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The Case for Change Now at CWH  
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January 30, 2014

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five  
new  
trustees  
at  
a  
special  
meeting  
of  
shareholders  
that  
must  
be  
promptly  
called  
in  
the  
event  
that  
the  
Removal  
Proposal  
is  
successful.

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Introduction

Corvex and Related are undertaking this consent solicitation to remove the entire

Board

of

Trustees

of

CommonWealth

REIT

( CommonWealth,  
CWH

or  
the

Company ) after a hard-fought battle for shareholders to hold this vote, and to subsequently elect a new, truly independent Board of Trustees

The Arbitration Panel's ruling in late 2013 established a clear process to facilitate this consent solicitation

CommonWealth stands on the brink of a new phase in its history in which shareholders can choose who will manage their company, unlock substantial value, and leave behind a history as an underperforming, controlled company rife with conflicts of interest

Corvex and Related will request a record date by February 16; CommonWealth must establish the record date to be within 10 business days of the record date request; the consent solicitation must be concluded within 30 calendar days of the record date

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The Case for Removal: Abysmal Performance  
While  
the  
stock  
price  
plummeted  
68%  
during

2007-2013

(1)

,  
annual  
fees  
paid  
to  
RMR,  
the  
external  
manager  
wholly-owned  
by  
Barry  
and  
Adam  
Portnoy,  
increased  
40%

(2)

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as  
the  
fees  
are linked primarily to the size of the Company rather than to profitability for shareholders  
Over  
the  
1  
year,  
2  
years,  
3  
years,  
5  
years,  
and  
10  
years  
ended  
February  
25,  
2013

(3)

,  
the  
stock price declined -17%, -45%, -43%, -45%, and -53%, respectively  
The  
Portnoys  
effectively  
control

CWH  
despite  
owning  
virtually  
no  
stock,  
with  
the  
fees  
they  
pay  
themselves through RMR being their only meaningful economic interest in the Company

As  
a  
result,  
with  
no  
ability  
for  
shareholders  
to  
hold  
management  
accountable,  
we  
believe  
the

Portnoys have had nothing to fear and underperformance has thrived  
CWH's performance record is abysmal by almost any metric over any relevant  
time period, in our view, but all the while the Portnoys have continued with  
impunity to line their pockets

Shareholders can now take back Commonwealth, choose a new, truly  
independent Board, and unlock the substantial value trapped within the  
Portnoys

conflicted external management structure

(1)  
Assumes 2013 share price as of 2/25/2013, last trading day before Corvex and Related filed their initial 13-D.

(2)  
RMR fees paid per CWH public filings include Select Income REIT (SIR).

(3)  
Last trading day before Corvex and Related filed their initial 13-D.

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The Case for Removal: Corporate Governance Malfeasance

Having deliberately manufactured a highly lucrative and insulated situation for themselves over 28 years, it is not surprising the Portnoys would harbor a deep commitment to retaining control

However, the actions taken over the past year to silence shareholders were unconscionable, in our view, and included, among many others, illegal bylaw amendments (later invalidated) and a secret attempt to manipulate Maryland lawmakers into changing the Maryland Unsolicited Takeover Act

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Independent governance advisory firms such as ISS and Glass Lewis have long issued negative opinions on CWH's governance practices and recommended against re-election of certain Trustees

Conveniently coinciding with a solicitation to allow shareholders to take back their company, the Portnoys are now trumpeting highly misleading governance alterations, that can be unilaterally reversed at any time, and shamelessly asking shareholders to believe that they have experienced an epiphany

We believe the Board's actions over the past year alone, coupled with serial underperformance and atrocious corporate governance practices, warrant removal

Shareholders should not allow a few conveniently timed, reversible governance alterations to erase 28 years of poor governance, let alone the inexcusable actions of the past year

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What Are Shareholders Voting On?

The consent solicitation before shareholders is not a vote on a revised set of bylaws, a charter amendment or some other apparatus of governance with which the Portnoys would



like  
to  
distract  
shareholders,  
but  
a  
referendum  
on  
whether  
or  
not  
the  
individuals  
sitting  
on  
the  
current  
Board  
are  
fit  
to  
lead  
this  
company

The consent solicitation also creates an opportunity to elect highly qualified new leadership committed to good governance and unlocking the substantial value embedded in CommonWealth for shareholders

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A Vote on Leadership

An imperfect governance framework is only as good as those entrusted to govern

There

are

gaping

loopholes

in

the  
Portnoys  
recent  
and  
illusory  
governance  
alterations,  
not  
the  
least  
of  
which  
is  
that  
they  
are  
all  
unilaterally  
reversible  
by  
the  
Board

But the obvious flaw in the governance modifications is that they require shareholders to trust the same individuals who deliberately harmed shareholder rights over the past year with actions such as:

Passing illegal bylaw amendments to eviscerate the ability to hold any consent solicitation, a right plainly granted by the Declaration of Trust since 1986

Secretly attempting to manipulate state lawmakers into changing the Maryland Unsolicited Takeover Act to eliminate the right to hold this consent solicitation

Refusing  
to  
eliminate  
bylaws  
that  
require  
2  
Trustees  
be  
employed  
by  
RMR,  
the  
manager  
owned  
100%  
by the Portnoys

In effect, the Portnoys are asking to be judged solely on the misleading modifications of the

past two months, rather than their 28-year history of poor governance, not to mention the inexcusable actions of the past year

When a board deliberately harms shareholder rights through unconscionable tactics to protect their own interests, accepting flawed governance alterations

while  
leaving  
the  
same  
board  
in  
place  
simply  
invites  
more  
of  
the  
same

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CWH Valuation Upside: NAV of Approximately \$35 Per Share

We believe removal of the conflicted and underperforming Trustees will unlock substantial value for shareholders, and estimate

current

NAV

(1)

to

be

approximately \$35 per share in such a scenario, 50% higher than the closing price on January 29, 2014

Extensive due diligence has confirmed poor property and asset management practices, validating the flaws of conflicted external management

We

believe

there

would

be

substantial

low-hanging

fruit

easily

within

the

grasp

of

a

properly incentivized management team

While we continue to estimate 24-36 months for NOI to reach stabilization, we

believe

measurable

progress

can

begin

soon

after

installation

of

new

management

with progress reports communicated to shareholders on a regular basis

Once CWH joins the ranks of other public REITs with institutional quality management, and benefits from internalized management, operational turnaround, and improved capital allocation, we believe CWH could trade at approximately \$40 per share at 12/31/15

(1)

Represents estimate of private market value of all properties owned by CWH as disclosed in 9/30/13 10-Q filing, adjusted for market conditions

We believe installing a new independent Board and an effective management

team will make CWH investable

for previously untapped REIT investors in the

public markets, and remove the downside risk that the current conflicted

management structure will persist

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NAV Highlights

Estimated NAV is supported by extensive and continuing due diligence

Corvex/Related, with the assistance of Jim Lozier

(1)

, conducted independent site visits to

85% of the properties, by value, and leveraged Related's already extensive network of market contacts with that of Mr. Lozier, the co-founder and former CEO of Archon Group L.P., a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs with 8,500 employees at the time of Mr. Lozier's

departure in 2012

Stabilized NOI and private market cap rates are estimates based on a hyper-local, property-by-property build-up, supported by discussions with hundreds of local market participants in all of CWH's relevant markets, including investment sales and leasing brokers, tenants, owner/operators, and property managers

Estimates

of

private

market

cap

rates

are

further

supported

by

a

peer

analysis

of

comparable public REITs

Top

20

assets

by

value

represent

57%

of

the

total

portfolio,

and

the

Top

50

assets

by

value represent 79%

(1)

Mr. Lozier has been retained by Corvex/Related as a consultant and has been previously disclosed as a potential interim CEO.



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Corvex/Related's Turnaround and Governance Plan To Maximize Value

The fair and unfettered election of a new Board consisting solely of truly independent Trustees

After consultation with fellow shareholders, we have proposed a slate of highly qualified nominees for election to the Board at the Special Meeting to be held if the current Board is removed: James Corl, Edward Glickman, Peter Linneman, Jim Lozier and Kenneth Shea  
Best-in-Class corporate governance to finally impose accountability

Amend  
existing  
Declaration  
of  
Trust  
and  
bylaws  
to  
conform  
to  
ISS  
and  
Glass  
Lewis  
best  
practices

Eliminate  
the  
requirement  
that  
at  
least  
2  
Trustees  
be  
affiliated  
with  
RMR

Permanently opt out of MUTA  
Internalize management and align management compensation with shareholder returns

Right  
the  
ship  
with  
basic  
operating  
strategies  
not  
currently  
being  
employed  
by  
existing  
conflicted  
management structure

We believe proper staffing levels and reinvestment in CWH's existing portfolio can harvest a substantial amount of low hanging fruit

No  
poison  
pill  
-  
Adoption  
of  
a  
policy  
against  
new  
pills  
without  
shareholder  
approval  
Cease  
all  
acquisition  
activity  
and  
dilutive  
capital  
raises  
until  
stock  
price  
exceeds  
its  
NAV

Cease all related party transactions not approved by a vote of disinterested shareholders  
Corvex and Related continue to propose the following Turnaround and  
Governance Plan:

While dramatically different from CWH's existing plan, these reforms are in our  
view self-evident to every informed investor and will make CWH look like  
virtually every other member of the S&P 500

Our Nominees have the qualifications to close the valuation gap by guiding the Company to a share price which more accurately reflects its value and prospects

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Our Nominees

Each nominee brings critical perspectives and skills that will be important to Commonwealth's future growth and success in unlocking value for shareholders

They have ready-to-implement strategic ideas designed to improve performance and are prepared to hit the ground running to oversee immediate improvements

Their collective experience includes, but is not limited to:

Corporate strategic analysis for large real estate owner/operators

Public REIT operations and financial reporting

Intensive asset management and property management operations

Leading Wall Street valuation techniques for public REITs

Raising capital in the public markets

Implementing best practices corporate governance

Biographies of our nominees are included in the Appendix

Our

truly

independent

nominees

are

highly

qualified

with

wide-ranging

and

relevant real estate, finance and corporate governance experience

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Clear Case For Change  
Underperformance  
as  
undisputedly  
poor  
as  
it  
is

at  
CWH  
is  
rare  
Historical  
governance  
policies  
as

egregious  
as  
they  
are  
at

CWH  
are  
rare

How often do ISS and Glass Lewis and holders of more than 70% of  
the outstanding shares  
support removal of an entire Board?

