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SHORT FORM PROSPECTUS

New Issue

November 5, 2003



COMINAR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

\$69,000,000

5,000,000 Units

This short form prospectus relates to the distribution of 5,000,000 units (the “Units”) of Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust (the “REIT”). The 5,000,000 Units include 600,000 Additional Units to be issued to the Underwriters following the exercise on November 3, 2003 of the Underwriters’ Option previously granted to the Underwriters by the REIT referred to in “Plan of Distribution”. The REIT is an unincorporated closed-end investment trust governed by the laws of the Province of Québec. **The REIT is not a trust company and is not registered under applicable legislation governing trust companies as it does not carry on or intend to carry on the business of a trust company. The Units are not “deposits” within the meaning of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Canada) and are not insured under the provisions of that Act or any other legislation.**

The Units are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) under the symbol “CUF.UN”. The TSX has conditionally approved the listing of the Units offered hereby, subject to the compliance with the requirements of the TSX on or before January 27, 2004. On October 24, 2003, the day prior to the pricing of the Units, the closing price of the Units on the TSX was \$14.24 and on November 4, 2003, the closing price of the Units on the TSX was \$14.05.

In the opinion of counsel, the Units will qualify as eligible investments as set forth under “Eligibility for Investment”.

The Dallaire Family has agreed to subscribe for 100,000 of the Units offered hereby at a price of \$13.80 per Unit, such Units to be acquired indirectly through AM Total Investments (SENC), a general partnership, controlled by members of the Dallaire Family. No fee will be paid to the Underwriters in connection therewith. See “Plan of Distribution”.

Price: \$13.80 per Unit

	Price to the public	Underwriters’ fee ⁽¹⁾	Net proceeds to the REIT ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Per Unit	\$13.80	\$0.552	\$13.248
Total	\$69,000,000	\$2,704,800	\$66,295,200

(1) No Underwriters fee will be paid in connection with the 100,000 Units subscribed by AM Total Investments (SENC).

(2) Before deducting expenses of this offering estimated to be \$275,000.

The Underwriters, as principals, conditionally offer the Units for sale, subject to prior sale, if, as and when issued by the REIT and accepted by the Underwriters in accordance with the conditions contained in the Underwriting Agreement referred to under “Plan of Distribution” and subject to the approval of certain legal matters on behalf of the REIT by Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, and on behalf of the Underwriters by Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast, general partnership.

Subscriptions will be received subject to rejection or allotment in whole or in part, and the right is reserved to close the subscription books at any time without notice. Certificates representing the Units will be available for delivery on the closing date, which is expected to be on or about November 12, 2003, but in any event no later than November 28, 2003.

Each of National Bank Financial Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc. and Desjardins Securities Inc., three of the Underwriters, is a subsidiary of financial institutions which are among the REIT’s principal lenders. Consequently, the REIT may be considered a “connected issuer” of such Underwriters within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. As at November 4, 2003, the actual indebtedness of the REIT to such financial institutions amounted to approximately \$112.3 million in the aggregate. See “Plan of Distribution”.

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The following documents, filed with the various securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities in each of the provinces of Canada, are specifically incorporated by reference in and form an integral part of this short form prospectus:

- (i) the renewal annual information form of the REIT dated May 16, 2003 (the "AIF");
- (ii) management's discussion and analysis of operating results and financial position of the REIT for the period ended December 31, 2002 (the "2002 MD&A"), which is set forth at pages 14 to 21 of the REIT's 2002 annual report in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis";
- (iii) the comparative audited consolidated financial statements of the REIT for the period ended December 31, 2002, together with the notes thereto and the auditors' report thereon;
- (iv) the management information circular of the REIT dated March 24, 2003 (the "Circular") in connection with the annual meeting of Unitholders of the REIT held on May 13, 2003, other than the sections entitled "Governance Practices" and "Report on Executive Compensation";
- (v) the comparative unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the REIT for the six months ended June 30, 2003, together with the management's discussion and analysis of operating results and financial position of the REIT thereon; and
- (vi) the material change report of the REIT dated October 28, 2003 relating to this offering.

Any documents of the type referred to above and any material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports) filed by the REIT with the securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities in each of the provinces of Canada subsequent to the date of this short form prospectus and prior to the termination of this distribution shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this short form prospectus. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded, for purposes of this short form prospectus, to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or replaces such statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement shall not be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this short form prospectus.

