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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ENTERTAINMENT PROPERTIES TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of

43- 1790877 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

30 West Pershing Road, Suite 201

Kansas City, Missouri 64108

(816) 472-1700

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. x

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	X	Accelerated filer	•
Non-accelerated filer	" (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of	Amount to be Registered/ Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit/ Proposed Maximum Aggregate	Amount of
Securities to be Registered (1)	Offering Price	Registration Fee
Common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share		
Preferred shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share		
Depositary shares representing preferred shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par		
value per share (3)	(2)	\$0(2)
Warrants		
Debt securities		
Units (4)		

(1) The securities covered by this registration statement may be sold or otherwise distributed separately, together or as units with other securities covered by this registration statement. This registration statement covers offers, sales and other distributions of the securities listed in this table from time to time at prices to be determined, as well as preferred shares distributable upon the termination of a deposit arrangement for depositary shares so offered or sold, common shares issuable upon the exchange or conversion of preferred shares, convertible debt securities or depositary shares representing an interest in preferred shares so offered or sold that are exchangeable for or convertible into common shares and common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, debt securities or units upon the exercise of warrants so offered, sold or distributed. This registration statement also covers preferred shares, depositary shares, common shares, debt securities, warrants and units that may be offered or sold under delayed delivery contracts pursuant to which the counterparty may be required to purchase such securities, as well as such contracts themselves. Such contracts would be issued with the specific securities to which they relate.

- (2) An unspecified indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at unspecified indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units or represented by depositary shares. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant is deferring payment of all the registration fees and will pay such fees on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- (3) Each depositary share will be issued under a deposit agreement, will represent an interest in a fractional preferred share or multiple preferred shares and will be evidenced by a depositary receipt.
- (4) Each unit will be issued under a unit agreement and will represent an interest in two or more other securities, which may or may not be separable from one another.

PROSPECTUS

Entertainment Properties Trust

Common Shares, Preferred Shares, Depositary Shares, Warrants, Debt Securities and Units

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, together or separately, in one or more series or classes and in amounts, at prices and on terms that we will determine at the time of offering:

common shares of beneficial interest (common shares);
preferred shares of beneficial interest (preferred shares);
depositary shares representing preferred shares of beneficial interest (depositary shares);
warrants;
debt securities which may be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities; or
units consisting of combinations of any of the foregoing (units). the common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities and units collectively as the securities in this

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus or other offering materials. You should read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and other applicable offering materials carefully before you invest.

The securities may be sold directly or to or through one or more agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of these methods on a continuous or delayed basis. If any agent, dealer or underwriter is involved in selling the securities, its name, the applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement, and the net proceeds to us from the sale of the securities will be described in a prospectus supplement or other offering materials. The securities may also be resold by security holders to be identified in the future pursuant to this prospectus, including any applicable prospectus supplements and other applicable offering materials. In such event, we will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of securities by security holders. To the extent that any selling security holder resells any securities, the selling security holder may be required to provide you with this prospectus, a prospectus supplement and other applicable offering materials identifying and containing specific information about the selling security holder and the terms of the securities being offered. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement. See Plan of Distribution.

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EPR . The last reported sale price of our common shares on the New York Stock Exchange on March 15, 2010 was \$41.75 per share. Our Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (Series B Preferred Shares), Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Shares (Series C Preferred Shares), Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (Series D Preferred Shares) and Series E Cumulative Convertible Preferred Shares (Series E Preferred Shares) are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols EPR PrB , EPR PrD and EPR PrE , respectively. Where applicable, the prospectus supplement will contain information on any listing on a securities exchange of securities covered by that prospectus supplement.

To preserve our qualification as a real estate investment trust or REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for other purposes, we impose restrictions on ownership of our common and preferred shares. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations and Description of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and EPR s Declaration of Trust and Bylaws in this prospectus.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See the <u>Risk Factors</u> section on page 5 of this prospectus. Before buying our securities, you should read and consider the risk factors included in our periodic reports, in the prospectus supplements or any offering material relating to any specific offering, and in other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Our principal executive office is located at 30 W. Pershing Road, Suite 201, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The telephone number for our principal executive office is (816) 472-1700.