Entrenchment  
tactics

as  
appalling  
as  
they  
are

at  
CWH  
are  
rare

The Portnoys ignored the shareholder right to vote enshrined in the Company's charter for 28  
years, and forced us to litigate for months to have the right confirmed by the Panel

Without  
wholesale  
change,  
the

Portnoys  
will  
retain  
effective  
control  
of

CWH  
Actions  
over  
the  
past  
year  
belie

turned

leaf  
intentions

Perpetual Fee Streams

are a powerful incentive to maintain Accountability Vacuum

The case for removal could not be easier to make than it is at CWH:

For

the

first

time

since

the

Portnoys

began

erecting

barriers

to

a

free

and

fair

consent solicitation almost one year ago, shareholders of Commonwealth now  
have an unobstructed path to deciding their own fate



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Executive Summary  
Timeline and Path  
The  
Arbitration  
Panel  
ruling  
on  
November  
18,

2013  
cleared  
a  
path  
to  
an  
open  
and fair consent solicitation process

Seize  
the  
Moment:

The  
Time  
to  
Make

Real  
Change  
at

CommonWealth  
is  
Now

Despite taking every action imaginable to deny shareholders a vote, the Portnoys now have no choice but to face their shareholders in a clear process established by the Panel

The Panel struck down all of the illegal bylaws passed by the current Board:

The Panel expressly prohibited any action intended to impede or frustrate the new solicitation

The  
Panel

also  
declared  
it

would  
remain  
available

to  
resolve  
any

issues  
or  
disputes

"There  
is  
no

question  
that

CWH's  
Bylaws erect

a  
complex  
wall  
of

procedural  
hurdles  
to  
any  
consent  
solicitation."

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Arbitration  
Panel,  
November  
18,  
2013

After nearly two weeks of live testimony and reviewing hundreds of exhibits, we believe the Panel plainly agreed with our view that the Portnoys are highly incentivized to and capable of continuing their campaign of shareholder disenfranchisement

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Timeline and Path (cont.)  
The  
Panel  
set  
forth  
the  
following  
procedures

for  
the  
new  
consent  
solicitation:

Request for a record date must be submitted by February 16, 2014

CWH must establish a record date that falls within 10 business days of the record date request

Consent solicitation must be concluded within 30 calendar days of the record date

The Company will have 5 business days to certify the results of the solicitation

If the consent solicitation to remove all the Trustees is successful, the officers of CWH must promptly call a special meeting of shareholders to elect new Trustees to the Board

The  
date  
of  
the  
special  
meeting  
must  
be  
within  
10  
to  
60  
calendar  
days  
of  
the  
date  
of  
notice of such meeting

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Voting Instructions  
The  
Time  
to  
Act  
is  
Now  
Please

Sign,  
Date  
and  
Return  
the  
GOLD  
Consent  
Card  
Today  
A Non-vote  
is a Vote  
for the Portnoys

Place  
your  
vote  
now  
to  
remove  
the  
entire  
Board  
of  
Trustees

Without complete removal, the remaining Trustees would be able to unilaterally reinstate a removed Trustee as they did just last year or fill vacancies on the Board without input from the true owners of the company

the  
shareholders  
Please  
note  
that  
internet  
voting  
is  
NOT  
available  
-  
Shareholders  
must  
sign,  
date

and

return the GOLD Consent Card in the pre-paid return envelopes provided

If you need assistance in executing your GOLD consent card or placing your vote, please call:

Ed McCarthy (212-493-6952) or Rick Grubaugh (212-493-6950)



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I. History of Underperformance

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History of Underperformance  
The Fundamental Cause  
of Underperformance  
We  
continue  
to  
believe  
that  
the

fundamental

cause

of

underperformance

at

CWH is the absence of accountability, and more specifically the inability of shareholders to choose their own manager

Ironically,

the

severe

conflicts

in

the

external

management

structure

demand

rigorous

accountability

and

superior

governance,

but

in

our

view

none

exists

In a structure where the manager is incentivized to act without regard to shareholder interests and still avoid being terminated, severe underperformance

is inevitable, as evidenced by the years of data establishing CWH

underperformance

The severe conflict of interest at CWH has been well-documented: the Portnoys effectively control CWH despite owning virtually no stock

How

can

there

be

accountability

when

an

employee

controls

its

own

employer ?

RMR, a Delaware private company, is owned by Barry Portnoy and his son Adam Portnoy

All

executive officers of CWH are also officers of RMR

Given

these  
inherent  
and  
widely  
recognized  
problems,  
CWH  
and  
the  
other  
Portnoy  
REITs  
are  
among the last remaining publicly-traded externally-managed equity REITs today  
As  
a  
result,  
RMR  
is  
held  
accountable  
by  
no  
one  
and,  
in  
our  
view,  
enjoys  
complete  
immunity from shareholders

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History of Underperformance

By Any Metric Over Any Relevant Time Period

In our view, there is absolutely no way to slice and dice the data in favor of the

Portnoys

their performance has been horrible

The

Portnoys

performance

record

at  
CWH  
is  
abysmal  
by  
almost  
any  
metric  
over any relevant time period, in our view:  
Stock price  
performance  
-17%, -45%, -43%, -45%, and -53% CWH stock price decline over the 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 5  
years,  
and  
10  
years  
ended  
2/25/13,  
respectively  
(1)  
Valuation  
Unaffected  
valuation  
approximately  
35%  
below  
peers  
(2)  
on  
an  
unlevered  
cap  
rate  
basis  
(3)  
54%, 47%, and 46% discount to peers on a price / forward FFO multiple basis for 1 year, 3 years,  
and  
5  
years,  
respectively  
(1)  
Cost structure  
6%,  
10%,  
8%,  
and  
9%  
below  
its  
peers



(2)  
on  
an  
NOI  
margin  
basis  
for  
YTD  
9/30/2013,  
YTD  
9/30/2012,  
2011,  
and  
2010,  
respectively

(1)  
Acquisitions and  
return on investment  
\$2.9  
billion  
of  
net  
acquisitions  
and  
CapEx  
since  
2007  
(over  
2x  
CWH's  
market  
cap

(3)  
) , while CWH  
book value per share is essentially flat  
CAD / share growth  
-23% cash available for distribution per share (CAD / share) growth from 2010 to 2012, the worst  
performance of its peers

(1)  
Data calculated through February 25, 2013, the day prior to Related and Corvex's first public filing.

(2)  
Select peers include Piedmont Office Realty (PDM), Highwoods Properties (HIW), Cousins Properties (CUZ), Brandywine Realty Trust (PKY). Excludes Mack-Cali (CLI), approximately 80% of whose office markets are either in secular decline or experiencing significant process of transitioning into the multi-family sector, creating uncertainty with respect to its public market valuation. Peers for Related are excluded due to lack of sufficient disclosure.

(3)  
Based on a closing price of \$15.85 on February 25, 2013, the day prior to Corvex and Related's first public filing.  
Source: Company filings and FactSet

(\$ in millions, except per share values and TEV / sq. ft.)

Enterprise

Implied

G&A /

2/25/2013

Equity

value

nominal

TEV /

equity

Net debt /  
P / FFO  
TEV / EBITDA  
Div  
Ticker  
Company  
price  
mkt cap  
(TEV)  
cap rate  
Sq. Ft.  
mkt cap  
TEV  
2013E  
2014E  
2013E  
2014E  
yield  
CWH  
CommonWealth REIT  
\$15.85  
\$1,338  
\$4,914  
10.7%  
\$105  
3.9%  
76%  
5.4x  
5.5x  
12.0x  
12.3x  
6.3%  
HIW  
Highwoods Properties, Inc.  
\$35.35  
\$2,983  
\$4,999  
6.6%  
\$144  
1.3%  
40%  
13.1x  
12.7x  
15.6x  
14.8x  
4.8%  
BDN  
Brandywine Realty Trust  
\$12.96  
\$1,885

\$4,689  
7.1%  
\$176  
1.3%  
58%  
9.0x  
8.6x  
14.1x  
13.8x  
4.6%  
PDM  
Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc  
\$19.66  
\$3,294  
\$4,699  
8.7%  
\$229  
1.5%  
30%  
14.0x  
13.5x  
15.8x  
15.1x  
4.1%  
PKY  
Parkway Properties, Inc.  
\$16.39  
\$920  
\$2,096  
6.0%  
\$177  
2.3%  
37%  
13.3x  
12.4x  
14.2x  
13.7x  
2.7%  
CUZ  
Cousins Properties Incorporated  
\$9.38  
\$977  
\$1,586  
7.0%  
\$134  
2.4%  
26%  
18.2x  
16.6x  
18.9x

17.3x  
1.9%  
High  
\$3,294  
\$4,999  
8.7%  
\$229  
2.4%  
58%  
18.2x  
16.6x  
18.9x  
17.3x  
4.8%  
Mean  
2,012  
3,613  
7.1%  
172  
1.8%  
38%  
13.5x  
12.8x  
15.7x  
14.9x  
3.6%  
Median  
1,885  
4,689  
7.0%  
176  
1.5%  
37%  
13.3x  
12.7x  
15.6x  
14.8x  
4.1%  
Low  
920  
1,586  
6.0%  
134  
1.3%  
26%  
9.0x  
8.6x  
14.1x  
13.7x  
1.9%

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History of Underperformance

Valuation Discount

CWH has historically traded at a significant discount to its peers on all key measures

(1)

Note: Share

price

and

estimates

updated

as

of

2/25/2013,

the

day

before

Related

and

Corvex's

13-D

filing.

Financial

information

as

of

Q4

2012.

Implied nominal cap rate is calculated as GAAP LTM NOI / TEV.

Peer set excludes Mack-Cali (CLI), 80% of whose office markets are either in secular decline or experiencing significant distress into the multi-family sector, creating uncertainty with respect to its public market valuation.

(1)

CWH implied cap rate based on CWH stand-alone TEV of \$4,914 million and Related and Corvex estimates of comparable, st

Source: Company filings and FactSet

As a point of reference, CWH traded approximately 35% below peers on an unlevered cap rate basis on February 25, 2013, the day before Related and Corvex's initial 13-D filing

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History of Underperformance

RMR Fees vs. CWH Shareholder Returns

(1)

RMR fees paid per CWH public filings include SIR.

(2)

Annualized YTD 9/30/2013 RMR fees include Q3 RMR fees paid by SIR to make the figure comparable to historically disclosed

(3)

Share price and market capitalization figures are as of 2/25/2013, the day prior to Related and Corvex's initial 13-D filing.

(2)

RMR

extracted

approximately

36%

of

CWH s

unaffected

market

capitalization

(3)

during 2007 -

2013, as CWH share price continued to plummet

(2)

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

Annualized

2013

2007-

2013

Cumulative

Fees Paid Out to RMR

(1)

\$59.7

\$63.2

\$62.6

\$62.2

\$69.5

\$77.3

\$83.5

\$478.0

RMR Fees % Growth

--

5.9%

(0.9%)

(0.6%)

11.7%

11.2%

8.0%

39.8%

RMR Fees as % of:

CWH Market Cap

(3)

4.5%

4.7%

4.7%

4.6%



5.2%

5.8%

6.2%

35.7%

CWH Market Cap, Cumulative

4.5%

9.2%

13.9%

18.5%

23.7%

29.5%

35.7%

35.7%

CWH Cumulative Stock Price Return

(37.4%)

(74.7%)

(46.0%)

(48.4%)

(66.3%)

(67.9%)

(67.9%)

(67.9%)

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History of Underperformance

RMR Fees vs. CWH Shareholder Returns (cont'd)

(1)

2007 to 2013 RMR cumulative fee growth % is based on annualized YTD 9/30/2013 fees.

(2)

Stock price monthly through February 25, 2013, the day prior to Related and Corvex's first public filing.

(3)

Includes Q3 2013 RMR fees paid by SIR in order to make the figure comparable to previously reported figures.

Sources: Company filings, SNL

(2)  
(3)  
Fees  
paid  
to  
RMR  
climbed  
40%  
from  
2007  
to  
2013  
(1)  
,  
while  
the  
share  
price  
declined 68%

(2)  
\$50  
\$100  
\$150  
\$200  
\$250  
\$300  
\$350  
\$400  
\$450  
\$500  
\$10.00  
\$15.00  
\$20.00  
\$25.00  
\$30.00  
\$35.00  
\$40.00  
\$45.00  
\$50.00  
\$55.00  
1/31/2007  
1/31/2008  
1/31/2009  
1/31/2010  
1/31/2011  
1/31/2012  
1/31/2013  
CWH stock price  
Cumulative fees paid out to RMR

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History of Underperformance

Total Returns

1 year

CWH has underperformed its peers over the 1 year ending 2/25/2013

(1)

HIW: 15.5%

PDM: 15.3%

CWH: (9.4%)

PKY: 65.5%

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CUZ: 28.2%

BDN: 25.2%

RMZ: 10.6%

Note: Total returns include dividends

(1)

The last trading the day prior to Related and Corvex's first public filing.

Source: SNL

(25.0%)

0.0%

25.0%

50.0%

75.0%

2/24/2012

4/9/2012

5/25/2012

7/10/2012

8/25/2012

10/10/2012

11/25/2012

1/10/2013

2/25/2013

PKY

BDN

HIW

PDM

CUZ

CWH

RMZ

1 year

3 year

PKY

65.5%

6.9%

BDN

25.2%

35.8%

HIW

15.5%

42.1%

PDM

15.3%

39.1%

CUZ

28.2%

42.5%

Average

30.0%

33.3%

RMZ

10.6%

52.5%  
CWH  
(9.4%)  
(26.6%)  
: CWH -  
Avg.  
39.3%  
59.9%

25  
History of Underperformance  
Total Returns  
3 years  
CWH  
has  
underperformed  
its  
peers  
over

the  
last  
3  
years  
ending  
2/25/2013

(1)  
Note: Total returns include dividends

(1)  
The last trading the day prior to Related and Corvex's first public filing.

Source: SNL

PKY

BDN

HIW

PDM

CUZ

CWH

RMZ

(60.0%)

(40.0%)

(20.0%)

0.0%

20.0%

40.0%

60.0%

80.0%

2/25/2010

7/12/2010

11/26/2010

4/12/2011

8/27/2011

1/11/2012

5/27/2012

10/11/2012

2/25/2013

HIW: 42.1%

PDM: 39.1%

CWH: (26.6%)

PKY: 6.9%

CUZ: 42.5%

BDN: 35.8%

RMZ: 52.5%

1 year

3 year

PKY

65.5%

6.9%

BDN

25.2%

35.8%



HIW  
15.5%  
42.1%  
PDM  
15.3%  
39.1%  
CUZ  
28.2%  
42.5%  
Average  
30.0%  
33.3%  
RMZ  
10.6%  
52.5%  
CWH  
(9.4%)  
(26.6%)  
: CWH -  
Avg.  
39.3%  
59.9%

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History of Underperformance

FFO Multiples

CWH traded at the lowest price to FFO multiple of its peers prior to our 13-D filing

Source: Factset

0.0x

5.0x

10.0x

15.0x

20.0x

25.0x  
30.0x  
2/25/2008  
10/10/2008  
5/26/2009  
1/10/2010  
8/26/2010  
4/11/2011  
11/26/2011  
7/11/2012  
2/25/2013  
PKY  
BDN  
HIW  
PDM  
CUZ  
CWH  
PDM: 14.0x  
CWH: 5.4x  
HIW: 13.1x  
CUZ: 18.2x  
BDN: 9.0x  
PKY: 13.3x  
1 year  
3 year  
5 year  
PKY  
5.8x  
5.2x  
5.5x  
BDN  
8.6x  
7.5x  
6.3x  
HIW  
12.9x  
12.7x  
12.1x  
PDM  
11.2x  
11.3x  
N/A  
CUZ  
15.5x  
16.2x  
16.2x  
Average  
10.8x  
10.6x  
10.0x

CWH  
5.0x  
5.6x  
5.4x  
: CWH -  
Avg.  
(54.2%)  
(46.6%)  
(45.8%)

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History of Underperformance

Operating Performance

Value

accruing to

RMR, not

shareholders

Key financial metrics deteriorate, while fees paid to RMR continue to climb

(1)

YTD 9/30/2013 figures include SIR. Growth rates based on YTD 9/30/2012. Excludes 2013 share price performance due to the

(2)

Share price performance assumes stock is held since January 1st of the specified year through February 25th, 2013.

Source: Company filings and SNL

(\$ in millions)

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31,

YTD

2010

2011

2012

9/30/2013

(1)

Share Price Performance (if held since)

(2)

(38.2%)

(39.0%)

(6.9%)

N/A

SF Owned per Share (% growth)

(15.9%)

(5.2%)

(0.6%)

(32.7%)

NOI per Share (% growth)

(19.1%)

(4.2%)

16.1%

(28.0%)

EBITDA per Share (% growth)

(22.1%)

(4.7%)

(27.2%)

(20.1%)

FFO per Share (% growth)

(13.8%)

(9.9%)

0.0%

(19.1%)

CAD per Share (% growth)

(23.7%)

(27.7%)

(17.3%)

(15.6%)

Fees Paid to RMR

\$62.2

\$69.5

\$77.3

\$62.6

% growth

(0.6%)

11.7%

11.2%  
10.6%

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History of Underperformance

Same Store Underperformance

CWH underperforms its peers on a same store basis

Note: Analysis excludes PDM, which does not disclose same store rent. Average does not include CWH.

1)

CUZ figures represent consolidated portfolio.

Source: Company filings

9 months ended 9/30/2013 rent growth

(1)



9 months ended 9/30/2013 NOI growth

(1)

9 months ended 9/30/2013 NOI margin

(1)

4.5%

2.7%

1.3%

(0.4%)

(0.6%)

(1.0%)

0.0%

1.0%

2.0%

3.0%

4.0%

5.0%

CUZ

BDN

HIW

CWH

PKY

Avg.:

2.0%

CWH trails its core office REIT peers by 234 bps and 359 bps on same store rental growth and NOI growth, respectively

We believe YTD 2013 results below overstate CWH's performance, as the Company has placed 112 buildings (47 properties) into discontinuing operations beginning in Q4 2012

Despite its greater scale, CWH's cost structure results in the lowest same store NOI margins of its peers

CWH's total rental and NOI growth is dependent upon its outsized acquisition activity

5.1%

3.3%

(0.4%)

(2.3%)

(3.0%)

(4.0%)

(3.0%)

(2.0%)

(1.0%)

0.0%

1.0%

2.0%

3.0%

4.0%

5.0%

6.0%

CUZ

BDN

HIW

CWH

PKY

Avg.:

1.3%

71.2%

65.7%

59.6%

58.1%

56.4%

50.0%

55.0%

60.0%

65.0%

70.0%

75.0%

BDN

HIW

PKY

CUZ

CWH

Avg.:

62.2%

As a result, we also show on the following pages, results from 2010 through 9/30/2012

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History of Underperformance

Same Store Underperformance (cont d)

CWH has consistently underperformed its peers on a same store basis historically

Note: Analysis excludes PDM, which does not disclose same store rent. CUZ data represents office portfolio only.

(1)

CommonWealth excluded 97 underperforming buildings as discontinued properties in its same store financials ending 12/31/2014 as a reflection of company performance. Excludes SIR figures.

(2)

Includes revenue and NOI from SIR due to the public data insufficiency.

Source: Company filings

2011 rent growth

(2)

2011 NOI growth

(2)

2011 NOI margin

(2)

9 months

ended

9/30/2012

rent

growth

(1)

9

months

ended

9/30/2012

NOI

growth

(1)

9 months

ended

9/30/2012

NOI

margin

(1)

2010 rent growth

(2)

2010 NOI growth

(2)

2010 NOI margin

(2)

6.5%

3.3%

3.3%

2.7%

0.1%

PKY

CUZ

HIW

BDN

CWH

Avg.:

4.0%

2.8%

2.2%

0.9%

0.8%

(1.1%)

(2.0%)

(1.0%)  
0.0%  
1.0%  
2.0%  
3.0%  
PKY  
HIW  
CUZ  
BDN  
CWH  
Avg  
.:  
1.7%  
3.2%  
0.3%  
(2.8%)  
(3.5%)  
(5.2%)  
(6.0%)  
CUZ  
HIW  
BDN  
CWH  
PKY  
Avg.:  
(1.1%)  
68.4%  
66.6%  
59.7%  
55.7%  
54.3%  
50.0%  
55.0%  
60.0%  
65.0%  
70.0%  
BDN  
HIW  
CUZ  
PKY  
CWH  
Avg.:  
62.6%  
70.5%  
67.7%  
60.0%  
59.8%  
54.3%  
BDN  
HIW

CUZ  
PKY  
CWH  
Avg.:  
64.5%  
0.4%  
(1.6%)  
(2.6%)  
(3.0%)  
(3.7%)  
(4.0%)  
(3.0%)  
(2.0%)  
(1.0%)  
0.0%  
1.0%  
CUZ  
CWH  
BDN  
HIW  
PKY  
Avg.:  
(2.2%)  
4.9%  
0.0%  
(0.9%)  
(3.1%)  
(4.3%)  
(6.0%)  
(4.0%)  
(2.0%)  
0.0%  
2.0%  
4.0%  
6.0%  
CUZ  
HIW  
PKY  
BDN  
CWH  
Avg.:  
(0.2%)  
69.5%  
67.3%  
57.9%  
55.9%  
53.6%  
50.0%  
55.0%  
60.0%

65.0%  
70.0%  
75.0%  
BDN  
HIW  
CUZ  
CWH  
PKY  
Avg.:  
62.1%  
4.0%  
(0.9%)  
(3.7%)  
(6.2%)  
(8.5%)  
(10.0%)  
CUZ  
HIW  
BDN  
PKY  
CWH  
Avg.:  
(1.7%)  
0.0%  
2.0%  
4.0%  
6.0%  
8.0%  
(4.0%)  
(2.0%)  
0.0%  
2.0%  
4.0%  
(5.0%)  
0.0%  
5.0%  
55.0%  
60.0%  
65.0%  
70.0%  
50.0%  
75.0%

30  
History of Underperformance  
Acquisition Activity  
CWH  
has  
grown  
primarily  
through  
asset  
acquisitions,



which  
we  
believe  
benefits  
RMR

and  
therefore  
the  
Portnoys  
personally

but  
not  
shareholders

(1)

Market cap as of 2/25/2013, the day prior to Related and Corvex's initial 13-D filing.

(2)

In Q3 2013, CUZ acquired Greenway Plaza, a 10-building, 4.3 million square foot office complex in Houston, Texas, and 777 building in the central business district of Fort Worth, Texas. The aggregate purchase price for the acquisition was \$1.1 billion.

(3)

Includes net sale proceeds from consolidated joint venture.

(4)

Weighted by market cap.

(5)

YTD 9/30/2013 not comparable due to deconsolidation of SIR during 2013.

Source: Company filings and Factset

(5)

CWH

spent

\$2.9

billion

on

acquisitions

during

2007

YTD

9/30/2013,

even

as

the

stock

has

underperformed,

but

book

value

per

share

remains  
flat,  
suggesting  
minimal  
return  
on  
investment  
RMR s  
fee  
income  
has  
grown  
due  
to  
being  
linked  
primarily  
to  
the  
size  
of  
the  
company

Its peers acquired assets at approximately one-fifth of CWH s rate over the same period

PKY

has  
also  
been  
acquisitive,  
but  
is  
internally  
managed  
and  
has  
made  
accretive  
capital  
allocation  
decisions,

leading to 42% stock price appreciation from 2011 to 2012

Net acquisitions / CapEx as % of Market Cap

(1)  
2007  
2008  
2009  
2010  
2011  
2012  
YTD 9/30/2013

Cumulative

Parkway Properties Inc. (PKY)

5.4%

22.4%

1.9%

7.4%

36.2%

64.2%

17.1%

154.6%

Highwoods Properties Inc. (HIW)

4.8%

4.7%

2.1%

3.0%

5.5%

8.1%

13.1%

41.2%

Cousins Properties Inc. (CUZ)

(2)

25.2%

11.7%

4.3%

(7.0%)

3.9%

(17.2%)

136.2%

157.1%

Piedmont Office Realty Trust Inc. (PDM)

(3)

1.4%

3.7%

1.1%

1.9%

(2.3%)

0.4%

6.1%

12.4%

Brandywine Realty Trust (BDN)

(6.2%)

(11.9%)

5.6%

9.6%

0.8%

0.3%

(2.7%)

(4.3%)

Average

(4)

3.7%

3.6%

2.6%

3.3%

4.7%

6.8%

20.2%

44.9%

CWH

31.0%

6.1%

33.5%

27.6%

45.2%

56.3%

14.7%

214.3%

Net Acquisitions and CapEx

\$419

\$83

\$453

\$369

\$604

\$753

\$197

\$2,878

CWH share price

\$30.92

\$13.48

\$25.88

\$25.76

\$16.64

\$15.84

\$15.85

Book value per share

36.11

34.68

35.66

37.53

33.24

36.82

N/A

CWH price / FFO multiple

6.8x

3.1x

6.0x

6.9x

4.9x

4.7x

5.4x

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History of Underperformance

Management and Board Ownership

CWH Trustees and senior management have no meaningful ownership of CWH shares

CWH s insiders currently hold a 0.34% stake in the company

The ownership level is approximately one-tenth the insider ownership of the comp set

We believe management is not aligned with shareholders

Peer Director and Executive Officer Ownership

(1)

Average does not include CWH

Source: Company filings, CWH holdings per proxy filed 01/29/2014, SNL

CWH Insider Holdings

Position

% of S/O

Trustees

and

Executive

Officers:

Barry M. Portnoy

246,200

0.21%

Adam D. Portnoy

48,099

0.04%

John C. Popeo

41,000

0.03%

David M. Lepore

33,750

0.03%

Frederick N. Zeytoonjian

12,967

0.01%

William A. Lamkin

10,812

0.01%

Joseph L. Morea

4,000

0.00%

Ronald J. Artinian

3,000

0.00%

Ann Logan

2,000

0.00%

Total CWH Trustee and Executive Officer

Ownership

401,828

0.34%

5.4%

4.4%

2.1%

1.5%

0.5%

0.3%

0.0%

1.0%

2.0%

3.0%

4.0%

5.0%

6.0%

CUZ

PKY

HIW

BDN

PDM

CWH

Avg. (1): 2.8%

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II. History of Worst-In-Class  
Corporate  
Governance



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History of Worst-In-Class

Corporate Governance

The Portnoys

Actions Speak Louder Than Our Words Ever Could

Imposed illegal bylaw amendments to prevent any consent solicitation, a right plainly granted by the Declaration of Trust since 1986

Secretly attempted to manipulate state lawmakers into changing the Maryland Unsolicited Takeover

Act

via  
an  
11  
th  
hour  
amendment  
to  
eliminate  
the  
right  
to  
hold  
this  
consent  
solicitation

Effected a massively dilutive equity offering priced at less than 50% of book value, increasing share count by 41%

Opted into a provision of the Maryland Unsolicited Takeover Act in a misleading attempt, later declared invalid, to try to eliminate the right to remove Trustees without cause

Reinstated Trustee Joseph Morea after a nearly 4-1 vote against his re-election at the 2013 annual meeting, and charged him with spearheading corporate governance

Spent nearly \$30 million of shareholders money on a year-long litigation process in a brazen campaign to systematically disenfranchise shareholders

Should  
two  
months

of  
reversible  
governance  
alterations  
erase

the  
inexcusable  
actions of this Board or 28 years of poor governance and performance?

The Portnoys  
unconscionable actions over the past year say more about their intentions than their promises ever will

Over the past year, the Board deliberately:

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History of Worst-In-Class

Corporate Governance

Independent Parties Agreed With Us

ISS has issued highly critical reviews of CWH's corporate governance policies

In

2013

CWH

received

the

worst  
possible  
score,  
a  
10,  
for  
Shareholder  
Rights

A score of 1 indicates lower governance risk while a 10 indicates higher governance risk  
ISS and Glass Lewis already supported removing the entire board in June 2013

ISS report, June 13, 2013  
its owners.

Glass Lewis report, June 17, 2013  
The Arbitration Panel struck down the illegal bylaws that stripped shareholders  
of their right to vote through a consent solicitation

There is no question that CWH's Bylaws erect a complex wall of procedural hurdles to  
any  
consent  
solicitation.

Arbitration  
Panel,  
November  
18,  
2013  
Consistently  
poor  
corporate  
governance  
has  
not  
gone  
unnoticed  
by  
independent,  
highly-respected parties

ISS annual reports consistently reported Shareholder Rights were of High Concern

Perhaps most importantly, however, the history of this company under the current Board  
and external management team strongly suggests the risk of doing nothing is  
significantly greater than any risk from removing the entire Board at once.

In lieu of further subjugation of shareholder rights, we believe the Dissident's consent  
solicitation offers the much more attractive prospect of meaningful change for CWH and

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History of Worst-In-Class

Corporate Governance

Widespread Disapproval of the Portnoys

Governance

Over the years, prominent and diverse parties have stood up against the Portnoys, the conflicted management structures at their various entities, and their actions against shareholder rights

How

can

such  
a  
diverse  
group  
all  
be  
wrong  
about  
the  
Portnoys  
and  
their  
true  
intentions?

Delaware County Employees Retirement Fund has sued the Trustees of CWH twice in the last year regarding breach of fiduciary duty and improper use of shareholder funds to defend the Portnoys in litigation

Six  
pension  
funds  
(CalPERS,  
CalSTRS,  
Public  
Employees  
Retirement  
Association  
of  
Colorado,  
Florida  
State

Board of Administration, North Carolina Retirement Systems and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System) have urged Hospitality Properties Trust, another RMR-managed REIT, to de-classify its Board

CalPERS  
has  
pushed  
for  
the  
annual  
election  
of  
all  
trustees  
every  
year  
from  
2009-2013

Green Street Advisors, the preeminent independent investment research company focused on REITs, issued a report on March 1, 2013 on the RMR-controlled REITs and labeled them Uninvestable Perry Corp., a 5+ percent holder of the shares of CWH, publicly called for the Board to be replaced in its entirety in a letter dated April 30, 2013

## Edgar Filing: CommonWealth REIT - Form DFAN14A

In 2008, Locksmith Capital Management sought to allow shareholders to elect two independent nominees to the Board of TravelCenters of America, a Portnoy-managed public company, and vote to declassify the Board, noting at the time: Instead of allowing shareholders an opportunity to vote for our nominees and shareholder proposals, they invoked meaningless technicalities in order to create a Soviet style election and entrench the current Board of Directors. This Board has no shame.

Council of Institutional Investors, a leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareowner rights has consistently expressed concern regarding CWH and other Portnoy REITs

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History of Worst-In-Class

Corporate Governance

The Arbitration Panel Has Spoken

The Arbitration Panel ruling on November 18, 2013, cleared a path to a free and fair consent solicitation process

After nearly two weeks of live testimony and reviewing hundreds of exhibits, we believe

the

Panel



plainly  
agreed  
with  
our  
view  
that  
the  
Portnoys  
are  
highly  
incentivized and capable of continuing their campaign of shareholder  
disenfranchisement  
The Panel struck down illegal bylaws passed by the current Board  
The Panel expressly prohibited any action intended to impede or frustrate the new solicitation  
The Panel declared it would remain available to resolve any issues or disputes  
The  
Panel  
ruled  
that  
Corvex/Related  
had  
satisfied  
onerous  
red  
tape  
bylaw  
requirements  
The Panel determined that opting into Section 3-803 of the Maryland Unsolicited Takeovers  
Act  
( MUTA )  
does  
not  
revoke  
the  
right  
of  
shareholders  
to  
remove  
Trustees  
without  
cause,  
as  
misleadingly claimed by the Portnoys  
Ruling  
INVALID AS A MATTER OF LAW  
INVALID AS A MATTER OF LAW  
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INVALID AS A MATTER OF LAW

Contested Bylaws

3%/3yr holding requirement to request a record date

All shares must be held in certificated form to request a record date

30 day period to respond to a record date request

60 day period to set a record date

90 day period to certify the results of the consent solicitation

The deal world remained muted this year in terms of big transactions and activity. Despite the relative doldrums, there were still some highlights and lowlights. Here are some of them

The  
father  
and  
son  
duo  
who  
head

Commonwealth

Barry  
and  
Adam  
Portnoy

and  
Commonwealth's counsel at Skadden Arps showed little regard for shareholder rights,  
doing  
everything  
in  
their  
power  
to  
prevent  
Corvex  
Management  
and  
the  
Related  
Companies from removing the Portnoys. The Portnoys banked on Commonwealth's  
unique  
requirement  
that  
shareholders  
arbitrate  
all  
disputes  
with  
the  
company  
to  
stymie  
the two hedge funds. It didn't work, and the arbitration panel ruled against  
Commonwealth,  
clearing  
the  
way  
for  
the  
funds  
to  
begin  
a  
campaign  
to  
unseat  
them.  
The Portnoys receive an F.

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History of Worst-In-Class  
Corporate Governance  
The Portnoys Receive an F

New York Times  
Despite  
Doldrums  
in  
Deal  
Activity,  
A  
Few  
Highlights  
This  
Year,  
New  
York  
Times,  
December 17, 2013

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III. The Portnoys  
Reversible Governance  
Alterations In Context

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Reversible Governance Alterations In Context

The Portnoys' Governance Alterations Are Illusory

The Portnoys

Check-the-Box

governance alterations create the illusion of

reform,

but

bring

zero  
incremental  
accountability  
and  
therefore  
offer  
no  
guaranteed  
ability  
for  
shareholders

to  
choose  
who  
runs  
their  
company

When a board deliberately harms shareholder rights through unconscionable tactics to protect their own interests, accepting flawed governance alterations

while  
leaving

the  
same  
board

in  
place  
simply

invites  
more  
of

the  
same

All  
of  
the

Portnoys'  
alterations

are  
ineffective,

and  
most

importantly  
all

are  
unilaterally

reversible

through the extraordinary powers of the Portnoys and their hand-picked Trustees:

Require  
two



RMR  
employees  
to  
always  
be  
on  
the  
Board,  
even  
though  
RMR  
owns  
no  
equity  
in  
CWH  
and  
in  
our  
opinion  
has  
incentives  
diametrically  
opposed  
to  
those  
of  
shareholders

Unilaterally amend the bylaws (while shareholders cannot) to effectively cripple shareholder action

Unilaterally stagger the Board under MUTA, without shareholder approval

Reinstate hand-picked Trustees who fail to be re-elected by shareholders

Further, there is no way to repeal the "Silent Bylaw" : Shareholders must spend exorbitant sums in litigation to strike down illegal, unilaterally-passed bylaw amendments simply to exercise their fundamental right to vote

But the fatal flaw in the alterations is that they require shareholders to trust the same individuals who deliberately harmed shareholder rights over the past year with actions that we believe suggest total disdain for shareholder rights

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Reversible Governance Alterations In Context

Why It's All Smoke and Mirrors

After the countless tactics employed over the past year, would the Portnoys really now implement meaningful

corporate

governance

enhancements

and

subject  
themselves  
to  
true  
accountability  
knowing  
full well they have severely underperformed for years? Would they really put at risk their invaluable  
Perpetual Fee Stream ?  
How can the Portnoys possibly justify reappointing Joseph Morea to the Board after he received the vote  
of  
only  
14%  
of  
the  
outstanding  
shares  
and  
how  
can  
he  
be  
in  
charge  
of  
spearheading  
purported  
governance reforms?  
What  
impact  
might  
losing  
the  
consent  
solicitation  
have  
on  
the  
Portnoys  
other,  
much  
larger  
and  
more  
lucrative externally managed REITs?  
Did the Portnoys purposefully enact only reversible governance changes just to win votes from some  
shareholders and remain in power with zero real improvement in corporate governance or accountability?  
On  
the  
following  
pages,

we  
review  
and  
highlight  
the  
flaws  
of  
the  
Portnoys

Check-the-Box  
governance alterations from December 26, 2013

Questions shareholders should ask themselves while conducting such a review

Until CommonWealth's long-suffering shareholders have the unambiguous ability to choose who manages their company, history will repeat itself, as the Portnoys delay their day of judgment through an illusory game of governance restructuring and legal maneuvering, all the while paying themselves huge fees for underperformance

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Why It's All Smoke and Mirrors

Reality

Annual Elections

Bylaws still require two Managing Trustees to be employees of RMR, making the promise of having 2/3 of the Board up for annual elections in 2015

highly misleading

We publicly asked the Board to clarify this obvious contradiction but they have refused to respond

Section 3-803 of the Maryland Unsolicited Takeover Act allows Portnoys to unilaterally re-classify CWH Board at any time regardless of contrary provisions in governing documents, without a shareholder vote

CWH has not permanently opted out of Section 3-803

Charter amendment to de-classify Board requires a vote of holders of 75% of outstanding shares at 2014 annual meeting

Last year's quorum was only 67%

Can shareholders expect the Portnoys and CWH

to

rock

the

vote

at

the

2014

meeting

to de-classify Board, or could they allow the proposal to languish?

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Window Dressing

Propose declassification of Board at the 2014 annual meeting

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Board Composition

The Board that appointed the two new

independent  
Trustees is the same one that  
has unconditionally supported the Portnoys  
and re-appointed Joe Morea after he was voted  
out of office at the 2013 annual meeting

Why would the new Trustees be any more  
independent  
than  
Joe  
Morea,  
William  
Lamkin  
and Frederick Zeytoonjian?

Are shareholders expected to believe  
that this time it is different because the  
new appointees were found by a  
headhunter hired by CWH?

Neither of the two new independent  
Trustees  
will be up for election at the 2014 annual  
meeting  
they were conveniently added to the  
classes up for election in 2015 and 2016

In fact, Mr. Morea himself also will not be up for  
election  
in  
2014

shareholders  
cannot  
hold  
him accountable until 2016

Size of the Board to be increased  
such that the ratio of Independent  
Trustees compared to total Trustees  
will increase from the current 71% to  
at least 75%

Added Ronald J. Artinian and Ann  
Logan  
as  
independent  
Trustees

Lead Independent Trustee will be



designated after appointment of  
another Trustee. Expected after 2014  
annual meeting

Added share ownership guidelines

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Red Tape Bylaws

Bylaws amended to have a seemingly less  
offensive process of director nominations at

annual meeting

Red  
Tape  
Bylaws  
can  
be  
amended  
at  
any  
time  
by  
the

Board without shareholder approval, as they were last year to prevent ability to hold a consent solicitation; in fact, shareholders don't have the right to amend or modify bylaws at all

Shareholders are expected to assume that Bylaws will not be again amended whenever convenient to the Portnoys

In fact, the Portnoys have proven that they will use the Red Tape bylaws even the most innocuous ones to silence shareholders Nothing stops Board from re-inserting the 3%/3-year bylaw for Trustee nominations before the 2015 annual meeting

In fact, Select Income REIT ( SIR ) another RMR-managed REIT 44% of whose shares are owned by CWH

re-inserted  
an  
arbitration  
clause  
in  
its  
bylaws  
within  
months  
after  
clearing  
SEC  
comments  
and

going  
public  
(SEC  
had  
challenged  
the clause during SIR's IPO process)

We had to prove to the Portnoys in arbitration that our record date request had been sent via registered mail return receipt requested (which it was, in addition to e-mail, hand delivery and FedEx), in order to be counted as a valid request

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Poison Pill

Company will continue to have a poison pill

built into its charter and bylaws that prohibit stock acquisitions over 9.8 percent

Still no response to our letter request for a waiver despite resolution of disputes by the Arbitration Panel

As  
look  
through  
entities  
for  
tax  
purposes, REIT status concerns  
regarding the 9.8% limitation are not an  
issue with respect to Corvex and  
Related

Company can always unilaterally add back in the dead hand provisions or implement a new poison pill overnight without shareholder approval

Expiration of poison pill to be accelerated from October 17, 2014 to a date soon after resolution of the pending disputes with Corvex/Related

Dead-hand  
provisions eliminated

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RMR Management Agreement

(1)

Adjusted for reverse stock splits.

CWH still externally advised by a conflicted outside party not subject to accountability by CWH's shareholders and that owns virtually no stock in CWH

Continues to primarily incentivize RMR to grow assets at the expense of shareholders when the company resumes its history of serial equity issuance

During 2003-13, CWH issued 88.5 million shares

(1)

or

~\$2.5

billion

of

equity,

averaging

9.1 million shares/yr or 11.1 million/yr,

excluding the financial crisis years of 2008-09

Incentive Fee benchmarks subject to change as the

RMR

contract

is

negotiated

by

the

Board

with

assistance

from

RMR

and

without

independent outside

advisors

Stock component is not meaningful

Beginning in 2014, base business

management fee to be based on the

lower of: (i) gross historical cost of real estate assets or (ii) CWH's total market capitalization

10% of base business management fees

will be paid in stock

Annual incentive fees will be based upon



total returns realized by shareholders  
(i.e., appreciation plus dividends) in  
excess of benchmark

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Reversible Governance Alterations In Context

The Portnoys' True Intentions Revealed

On January 21, 2014, we sent the Board a public letter, providing them an opportunity to address the gaping loopholes in their governance alterations and

commit

to

permanent,

true  
governance  
reform

The Board's response? Silence.  
Coupled with the unconscionable actions taken over the last year,  
what else do you need to know?  
We asked if the Portnoy Board will:

Eliminate  
the  
requirement  
that  
at  
least  
2  
Trustees  
be  
affiliated  
with  
RMR?

Amend the charter to ensure that the Board cannot opt back into Section 3-803 of the Maryland General Corporation Law which allows them to unilaterally re-stagger the Board?

Amend governance documents to commit that if Barry Portnoy is not elected as a Trustee at the 2014 Annual Meeting, he cannot be unilaterally reinstated as Joseph Morea was after receiving the vote of only 14% of the outstanding shares?

Amend the charter and bylaws to ensure the new provisions that make the annual meeting and nomination process less offensive reversible only with a shareholder vote?

Amend the charter and bylaws to replicate the Arbitration Panel's procedural guidelines for any future consent solicitation?

Post online the entire un-redacted transcript of the October 2013 hearing before the Arbitration Panel so that shareholders can understand management's testimony about, among other things, their fiduciary duties to RMR vs. shareholders and how the RMR contract is negotiated every

year?

Work with Corvex/Related and the Arbitration Panel to implement obvious solutions that address the Board's professed concerns regarding the transition to a new Board?

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Actions Explained

RMR's business model, in our view, is founded on creating and preserving the conflict of interest

at

its

externally

managed  
REITs  
in  
order  
to  
manufacture  
Perpetual  
Fee  
Streams ,  
regardless of the impact on CWH 's share price  
We  
believe  
the  
Portnoys  
view  
control  
of  
CWH  
as  
binary

either  
they  
have  
dominant  
control  
over  
the  
fee  
stream  
built  
over  
28  
years,  
or  
they  
do  
not  
In  
our  
opinion,  
the  
profits  
from  
RMR 's  
Perpetual  
Fee  
Streams  
could  
be

valued  
at  
~20x  
cash  
flow (but for the ability of the Board to terminate RMR management contracts), given the  
highly  
recurring  
and  
practically  
infinite,  
growing  
nature  
of  
the  
cash  
flow  
streams  
under  
the  
protection of the Accountability Vacuum  
We  
believe  
the  
staggering  
value  
of  
Perpetual  
Fee  
Streams  
are  
a  
powerful  
motivator for dodging accountability, leading the Portnoys to always choose  
Check-The-Box  
governance revisions over real reform  
We believe the Portnoys harbor an extraordinarily deep commitment to  
protecting  
their  
Perpetual  
Fee  
Streams  
and  
will  
attempt  
to  
mislead  
shareholders  
with  
Check-the-Box  
reform

rather  
than  
true  
accountability



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IV. Corvex/Related s Turnaround and  
Governance Plan

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Corvex/Related s Turnaround and Governance Plan

Corvex/Related s Plan To Maximize Value

The fair and unfettered election of a new Board consisting solely of truly independent Trustees

After consultation with fellow shareholders, we have proposed a slate of highly qualified nominees for election to the Board at the Special Meeting: James Corl, Edward Glickman, Peter Linneman, Jim Lozier, and Kenneth Shea

Best-in-Class corporate governance to finally impose accountability

Amend  
existing  
Declaration  
of  
Trust  
and  
bylaws  
to  
conform  
to  
ISS  
and  
Glass  
Lewis  
best  
practices

Eliminate  
the  
requirement  
that  
at  
least  
2  
Trustees  
be  
affiliated  
with  
RMR

Permanently opt out of MUTA  
Internalize management and align management compensation with shareholder returns

Right  
the  
ship  
with  
basic  
operating  
strategies  
not  
currently  
being  
employed  
by  
existing  
conflicted  
management structure

We believe proper staffing levels and reinvestment in CWH's existing portfolio can harvest a substantial amount of low hanging fruit

No  
poison  
pill  
-  
Adoption  
of  
a  
policy  
against  
new  
pills  
without  
shareholder  
approval  
Cease  
all  
acquisition  
activity  
and  
dilutive  
capital  
raises  
until  
stock  
price  
exceeds  
its  
NAV

Cease all related party transactions not approved by a vote of disinterested shareholders  
Corvex and Related continue to propose the following Turnaround and  
Governance Plan:

While dramatically different from CWH's existing plan, these reforms are in our  
view self-evident to every informed investor and will make CWH look like  
virtually every other member of the S&P 500

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Corvex/Related s Turnaround and Governance Plan

A Simple Blueprint for Change

CommonWealth can then elect a Board of Trustees that:

Is truly independent (per ISS s definition)

Implements and can describe to shareholders the procedures designed to ensure its independent Trustees can continue to operate independently

Is accountable to shareholders

Hires its own independent advisors when necessary

Systematically sets performance goals for the management team, measures its performance, and holds it accountable for its failures

Objectively  
benchmarks  
its  
corporate  
governance  
policies  
against  
peers

Challenges management's thinking on material strategic issues when appropriate

Once shareholders take back control of CommonWealth and can choose who should manage their company, the conflict of interest between manager and owner will be eliminated

In short, shareholders can elect an experienced, independent Board charged with being their advocate

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Corvex/Related s Turnaround and Governance Plan  
Peaceful  
Transition  
of  
Authority

Plan  
A

To eliminate the already miniscule risks, the Board members could implement the following

to protect Commonwealth and its shareholders:

We also point out that the Arbitration Panel will remain available for resolving disputes

even

after

the

removal

of

the

Trustees

and

during

the

transition

to

a

newly

elected

Board

While we wholeheartedly dismiss the scare tactics employed by the Portnoys

that

a

removal

of

Trustees

will

cause

the

business

material

harm

we

point

out

that ironically the sitting Board members could easily preclude any of their

imagined disruptions from occurring by acting responsibly in advance of a

consent solicitation

We have asked the Board to work with Corvex/Related and the Arbitration Panel

to implement obvious solutions that address the Board's professed concerns,

but the Board refuses to respond

Agree to allow nominations of replacement Trustees concurrently with the removal of existing

Trustees

Request waivers under existing financing agreements regarding a change in control or

arrange for replacement facilities

RMR could remove language or simply agree not to immediately terminate its management of

the assets in the event of a change in control



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Corvex/Related s Turnaround and Governance Plan  
Disruptive  
Transition  
of  
Authority

Plan  
B  
In the event the Trustees are not cooperative in transitioning authority, Related

and Corvex, clearly incentivized to minimize disruption as one of CWH's largest shareholders, have a plan to protect the Company

Shareholders should not be coerced into voting for the current Board out of fear

that

the

existing

Trustees

will

burn

down

the

house

on

the

way

out

the

door

Jim

Lozier,

a

30+

year

industry

veteran,

can

be

retained

to

lead

CWH

on

an

interim

basis

(1)

Mr. Lozier served as co-founder and CEO of the Archon Group L.P., a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, from its formation in 1996 until 2012

During

Mr.

Lozier's

tenure

at

Archon,

the

company

grew

from

320

employees

to  
8,500  
employees  
managing 36,000 assets with a gross value of approximately \$59 billion  
Archon's  
core  
competencies  
include  
the  
ability  
to  
quickly  
integrate  
new  
properties  
into  
its  
operating  
platform, regardless of the condition of the property or the difficulty of transitioning such properties  
CBRE, one of the world's largest integrated real estate services firms, has agreed to provide  
interim  
property  
management  
services  
(2)  
Successfully  
managed  
transition  
of  
leasing  
/  
management  
services  
for  
1.2  
billion  
square  
feet  
of  
commercial properties in the U.S. over the previous nine years, including transitions done under  
significant time pressure  
Related and Corvex have agreed to purchase up to 51% of the bank  
debt in order to prevent  
acceleration of the Company's debt  
(1)  
Mr.  
Lozier  
is  
providing  
consulting

services  
to  
Related  
in  
connection  
with  
Related s  
investment  
in  
CommonWealth  
and  
has  
agreed  
to  
serve  
in  
the  
role  
of  
interim  
CEO  
of  
the

Company on such terms as may be reasonably agreed to by Mr. Lozier and CWH.

(2)

CBRE will perform management and leasing services on customary terms to be agreed to in the event Commonwealth s man  
terminated.

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About Related

Founded in 1972 by Stephen Ross, Related is amongst the most prolific and respected real estate developers, operators and investors in the nation

Owns and operates a portfolio valued at over \$15 billion including 5 million square feet of commercial space and over 40,000 apartment units

Over 2,000 employees located in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi and Sao Paulo

Experience with portfolios of assets in distressed or hostile situations, including:

-  
Several assets representing hundreds of millions of dollars in value in contested foreclosure or adversarial bankruptcy proceeding, including acting as agent for court appointed receivers between 2010-2012

-  
Portfolio of 32 REO properties comprised of 10,000 multifamily units on behalf of GSE  
Founded over 40 years ago, Related operates a real estate portfolio valued at over \$15 billion today including residential, office, mixed-use, and affordable properties

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Corvex/Related s Turnaround and Governance Plan

About Corvex

Follows an opportunistic approach to investing with a specific focus on equity investments, special situations and distressed securities largely in North America.

Active investing to create asymmetric risk/reward opportunities

Public markets view for fundamental and event-driven investing

Successfully engages with management teams of invested companies

Value-based

investing

across  
the  
capital  
structure  
in  
situations  
with  
clearly  
identifiable catalysts



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Potential Interim CEO

Mr. Lozier served as co-founder and CEO of the Archon Group L.P., a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, from its formation in 1996 until 2012

Archon is an international real estate services and advisory company based in Dallas, TX

During Mr. Lozier s tenure at Archon, the company grew from 320 employees to 8,500

employees managing 36,000 assets with a gross value of approximately \$59 billion

Archon underwrote, acquired and asset managed real estate and real estate debt for

Goldman Sachs with a concentration in office, multi-family and limited service hospitality

Prior to the formation of Archon, Mr. Lozier was an employee of the J.E. Robert Company and had been responsible for managing the GS / JER joint venture for two years. Mr. Lozier directed the acquisition efforts of the joint venture between GS and JER from 1991-1995

Mr. Lozier could serve as interim CEO until the new Board decides to hire a permanent CEO. As interim CEO, he would focus on transition of management services, continuity of financial reporting, and building out a permanent management team

Related/Corvex have identified a potential interim CEO, Jim Lozier, to help transition CWH to internal management

Mr. Lozier is a 30+ year real estate industry veteran with impeccable credentials

who has created significant value for equity holders during his career

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About CBRE

CBRE Asset Services group provides property management, financial reporting and construction management to clients

CBRE

(1)

employs 42,000+ people in 430+ offices and manages more than 3.3 billion square feet of commercial property and corporate facilities across the globe

Successfully

managed  
transition  
of  
leasing  
/  
management  
services

for  
1.2  
billion  
square  
feet  
of  
commercial properties in the U.S. over the previous nine years, including transitions done under  
significant time pressure

(1)  
Employees,  
offices,  
and  
square  
footage  
under  
management  
includes  
CBRE  
affiliate  
offices.

CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate services firm, has agreed to  
provide interim property management and leasing services to the CWH  
portfolio as necessary

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V. Highly Qualified Nominees

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Highly Qualified Nominees

Truly Independent

James Corl

Managing Director and Head of Real Estate, *Siguler Guff & Company*

James Corl has been a Managing Director at Siguler Guff & Company since 2009, and is the Head of Real Estate. Mr. Corl oversees the Firm's real estate investment activities, setting investment strategy, designing and constructing the portfolio, identifying potential investments, and negotiating investment terms and conditions. Prior to joining Siguler Guff, Mr. Corl spent 13 years in the REIT investment industry, most recently as Chief Investment Officer for all of the real estate activities of Cohen & Steers, Inc., a leader in

global  
real  
estate  
securities.

While

at

Cohen

&

Steers,

Inc.,

Mr.

Corl

was

directly

responsible

for

over

\$30

billion

of

client

assets

invested in mutual funds and institutional separate accounts around the world. As an Associate with the Real Estate Investment group at Credit Suisse First Boston, Mr. Corl was involved in acquiring portfolios of non-performing loans and distressed real assets for CSFB's Praedium Real Estate Recovery Fund, as well as restructuring troubled real estate companies as publicly traded REITs.

Edward Glickman

Executive Director, Center for Real Estate Finance Research, *New York University Stern School of Business*

Clinical Professor of Finance, *New York University Stern School of Business*

Executive Chairman, *FG Asset Management US*

Senior Advisor, *Econsult Solutions, Inc.*

Edward

Glickman

is

the

Executive

Director

of

the

Center

for

Real

Estate

Finance

Research

and

Clinical

Professor

of

Finance

at  
New  
York  
University  
Stern  
School  
of  
Business,  
and  
has  
been

a  
Professor  
at  
the  
Stern  
School  
of  
Business  
since  
2006.

Mr.  
Glickman  
is  
also  
currently  
the  
Executive  
Chairman  
of  
FG  
Asset  
Management  
US,

an  
alternative  
asset  
manager  
serving  
Korean  
investors,  
and

is  
a  
Senior  
Advisor  
for

Econsult Solutions, Inc., an econometric consulting firm. From 2004 to 2012 Mr. Glickman served as President and Chief Operating Officer of



the  
Pennsylvania  
Real  
Estate  
Investment  
Trust,  
where  
he  
oversaw  
all  
operating  
functions  
and  
was  
a  
member  
of  
its  
Board  
of

Trustees. Mr. Glickman has more than 30 years of experience in the real estate and financial services industry having been previously employed by The Rubin Organization, Presidential Realty Corporation, Shearson Lehman Brothers and Smith Barney. Mr. Glickman is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, a Certified Treasury Professional and a Registered Securities Principal.

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Highly Qualified Nominees

Truly Independent (cont.)