GLOSSARY

The following terms used in this short form prospectus have the meanings set out below:

“**AM Total Investments**” means AM Total Investments (SENC), a general partnership created under the laws of the Province of Québec, which is controlled by the children of Mr. Jules Dallaire.

“**Additional Units**” means the 600,000 Units to be issued to the Underwriters pursuant to the exercise on November 3, 2003 by the Underwriters of the Underwriters’ Option, as described under “Plan of Distribution”.

“**affiliate**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the *Securities Act* (Québec), as amended.

“**associate**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the CBCA.

“**Bonus Units**” means the additional Units a Unitholder is entitled to receive in payment of a distribution equal to 5% of each distribution that was reinvested by the Unitholder under the terms of the DRIP.

“**CBCA**” means the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, as amended.

“**CCRA**” means the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

“**Contract of Trust**” means the contract of trust made as of March 31, 1998, as amended as of May 8, 1998 and as of May 13, 2003, governed by the laws of the Province of Québec, pursuant to which the REIT was established, as further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

“**Dallaire Family**” means Jules Dallaire, his wife, their children and the spouses of such children.

“**Dallaire Group**”, as at the time of the REIT’s initial public offering on May 21, 1998 means, collectively, Immeubles Cominar inc., Société en commandite Cominar, Société en nom collectif Cominar and Société en commandite Desroches, and, as of the date of this short form prospectus, means, collectively, Corporation Financière Alpha (CFA) Inc., Société en Commandite Alpha-Québec and AM Total Investments.

“**Dallaire Group Trustee**” means a nominee of the Dallaire Group appointed as Trustee as described under “Contract of Trust and Description of Units – Dallaire Group Trustees”.

“**Distribution Date**” means the fifteenth day of each calendar month (other than January) and December 31 in each calendar year.

“**Distributable Income**” means the amount of cash available to be distributed by the REIT, calculated based on the REIT’s income as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, subject to certain adjustments as set out in the Contract of Trust, including that capital gains and capital losses be excluded, net recapture income be excluded, no deduction be made for non-capital losses, capital cost allowance, terminal losses, amortization of cumulative eligible capital or amortization of costs of issuing Units, and leasehold and tenant improvements be amortized. Distributable Income so calculated may reflect any other adjustments determined by the Trustees in their discretion and may be estimated whenever the actual amount has not been fully determined. Such estimates are adjusted as of the subsequent Distribution Date when the amount of Distributable Income has been finally determined.

“**DRIP**” means the distribution reinvestment plan of the REIT, as amended and restated, as described under “Distribution Reinvestment Plan” in the AIF.

“**Flip-in Event**” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Unitholders’ Rights Plan.

“Gross Book Value” means, at any time, the book value of the assets of the REIT, as shown on its then most recent balance sheet, plus the amount of accumulated depreciation shown thereon.

“Independent Trustee” means a Trustee: (i) who is not a member of the Dallaire Family, an associate, director, officer or employee of a corporation or partnership comprising the Dallaire Group or an affiliate thereof; (ii) who is not related (as defined in The Toronto Stock Exchange Guidelines on Corporate Governance) to the Dallaire Group; (iii) who is not a person who is a “related person” (within the meaning of the *Tax Act*) in relation to the Dallaire Group or to any member of the Dallaire Family; (iv) who has no material business relationships with the REIT (other than his election or appointment as Trustee or, subject to the provisions of the Contract of Trust, his being a Unitholder), the Dallaire Group or any member of the Dallaire Family; and (v) who represents to the REIT, upon his election or appointment as Trustee, that he meets the foregoing criteria. A Dallaire Group Trustee shall be deemed not to be an Independent Trustee.

“Independent Trustee Matters” means those decisions which require the approval of the majority of the Independent Trustees only, as set out in “Contract of Trust and Description of Units – Independent Trustee Matters”.

“REIT” means Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust.

“Rights” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Unitholders’ Rights Plan.

“Tax Act” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), as amended.

“Trustee” means a trustee of the REIT.

“Underwriters” means National Bank Financial Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., Canaccord Capital Corp., CIBC World Markets Inc. and Desjardins Securities Inc.

“Underwriters’ Option” means the option granted to the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, exercisable no later than 48 hours prior to the closing of this offering to purchase an aggregate of up to 600,000 Additional Units and which was exercised by the Underwriters on November 3, 2003 as described under “Plan of Distribution”.

“Underwriting Agreement” means the agreement dated October 29, 2003 among the REIT and the Underwriters.

“Unit” means a unit of interest in the REIT.

“Unit Option Plan” means the unit option plan of the REIT, as amended and restated, as described under “Management of the REIT – