none remains in office, by a vote of the holders of record of the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock when they have the voting rights described above (voting as a single class with all other classes or series of our outstanding preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable). Each of the Preferred Directors shall be entitled to one vote on any matter.

So long as any shares of Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock outstanding at the time and of each other class or series of preferred stock ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock with

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respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting as a single class without regard to series) authorize or create, or increase the number of authorized or issued shares of, any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends, or the distribution of assets upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or reclassify any of our authorized capital stock into such capital stock, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such capital stock.

In addition, so long as any shares of Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock outstanding at the time (voting separately as a class) given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Certificate of Designations, including the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, whether by merger, consolidation, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our assets or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series B Preferred Stock; provided, however, that with respect to the occurrence of any of the events described above in this paragraph, so long as the Series B Preferred Stock remains outstanding with the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock materially unchanged, taking into account that, upon the occurrence of an event described above in this paragraph, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of such event will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of the Series B Preferred Stock, and in such case such holders shall not have any voting rights with respect to the occurrence of any of the events described above in this paragraph; provided, further, that such vote or consent will not be required with respect to any such amendment, alteration or repeal that equally affects the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock and one or more other classes or series of preferred stock ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up upon which like voting rights have been conferred, if such amendment, alteration or repeal is approved by the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock and such other class or series of preferred stock outstanding at the time, either in writing or at a meeting (voting as a single class).

Holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock will not be entitled to vote with respect to (A) any increase in the total number of authorized shares of our common stock or preferred stock, (B) any increase in the number of authorized shares of Series B Preferred Stock or the creation or issuance of any other class or series of capital stock, or (C) any increase in the number of authorized shares of any other class or series of capital stock, in each case referred to in clause (A), (B) or (C) above, ranking on parity with or junior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights with respect to, and the consent of the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will not be required for, the taking of any corporate action, including any merger or consolidation involving us or a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, regardless of the effect that such corporate action may have upon the powers, preferences, voting power or other rights or privileges of the Series B Preferred Stock, except as set forth above.

The voting provisions set forth above will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or (i) notice of redemption of all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock has been given, (ii) the funds necessary for such redemption have been set aside by us in trust for the benefit of the holders of such shares of Series B Preferred Stock so called for redemption, and (iii) irrevocable instructions have been given to pay the redemption price and all accrued and unpaid dividends.

In any matter in which Series B Preferred Stock may vote (as expressly provided in the Certificate of Designations), each share of Series B Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote per \$2,500 of liquidation preference (excluding amounts in respect of accumulated and unpaid dividends).

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Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer

The following restrictions and related provisions will apply unless and until our board of directors determines that it is no longer in our best interests to attempt to, or to continue to, qualify as a REIT.

Ownership Limits

In order for us to qualify as a REIT under the Code, among other things, our shares of stock must be beneficially owned by 100 or more persons during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year. Also, no more than 50% of the value of our outstanding shares of capital stock may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined by the Code to include certain entities) during the last half of any taxable year.

To assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT, the Certificate of Incorporation provides that generally no stockholder may beneficially own more than 6.6% of any class or series of our stock. Under the Certificate of Incorporation, a person generally beneficially owns shares if:

the person has direct ownership of the shares;

the person has indirect ownership of the shares taking into account the constructive ownership rules of Section 544 of the Code, as modified by Section 856(h)(1)(B) of the Code; or

the person would be deemed to beneficially own the shares pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.

The Certificate of Incorporation provides the following exceptions to the 6.6% ownership limit. Mr. Mortimer B. Zuckerman, together with his heirs, legatees and devisees, and any other person who beneficially owns shares of our stock that are also deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Zuckerman or his heirs, legatees or devisees, are subject to an aggregate ownership limit with respect to each class or series of our stock of 15%. The heirs, legatees and devisees of Mr. Edward H. Linde, and any other person who beneficially owns shares of our stock that are also deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. E. Linde's heirs, legatees or devisees, are subject to an aggregate ownership limit with respect to each class or series of our stock of 15%. Trusts described in Section 401(a) of the Code and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code, as modified by Section 856(h)(3) of the Code, and entities registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are subject to an ownership limit with respect to each class or series of our stock of 15%. These types of entities are among the entities that are not treated as stockholders under the requirement that not more than 50% in value of our outstanding stock be owned by five or fewer individuals during the last half of a taxable year other than our first year. Rather, the beneficial owners of these entities will be counted as stockholders for this purpose.

Additionally, our board of directors may, in its sole discretion, waive the foregoing ownership limits if evidence satisfactory to our board of directors is presented that the changes in ownership will not jeopardize our status as a REIT and our board of directors otherwise determines that such action is in our best interests.

Pursuant to the Certificate of Designations, these general ownership limit provisions contained in the Certificate of Incorporation apply to the Series B Preferred Stock.

Shares in Excess of Ownership Limits

Purported transfers of our stock or beneficial ownership of our stock that would result in:

any person violating the ownership limit applicable to that person;

our stock being beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons;

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Boston Properties, Inc. being closely held with the meaning of Section 856(h) of the Code; or

Boston Properties, Inc. constructively owning 10% or more of one of our tenants,

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shall be null and void and of no effect with respect to the number of shares of stock that would cause such result. These provisions will apply to purported transfers of the Series B Preferred Stock or beneficial ownership of the Series B Preferred Stock, including by means of transfers of the Depositary Shares or beneficial ownership of the Depositary Shares.

If any event occurs as a result of which any person would beneficially own shares of the Series B Preferred Stock in excess of the ownership limit applicable to such person, then the excess shares of the Series B Preferred Stock shall be automatically transferred to a trust for the benefit of a qualified charitable organization that we select. In addition, if any event occurs that would, if effective and (other than with respect to a purported transfer of the Series B Preferred Stock or beneficial ownership of the Series B Preferred Stock) after giving effect to the corresponding provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation as they apply to stock other than the Series B Preferred Stock, cause any of the results set forth in the last three bullets above, then the shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, the ownership of which would cause such result, shall be automatically transferred to a trust for the benefit of a qualified charitable organization that we select.

As soon as practicable after the transfer of shares of the Series B Preferred Stock to the trust, the trustee of the trust will be required to sell such shares to a person who could own the shares without violating the applicable ownership limits and distribute to the original transferee-stockholder an amount equal to the lesser of:

the proceeds of the sale; or

the market price of the shares of the Series B Preferred Stock that were automatically transferred to the trust on the date of such event, which generally will equal the average closing price of the Series B Preferred Stock for the five consecutive trading days ending on such date.

If, prior to the discovery that shares of the Series B Preferred Stock have been transferred to a trust, such shares are sold, then such shares shall be deemed to have been sold on behalf of the trust and, to the extent that the seller received an amount for such shares that exceeds the amount set forth above, such excess shall be paid to the trust upon demand.

Any dividend or other distribution paid prior to the discovery that the shares of the Series B Preferred Stock have been transferred to a trust shall be paid by the recipient of such dividend or distribution to the trust upon demand. All dividends and other distributions received with respect to any shares of the Series B Preferred Stock following the automatic transfer and prior to their sale by the trust and any proceeds from the sale by the trust in excess of the amount distributable to the original transferee-owner will be distributed to the beneficiary of the trust.

Shares of the Series B Preferred Stock automatically transferred to a trust pursuant to the provisions described above shall be deemed to have been offered for sale to us, or our designee, at a price per share equal to the lesser of:

the price per share in the transaction that resulted in such transfer (or, in the case of a devise or gift, the market price at the time of such devise or gift); and

the market price on the date we, or our designee, accepts such offer.

We will have the right to accept such offer until the trustee has sold the shares of the Series B Preferred Stock held in the trust.

Disclosure of Stock Ownership

Each person who is a beneficial owner of shares of our stock, including the Series B Preferred Stock, will be required to disclose to us in writing any information that we may request to determine our status as a REIT and ensure compliance with the ownership limits.

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No Maturity or Sinking Fund; No Preemptive Rights

The Series B Preferred Stock has no maturity date, and no sinking fund has been established for the retirement or redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock. Accordingly, the Series B Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely, unless we decide, at our option, to exercise our redemption right. The Series B Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any preemptive rights.

Depository Shares

The following is a summary of the material terms and provisions of the Depository Shares. The following summary does not set forth the full terms or provisions of the Depository Shares, which will be set forth in a Master Deposit Agreement (including the form of depositary receipt to be contained therein). The Master Deposit Agreement, and not this description, will define the terms of the Depository Shares.

Distributions

Whenever the Depository receives any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Series B Preferred Stock, the Depository will distribute to record holders of the Depository Shares such amounts of such dividend or distribution as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depository Shares held by such holders on the relevant record date, which will be the same date as the record date fixed by us for the Series B Preferred Stock; provided, however, that in case we or the Depository are required to withhold and do withhold from any cash dividend or other cash distribution in respect of the Series B Preferred Stock an amount on account of taxes or as otherwise required by law, regulation or court process, the amount made available for distribution or distributed in respect of Depository Shares will be reduced accordingly.

Further, whenever the Depository receives any distribution other than cash, rights, preferences or privileges upon the Series B Preferred Stock, the Depository will distribute to record holders of the Depository Shares such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depository Shares held by such holders on the relevant record date, in any manner that the Depository and we may deem equitable and practicable for accomplishing such distribution. If for any reason the Depository, after consultation with the us, deems such distribution not to be feasible, the Depository may, with our approval, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (at a public or a private sale) of the securities or property thus received, or any part thereof, at any place or places and upon such terms as it may deem equitable and appropriate, and will distribute the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

Liquidation Preference

Upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of each Depository Share will be entitled to 1/100th of the liquidation preference accorded each share of Series B Preferred Stock (equivalent to \$25.00 per Depository Share).

Redemption

Whenever we elect to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock, the Depository will redeem, as of the same redemption date, the number of Depository Shares representing such Series B Preferred Stock to be so redeemed. The Depository will mail notice of our redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock and the proposed simultaneous redemption of the Depository Shares by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, promptly upon the Depository's receipt of our notice to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock and, in any event, not fewer than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the record holders of the Depository Shares to be so redeemed. On the date of such redemption, provided that we will then have paid or caused to be paid in full to the Depository the redemption price of the Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed, plus an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) thereon up to, but excluding the date fixed for redemption, without interest, the Depository shall redeem the number of Depository Shares representing such redeemed Series B Preferred Stock. If fewer than all outstanding Depository Shares are to be redeemed, the Depository Shares to be redeemed

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shall be determined pro rata, by lot, or by other equitable method determined by us. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary contained therein, no notice shall be required to be provided in the event the Depositary Shares are redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations regarding the preservation of our status as a REIT for United States federal income tax purposes.

Notice having been mailed as set forth in the above paragraph, from and after the date fixed for redemption (unless the we have failed to provide the funds necessary to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock evidenced by the Depositary Shares called for redemption), (i) dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after such date, (ii) the Depositary Shares being redeemed shall be deemed no longer to be outstanding, and (iii) all rights of the holders of such Depositary Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price) shall, to the extent of such Depositary Shares, terminate. Such Depositary Shares will be redeemed by the Depositary at a redemption price per Depositary Share equal to 1/100th of the redemption price per share paid with respect to the Series B Preferred Stock plus 1/100th of all money and other property, if any, represented by such Depositary Shares, including all amounts paid by us in respect of dividends which on the date fixed for redemption have accrued on the Series B Preferred Stock to be so redeemed and have not theretofore been paid. Subject to applicable escheat laws, any funds deposited by us with the Depositary for any Depositary Shares that the holders thereof fail to redeem will be returned to us at the end of two years from the date fixed for redemption, after which reversion the holders of such Depositary Shares so called for redemption shall look to our general funds for the payment of such cash.

Voting and Other Rights

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, the Depositary will, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the record holders of Depositary Shares as of the record date for such meeting a notice, which will contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting, (ii) a statement that the holders may, subject to any applicable restrictions, instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the Series B Preferred Stock represented by their respective Depositary Shares, and (iii) a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of a holder of Depositary Shares on such record date, the Depositary shall use its best efforts to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such request, the Series B Preferred Stock represented by such holders' Depositary Shares. We will take all action that may be deemed reasonably necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to do so. In the absence of specific instructions from the holder of the Depositary Shares, the Depositary will abstain from voting to the extent of the Series B Preferred Stock represented by such Depositary Shares. In addition, to the extent holders of the Series B Preferred Stock may exercise other rights pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate of Designations), then, upon the written request of holders of the Depositary Shares, the Depositary shall use its best efforts to exercise such rights on behalf of such holders. The requesting holders shall be responsible for any costs, expenses and liabilities associated with the Depositary's exercise of any such rights on behalf of such holders, and the Depositary will not be required to take any action unless the requesting holders have provided advanced payment or offered to the Depositary indemnity satisfactory to the Depositary, in its sole discretion, against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request.

Withdrawal of Series B Preferred Stock

Any holder of Depositary Shares representing any number of whole shares of Series B Preferred Stock may (unless such Depositary Shares have previously been called for redemption) withdraw the Series B Preferred Stock and all money and other property, if any, represented thereby in accordance with the Master Deposit Agreement and paying any unpaid amount due the Depositary. Thereafter, without unreasonable delay, the Depositary shall deliver to such holder or to the person or persons designated by such holder, the number of whole shares of Series B Preferred Stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by the Depositary Shares so surrendered for withdrawal. Holders of such whole shares of Series B Preferred Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such Series B Preferred Stock hereunder or to receive Depositary Shares therefor.

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Transfer in Trust

If an event occurs as a result of which the Certificate of Designations provides that shares of Series B Preferred Stock are to be automatically transferred to a trust, then (i) immediately prior to such transfer, Depositary Shares corresponding to such shares of the Series B Preferred Stock shall be automatically transferred to a separate trust and all provisions of the Certificate of Designations relating to a trust holding shares of Series B Preferred Stock, the shares of Series B Preferred Stock so held and the rights and obligations of all other persons with respect to such shares of Series B Preferred Stock (including any person who, but for such provisions, would beneficially own or constructively own (as such terms are defined in the Certificate of Incorporation) such shares of Series B Preferred Stock) shall apply in the same manner to such separate trust holding the Depositary Shares, the Depositary Shares so held and the rights and obligations of all other persons with respect to such Depositary Shares and (ii) shares of Series B Preferred Stock shall not be automatically transferred to a trust unless required by the Certificate of Designations after giving effect to such automatic transfer of the Depositary Shares to a separate trust.

Amendment and Termination of the Master Deposit Agreement

Any provision of the Master Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between us and the Depositary in any respect that they may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that no such amendment (other than any changes in the fees of any Depositary or the Registrar (as defined in the Master Deposit Agreement), which shall go into effect not sooner than three months after notice thereof to the holders of the Depositary Shares) that materially adversely alters the rights of holders of Depositary Shares shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the holders of at least two-thirds of the Depositary Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may any amendment impair the right of any holder of any Depositary Shares, upon surrender of such Depositary Shares and subject to any conditions specified in the Master Deposit Agreement, to receive Series B Preferred Stock and any money or other property represented thereby, except in order to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

The Master Deposit Agreement may be terminated by us at any time upon not less than 60 days' prior written notice to the Depositary, in which case, on a date that is not later than 30 days after the date of such notice, the Depositary will deliver or make available for delivery to holders of Depositary Shares, such number of whole or fractional shares as are represented by such Depositary Shares.

Charges of Depositary

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the Master Deposit Agreement, except such charges as are expressly provided in the Master Deposit Agreement to be at the expense of holders of Depositary Shares.

Miscellaneous

The Depositary will furnish to holders of Depositary Shares copies of any reports and communications received from us that are received by the Depositary as the holder of the Series B Preferred Stock. The Depositary will keep books at the Depositary's Office (as defined in the Master Deposit Agreement) for the registration and registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Depositary Shares, which books at all reasonable times will be open for inspection by the record holders of Depositary Shares; provided that any such holder requesting to exercise such right shall certify to the Depositary that such inspection shall be for a proper purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as an owner of Depositary Shares.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent (as defined in the Master Deposit Agreement), nor the Registrar nor the Company shall incur any liability to any holder of Depositary Shares, if by reason of any provision of any present or future law, or regulation thereunder, of the United States or any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent or the Registrar, by reason of any provision,

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present or future, of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Certificate of Designations or by reason of any act of war or other circumstance beyond the control of the relevant party, the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, the Registrar or the Company shall be prevented, delayed or forbidden from, or subjected to any penalty on account of, doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of the Master Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, the Registrar or the Company incur liability to any holder of Depositary Shares (i) by reason of any nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in the performance of any act or thing that the terms of the Master Deposit Agreement shall provide shall or may be done or performed, or (ii) by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in the Master Deposit Agreement except, in the case of any such exercise or failure to exercise discretion not caused as aforesaid, if caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the party charged with such exercise or failure to exercise.

Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The Depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the Depositary by delivering to the Depositary notice of such removal, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor Depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice for resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

Transfer Agent, Depositary and Registrar

The transfer agent for the Series B Preferred Stock and the Depositary and registrar for the Depositary Shares is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

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SUPPLEMENTAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

This summary supplements and should be read together with the general discussion of the tax considerations relating to our qualification as a REIT and the ownership and disposition of shares of our capital stock described in the accompanying prospectus under the title "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" as supplemented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2013 under the title "New U.S. Income Tax Legislation." To the extent any information set forth under the title "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus is inconsistent with this supplemental information, this supplemental information will apply and supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2013. This supplemental information is provided on the same basis and subject to the same qualifications as are set forth in the first three paragraphs under the title "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus as if those paragraphs were set forth in this prospectus supplement.

General

Owners of the Depositary Shares will generally be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as if they were owners of the Series B Preferred Stock represented by such Depositary Shares. Accordingly, such owners will take into account, for United States federal income tax purposes, income to which they would be entitled if they were holders of such Series B Preferred Stock. Subject to the discussion below, an investment in our Series B Preferred Stock is generally subject to the same United States federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in our common stock. See "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of the considerations relating to an investment in our common stock, including a discussion of the taxation of Boston Properties.

Surrender of Depositary Shares

A surrender of Depositary Shares for Series B Preferred Stock is not a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes.

Distributions

In the case of distributions (including deemed distributions) with respect to the Series B Preferred Stock underlying the Depositary Shares, an owner of such Depositary Shares will generally be subject to the same rules that are applicable to distributions received by holders of our common stock, as discussed in the accompanying prospectus. However, as noted in the accompanying prospectus, in determining the extent to which a distribution will be treated as being made from our earnings and profits, our earnings and profits will be allocated on a pro rata basis, first to distributions with respect to our preferred stock, and then to our common stock.

Sale or Exchange

Subject to the discussion below regarding redemptions of the Series B Preferred Stock underlying the Depositary Shares, a sale or exchange of Depositary Shares will generally be treated as a sale or exchange of the underlying Series B Preferred Stock. Accordingly, an owner of Depositary Shares would generally realize capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the owner's amount realized in the sale or exchange and the owner's adjusted tax basis in its Depositary Shares, and such gain or loss would be treated in accordance with the sections of the discussion in the accompanying prospectus relating to sales and exchanges of common stock.

Redemption or Repurchase by Us

A redemption or repurchase of shares of our capital stock will be treated under Section 302 of the Code as a distribution taxable as a dividend to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits at ordinary

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income rates unless the redemption or repurchase satisfies one of the tests set forth in Section 302(b) of the Code and is therefore treated as a sale or exchange of the redeemed or repurchased shares. The redemption or repurchase will be treated as a sale or exchange if it:

is substantially disproportionate with respect to the holder;

results in a complete termination of the holder's stock interest in us; or

is not essentially equivalent to a dividend with respect to the holder, all within the meaning of Section 302(b) of the Code.

In determining whether any of these tests have been met, shares of capital stock, including preferred stock, common stock and other equity interests in us, considered to be owned by the holder by reason of certain constructive ownership rules set forth in the Code, as well as shares of our capital stock actually owned by the holder, must generally be taken into account. Because the determination as to whether any of the alternative tests of Section 302(b) of the Code will be satisfied with respect to the holder depends upon the facts and circumstances at the time that the determination must be made, holders are advised to consult their tax advisors to determine such tax treatment.

If a redemption or repurchase of shares of our stock is treated as a distribution taxable as a dividend, the amount of the distribution will be measured by the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received. See Taxation of Stockholders and Potential Tax Consequences of Their Investment in Shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock Dividends and Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders Dividends (as applicable), in the accompanying prospectus. A holder's adjusted basis in the redeemed or repurchased shares of the stock for tax purposes will be transferred to its remaining shares of our capital stock, if any. If a holder owns no other shares of our capital stock, such basis may, under certain circumstances, be transferred to a related person or it may be lost entirely. Proposed Treasury Regulations issued in 2009, if enacted in their current form, would affect the basis recovery rules described above. It is not clear whether these proposed regulations will be enacted in their current form or at all. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the federal income tax consequences of a redemption or repurchase of our capital stock.

If a redemption or repurchase of shares of our stock is not treated as a distribution taxable as a dividend, it will be treated as a taxable sale or exchange in the manner described under Taxation of Stockholders and Potential Tax Consequences of Their Investment in Shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock Dispositions of Stock and Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders Dispositions of Stock (as applicable), in the accompanying prospectus.

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UNDERWRITING

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering and as the representatives of the underwriters named below.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the aggregate number of Depositary Shares set forth opposite their respective names below:

Underwriter	Number of Depositary Shares
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to purchase the Depositary Shares are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the Depositary Shares if they purchase any of the Depositary Shares. The obligations of the underwriters under the underwriting agreement may also be terminated upon the occurrence of certain stated events.

We have granted to the underwriters the option to purchase up to an additional _____ Depositary Shares from us at the initial public offering price, less the underwriting discounts payable by us, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, solely to cover over-allotments, if any. If the underwriters exercise this option, in whole or in part, then each of the underwriters will be separately committed, subject to the conditions described in the underwriting agreement, to purchase the additional shares of our Depositary Shares in proportion to their respective commitments set forth in the table above.

Currently, no market exists for the Depositary Shares. We intend to apply to list the Depositary Shares on the NYSE under the symbol BXP PrB. If the application is approved, trading of the Depositary Shares is expected to commence within 30 days after the initial delivery of the Depositary Shares. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Depositary Shares prior to commencement of any trading on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making activities at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Depositary Shares.

We will pay an underwriting discount of \$ _____ per Depositary Share for retail orders and an underwriting discount of \$ _____ per Depositary Share for institutional orders. The following table shows the total underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering based on weighted average underwriting discount for retail and institutional sales. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional Depositary Shares.

	Payable by Company	
	No Exercise	Full Exercise
Per Depositary Share	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

The underwriters propose to offer the Depositary Shares directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, and some of the Depositary Shares to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed \$ _____ per Depositary Share (\$ _____ per Depositary Share in the case

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of sales to certain institutions). The underwriters may allow, and dealers may re-allow, a concession not to exceed \$ per Depositary Share (other than sales to certain institutions) on sales to other dealers. After the initial offering of the Depositary Shares to the public, the representatives may change the public offering price and other selling terms.

In connection with the offering of the Depositary Shares, the underwriters may purchase and sell the Depositary Shares in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales of the Depositary Shares in excess of the principal amount of the Depositary Shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the Depositary Shares in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of the Depositary Shares made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Depositary Shares while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the joint book-running managers in covering syndicate short positions or making stabilizing purchases, repurchase Depositary Shares originally sold by that syndicate member.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or slowing a decline in the market price of the Depositary Shares. They may also cause the price of the Depositary Shares to be greater than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering, not including the underwriting discounts, will be approximately \$ million and will be payable by us.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, commercial banking, derivatives, financial advisory and investment banking transactions and services and other commercial transactions and services in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

Certain affiliates of the underwriters are lenders and/or agents under our \$750.0 million unsecured line of credit and our mortgage indebtedness and construction loan facilities and those of our unconsolidated joint ventures and other affiliates. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have acted, and may in the future act, as counterparties to rate lock agreements, interest rate swaps or other hedging transactions entered into by us or our unconsolidated joint ventures and other affiliates. We also lease space in our properties to certain of the underwriters and their affiliates.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

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We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

Secondary Trading Prior to Settlement

The underwriters expect to deliver the Depositary Shares to purchasers on or about March , 2013, which will be the seventh business day following the pricing of the Depositary Shares (such settlement cycle being herein referred to as T + 7). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade Depositary Shares before the third business day prior to the closing date specified on the cover page of this prospectus supplement will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Depositary Shares initially will settle T + 7, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the Depositary Shares who wish to trade the Depositary Shares on the date of pricing of the Depositary Shares or the next succeeding three business days should consult their own advisor.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed upon for us by Goodwin Procter LLP, Boston, Massachusetts. Certain legal matters related to this offering are being passed upon for the underwriters by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP has in the past performed, and may in the future perform, legal services for us and our affiliates.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in the accompanying prospectus as supplemented by this prospectus supplement by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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Boston Properties, Inc. may offer to sell from time to time debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, stock purchase contracts, and warrants. Preferred stock purchase rights may be attached to shares of common stock of Boston Properties, Inc. The debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. may be convertible into common stock or preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. and may be guaranteed by Boston Properties Limited Partnership. The preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. may either be sold separately or represented by depositary shares and may be convertible into common stock or preferred stock of another series. Boston Properties Limited Partnership may offer to sell from time to time debt securities, which may be exchangeable for common stock or for preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. and may be guaranteed by Boston Properties, Inc. Selling security holders may from time to time offer to sell debt securities, guarantees, common stock, preferred stock, stock purchase contracts, and warrants of Boston Properties, Inc. under this prospectus.

The debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, stock purchase contracts, depositary shares and warrants of Boston Properties, Inc. and the debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership may be offered separately or together, in multiple series, in amounts, at prices and on terms that will be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements to this prospectus. Boston Properties Limited Partnership may guarantee the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on debt securities issued by Boston Properties, Inc. to the extent and on the terms described herein and in the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus. Boston Properties, Inc. may guarantee the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on debt securities issued by Boston Properties Limited Partnership to the extent and on the terms described herein and in the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. Each time any of Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership or selling security holders sells securities, a prospectus supplement will be provided that will contain specific information about the terms of any securities offered and the specific manner in which the securities will be offered and the identity of any selling security holders. The prospectus supplement will also contain information, where appropriate, about material United States federal income tax consequences relating to, and any listing on a securities exchange of, the securities covered by the prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement may add to, update or change the information in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership or selling security holders may offer the securities directly to investors, through agents designated from time to time by Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, or to or through underwriters or

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dealers. If any agents, underwriters, or dealers are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names, and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement with, between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in an accompanying prospectus supplement. For more detailed information, see Plan of Distribution on page 74. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of securities by the selling security holders.

The common stock of Boston Properties, Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BXP. On August 8, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$89.10 per share.

Investing in our securities involves various risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 4 as well as the risk factors contained in documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated August 9, 2011.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

About this Prospectus

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we have filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). By using a shelf registration statement, Boston Properties, Inc. and/or selling security holders are registering an unspecified amount of debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, stock purchase contracts, depositary shares and warrants, and may sell such securities, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings. By using a shelf registration statement, Boston Properties Limited Partnership is registering an unspecified amount of debt securities and may sell such debt securities, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings. The registration statement also registers the possible guarantee by Boston Properties Limited Partnership of debt securities to be issued by Boston Properties, Inc. and the possible guarantee by Boston Properties, Inc. of debt securities to be issued by Boston Properties Limited Partnership.

As used in this prospectus and the registration statement on Form S-3 of which this prospectus is a part, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us, and our refer to Boston Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation organized in 1997, individually or together with its subsidiaries, including Boston Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and our predecessors. Boston Properties Limited Partnership is the entity through which Boston Properties, Inc. conducts substantially all of its business and owns substantially all of its assets. In addition, we sometimes refer to Boston Properties Limited Partnership as the Operating Partnership or BPLP, and Boston Properties, Inc. as the Company or BXP.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference in these documents. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement. If anyone provides you with different, inconsistent or unauthorized information or representations, you must not rely on them. This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement are an offer to sell only the securities offered by these documents, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is current only as of the date on the front of those documents.

About Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership

Boston Properties, Inc. is a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust, or REIT, and one of the largest owners and developers of Class A office properties in the United States. Our properties are concentrated in five markets Boston, Washington, DC, midtown Manhattan, San Francisco and Princeton, NJ. Boston Properties, Inc. conducts substantially all of its business through Boston Properties Limited Partnership. Boston Properties, Inc. is the sole general partner and, at June 30, 2011, the owner of approximately 87.5% of the economic interests in Boston Properties Limited Partnership.

At June 30, 2011, we owned or had interests in 152 commercial real estate properties, aggregating approximately 42.1 million net rentable square feet, including eight properties under construction totaling approximately 3.4 million net rentable square feet. In addition, we had structured parking for approximately 43,539 vehicles containing approximately 14.7 million square feet. At June 30, 2011, our properties consisted of:

146 office properties, including 127 Class A office properties (including six properties under construction) and 19 Office/Technical properties;

one hotel;

three retail properties; and

two residential properties (both of which are under construction).

At June 30, 2011, we owned or controlled undeveloped land parcels totaling approximately 511.6 acres. In addition, we have a noncontrolling interest in the Boston Properties Office Value-Added Fund, L.P. which we refer to as the Value-Added Fund, which is a strategic partnership

with two institutional investors through which

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We have pursued the acquisition of value-added investments in assets within our existing markets. Our investments through the Value-Added Fund are not included in our portfolio information or any other portfolio level statistics. At June 30, 2011, the Value-Added Fund had investments in 24 buildings comprised of an office property in Chelmsford, Massachusetts and office complexes in Mountain View, California.

We consider Class A office properties to be centrally located buildings that are professionally managed and maintained, attract high-quality tenants and command upper-tier rental rates, and that are modern structures or have been modernized to compete with newer buildings. We consider Office/Technical properties to be properties that support office, research and development, laboratory and other technical uses. Our definitions of Class A Office and Office/Technical properties may be different than those used by other companies.

Our principal executive office is located at 800 Boylston Street, Suite 1900, Boston, Massachusetts 02199-8103 and our telephone number is (617) 236-3300.

Additional information regarding Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership, including audited financial statements and descriptions of Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership, is contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) on page 6 of this prospectus.

Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

The following table sets forth Boston Properties, Inc.'s historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Year Ended December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	1.40	1.29	1.58	1.78	4.55	4.00

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures, plus gains on sales of real estate, amortization of interest capitalized, distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures, and fixed charges, minus interest capitalized and preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed, interest capitalized and preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries.

The following table sets forth Boston Properties Limited Partnership's historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Year Ended December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	1.43	1.32	1.62	1.83	4.80	4.33

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures, plus gains on sales of real estate, amortization of interest capitalized, distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures, and fixed charges, minus interest capitalized. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and interest capitalized.

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The following table sets forth Boston Properties, Inc.'s historical ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends for the periods indicated:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Year Ended December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Distributions	1.40	1.29	1.58	1.78	4.55	4.00

The ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends were computed by dividing earnings by combined fixed charges and preferred dividends on securities of Boston Properties, Inc. There were no preferred securities of Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding for the periods presented. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures, plus gains on sales of real estate, amortization of interest capitalized, distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures, and fixed charges, minus interest capitalized and preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries. Combined fixed charges and preferred dividends consist of interest expensed, interest capitalized, preferred distributions of consolidated subsidiaries and preferred dividends on securities of Boston Properties, Inc. There were no preferred securities of Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding for the periods presented.

The following table sets forth Boston Properties Limited Partnership's historical ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions for the periods indicated:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Year Ended December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Distributions	1.42	1.31	1.61	1.81	4.66	4.03

The ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions were computed by dividing earnings by combined fixed charges and preferred distributions on securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures, plus gains on sales of real estate, amortization of interest capitalized, distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures, and fixed charges, minus interest capitalized. Combined fixed charges and preferred distributions consist of interest expensed, interest capitalized and preferred distributions on securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, before making an investment decision. These risks are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by the materialization of any of these risks. The trading price of our securities could decline due to the materialization of any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks described in the documents incorporated herein by reference, including (i) our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, (ii) our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and (iii) documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and which are deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and any accompanying prospectus supplement, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. We caution investors that any forward-looking statements presented in this prospectus or any of the documents incorporated by reference, or which management may make orally or in writing from time to time, are based on beliefs and assumptions made by, and information currently available to, management. When used, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, might, plan, project, result, should, will and similar expressions which do not relate to matters are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions and are not guarantees of future performance, which may be affected by known and unknown risks, trends, uncertainties and factors that are beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected by the forward-looking statements. We caution you that while forward-looking statements reflect our good-faith beliefs when we make them, they are not guarantees of future performance and are impacted by actual events when they occur after we make such statements. Accordingly, investors should use caution in relying on forward looking statements, which are based on results and trends at the time they are made, to anticipate future results or trends.

Some of the risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

the continuing impact of high unemployment and other macroeconomic trends, which is having and may continue to have a negative effect on the following, among other things:

the fundamentals of our business, including overall market occupancy, tenant space utilization, and rental rates;

the financial condition of our tenants, many of which are financial, legal and other professional firms, our lenders, counterparties to our derivative financial instruments and institutions that hold our cash balances and short-term investments, which may expose us to increased risks of default by these parties; and

the value of our real estate assets, which may limit our ability to dispose of assets at attractive prices or obtain or maintain debt financing secured by our properties or on an unsecured basis;

general risks affecting the real estate industry (including, without limitation, the inability to enter into or renew leases, dependence on tenants' financial condition, and competition from other developers, owners and operators of real estate);

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failure to manage effectively our growth and expansion into new markets and sub-markets or to integrate acquisitions and developments successfully;

the ability of our joint venture partners to satisfy their obligations;

risks and uncertainties affecting property development and construction (including, without limitation, construction delays, cost overruns, inability to obtain necessary permits and public opposition to such activities);

risks associated with the availability and terms of financing and the use of debt to fund acquisitions and developments, including the impact of higher interest rates on the cost and/or availability of financing;

risks associated with forward interest rate contracts and the effectiveness of such arrangements;

risks associated with downturns in the national and local economies, increases in interest rates, and volatility in the securities markets;

risks associated with actual or threatened terrorist attacks;

costs of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other similar laws;

potential liability for uninsured losses and environmental contamination;

risks associated with Boston Properties, Inc.'s potential failure to qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

possible adverse changes in tax and environmental laws;

the impact of newly adopted accounting principles on our accounting policies and on period-to-period comparisons of financial results;

risks associated with possible state and local tax audits;

risks associated with our dependence on key personnel whose continued service is not guaranteed; and

the other risk factors identified in the most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of each of Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership, including those described under the caption "Risk Factors," and our other reports filed from time to time with the SEC and any prospectus supplement.

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The risks included herein are not exhaustive, and you should be aware that there may be other factors that could adversely affect our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Investors should also refer to the Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that are incorporated herein by reference, including those filed in the future, and to other materials we may furnish to the public from time to time through Current Reports on Form 8-K or otherwise for a discussion of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any responsibility to update any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events, or otherwise, and you should not rely upon these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and in accordance with the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, you may read our SEC filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE), which is located at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Our SEC filings are available at the NYSE because our common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol of BXP.

Boston Properties, Inc. has a website located at <http://www.bostonproperties.com>. The information on this website is not a part of this prospectus.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to these documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information already incorporated by reference. The SEC file number of Boston Properties, Inc. is 1-13087 and the SEC file number of Boston Properties Limited Partnership is 0-50209. We are incorporating by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC:

Boston Properties, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed on February 25, 2011;

Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed on February 25, 2011;

Boston Properties, Inc.'s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, filed on May 9, 2011 and August 8, 2011, respectively;

Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, filed on May 9, 2011 and August 8, 2011, respectively;

the description of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock contained in Boston Properties, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on June 12, 1997, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description;

the description of the rights to purchase shares of Series E Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock contained in Boston Properties, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on June 18, 2007, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description;

Boston Properties, Inc.'s Current Reports on Forms 8-K, filed on January 21, 2011, April 1, 2011, May 19, 2011, June 2, 2011 and June 27, 2011 and Item 8.01 of Boston Properties, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 26, 2011;

Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Current Reports on Forms 8-K, filed on January 21, 2011, April 1, 2011, May 19, 2011, June 2, 2011 and June 27, 2011 and Item 8.01 of Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 26, 2011;

the statements of revenue over certain expenses of the General Motors Building for period from January 1, 2008 through June 8, 2008 (unaudited) and for the year ended December 31, 2007, including the report of independent registered public accounting firm and notes thereto as applicable, contained in Boston Properties, Inc.'s and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's amendments to their current reports on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2008; and

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the combined statements of revenue over certain expenses of 540 Madison Avenue, Two Grand Central Tower and 125 West 55th Street in New York City for the six months ended June 30, 2008 (unaudited) and for the year ended December 31, 2007, including the report of independent registered public accounting firm and notes thereto as applicable, contained in Boston Properties, Inc.'s and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's amendments to their current reports on Form 8-K filed on October 24, 2008.

All documents filed by Boston Properties Limited Partnership and Boston Properties, Inc. with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus until the earlier of the date on which all of the securities registered hereunder have been sold or this registration statement has been withdrawn shall be deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus and to be a part of this prospectus from the date of filing of those documents. Upon request, we will provide, without charge, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered a copy of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings, and any exhibits we have specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this prospectus, by writing or telephoning us at the following:

Boston Properties, Inc.

The Prudential Center

800 Boylston Street, Suite 1900

Boston, Massachusetts 02199-8103

Attention: Investor Relations

(617) 236-3300

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. We have incorporated exhibits into the registration statement. You should read the exhibits carefully for provisions that may be important to you.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or the date of the applicable documents.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Boston Properties, Inc. is required by the terms of the partnership agreement of Boston Properties Limited Partnership to contribute the net proceeds of any sale of common stock, preferred stock, stock purchase contracts, depository shares or warrants to Boston Properties Limited Partnership in exchange for securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership with economic interests that are substantially similar to the securities issued by Boston Properties, Inc. If Boston Properties, Inc. issues any debt securities, it may lend those proceeds to Boston Properties Limited Partnership.

Unless we provide otherwise in a supplement to this prospectus, following Boston Properties, Inc.'s contribution of any net proceeds to Boston Properties Limited Partnership, we intend to use the net proceeds from our sale of the securities covered by this prospectus for one or more of the following:

the acquisition, development, and improvement of properties;

the repayment of debt;

capital expenditures;

working capital; and

other general business purposes.

We will not receive any of the proceeds of the sale by selling security holders of the securities covered by this prospectus.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

Debt Securities May Be Senior or Subordinated

Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership may issue senior or subordinated debt securities at one or more times in one or more series. Each series of debt securities may have different terms. Neither the senior debt securities nor the subordinated debt securities will be secured by any property or assets of Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership or any of their respective subsidiaries. Thus, by owning a debt security, you are an unsecured creditor of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be.

Neither any limited or general partner of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, including Boston Properties, Inc., nor any principal, shareholder, member, officer, director, trustee or employee of any limited or general partner of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership or of any successor of any limited or general partner of Boston Properties Limited Partnership has any obligation for payment of debt securities or for any of Boston Properties, Inc.'s or Boston Properties Limited Partnership's obligations, covenants or agreements contained in the debt securities or the applicable indenture. By accepting the debt securities, you waive and release all liability of this kind. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of debt securities. This waiver and release will not apply to the liability of Boston Properties Limited Partnership solely in its capacity of guarantor of any series of debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and solely to the extent of any such guarantee.

The senior debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and the senior debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be issued under the applicable senior debt indenture, as described below, and will rank equally with all of Boston Properties, Inc.'s or Boston Properties Limited Partnership's, as the case may be, other senior unsecured and unsubordinated debt.

The subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and the subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be issued under the applicable subordinated debt indenture, as described below, and will be subordinate in right of payment to all of Boston Properties, Inc.'s or Boston Properties Limited Partnership's, as the case may be, senior debt, as defined in the applicable subordinated debt indenture, as described under "Description of Debt Securities - Subordination Provisions" beginning on page 22 and in the applicable prospectus supplement.

None of the indentures limit Boston Properties, Inc.'s or Boston Properties Limited Partnership's ability to incur additional senior debt, unless otherwise described in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities.

Boston Properties, Inc. senior debt will be structurally subordinate to the indebtedness of Boston Properties Limited Partnership (unless Boston Properties Limited Partnership guarantees such indebtedness and then solely to the extent of any such guarantee), and will be structurally subordinate to the indebtedness of the subsidiaries of Boston Properties Limited Partnership. Boston Properties Limited Partnership's senior debt is, and any additional senior debt of Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be, structurally subordinate to the indebtedness of Boston Properties Limited Partnership's subsidiaries and will be structurally senior to any indebtedness of Boston Properties, Inc., unless Boston Properties Limited Partnership guarantees such indebtedness of Boston Properties, Inc. See "Boston Properties, Inc.'s and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Debt Securities Are Structurally Subordinated to Indebtedness of Boston Properties Limited Partnership and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Subsidiaries, Respectively" below.

When we refer to "senior debt securities" in this prospectus, we mean both the senior debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and the senior debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, unless the context requires otherwise. When we refer to "subordinated debt securities" in this prospectus, we mean both the

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subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and the subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, unless the context requires otherwise. When we refer to debt securities in this prospectus, we mean both the senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities, unless the context requires otherwise.

If we issue debt securities at a discount from their principal amount, then, for purposes of calculating the aggregate initial offering price of the offered securities issued under this prospectus, we will include only the initial offering price of the debt securities and not the principal amount of the debt securities.

We have summarized below the material provisions of the indentures and the debt securities, or indicated which material provisions will be described in the related prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement relating to any particular securities offered will describe the specific terms of the securities, which may be in addition to or different from the general terms summarized in this prospectus. Because the summary in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement does not contain all of the information that you may find useful, you should read the documents relating to the securities that are described in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. Please read **Where You Can Find More Information** beginning on page 6 to find out how you can obtain a copy of those documents.

The Senior Debt Indenture and the Subordinated Debt Indenture of Boston Properties, Inc.

The senior debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. will be issued under an indenture, dated as of a date prior to such issuance, among Boston Properties, Inc., as the issuer of the debt securities, Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the guarantor of the debt securities, if applicable, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as amended or supplemented from time to time. The subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. will be issued under a separate indenture, dated as of a date prior to such issuance, among Boston Properties, Inc., as the issuer of the debt securities, Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the guarantor of the debt securities, if applicable, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as amended or supplemented from time to time. The indentures will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. We included copies of the forms of indentures as exhibits to our registration statement and they are incorporated into this prospectus by reference. Except as otherwise indicated, the terms of the indentures are identical.

Boston Properties Limited Partnership may, under each indenture, guarantee (either fully and unconditionally or in a limited manner) the due and punctual payment of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, one or more series or debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. See **Description of Boston Properties Limited Partnership Guarantee** below for more information. If such debt securities are so guaranteed, the existence and terms of such guarantee will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The Senior Debt Indenture and the Subordinated Debt Indenture of Boston Properties Limited Partnership

The senior debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be issued under an indenture, dated as of December 13, 2002, between Boston Properties Limited Partnership and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as amended or supplemented from time to time. The subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be issued under a separate indenture, dated as of a date prior to such issuance, between Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the issuer of the debt securities, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as amended or supplemented from time to time. The senior debt securities indenture is and the subordinated debt securities indenture will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. We included a copy of the form of subordinated debt securities indenture as an exhibit to this registration statement and it and the senior debt securities indenture are incorporated into this prospectus by reference. Except as otherwise indicated, the terms of the indentures are identical.

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General

The indentures:

do not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue;

allow us to issue debt securities with terms different from those of the debt securities previously issued under the indenture;

allow us to issue debt securities in one or more series;

do not require us to issue all of the debt securities of a series at the same time;

allow us to reopen a series to issue additional debt securities without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series;
and

provide that the debt securities will be unsecured.

Except as described under **Description of Debt Securities** **Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets** beginning on page 17 or as may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions that (1) would limit our ability to incur indebtedness or (2) would afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of (a) a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership or any of their respective affiliates or (b) a change of control or reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction involving us that may adversely affect the holders of the debt securities. In the future, we may enter into transactions, such as the sale of all or substantially all of our assets or a merger or consolidation, that may have an adverse effect on our ability to service our indebtedness, including the debt securities, by, among other things, substantially reducing or eliminating our assets. Neither governing law, nor our governing instruments, define the term **substantially all** as it relates to the sale of assets. Consequently, to determine whether a sale of **substantially all** of our assets has occurred, a holder of debt securities must review the financial and other information that we have disclosed to the public.

Each indenture provides that we may, but need not, designate more than one trustee under an indenture. Any trustee under an indenture may resign or be removed and a successor trustee may be appointed to act with respect to the series of debt securities administered by the resigning or removed trustee. If two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of debt securities, each trustee shall be a trustee of a trust under the applicable indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee. Except as otherwise indicated in this prospectus, any action described in this prospectus to be taken by each trustee may be taken by each trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is trustee under the applicable indenture.

As used in this prospectus, the term **debt securities** includes the debt securities being offered by this prospectus and all other debt securities issued by Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership under the indentures. When we refer to the indenture or the trustee with respect to any debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, we mean the indenture under which those debt securities are issued and the trustee under that indenture.

Information in the Prospectus Supplement

When we refer to a series of debt securities, we mean a series issued under the applicable indenture. When we refer to a prospectus supplement, we mean the prospectus supplement describing the specific terms of the debt securities of a particular series being offered. The terms used in any prospectus supplement have the meanings described in this prospectus, unless otherwise specified.

We will describe most of the financial and other specific terms of a particular series of debt securities being offered, including the terms of any guarantee, if applicable, whether it be a series of the senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, in a prospectus supplement

accompanying this prospectus. Those terms may vary from the terms described here.

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The applicable prospectus supplement will also contain the terms of a given offering, the initial offering price and our net proceeds. Where applicable, a prospectus supplement will also describe any material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the debt securities offered and indicate whether the securities offered are or will be listed on any securities exchange.

Disclosure of the specific terms of a particular series of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement, may include some or all of the following:

whether the issuer of the debt securities is Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership;

the title of the debt securities;

whether they are senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities and, if they are subordinated debt securities, any changes in the subordination provisions described in this prospectus applicable to those subordinated debt securities;

the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities being offered, the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding as of the most recent practicable date and any limit on their aggregate principal amount, including the aggregate principal amount of debt securities authorized;

the stated maturity;

the price at which the debt securities will be issued, expressed as a percentage of the principal amount, and the original issue date;

the portion of the principal payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity, if other than the principal amount;

the date or dates, or the method for determining the date or dates, on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

the fixed or variable interest rate or rates of the debt securities, or the method by which the interest rate or rates is determined;

the date or dates, or the method for determining the date or dates, from which interest will accrue;

the dates on which interest will be payable;

the record dates for interest payment dates, or the method by which we will determine those dates;

the persons to whom interest will be payable;

the basis upon which interest will be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;

any make-whole amount, which is the amount in addition to principal and interest that is required to be paid to the holder of a debt security as a result of any optional redemption or accelerated payment of such debt security, or the method for determining the make-whole amount;

whether the debt securities may be converted into, in the case of debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc., or exchanged for, in the case of debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, common stock or preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. or other securities, the terms on which such conversion or exchange may occur, including whether such conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, the period during which such conversion or exchange may occur, the initial conversion or exchange price or rate, and the circumstances or manner in which the shares of common stock or preferred stock issuable upon conversion or exchange may be adjusted or calculated according to the market price of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock or preferred stock or such other securities or other applicable parameters;

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if the debt securities are issued by Boston Properties, Inc., whether Boston Properties Limited Partnership will guarantee the due and punctual payment of principal of, premium (or make-whole amount), if any, and interest on the debt securities and the extent of any such guarantee, and if so, whether such guarantee will be unsecured and unsubordinated or subordinated to other indebtedness of Boston Properties Limited Partnership;

if the debt securities are issued by Boston Properties Limited Partnership, whether Boston Properties, Inc. will guarantee the due and punctual payment of principal of, premium (or make-whole amount), if any, and interest on the debt securities and the extent of any such guarantee, and if so, whether such guarantee will be unsecured and unsubordinated or subordinated to other indebtedness of Boston Properties, Inc.;

the place or places where the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) and interest on, the debt securities will be payable;

where the debt securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange;

where notices or demands to or upon us in respect of the debt securities and the applicable indenture may be served;

the times, prices and other terms and conditions upon which we may redeem the debt securities;

any obligation we have to redeem, repay or purchase the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of holders of the debt securities, and the times and prices at which we must redeem, repay or purchase the debt securities as a result of such an obligation;

any deletions from, modifications of, or additions to our events of default or covenants, and any change in the right of any trustee or any of the holders to declare the principal amount of any of such debt securities due and payable;

the denominations in which the debt securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000;

the currency or currencies in which the debt securities are denominated and in which principal and/or interest is payable if other than United States dollars, which may be a foreign currency or units of two or more foreign currencies or a composite currency or currencies, and the terms and conditions relating thereto, and the manner of determining the equivalent of such foreign currency in United States dollars;

whether the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) or interest on, the debt securities of the series are to be payable, at our election or at the election of a holder, in a currency or currencies other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable, and other related terms and conditions;

whether the amount of payments of principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) or interest on, the debt securities may be determined according to an index, formula or other method and how such amounts will be determined;

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whether the debt securities will be in registered form, bearer form or both and (1) if in registered form, the person to whom any interest shall be payable, if other than the person in whose name the security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest, or (2) if in bearer form, the manner in which, or the person to whom, any interest on the security shall be payable if otherwise than upon presentation and surrender upon maturity;

the identity of the depository for securities in registered form, if such series are to be issuable as a global security;

any restrictions applicable to the offer, sale or delivery of securities in bearer form and the terms upon which securities in bearer form of the series may be exchanged for securities in registered form of the series and vice versa if permitted by applicable laws and regulations;

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whether any debt securities of the series are to be issuable initially in temporary global form and whether any debt securities of the series are to be issuable in permanent global form with or without coupons and, if so, whether beneficial owners of interests in any such permanent global security may or shall be required to exchange their interests for other debt securities of the series, and the manner in which interest shall be paid;

the date as of which any debt securities in bearer form or in temporary global form shall be dated if other than the original issuance date of the first security of the series to be issued;

the applicability, if any, of the defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions described in this prospectus or in the applicable indenture;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay any additional amounts on the debt securities in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities in lieu of making such a payment;

the circumstances, if any, under which beneficial owners of interests in the global security may obtain definitive debt securities and the manner in which payments on a permanent global debt security will be made if any debt securities are issuable in temporary or permanent global form;

any provisions granting special rights to holders of securities upon the occurrence of such events as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement;

the name of the applicable trustee and the nature of any material relationship with us or with any of our affiliates, and the percentage of debt securities of the class necessary to require the trustee to take action; and

any other terms of such debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture.

Original Issue Discount Securities

We may issue debt securities at a discount below their principal amount and provide for less than the entire principal amount thereof to be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof. We will refer to any such debt securities throughout this prospectus as original issue discount securities. A fixed rate debt security, a floating rate debt security or an indexed debt security may be an original issue discount security. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the material federal income tax consequences and other relevant considerations applicable to original issue discount securities.

Fixed Rate Debt Securities

We may issue fixed rate debt securities. A debt security of this type will bear interest at a fixed rate described in the applicable prospectus supplement. This type includes zero coupon debt securities, which bear no interest and are instead issued at a price usually significantly lower than the principal amount. Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, each fixed rate debt security, except any zero coupon debt security, will bear interest from its original issue date or from the most recent date to which interest on the debt security has been paid or made available for payment. Interest will accrue on the principal of a fixed rate debt security at the fixed yearly rate stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, until the principal is paid or made available for payment or the debt security is exchanged. Each payment of interest due on an interest payment date or the date of maturity will include interest accrued from and including the last date to which interest has been paid, or made available for payment, or from the issue date if none has been paid or made available for payment, to but excluding the interest payment date or the date of maturity. Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will compute interest on fixed rate debt securities on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

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Floating Rate Debt Securities

We may issue floating rate debt securities. A debt security of this type will bear interest at rates that are determined by reference to an interest rate formula. In some cases, the rates may also be adjusted by adding or subtracting a spread or multiplying by a spread multiplier and may be subject to a minimum rate or a maximum rate. If a debt security is a floating rate debt security, the formula and any adjustments that apply to the interest rate will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, each floating rate debt security will bear interest from its original issue date or from the most recent date to which interest on the debt security has been paid or made available for payment. Interest will accrue on the principal of a floating rate debt security at the yearly rate determined according to the interest rate formula stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, until the principal is paid or made available for payment or the security is exchanged.

Calculations relating to floating rate debt securities will be made by the calculation agent, an institution that we appoint as our agent for this purpose. The prospectus supplement for a particular floating rate debt security will name the institution that we have appointed to act as the calculation agent for that debt security as of its original issue date. We may appoint a different institution to serve as calculation agent from time to time after the original issue date of the debt security without your consent and without notifying you of the change.

For each floating rate debt security, the calculation agent will determine, on the corresponding interest calculation or determination date, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the interest rate that takes effect on each interest reset date. In addition, the calculation agent will calculate the amount of interest that has accrued during each interest period i.e., the period from and including the original issue date, or the last date to which interest has been paid or made available for payment, to but excluding the payment date. For each interest period, the calculation agent will calculate the amount of accrued interest by multiplying the face or other specified amount of the floating rate debt security by an accrued interest factor for the interest period. This factor will equal the sum of the interest factors calculated for each day during the interest period. The interest factor for each day will be expressed as a decimal and will be calculated by dividing the interest rate, also expressed as a decimal, applicable to that day by 360 or by the actual number of days in the year, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Upon the request of the holder of any floating rate debt security, the calculation agent will provide for that debt security the interest rate then in effect and, if determined, the interest rate that will become effective on the next interest reset date. The calculation agent's determination of any interest rate, and its calculation of the amount of interest for any interest period, will be final and binding in the absence of manifest error.

All percentages resulting from any calculation relating to a debt security will be rounded upward or downward, as appropriate, to the next higher or lower one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, e.g., 9.876541% (or .09876541) being rounded down to 9.87654% (or .0987654) and 9.876545% (or .09876545) being rounded up to 9.87655% (or .0987655). All amounts used in or resulting from any calculation relating to a floating rate debt security will be rounded upward or downward, as appropriate, to the nearest cent, in the case of U.S. dollars, or to the nearest corresponding hundredth of a unit, in the case of a currency other than U.S. dollars, with one-half cent or one-half of a corresponding hundredth of a unit or more being rounded upward.

In determining the base rate that applies to a floating rate debt security during a particular interest period, the calculation agent may obtain rate quotes from various banks or dealers active in the relevant market, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Those reference banks and dealers may include the calculation agent itself and its affiliates, as well as any underwriter, dealer or agent participating in the distribution of the relevant floating rate debt securities and its affiliates.

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Indexed Debt Securities

We may issue indexed debt securities. Payments of principal of, and premium and interest on, indexed debt securities are determined with reference to the rate of exchange between the currency or currency unit in which the debt security is denominated and any other currency or currency unit specified by us, to the relationship between two or more currencies or currency units or by other similar methods or formulas specified in the prospectus supplement. A debt security of this type provides that the principal amount payable at its maturity, and the amount of interest payable on an interest payment date, will be determined by reference to:

securities of one or more issuers;

one or more currencies;

one or more commodities;

any other financial, economic or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance; or

one or more indices or baskets of the items described above.

If you are a holder of an indexed debt security, you may receive an amount at maturity that is greater than or less than the face amount of your debt security depending upon the value of the applicable index at maturity. The value of the applicable index will fluctuate over time.