Peter Linneman

Emeritus Albert Sussman Professor of Real Estate, *University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business*

Principal, *Linneman Associates*

Principal, *American Land Funds*

From 1979 to 2011, Dr. Linneman was a Professor of Real Estate, Finance and Public Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Business and is currently an Emeritus Albert Sussman Professor of Real Estate there. Dr. Linneman is currently a principal of Linneman Associates, a real estate advisory firm, and a principal of American Land Funds, a private real estate acquisition fund.

than  
35  
years  
he  
has  
advised  
leading  
corporations  
and  
served  
on  
over  
20  
public  
and  
private  
boards,  
including  
serving  
as  
Chairman  
of

Rockefeller Center Properties, where he led the successful restructuring and sale of Rockefeller Center in the mid-1990s. Dr. Lurie has won accolades from around the world, including PREA's prestigious Graaskamp Award for Real Estate Research, Wharton's Lifetime Achievement Award, Real Estate Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award, and has been

One  
of  
the  
25  
Most  
Influential  
People  
in  
Real  
Estate  
by  
Realtor  
Magazine  
and  
was  
included  
in  
The  
New  
York  
Observer's  
100

Most  
Powerful People in New York Real Estate.  
Jim Lozier

Co-founder and former CEO, *Archon Group L.P.*

Jim Lozier served as co-founder and CEO of Archon Group L.P. from its formation in 1996 until 2012. Archon, a wholly owned subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, is a diversified international real estate services and advisory company that under Mr. Lozier's leadership manages assets with a gross value of approximately \$59 billion and over 8,500 employees in offices located in Washington D.C.,

Los Angeles,

Dallas,

Boston,

Asia

and

Europe.

Prior

to

the

formation

of

Archon,

Mr.

Lozier

was

an

employee

of

the

J.E.

Robert

Company

and

was

responsible

for

managing

the

Goldman

Sachs/J.E.

Robert

joint

venture

for

two

years.

Mr.

Lozier

directed

the

acquisition

efforts

of

the

joint venture between GS and JER from 1991-1995. Jim has served on the Board of Directors of Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Advocates for Children) since 1999, and currently is on the Executive Committee and is heading CASA's capital campaign.

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Highly Qualified Nominees

Truly Independent (cont.)

Kenneth Shea

President, *Coastal Capital Management LLC*

Kenneth

Shea

is

the

President

of  
Coastal  
Capital  
Management  
LLC,

an  
affiliate

of  
Coastal  
Development,  
LLC,

a  
New  
York-based

privately-held developer of resort destinations, luxury hotels and casino gaming facilities. Prior to joining Coastal in September 2009, Mr. Shea was a Managing Director for Icahn Capital LP, where Mr. Shea had responsibility for private equity investments in the gaming and leisure industries. From 1996 to 2008, Mr. Shea was employed by Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc., where he served as a Senior Managing Director and global head of the Gaming and Leisure investment banking department. At Bear, Stearns, Mr. Shea played an active role on over \$55 billion of M&A and capital raising transactions for many of the leading public companies in the gaming and leisure sector including Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Station Casinos Inc., Penn National Gaming Inc., Las Vegas Sands Corp., Resorts Ltd., and Carnival Corp. Mr. Shea currently serves on the board of directors of CVR Refining, LP.

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Valuation Update  
Intensive Due Diligence Continues  
Based  
on  
repeated  
feedback  
from  
tenants,  
brokers



and  
owner/operators  
across  
CWH s  
markets regarding their experience with RMR, we believe:

Many  
leasing  
brokers  
representing  
tenants

across  
CWH s  
markets  
steer  
tenants  
away

from RMR-managed properties because of a lack of attention from RMR personnel  
RMR often fails to execute simple asset and property management functions, such as  
responding to tenant work requests, and challenging real estate tax assessments

Blake Schreck, president and economic development director for the Lenexa Chamber of  
Commerce, didn't sound unhappy about Southlake Technology Park changing hands. He  
echoed multiple local commercial real estate brokers, who indicated that Commonwealth's  
slow response to requests for lease proposals from prospective tenants had likely cost the  
933,0000-square-foot office park deals and contributed to its 48 percent occupancy rate.

Kansas City Business Journal, October 23, 2013

Over the past six months, representatives from Corvex and/or Related have  
independently performed detailed site visits on approximately 85% of the  
portfolio

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Valuation Update

Where Are The Employees?

RMR employees service assets for CWH in addition to other RMR-managed public REITs

(SIR,  
GOV,  
HPT,  
SNH)

as

well

as  
the  
Portnoys  
privately  
owned  
real  
estate,  
all  
of  
which

encompass office, retail, hospitality, senior housing, land and other property types

It appears that the leasing staff is too small, resources are spread too thin, and a true asset management department is non-existent

The majority of, if not all, leases from CWH, SIR, HPT, SNH and GOV are processed through the CWH's headquarters office for review, approval and negotiation

There appears to be little delegation to local RMR representatives, creating a substantial bottleneck that leads to very slow response times

It appears that staffing is maintained at deficient levels in order to maximize profit margins for RMR at the expense of CWH shareholders

Clearly, assets that are suffering from such poor management should only be sold after first maximizing value for CWH shareholders

Opportunistic funds with expensive capital (such as Oaktree Capital and Garrison Investment

Group)

were  
among

the  
largest

buyers  
of

assets  
in

the  
last

round  
of

CWH  
dispositions

We believe there are too few employees spread over too many assets and product types:

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Valuation Update

Significant Operational Upside

We are confident that misaligned incentives at the corporate level have translated into underperforming run rate NOI

In our opinion, properties can achieve our estimate of stabilized NOI within 24-36 months of installing an effective management team whose incentives are aligned with shareholders

Furthermore, we believe that measurable progress can begin within several months of initiating a repositioning program with progress reports communicated to shareholders in real time

The cost to shareholders of a severely conflicted external management structure was self-evident during our work in the field

Plus: Management Fee Savings

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Valuation Update

NAV Components

(1)

Properties classified as Held for Sale  
and Discontinued

Operations

are per CWH's SEC filings.

(2)

Estimate based upon Related's expertise and knowledge of the real estate market and having considered factors such as size and location of CWH's real estate portfolio as well as estimates from and discussions with CBRE regarding the potential extension of management services for CWH.

Source: 10-Q, 9/30/2013, adjusted for subsequent asset sales.

Related performed a bottoms-up real estate analysis on a property-by-property basis

We believe our estimate of stabilized NOI is supported by our extensive field due diligence

We find support for cap rate assumptions and price per foot valuations from:

Implied cap rates of CWH's public peers

Analysis of private market transactions in local markets

CWH management's own published valuation of key assets

Cap rate surveys published by national brokerage firms

NAV Methodology

(In millions, except PSF and per share amounts)

Continuing

Held for

Operations

Sale

(1)

Total

In-Place NOI

\$443

\$46

\$489

8

2

10

Plus: Stabilization Improvement

14

16

29

As-Stabilized NOI

\$465

\$63

\$528

Cap Rate

7.3%

8.7%

7.5%  
 As-Stabilized Value  
 \$6,346  
 \$731  
 \$7,077  
 Plus: Australia Assets Held at Book Value  
 95  
 0  
 95  
 Plus: Potential Development Assets  
 34  
 0  
 34  
 Concluded Value  
 \$6,475  
 \$731  
 \$7,205  
 Less: Stabilization Costs  
 (170)  
 (82)  
 (252)  
 Concluded Value  
 \$6,305  
 \$649  
 \$6,953  
 \$PSF  
 \$168  
 \$76  
 \$151  
 NAV Calculation  
 PF 9/30/13  
 Concluded Value  
 \$6,953  
 Stake in SIR (as of 1/29/14)  
 598  
 Cash  
 360  
 Other Current Assets, Net  
 54  
 Total Asset Value  
 \$7,965  
 Less:  
 Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility  
 (\$334)  
 Unsecured Term Loan  
 (500)  
 Unsecured Notes  
 (1,361)  
 Mortgage Notes Payable  
 (920)



Series D Preferred Stock  
(380)  
Series E Preferred Stock  
(275)  
Total Debt + Preferred stock  
(\$3,769)  
Net Asset Value  
\$4,196  
Shares Outstanding  
118  
NAV / Share  
\$35.44  
(2)

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Valuation Update

2-Year Forward Share Price Analysis

The illustrative roll-forward analysis below demonstrates the potential to drive substantial value creation through thoughtful capital allocation strategies

CWH

could

close

the

gap

between  
its  
stock  
price  
and  
NAV  
by  
using  
excess  
cash  
flow  
and/or  
proceeds  
from  
non-core  
asset  
sales to buy back stock at prices below NAV  
Analysis  
assumes  
stabilized  
NOI  
remains  
flat,  
ie,  
no  
market  
growth  
in  
the  
office  
sector  
(in millions, except per share amounts)  
2013E  
2014E  
2015E  
Estimated CAD  
\$150.0  
Stabilized Cash NOI (after Non-Core Asset Sales)  
\$483.0  
lower than consensus due to asset sales  
Cap Rate Assumed  
7.50%  
Implied CWH TEV  
\$6,440.0  
Business Mgmt. Fees Savings  
\$11.0  
CWH Pro forma Net Debt (Net of SIR, Cash, other assets)  
1,973.3  
Property Mgmt Fees Savings  
10.0

Preferred Equity  
 655.0  
 Incremental CAD  
 \$21.0  
 Implied CWH Equity Value  
 \$3,811.7  
 Reduction in Interest-Bond Tender  
 10.2  
 Implied CWH Share Price, 12/31/15  
 \$40.13  
 Adjusted CAD  
 \$181.2  
 \$181.2  
 \$181.2  
 % Change to Current  
 88.4%  
 Memo: Shares Outstanding  
 95.0  
 Current Quarterly Dividend  
 \$0.25  
 \$0.25  
 Avg. Shares Outstanding  
 111.9  
 100.3  
 Implied CWH Share Price  
 Annual Dividends Paid  
 \$111.9  
 \$100.3  
 Non-Core Asset Sales/year  
 \$40.13  
 \$0.0  
 \$150.0  
 \$300.0  
 \$450.0  
 \$600.0  
 2014E  
 2015E  
 7.00%  
 \$43.11  
 \$43.95  
 \$44.97  
 \$46.21  
 \$47.76  
 CAD after Dividends Paid  
 \$69.3  
 \$81.0  
 Cap  
 7.25%  
 40.83  
 41.57

42.46  
 43.56  
 44.92  
 Non-Core Asset Sales  
 300.0  
 300.0  
 Rate  
 7.50%  
 38.70  
 39.35  
 40.13  
 41.08  
 42.27  
 Divested NOI  
 (11.3)  
 (33.8)  
 7.75%  
 36.71  
 37.27  
 37.94  
 38.76  
 39.79  
 Share Repurchases  
 \$358.1  
 \$347.2  
 8.00%  
 34.84  
 35.32  
 35.89  
 36.59  
 37.47  
 Share Repurchase Price Assumed  
 \$28.00  
 \$33.00  
 % Premium to Current Price  
 18.7%  
 39.9%  
 % Change to Current Share Price  
 Non-Core Asset Sales/year  
 Shares Repurchased  
 12.8  
 10.5  
 \$0.0  
 \$150.0  
 \$300.0  
 \$450.0  
 \$600.0  
 % of Shares Outstanding (Current)  
 10.8%  
 8.9%

7.00%

102.4%

106.4%

111.1%

117.0%

124.2%

Cap

7.25%

91.7%

95.2%

99.4%

104.5%

110.9%

Beginning Shares

118.3

105.5

Rate

7.50%

81.7%

84.7%

88.4%

92.9%

98.5%

Ending Shares

105.5

95.0

7.75%

72.3%

75.0%

78.1%

82.0%

86.8%

Avg. Shares Outstanding

111.9

100.3

8.00%

63.6%

65.8%

68.5%

71.8%

75.9%

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Valuation Update

Public Peer Analysis

Our weighted average cap rate for the continuing operations portfolio is 7.3% vs. the public peer average of 6.7% despite CWH having a higher percentage of CBD/urban infill assets

See footnotes on page 74.