The date of this prospectus is March 16, 2010.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement (No. 333-) that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more offerings and selling security holders may from time to time offer and sell such securities owned by them.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer and sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement or other offering materials that contain specific information about the terms of the offering and the securities offered. The prospectus supplement or other offering materials also may add to, update or change information provided in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement, the other applicable offering materials and the other information described in Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference prior to investing.

As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information, we refer you to the registration statement, including its exhibits and schedules. Statements contained in this prospectus about the provisions or contents of any contract, agreement or any other document referred to are not necessarily complete. For each of these contracts, agreements or documents filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the actual exhibit for a more complete description of the matters involved. The registration statement can be read at the SEC website or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any applicable supplement to this prospectus or any other applicable offering materials. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any applicable supplement to this prospectus or any other applicable offering materials as if we had authorized it. This prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any other applicable offering materials do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate. Nor do this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any other applicable offering materials constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement or any other offering materials is accurate only as of the date on their respective covers, and you should assume that the information appearing in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any other applicable offering materials is accurate only as of the date that document was filed with the SEC. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to we, us, our, the Company or EPR me Entertainment Properties Trust. When we refer to our Declaration of Trust we mean Entertainment Properties Trust s Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, including the articles supplementary for each series of preferred shares, as amended. When we refer to our Bylaws we mean Entertainment Properties Trust s Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended. The term you refers to a prospective investor.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Any statement contained in a document which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus or information we later file with the SEC, modifies or replaces that information.

The documents listed below have been filed by us under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), (File No. 001-13561) and are incorporated by reference in this prospectus:

- 1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.
- 2. Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 10, 2010.
- 3. The description of our common shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on November 4, 1997, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- 4. The description of our Series B Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on January 12, 2005, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- 5. The description of our Series C Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on December 21, 2006, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- 6. The description of our Series D Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 4, 2007, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
- 7. The description of our Series E Preferred Shares included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on April 2, 2008, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents filed by us under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information that is deemed to have been furnished and not filed with the SEC) after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities covered by this prospectus are incorporated by reference herein.

To obtain a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) please contact us at the following address or telephone number:

Investor Relations Department

Entertainment Properties Trust

30 W. Pershing Road, Suite 201

Kansas City, Missouri 64108

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Email info@eprkc.com

Our SEC filings also are available on our Internet website at www.eprkc.com. The information on our website is not, and you must not consider the information to be, a part of or incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

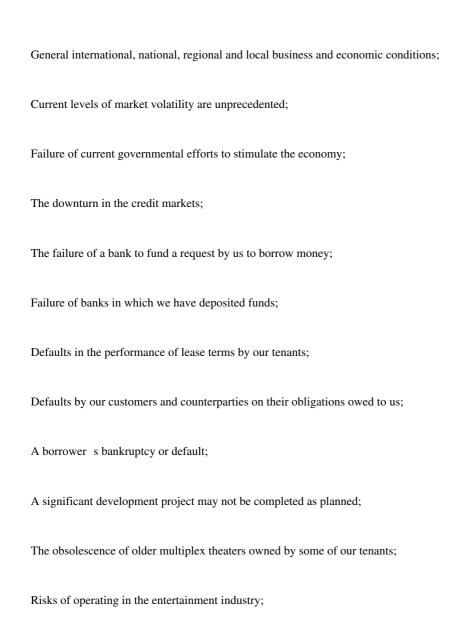
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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

With the exception of historical information, this prospectus and our reports filed under the Exchange Act and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and other offering materials and documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein or therein may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, such as those pertaining to our acquisition or disposition of properties, our capital resources, future expenditures for development projects and our results of operations. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties and you should not rely on them as predictions of actual events. There is no assurance the events or circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will occur. You can identify forward-looking statements by use of words such as will be, intend, continue, believe, may, expect, hope, anticipate, other comparable terms, or by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. Forward-looking statements necessarily are dependent on assumptions, data or methods that may be incorrect or imprecise.

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Factors that could materially and adversely affect us include, but are not limited to, the factors listed below:



Our ability to compete effectively;
The majority of our multiplex theater properties are leased by a single tenant;
A single tenant leases or is the mortgagor of all our ski area investments;
A single tenant leases all of our charter schools;
Risks associated with use of leverage to acquire properties;
Financing arrangements that require lump-sum payments;
Our ability to sustain the rate of growth we have had in recent years;
Our ability to raise capital;
Covenants in our debt instrument that limit our ability to take certain actions;
Risks of acquiring and developing properties and real estate companies;
The lack of diversification of our investment portfolio;
Our continued qualification as a REIT;
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Table of Contents The ability of our subsidiaries to satisfy their obligations; Financing arrangements that expose us to funding or purchase risks; We have a limited number of employees and the loss of personnel could harm operations; Fluctuations in the value of real estate income and investments; Risks relating to real estate ownership, leasing and development, for example, local conditions such as an oversupply of space or a reduction in demand for real estate in the area, competition from other available space, whether tenants and users such as customers of our tenants consider a property attractive, changes in real estate taxes and other expenses, changes in market rental rates, the timing and costs associated with property improvements and rentals, changes in taxation or zoning laws or other governmental regulation, whether we are able to pass some or all of any increased operating costs through to tenants, and how well we manage our properties; Our ability to secure adequate insurance and risk of potential uninsured losses, including from natural disasters; Risks involved in joint ventures; Risks in leasing multi-tenant properties; A failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other laws; Risks of environmental liability; Our real estate investments are relatively illiquid; We own assets in foreign countries; Risks associated with owning or financing properties for which the tenant s or mortgagor s operations may be impacted by weather conditions and climate change;

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Risks associated with the ownership of vineyards;

Fluctuations in interest rates;

Our ability to pay distributions in cash or at current rates;

Fluctuations in the market prices for our shares;
Certain limits on change in control imposed under law and by our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws;
Policy changes obtained without the approval of our shareholders;
Equity issuances could dilute the value of our shares;
Risks associated with changes in the Canadian exchange rate; and

Changes in laws and regulations, including tax laws and regulations.

You should consider the risks described in the Risk Factors section of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and, to the extent applicable, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, in evaluating any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of the factors referred to above, the future events discussed or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may not occur and actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves certain risks. Before buying our securities, you should read and consider the risk factors included in our periodic reports, in the prospectus supplements or any offering material relating to any specific offering, and in other information that we file with the SEC which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See Where You Can Find More Information.

THE COMPANY

We are a self-administered real estate investment trust, or REIT. We develop, own, lease and finance megaplex theatres, entertainment retail centers (centers generally anchored by an entertainment component such as a megaplex theatre and containing other entertainment-related properties), and destination recreational and specialty properties.

We have elected to be treated as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In order to maintain our status as a REIT, we must comply with a number of requirements under U.S. federal income tax law that are discussed in U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations. The applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials delivered with this prospectus will provide any necessary information about additional U.S. federal income tax considerations, if any, related to the particular securities being offered.

Our executive offices are located at 30 W. Pershing Road, Suite 201, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. Our telephone number is (816) 472-1700.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials, EPR intends to use the net proceeds from any sale of common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, warrants, debt securities or units under this prospectus for general business purposes, which may include funding the acquisition, development or financing of properties and repayment of debt. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not receive the proceeds of sales by selling security holders, if any. Further details relating to the use of net proceeds from any specific offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED

SHARE DISTRIBUTIONS

The table below presents our ratio of earnings to fixed charges. The ratio of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings is the sum of income from continuing operations before adjustment for income from equity investees, plus fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest) and distributed income of equity investees. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized and amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness. The ratios are based solely on historical financial information and no pro forma adjustments have been made.

Years Ended December 31	2009(1)	2008	2007	2006	2005
Ratio of earning to fixed charges	0.8x	2.7x	2.6x	2.7x	2.6x

The table below presents our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share distributions. The ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share distribution were calculated by dividing earnings by combined fixed charges and preferred share distributions. For this purpose, the terms earnings and fixed charges have the meanings assigned above. The ratios are based solely on historical financial information and no pro forma adjustments have been made.

Years Ended December 31	2009(1)	2008	2007	2006	2005
Ratio of earning to combined fixed charges and preferred					
share distributions	0.6x	2.0x	1.9x	2.1x	2.0x

(1) Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2009 includes \$42.2 million in impairment charges for properties held and used and \$71.0 million in provision for loan losses.

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DESCRIPTION OF SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following description of our shares of beneficial interest (shares) is only a summary and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions governing such shares contained in our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws, copies of which we have previously filed with the SEC. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. See Where You Can Find More Information for information about how to obtain copies of the Declaration of Trust and Bylaws. This summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the descriptions of the particular terms of the securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials.

Our Declaration of Trust authorizes us to issue up to 75,000,000 common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, and 25,000,000 preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, 2,300,000 of which are designated as Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares (Series A Preferred Shares), 3,200,000 of which are designated as Series B Preferred Shares, 6,000,000 of which are designated as Series C Preferred Shares, 4,600,000 of which are designated as Series D Preferred Shares, and 3,450,000 of which are designated as Series E Preferred Shares. Our Declaration of Trust authorizes our Board of Trustees to determine, at any time and from time to time the number of authorized shares of beneficial interest, as described below. As of March 15, 2010, we had 42,921,582 common shares issued and outstanding, 3,200,000 Series B Preferred Shares issued and outstanding, 5,400,000 Series C Preferred Shares issued and outstanding, 4,600,000 Series D Preferred Shares issued and outstanding, and 3,450,000 Series E Preferred Shares issued and outstanding. On May 29, 2007, we completed the redemption of all 2,300,000 of our then outstanding Series A Preferred Shares. As of March 15, 2010, no Series A Preferred Shares were issued and outstanding. As of the date of this prospectus no other class or series of preferred shares has been established. For a summary of restrictions on ownership and transfers of shares, see Description of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and EPR s Declaration of Trust and Bylaws Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer of Shares.

Our Declaration of Trust contains a provision permitting our Board of Trustees, without any action by our shareholders, to amend the Declaration of Trust at any time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares or the number of shares of any class that we have authority to issue. Our Declaration of Trust further authorizes our Board of Trustees to cause us to issue our authorized shares and to reclassify any unissued shares into other classes or series. We believe that this ability of our Board of Trustees will provide us with flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other business needs which might arise. Although our Board of Trustees has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could authorize us to issue a new class or series that could, depending upon the terms of the class or series, delay, defer or prevent a change of control of EPR.

The transfer agent and registrar for our shares is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

Common Shares

All of our common shares are entitled to the following, subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of shares which may be issued and to the provisions of our Declaration of Trust regarding the restriction of the ownership of shares:

to receive distributions on our shares if, as and when authorized by our Board of Trustees and declared by us out of assets legally available for distribution; and

upon our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, to receive all remaining assets available for distribution to common shareholders after satisfaction of our liabilities and the preferential rights of any preferred shares.

Subject to the provisions of our Declaration of Trust on restrictions on transfer, each outstanding common share entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders, including the election of trustees. Holders of our common shares do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of trustees.

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Holders of our common shares have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund, redemption or, except to the extent expressly required by the law pertaining to Maryland real estate investment trusts, appraisal rights. Shareholders have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any of our securities.

For other information with respect to our common shares, including effects that provisions in our Declaration of Trust and Bylaws may have in delaying, deferring or preventing a change in our control, see Description of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and EPR s Declaration of Trust and Bylaws below.

Preferred Shares

General

Our Declaration of Trust authorizes our Board of Trustees to determine the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption of our authorized and unissued preferred shares. These may include:

the distinctive designation of each series and the number of shares that will constitute the series;

the voting rights, if any, of shares of the series;

the distribution rate on the shares of the series, any restriction, limitation or condition upon the payment of the distribution, whether distributions will be cumulative, and the dates on which distributions accumulate and are payable;

the prices at which, and the terms and conditions on which, the shares of the series may be redeemed, if the shares are redeemable;

the purchase or sinking fund provisions, if any, for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series;

any preferential amount payable upon shares of the series upon our liquidation or the distribution of our assets;

if the shares are convertible, the price or rates of conversion at which, and the terms and conditions on which, the shares of the series may be converted into other securities; and

whether the series can be exchanged, at our option, into debt securities, and the terms and conditions of any permitted exchange. The issuance of preferred shares, or the issuance of any rights or warrants to purchase preferred shares, could discourage an unsolicited acquisition proposal. In addition, the rights of holders of common shares will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of holders of any preferred shares that we may issue in the future.