We will provide you with more information in the applicable prospectus supplement regarding any deletions, modifications, or additions to the events of default or covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

Amounts that We May Issue

None of the indentures limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series. In addition, the indentures and the debt securities do not limit either Boston Properties, Inc.'s or Boston Properties Limited Partnership's ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities, unless otherwise described in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities. Also, neither Boston Properties, Inc. nor Boston Properties Limited Partnership is subject to financial or similar restrictions by the terms of the debt securities, unless otherwise described in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities.

Payment

Unless we give you different information in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) and interest on, any series of the debt securities will be payable at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee. We will provide you with the address of the trustee in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may also pay interest by mailing a check to the address of the person entitled to it as it appears in the applicable register for the debt securities or by wire transfer of funds to that person at an account maintained within the United States.

All monies that we pay to a paying agent or a trustee for the payment of the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) or interest on, any debt security will be repaid to us if unclaimed at the end of two years after the obligation underlying payment becomes due and payable. After funds have been returned to us, the holder of the debt security may look only to us for payment, without payment of interest for the period which we hold the funds.

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Boston Properties, Inc.'s and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Debt Securities are Structurally Subordinated to Indebtedness of Boston Properties Limited Partnership and Boston Properties Limited Partnership's Subsidiaries, Respectively

Boston Properties, Inc.'s indebtedness is structurally subordinated to debt of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, except to the extent of any guarantee of such indebtedness by Boston Properties Limited Partnership. In addition, because Boston Properties, Inc.'s assets consist principally of interests in Boston Properties Limited Partnership and because Boston Properties Limited Partnership's assets consist principally of interests in the subsidiaries through which we own our properties and conduct our business, our right to participate as an equity holder in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the subsidiary's liquidation or otherwise, and thus the ability of our security holders to benefit from the distribution, is junior to creditors of the applicable subsidiary, except to the extent that any claims we may have as a creditor of such subsidiary are recognized. Furthermore, because some of our subsidiaries are partnerships in which we are a general partner, we may be liable for their obligations. We may also guarantee some obligations of our subsidiaries. Any liability we may have for our subsidiaries' obligations could reduce our assets that are available to satisfy our direct creditors, including investors in our debt securities.

Form of Debt Securities

We will issue each debt security in global (i.e., book-entry) form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. Debt securities in book-entry form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository, which will be the holder of all the debt securities represented by that global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global debt security will do so through participants in the depository's securities clearance system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. See "Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance" below.

In addition, we will issue each debt security in fully registered form, without coupons.

Denomination, Interest, Registration and Transfer

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of any series will be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

Subject to the limitations imposed upon debt securities that are issued in book-entry form and represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository, a holder of debt securities of any series may:

exchange them for any authorized denomination of other debt securities of the same series and of a like aggregate principal amount and kind upon surrender of such debt securities at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate for such purpose; and

surrender them for registration of transfer or exchange at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate for such purpose.

Every debt security surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange must be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, and the person requesting such action must provide evidence of title and identity satisfactory to the applicable trustee or transfer agent. Payment of a service charge will not be required for any registration of transfer or exchange of any debt securities, but we or the trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. If in addition to the applicable trustee, the applicable prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agent initially designated by us for any series of debt securities, we may at any time rescind the designation of any such transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any such transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for such series. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

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Neither we nor any trustee shall be required to:

issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day that the notice of redemption of any debt securities selected for redemption is mailed and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing;

register the transfer of or exchange any debt security, or portion thereof, so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part; and

issue, register the transfer of or exchange any debt security that has been surrendered for repayment at the option of the holder, except the portion, if any, of such debt security not to be so repaid.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

The indentures provide that each of Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership may, without the consent of the holders of any outstanding debt securities, (1) consolidate with, (2) sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, or (3) merge with or into, any other entity provided that:

either it is the continuing entity, or the successor entity, if other than Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, is an entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States and assumes its obligations (A) to pay the principal of, and any premium and interest on, all of its debt securities and (B) to duly perform and observe all of its covenants and conditions contained in the applicable indenture;

immediately after giving effect to the transaction and treating any indebtedness that becomes the obligation of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, or the obligation of any of our subsidiaries as having been incurred by us or by such subsidiary at the time of the transaction, no event of default under the applicable indenture, and no event which, after notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become such an event of default, occurs and continues; and

an officers' certificate and legal opinion covering such conditions are delivered to each trustee.

Any limitation applicable to the ability of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, in its capacity as guarantor of debt securities of any series of Boston Properties, Inc., to participate in any of the transactions described above will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Covenants

Existence. Except as permitted under Description of Debt Securities Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets above, the indentures require us to do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect our existence, rights and franchises. However, the indentures do not require us to preserve any right or franchise if the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. determines that any right or franchise is no longer desirable in the conduct of our business.

Maintenance of properties. If we determine that it is necessary in order to properly and advantageously carry on our business, the indentures require us to:

cause all of our material properties used or useful in the conduct of our business or the business of any of our subsidiaries to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order, normal wear and tear, casualty and condemnation excepted, and supplied with all necessary equipment; and

cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof. However, the indentures do not prohibit us or our subsidiaries from (1) permanently removing any property that has been condemned or suffered a casualty loss, if it is in our best interests, or (2) selling or otherwise disposing of our respective properties for value in the ordinary course of business.

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Insurance. The indentures require our insurable properties to be insured against loss or damage in an amount deemed reasonable by the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. with insurers of recognized responsibility.

Payment of taxes and other claims. The indentures require us to pay, discharge or cause to be paid or discharged, before they become delinquent:

all taxes, assessments and governmental charges levied or imposed on us, our subsidiaries or our subsidiaries' income, profits or property; and

all lawful claims for labor, materials and supplies which, if unpaid, might by law become a lien upon our or our subsidiaries' property.

However, we will not be required to pay, discharge or cause to be paid or discharged any such tax, assessment, charge or claim whose amount, applicability or validity is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

Provision of Financial Information. The indentures require us to (1) within 15 days of each of the respective dates by which we are required to file annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents with the SEC, file copies of such reports and documents with the trustee and (2) within 30 days after the filing of such reports and documents with the Trustee, mail to all holders of debt securities, as their names and addresses appear in the applicable register for such debt securities summary of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents that we file with the SEC under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Additional covenants. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any additional covenants of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership relating to any series of debt securities.

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, when we refer to "events of default" as defined in the indentures with respect to any series of debt securities, we mean:

default in the payment of any installment of interest on any debt security of such series continuing for 30 days;

default in the payment of principal of, or any premium (or make-whole amount) on, any debt security of such series at its maturity;

default in making any sinking fund payment as required for any debt security of such series;

default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, contained in the indenture continuing for 60 days after written notice to Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, as provided in the applicable indenture;

default by Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, under any bond, debenture, note, mortgage, indenture or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced any recourse indebtedness for money borrowed by Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, having an aggregate in principal amount outstanding of at least \$50 million, whether such recourse indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default either (A) constitutes a failure to pay any portion of the principal of such recourse indebtedness when due and payable at its stated maturity after the expiration of any applicable grace period with respect thereto (and without such recourse indebtedness having been discharged) or (B) resulted in such recourse indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to its stated maturity (and without such recourse indebtedness

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having been discharged or such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled), and in each case such default shall not have been rescinded or annulled within 10 days after written notice of such default has been received by Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, as provided in the applicable indenture;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership or any subsidiary of Boston Properties Limited Partnership that is an obligor or guarantor of any indebtedness that is also recourse indebtedness of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership having an aggregate principal amount outstanding of at least \$50 million; and

any other event of default provided with respect to a particular series of debt securities.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to debt securities of any series outstanding, then the applicable trustee or the holders of 25% or more in principal amount of the debt securities of that series will have the right to declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable. If the debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities or indexed securities, then the applicable trustee or the holders of 25% or more in principal amount of the debt securities of that series will have the right to declare the portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof to be due and payable. However, at any time after such a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the applicable trustee, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of such series or of all debt securities then outstanding under the applicable indenture may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

we have deposited with the applicable trustee all required payments of the principal, any premium (or make-whole amount), and interest, plus applicable fees, expenses, disbursements and advances of the applicable trustee; and

all events of default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal, or a specified portion thereof, and any premium (or make-whole amount), have been cured or waived.

The indentures also provide that the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series or of all debt securities then outstanding under the applicable indenture may on behalf of all holders waive any past default with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default:

in the payment of the principal, any premium (or make-whole amount) or interest;

in respect of a covenant or provision contained in the applicable indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of the outstanding debt security that is affected by the default; or

in respect of a covenant or provision for the benefit or protection of the trustee, without its express written consent.

The indentures require each trustee to give notice to the holders of debt securities within 90 days of a default unless such default has been cured or waived. However, the trustee may withhold notice if specified responsible officers of such trustee consider such withholding to be in the interest of the holders of debt securities. The trustee may not withhold notice of a default in the payment of principal, any premium or interest on any debt security of such series or in the payment of any sinking fund installment in respect of any debt security of such series.

The indentures provide that holders of debt securities of any series may not institute any proceedings, judicial or otherwise, with respect to such indenture or for any remedy under the indenture, unless the trustee fails to act for a period of 60 days after the trustee has received a written request to institute proceedings in respect of an event of default from the holders of 25% or more in principal amount of the outstanding debt

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securities of such series, as well as an offer of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee. However, this provision will not prevent any holder of debt securities from instituting suit for the enforcement of payment of the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) and interest on, such debt securities at the respective due dates thereof.

The indentures provide that, subject to provisions in each indenture relating to its duties in the case of a default, a trustee has no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers at the request or direction of any holders of any series of debt securities then outstanding under the indenture, unless the holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. The holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series or of all debt securities then outstanding under an indenture shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the applicable trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred upon such trustee. However, a trustee may refuse to follow any direction which:

is in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture;

may involve the trustee in personal liability; or

may be unduly prejudicial to the holders of debt securities of the series not joining the proceeding.

Within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, we will be required to deliver to each trustee a certificate, signed by one of our several specified officers stating whether or not that officer has knowledge of any default under the applicable indenture. If the officer has knowledge of any default, the notice must specify the nature and status of the default.

Modification of the Indentures

The indentures provide that modifications and amendments may be made only with the consent of the affected holders of at least a majority in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities issued under that indenture. However, no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities affected by the modification or amendment:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any premium (or make-whole amount) on, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any such debt security;

reduce the principal amount of, the rate or amount of interest on or any premium (or make-whole amount) payable on redemption of any such debt security;

reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount security that would be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or would be provable in bankruptcy, or adversely affect any right of repayment of the holder of any such debt security;

change the place of payment or the coin or currency for payment of principal of, or any premium (or make-whole amount) or interest on, any such debt security;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any such debt security;

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reduce the percentage in principal amount of any outstanding debt securities necessary to modify or amend the applicable indenture with respect to such debt securities, to waive compliance with particular provisions thereof or defaults and consequences thereunder or to reduce the quorum or voting requirements set forth in the applicable indenture; and

modify any of the foregoing provisions or any of the provisions relating to the waiver of particular past defaults or covenants, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to provide that some of the other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of such debt security.

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The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series may, on behalf of all holders of debt securities of that series, waive, insofar as that series is concerned, our compliance with material restrictive covenants of the applicable indenture.

Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership and the respective trustee may make modifications and amendments of an indenture without the consent of any holder of debt securities for any of the following purposes:

to evidence the succession of another person to us as obligor under such indenture;

to add to the covenants of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us in such indenture;

to add events of default for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities;

to add or change any provisions of an indenture (1) to facilitate the issuance of, or to change or eliminate restrictions on the payment of principal of, or premium (or make-whole amount) or interest on, debt securities in bearer form, or (2) to permit or facilitate the issuance of debt securities in uncertificated form, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect;

to change or eliminate any provisions of an indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there are no debt securities outstanding of any series created prior thereto which are entitled to the benefit of such provision;

to secure the debt securities;

to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series;

to provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee or facilitate the administration of the trusts under an indenture by more than one trustee;

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in an indenture, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of holders of debt securities of any series issued under such indenture; and

to supplement any of the provisions of an indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of any series of such debt securities, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the outstanding debt securities of any series.

Voting

The indentures provide that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding debt securities of a series have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the indentures or whether a quorum is present at a meeting of holders of debt securities:

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the principal amount of an original issue discount security that shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;

the principal amount of any debt security denominated in a foreign currency that shall be deemed outstanding shall be the United States dollar equivalent, determined on the issue date for such debt security, of the principal amount or, in the case of an original issue discount security, the United States dollar equivalent on the issue date of such debt security of the amount determined as provided in the immediately preceding bullet point;

the principal amount of an indexed security that shall be deemed outstanding shall be the principal face amount of such indexed security at original issuance, unless otherwise provided for such indexed security under such indenture; and

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debt securities owned by us or any other obligor upon the debt securities or by any affiliate of ours or of such other obligor shall be disregarded.

The indentures contain provisions for convening meetings of the holders of debt securities of a series. A meeting will be permitted to be called at any time by the applicable trustee, and also, upon request, by us or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series, in any such case upon notice given as provided in such indenture. Except for any consent that must be given by the holder of each debt security affected by the modifications and amendments of an indenture described above, any resolution presented at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series represented at such meeting.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, except as referred to above, any resolution relating to a request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action that may be made, given or taken by the holders of a specified percentage, which is less than a majority, of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of such specified percentage.

Any resolution passed or decision taken at any properly held meeting of holders of debt securities of any series will be binding on all holders of such series. The quorum at any meeting called to adopt a resolution, and at any reconvened meeting, will be persons holding or representing a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series. However, if any action is to be taken relating to a consent or waiver which may be given by the holders of at least a specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, the persons holding such percentage will constitute a quorum.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the indentures provide that if any action is to be taken at a meeting with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver and other action that such indenture expressly provides may be made, given or taken by the holders of a specified percentage in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities affected by such action, or of the holders of such series and one or more additional series:

there shall be no minimum quorum requirement for such meeting; and

the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series that vote in favor of such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action shall be taken into account in determining whether such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action has been made, given or taken under such indenture.

Subordination Provisions

Holders of subordinated debt securities should recognize that contractual provisions in the applicable subordinated debt indenture may prohibit the issuer of the subordinated debt securities, whether Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, from making payments on those securities. Subordinated debt securities are subordinate and junior in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner stated in the applicable subordinated debt indenture or in the provisions of the applicable debt securities, to all of the issuer's senior debt, as defined in the applicable subordinated debt indenture, including all debt securities the issuer has issued and will issue under the applicable senior debt indenture.

Unless defined differently in the applicable prospectus supplement, the applicable subordinated debt indentures define "senior debt" as the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on all indebtedness of the issuer, other than the subordinated debt securities, whether outstanding on the date of the indenture or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, which is (a) for money borrowed, (b) evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any businesses, properties or assets of any kind or (c) obligations of

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the issuer, as lessee under leases required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of the lessee under generally accepted accounting principles or leases of property or assets made as part of any sale and lease-back transaction to which the issuer is a party. For the purpose of this definition, interest includes interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to the issuer, to the extent that the claim for post-petition interest is allowed in the proceeding. Also for the purpose of this definition, indebtedness of the issuer includes indebtedness of others guaranteed by the issuer and amendments, renewals, extensions, modifications and refundings of any indebtedness or obligation of the kinds described in the first sentence of this paragraph. However, indebtedness of the issuer for the purpose of this definition does not include any indebtedness or obligation if the instrument creating or evidencing the indebtedness or obligation, or under which the indebtedness or obligation is outstanding, provides that the indebtedness or obligation is not superior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities.

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides differently, the subordinated debt indentures provides that, unless all principal of and any premium or interest on the senior debt has been paid in full, no payment or other distribution may be made in respect of any subordinated debt securities in the following circumstances:

in the event of any insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar proceeding involving the issuer or its assets;

in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the issuer, whether voluntary or involuntary and whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy;

in the event of any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of assets and liabilities of the issuer;

if any subordinated debt securities of issuer have been declared due and payable before their stated maturity;

in the event and during the continuation of any default in the payment of principal, premium or interest on any senior debt beyond any applicable grace period or if any event of default with respect to any senior debt of the issuer has occurred and is continuing, permitting the holders of that senior debt of the issuer or a trustee to accelerate the maturity of that senior debt, unless the event of default has been cured or waived or ceased to exist and any related acceleration has been rescinded; or

if any judicial proceeding is pending with respect to a payment default or an event of default described in the immediately preceding clause.

If the trustee under the applicable subordinated debt indenture or any holders of the subordinated debt securities receive any payment or distribution that they know is prohibited under the subordination provisions, then the trustee or the holders will have to repay that money to the holders of the senior debt.

Even if the subordination provisions prevent Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership from making any payment when due on the subordinated debt securities of any series, Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, as the case may be, will be in default on its obligations under that series if it does not make the payment when due. This means that the trustee under the applicable subordinated debt indenture and the holders of that series can take action against us, but they will not receive any money until the claims of the holders of senior debt have been fully satisfied.

Modification of Subordination Provisions

Neither Boston Properties, Inc. nor Boston Properties Limited Partnership may amend the subordinated debt indenture governing any series of subordinated debt securities it has already issued to alter the subordination of any outstanding subordinated debt securities without the written consent of each holder of senior debt then outstanding who would be adversely affected by such amendment. In addition, neither Boston Properties, Inc. nor

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Boston Properties Limited Partnership may modify the subordination provisions of the subordinated debt indenture governing any series of subordinated debt securities it has already issued in a manner that would adversely affect the outstanding subordinated debt securities of any one or more series in any material respect, without the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of all affected series, voting together as one class.

Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indentures allow us to discharge our obligations to holders of any series of debt securities issued under any indenture when:

either (1) all securities of such series have already been delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation; or (2) all securities of such series have not already been delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation but (A) have become due and payable, (B) will become due and payable within one year, or (C) if redeemable at our option, are to be redeemed within one year, and we have irrevocably deposited with the applicable trustee, in trust, funds in such currency or currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies in which such debt securities are payable, an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on such debt securities in respect of principal (and any premium or make-whole amount) and interest to the date of such deposit if such debt securities have become due and payable or, if they have not, to the stated maturity or redemption date;

we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating the conditions to discharging the debt securities have been satisfied.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indentures provide that, upon our irrevocable deposit with the applicable trustee, in trust, of an amount, in such currency or currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies in which such debt securities are payable at stated maturity, or government obligations, or both, applicable to such debt securities, which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, and any premium (or make-whole amount) and interest on, such debt securities, and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments thereon, on the scheduled due dates therefor, we may elect either:

to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to such debt securities; or

to be released from our obligations with respect to such debt securities under the applicable indenture or, if provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, our obligations with respect to any other covenant, and any omission to comply with such obligations shall not constitute an event of default with respect to such debt securities.

Notwithstanding the above, we may not elect to defease and be discharged from the obligation to pay any additional amounts upon the occurrence of particular events of tax, assessment or governmental charge with respect to payments on such debt securities and the obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such debt securities, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities, to maintain an office or agency in respect of such debt securities, or to hold monies for payment in trust.

The indentures only permit us to establish the trust described in the paragraph above if, among other things, we have delivered to the applicable trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of such debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred. Such opinion of counsel, in the case of defeasance, will be required to refer to and be based upon a ruling received from or published by the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable federal income tax law occurring after the date of the indenture. In the event of such defeasance, the holders of such debt securities would be able to look only to such trust fund for payment of principal, any premium (or make-whole amount), and interest.

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When we use the term government obligations, we mean securities that are:

direct obligations of the United States or the government that issued the foreign currency in which the debt securities of a particular series are payable, for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged; or

obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States or other government that issued the foreign currency in which the debt securities of such series are payable, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States or such other government, which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such government obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such government obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt. However, except as required by law, such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the government obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the government obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, if after we have deposited funds and/or government obligations to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to debt securities of any series, (1) the holder of a debt security of such series is entitled to, and does, elect under the terms of the applicable indenture or the terms of such debt security to receive payment in a currency, currency unit or composite currency other than that in which such deposit has been made in respect of such debt security, or (2) a conversion event occurs in respect of the currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such deposit has been made, the indebtedness represented by such debt security will be deemed to have been, and will be, fully discharged and satisfied through the payment of the principal of, and premium (or make-whole amount) and interest on, such debt security as they become due out of the proceeds yielded by converting the amount so deposited in respect of such debt security into the currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such debt security becomes payable as a result of such election or such cessation of usage based on the applicable market exchange rate.

When we use the term conversion event, we mean the cessation of use of:

a currency, currency unit or composite currency both by the government of the country that issued such currency and for the settlement of transactions by a central bank or other public institutions of or within the international banking community;

the European Currency Unit both within the European Monetary System and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Communities; or

any currency unit or composite currency other than the European Currency Unit for the purposes for which it was established.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, all payments of principal of, and premium (or make-whole amount), if any, and interest on, any debt security that is payable in a foreign currency that ceases to be used by its government of issuance shall be made in United States dollars.

In the event that (1) we effect covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities and (2) such debt securities are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount in such currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such debt securities are payable, and government obligations on deposit with the applicable trustee, will be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of the acceleration resulting from such event of default. However, we would remain liable to make payments of such amounts due at the time of acceleration.

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The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting such defeasance or covenant defeasance, including any modifications to the provisions described above, with respect to the debt securities of or within a particular series.

Conversion or Exchange Rights

The terms and conditions, if any, on which debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership are convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock or preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. or other securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms will include the terms on which such conversion or exchange may occur, including whether such conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, the period or periods during which such conversion or exchange may occur, the initial conversion or exchange price or rate, the circumstances under or manner in which the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. or other securities issuable upon conversion or exchange may be adjusted or calculated according to the market price of such common stock or preferred stock of Boston Properties, Inc. or other securities or based on other parameters, and provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event that the debt securities are redeemed.

No Recourse

No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in any indenture or the debt securities, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had (1) in the case of debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, against Boston Properties, Inc. as general partner or any other past, present or future partner of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, or against any other person or entity which owns an interest, directly or indirectly, in any partner of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, or (2) in the case of any debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. or Boston Properties Limited Partnership, against any past, present or future shareholder, partner, employee, officer or director, as such, of Boston Properties Limited Partnership or Boston Properties, Inc. or any successor under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise. Each holder of debt securities waives and releases all such liability by accepting the debt securities. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the debt securities.