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(6)  
(6)  
(6)  
(6)  
(6)  
CommonWealth  
(NAV)  
(1)  
CommonWealth  
(Current price)  
Peer Avg.  
Brandywine  
Parkway  
(2)  
Highwoods  
(3)  
Piedmont  
Cousins  
Share price  
\$35.51  
\$23.59  
\$14.05  
\$17.71  
\$36.42  
\$16.52  
\$10.45  
Implied cap rate  
(4)  
7.3%  
9.1%  
6.7%  
7.0%  
6.2%  
6.9%  
6.7%  
6.6%  
TEV / SF  
\$208  
\$170  
\$200  
\$187  
\$246  
\$167  
\$212  
\$186  
% CBD / urban infill  
66.6%  
62.1%  
46.7%



27.7%  
70.8%  
20.0%  
64.2%  
51.0%  
Avg gross rent \$PSF  
\$20.34  
\$18.62  
\$23.46  
\$23.28  
\$24.27  
\$21.36  
\$26.85  
\$21.54  
Top 5 Markets  
(5)  
Chicago  
Philadelphia Suburbs  
Houston  
Raleigh  
Washington, D.C.  
Atlanta  
% of total rent / NOI  
12.7%  
28.4%  
34.7%  
18.8%  
22.8%  
48.0%  
Avg gross rent \$PSF  
\$22.06  
N/A  
\$22.27  
\$20.23  
\$34.48  
N/A  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia CBD  
Charlotte  
Atlanta  
New York  
Houston  
% of total rent / NOI  
11.9%  
24.6%  
14.0%  
15.0%  
16.4%  
30.0%  
Avg gross rent \$PSF

\$28.30  
 N/A  
 \$24.61  
 \$25.79  
 \$33.22  
 N/A  
 Austin  
 Metropolitan DC  
 Atlanta  
 Nashville  
 Chicago  
 Austin  
 % of total rent / NOI  
 6.8%  
 20.6%  
 10.2%  
 13.5%  
 12.5%  
 5.0%  
 Avg gross rent \$PSF  
 \$17.44  
 N/A  
 \$25.83  
 \$25.57  
 \$27.03  
 N/A  
 Indianapolis  
 New Jersey / Delaware  
 Jacksonville  
 Tampa  
 Minneapolis  
 Dallas  
 % of total rent / NOI  
 4.2%  
 9.1%  
 10.2%  
 12.5%  
 7.5%  
 4.0%  
 Avg gross rent \$PSF  
 \$22.48  
 N/A  
 \$20.94  
 \$18.74  
 \$27.80  
 N/A  
 Denver  
 Austin  
 Phoenix  
 Richmond

Boston
Birmingham
% of total rent / NOI
4.0%
6.7%
7.4%
10.1%
6.6%
3.0%
Avg gross rent \$PSF
\$27.89
N/A
\$26.00
\$18.94
\$25.09
N/A

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Valuation Update

How We Stack Up Against Management's Estimate of Value

Related/

Corvex

Value

\$248MM

\$236MM

\$194MM

\$366MM

\$110MM

\$113MM

\$1,267mm

\$1,391mm

(1)

CWH Investor Presentation, April 22, 2013.

(2)

Based on concluded value of approximately \$7.1BN.

Our valuation is \$124 million lower than management's own estimates

(1)

of

value

on

nearly

20%

of

the

portfolio

(2)

,

pointing

to

the reasonableness of our \$35 per share NAV estimate

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Valuation Update

Portfolio Concentration

Top 10 Markets

The Top 10 markets, by concluded value, account for over 50% of the value of the entire portfolio

(1)

(1)

Excludes Australia and land in Austin.

Our weighted average cap rate for the Top 10 markets in CWH's portfolio is 6.8% while the

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average implied cap rate of the public peers is 6.7%

Given that the portfolio of assets in CWH's Top 10 markets are comparable or superior to the full portfolios of the average public peer, we believe our weighted average cap rate compares favorably

NOI

Concluded

Concluded

% Concluded

#

City

(\$MM)

Cap Rate

Value (\$MM)

Value (\$PSF)

Value

1

Chicago

\$63

7.2%

\$865

\$204.32

12.4%

2

Philadelphia

\$67

7.0%

\$851

\$185.13

12.2%

3

Austin

\$36

7.0%

\$511

\$202.01

7.3%

5

Bellevue

\$19

5.6%

\$330

\$500.02

4.7%

4

Denver

\$21

6.8%

\$312

\$338.40

4.5%

6  
Indianapolis  
\$22  
7.5%  
\$287  
\$169.40  
4.1%  
7  
Hoboken  
\$12  
6.0%  
\$194  
\$371.33  
2.8%  
8  
Boca Raton  
\$12  
7.0%  
\$172  
\$268.60  
2.5%  
9  
Washington D.C.  
\$9  
5.1%  
\$156  
\$364.70  
2.2%  
10  
Milwaukee  
\$11  
7.6%  
\$141  
\$173.92  
2.0%  
Top 10 Markets  
\$271  
6.8%  
\$3,817  
\$229.93  
54.9%



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Valuation Update  
Portfolio  
Concentration

Top  
20/Top  
50  
Assets  
CWH's entire portfolio has approximately 305 properties but only 50 of these

assets account for almost 80% of total portfolio value

(1)

Based on Company Filings.

Top 20 Assets

The Top 20 assets, by concluded value, account for over 55% of the value of the portfolio, or over 60% if assets held in discontinued operations are excluded

Top 50 Assets

The Top 50 assets, by concluded value, account for nearly 80% of the value of the portfolio, or nearly 90% if assets held in discontinued operations are excluded

We believe CWH's Top 20 assets represent a portfolio of comparable or superior quality relative to the full portfolios of CWH's public peers yet we value CWH's Top 20 assets at a weighted average cap rate of 7.1% while the average public peer trades at an implied cap rate of 6.7%

Subset

Reported

Occupancy

Net Rentable

Area

As-Stabilized

NOI (\$MM)

Cap Rate

Concluded

Value (\$MM)

Concluded

Value PSF

% of Concluded

Value

Top 20 Assets

91.3%

18,380,734

\$285

7.1%

\$3,926

\$213.61

56.5%

Top 50 Assets

90.3%

27,521,106

403

7.2%

5,477

199.00

78.8%

Other Continued Operations

87.5%

9,875,136

62

8.3%

828

83.87

11.9%

Total Continued Operations

89.5%

37,396,242

\$465

7.3%

\$6,305

\$168.59

90.7%

Total Discontinued Operations

(1)

71.3%

8,502,942

63

8.7%

649

76.27

9.3%

Total

86.2%

45,899,184

\$528

7.5%

\$6,953

\$151.49

100.0%

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Valuation Update

Chicago Portfolio

CWH's Chicago assets account for roughly 12% of the portfolio's total value

Recent

Transactions

120 S. Riverside

Nov-13

\$264 PSF

6.3% cap rate

111 W. Jackson

Dec-13

\$237 PSF

6.5% cap rate

300 S. Wacker

Aug-13

\$220 PSF

6.3% cap rate

While core cap rates are hovering around 6.0%, it should be noted that in three of five cases core office cap rates dipped below 6.0% in 2013.

CBRE Chicago Downtown Office MarketView Q4 2013

625 N. Michigan

Jun-13

\$316 PSF

6.0% cap rate

Source:

Comparable data comes from CBRE, HFF and MBReal Estate

We believe our 7.2% weighted average cap rate and weighted average value per square foot of \$204 compare favorably to recent transaction comparables in the market place

City

NOI (\$MM)

Cap Rate

Concluded

Value (\$MM)

Concluded

Value PSF

Chicago Assets

\$63

7.2%

\$865

\$204.32

72

Valuation Update

Philadelphia Portfolio

CWH's Philadelphia assets account for roughly 13% of the portfolio's total value

Recent Transactions

1500 Spring Garden

Oct-13

\$171 PSF

6.99% cap rate

Commerce Sq I & II

Dec-13

\$175 PSF

6.5% cap rate

This transaction enables us to acquire two of Philadelphia's Trophy-class CBD properties [(Commerce Sq I and II)] at a significant discount to replacement cost.

Gerard H. Sweeney, President and CEO of Brandywine

2000 Market

Mar-13

\$165 PSF

7.0% cap rate

Source:

Comparable data comes from CBRE, HFF and MBReal Estate

We believe our 7.0% weighted average cap rate and weighted average value per square foot of \$185 compare favorably to recent transaction comparables in the market place

City

NOI (\$MM)

Cap Rate

Concluded

Value (\$MM)

Concluded

Value PSF

Philadelphia Assets

\$67

7.0%

\$851

\$185.13

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Valuation Update

By Asset Type and Vintage

Over 60% of CWH's assets are located in CBD locations or close to 70% if assets held in discontinued operations are excluded

Portfolio Summary - by Property Type

(\$ and SF in millions, except PSF)

# of

Cap

Concluded



Concluded  
 Property Type  
 Properties

SF  
 Rate  
 NOI  
 Value

Value PSF  
 Office - CBD

52  
 22.0  
 7.2%

\$314  
 \$4,215  
 \$192

Office - Suburban

188  
 17.2  
 7.8%

184  
 2,256  
 131

Industrial

47  
 6.0  
 8.4%

21  
 344  
 57

Other  
 18  
 0.8  
 8.7%

9  
 138  
 179

Portfolio

305  
 45.9  
 7.5%

\$528  
 \$6,953  
 \$151

Portfolio Summary - by Vintage  
 (\$ and SF in millions, except PSF)

# of  
 Cap  
 Concluded  
 Concluded  
 Vintage

Properties  
SF  
Rate  
NOI  
Value  
Value PSF  
Prior to 2000  
70  
9.6  
7.1%  
\$129  
\$1,689  
\$177  
2000 - 2005  
97  
11.3  
7.8%  
101  
1,248  
110  
2006 - 2008  
70  
7.9  
8.4%  
60  
688  
87  
2009 - 2011  
62  
12.6  
7.3%  
180  
2,538  
201  
Since 2012  
6  
4.5  
7.3%  
58  
790  
175  
Portfolio  
305  
45.9  
7.5%  
\$528  
\$6,953  
\$151

74

Valuation Update

Footnotes

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Per estimates from Related. Implied cap rate, TEV/SF, % CBD/urban infill, Avg gross rent \$PSF, and Top 5 Market data include continuing operations only.

Pro forma for acquisition of Thomas Properties Group.

Highwoods data excludes industrial and retail.

Per

Greenstreet

Advisors,  
except  
for  
CWH.  
CWH  
implied  
cap  
rates  
are  
based  
on  
stabilized  
NOI  
of  
\$528  
million.

% of total for top 5 markets represents nine months ended 9/30/2013.

Parkway only discloses rent by market.

Parkway rent per square foot for individual markets as of 12/31/2012.

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(7)

Source: Company filings, Factset, SNL, Greenstreet Advisors

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