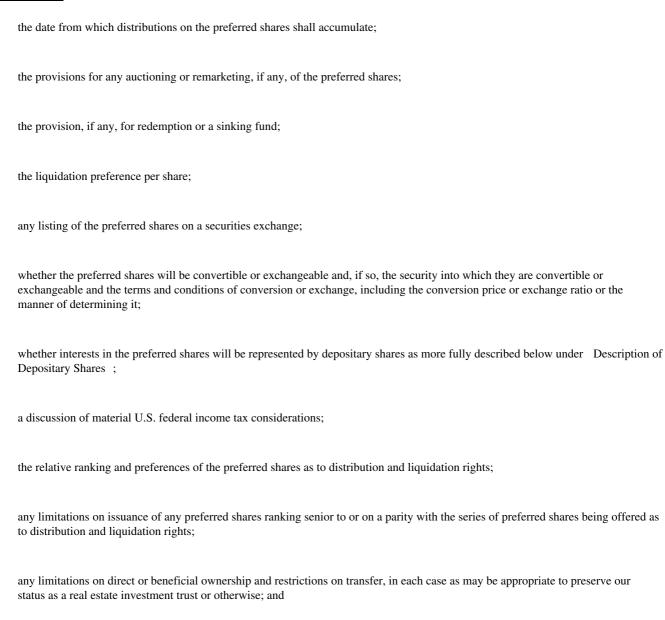
The following describes some general terms and provisions of the preferred shares to which a prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials may relate. The statements below describing the preferred shares are in all respects subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to the applicable provisions of our Declaration of Trust, including the articles supplementary for the applicable series of preferred shares, and our Bylaws.

The applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials will describe the specific terms as to each issuance of preferred shares, including:

the description or designation of the preferred shares;
the number of the preferred shares offered;
the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the preferred shares;
the offering price of the preferred shares;
whether distributions will be cumulative and, if so, the distribution rate, when distributions will be paid, or the method of determining the distribution rate if it is based on a formula or not otherwise fixed;

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any other specific preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption of the preferred shares.

As described under Description of Depositary Shares, we may, at our option, elect to offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts. If we elect to do this, each depositary receipt will represent a fractional interest in a share or multiple shares of the particular series of the preferred shares issued and deposited with a depositary. The applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials will specify that fractional interest.

Rank

Unless our Board of Trustees otherwise determines and we so specify in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials, we expect that the preferred shares will, with respect to distribution rights and rights upon liquidation or dissolution, rank senior to all of our common shares, senior to our junior securities, on parity with our priority securities and junior to our senior securities.

Distributions

Holders of preferred shares of each series will be entitled to receive distributions at the rates and on the dates shown in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials. Even though the preferred shares may specify a fixed rate of distribution, our Board of Trustees must authorize and declare those distributions and they may be paid only out of assets legally available for payment. We will pay each distribution to holders of record as they appear on our share transfer books on the record dates fixed by our Board of Trustees. In the case of preferred shares represented by depositary receipts, the records of the depositary referred to under Description of Depositary Shares will determine the persons to whom distributions are payable.

Distributions on any series of preferred shares may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials. We refer to each particular series, for ease of reference, as the applicable series. Cumulative distributions will be cumulative from and after the date shown in the applicable prospectus supplement or other applicable offering materials. If our Board of Trustees fails to authorize a distribution on any applicable series that is noncumulative, the holders will have no right to receive, and we will have no obligation to pay, a distribution in respect of the applicable distribution period, whether or not distributions on that series are declared payable in the future.

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