Boston Properties, Inc. s and Boston Properties Limited Partnership s Relationship with the Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and/or its affiliates have provided commercial banking and other services for Boston Properties, Inc., Boston Properties Limited Partnership and/or their affiliates in the past and may do so in the future.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is initially serving as the trustee for the senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc. and Boston Properties Limited Partnership. We may appoint other parties to serve as trustee or co-trustee as may be indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. If an actual or potential event of default occurs with respect to any of the debt securities, the trustee may be considered to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. In that case, the trustee may be required to resign under one or more of the indentures, and the issuer of the debt securities would be required to appoint a successor trustee. For this purpose, a potential event of default means an event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving the issuer of the debt securities default notice or for the default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded.

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DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEES

Boston Properties, Inc. may guarantee (either fully or unconditionally or in a limited manner) the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on, one or more series of debt securities of Boston Properties Limited Partnership, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, in accordance with the terms of such guarantee and the applicable indenture. In case of the failure of Boston Properties Limited Partnership punctually to pay any principal, premium or interest on any guaranteed debt security, Boston Properties, Inc. will cause any such payment to be made as it becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, and as if such payment were made by Boston Properties Limited Partnership. The particular terms of the guarantee, if any, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to the guaranteed debt securities. Any guarantee by Boston Properties, Inc. will be of payment only and not of collection.

Boston Properties Limited Partnership may guarantee (either fully or unconditionally or in a limited manner) the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on, one or more series of debt securities of Boston Properties, Inc., whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, in accordance with the terms of such guarantee and the applicable indenture. In case of the failure of Boston Properties, Inc. punctually to pay any principal, premium or interest on any guaranteed debt security, Boston Properties Limited Partnership will cause any such payment to be made as it becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, and as if such payment were made by Boston Properties, Inc. The particular terms of the guarantee, if any, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to the guaranteed debt securities. Any guarantee by Boston Properties Limited Partnership will be of payment only and not of collection.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK OF BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.

The following is a summary of the material terms and provisions of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. You can access complete information by referring to the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of Boston Properties, Inc., the shareholder rights plan of Boston Properties, Inc. and the Delaware General Corporation Law. The shareholder rights plan, certificate of incorporation and bylaws are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and the following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to such documents.

General

Under the certificate of incorporation, Boston Properties, Inc. has the authority to issue 250,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. On June 30, 2011, there were:

146,387,021 shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock issued and outstanding;

17,812,723 common units of partnership interest in Boston Properties Limited Partnership issued and outstanding (other than the common units held by Boston Properties, Inc.), each of which is redeemable for one share of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock (if Boston Properties, Inc. elects to issue common stock rather than pay cash upon such redemption);

1,620,736 long term incentive units of partnership interest in Boston Properties Limited Partnership issued and outstanding (excluding 400,000 long term incentive units granted under our 2011 Outperformance Plan, which have not yet been earned) pursuant to the Long-Term Incentive Plan, each of which, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, is convertible into one common unit; and

1,113,044 Series Two preferred units of partnership interest in Boston Properties Limited Partnership issued and outstanding, each of which is currently convertible into approximately 1.312336 common units (or a total of 1,460,688 common units).

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Boston Properties, Inc. may issue common stock from time to time. Boston Properties, Inc.'s board of directors must approve the amount of stock we sell and the price for which it is sold. Holders of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock do not have any preferential rights or preemptive rights to buy or subscribe for capital stock or other securities that Boston Properties, Inc. may issue. However, each outstanding share of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock currently has attached to it one preferred stock purchase right issued under the shareholder rights plan, which is summarized below. Boston Properties, Inc. common stock does not have any redemption or sinking fund provisions or any conversion rights.

All of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock, when issued, will be duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable. This means that the full price for Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding common stock will have been paid at the time of issuance and that any holder of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock will not later be required to pay Boston Properties, Inc. any additional money for such Boston Properties, Inc. common stock.

Dividends

Subject to the preferential rights of any other shares of Boston Properties, Inc. stock and the provisions of the certificate of incorporation regarding excess stock, holders of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock may receive dividends out of assets that Boston Properties, Inc. can legally use to pay dividends when and if they are authorized and declared by the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. In the event Boston Properties, Inc. is liquidated, dissolved or its affairs are wound up, each common stockholder shares in the same proportion as other common stockholders out of assets that Boston Properties, Inc. can legally use to pay distributions after Boston Properties, Inc. pays or makes adequate provision for all of its known debts and liabilities.

Voting Rights

Subject to the provisions of the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc. regarding excess stock, holders of common stock will have the exclusive power to vote on all matters presented to Boston Properties, Inc.'s stockholders, including the election of directors, except as otherwise provided by Delaware law or as provided with respect to any other shares of Boston Properties, Inc. stock. Holders of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock are entitled to one vote per share. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. Generally, all matters to be voted on by stockholders, other than the election of directors, must be approved by a majority of the votes present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present, subject to any voting rights granted to holders of any then outstanding preferred stock. In uncontested elections of directors, a majority voting standard will apply pursuant to which, in order for a director nominee to be elected, the votes cast for his or her election must exceed the votes cast against his or her election. In contested elections of directors, which generally will include any situation in which Boston Properties, Inc. receives a notice that a stockholder has nominated a person for election to the board of directors at a meeting of the stockholders of Boston Properties, Inc. that is not withdrawn on or before the tenth day before Boston Properties, Inc. first mails its notice for such meeting to its stockholders, a plurality voting standard will apply.

Other Rights

Subject to the provisions of the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc. regarding excess stock, all shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock have equal dividend, distribution, liquidation and other rights, and have no preference, appraisal or exchange rights, except for any appraisal rights provided by Delaware law.

Delaware law generally requires that Boston Properties, Inc. obtain the approval of a majority of the outstanding shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock that are entitled to vote before Boston Properties, Inc. may consolidate or merge with another corporation. However, Delaware law does not require that Boston Properties, Inc. seek approval of the stockholders of Boston Properties, Inc. to enter into a merger in which Boston Properties, Inc. is the surviving corporation following the merger if:

the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc. is not amended in any respect by the merger;

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each share of Boston Properties, Inc. stock outstanding prior to the merger is to be an identical share of stock following the merger; and

any shares of common stock (together with any other securities convertible into shares of common stock) to be issued or delivered as a result of the merger represent in the aggregate no more than 20% of the number of shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock outstanding immediately prior to the merger.

Restrictions on Ownership

For Boston Properties, Inc. to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the Code, no more than 50% in value of Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding stock may be owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals during the last half of a taxable year. To assist Boston Properties, Inc. in meeting this requirement, it may take actions including the automatic conversion of shares in excess of this ownership restriction into excess stock to limit the ownership of the outstanding equity securities of Boston Properties, Inc., actually or constructively, by one person or entity. See Limits on Ownership of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock.

Transfer Agent

The transfer agent and registrar for Boston Properties, Inc. common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

Preferred Stock

Under the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc., it has authority to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Boston Properties, Inc. does not have any preferred stock outstanding as of the date of this prospectus. Boston Properties, Inc. may issue preferred stock from time to time, in one or more series, as authorized by its board of directors. Prior to issuance of shares of each series, the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. is required by the Delaware General Corporation Law and the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc. to fix for each series, subject to the provisions of the certificate of incorporation regarding excess stock, the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption, as are permitted by Delaware law. The preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will have no preemptive rights. The board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. could authorize the issuance of preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of discouraging a takeover or other transaction that holders of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock might believe to be in their best interests or in which holders of some, or a majority, of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock might receive a premium for their shares over the then market price of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock.

Under the certificate of incorporation of Boston Properties, Inc., it has authority to issue up to 150,000 shares of Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock. None of the Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock is issued or outstanding. Shares of Boston Properties, Inc. Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock may be issued under the shareholder rights plan of Boston Properties, Inc., which is summarized below.

Shareholder Rights Plan

In 1997, the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. adopted a shareholder rights plan and entered into a shareholder rights agreement with Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to BankBoston, N.A.), as rights agent. In 2007, the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc. determined it was in the best interests of its stockholders to extend the benefits afforded by this shareholder rights plan by entering into a new shareholder rights agreement with Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent. The rights may discourage, delay or prevent hostile takeovers. They are not intended, however, to interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc.

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Under the shareholder rights plan of Boston Properties, Inc., one preferred stock purchase right is attached to each outstanding share of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock. We refer to these preferred stock purchase rights as the rights. Each share of common stock issued in the future will also receive a right until any of the rights become exercisable. Until a right is exercised, the holder of a right does not have any additional rights as a stockholder. These rights expire on June 29, 2017, unless previously redeemed or exchanged by us as described below. These rights trade automatically with Boston Properties, Inc. common stock and will separate from the common stock and become exercisable only under the circumstances described below.

In general, the rights will separate from Boston Properties, Inc. common stock and become exercisable when the first of the following events happens:

(1) ten calendar days after a public announcement that a person or a group of affiliated or associated persons has acquired beneficial ownership of more than 15% of the sum of Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding common stock and excess stock, the date of such public announcement being referred to as a stock acquisition date; or

(2) ten business days, or such later date determined by the board of directors of Boston Properties, Inc., after the beginning of a tender offer or exchange offer that could result in a person or group beneficially owning more than 15% of the sum of Boston Properties, Inc. outstanding common stock and excess stock.

Under the shareholder rights plan of Boston Properties, Inc., shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock that may be issued upon redemption of outstanding common units of limited partnership interest in Boston Properties Limited Partnership are not included in the definition of beneficial ownership.

However, if a person who became a limited partner of Boston Properties Limited Partnership at the time of the initial public offering of Boston Properties, Inc. acquires beneficial ownership of more than 15% of the sum of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock and excess stock, the rights will not become exercisable unless the acquisition results in that person acquiring a percentage of the outstanding shares of the outstanding common stock of Boston Properties, Inc. plus outstanding common units of limited partnership interest of Boston Properties Limited Partnership that is greater than the percentage of outstanding shares of common stock plus outstanding common units of limited partnership interest of Boston Properties Limited Partnership that such person held at the completion of Boston Properties, Inc. initial public offering. In addition, no group of which Messrs. Zuckerman or E. Linde, any of their respective heirs, legatees or devisees, or any other person whose beneficial ownership of shares of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock would be attributed to Mr. Zuckerman and Mr. E. Linde, respectively, under the Code, will be deemed to beneficially own any of Boston Properties, Inc.'s securities owned by that person. Common units of limited partnership interest of Boston Properties Limited Partnership held by Boston Properties, Inc. are excluded in making these calculations.

If the rights become exercisable, holders of the rights will be able to purchase from Boston Properties, Inc. a unit of preferred stock equal to one ten-thousandth of a share of Boston Properties, Inc.'s Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock at a cash exercise price of \$350.00 per unit, subject to adjustment. Boston Properties, Inc. has designated 150,000 shares of Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock and has reserved these shares for issuance under the shareholder rights plan of Boston Properties, Inc. However, all rights owned by any persons or groups triggering the event shall be void.

In the event that a stock acquisition date occurs, the rights (other than those held by the person or group triggering the stock acquisition date, whose rights will become null and void) will be exercisable for units of our Series E junior participating cumulative preferred stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the rights.

In addition, if at any time following a stock acquisition date:

Boston Properties, Inc. enters into a merger or other business combination transaction in which Boston Properties, Inc. is not the surviving entity;

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Boston Properties, Inc. enters into a merger or other business combination transaction in which all or part of Boston Properties, Inc. common stock is exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or cash or any other property; or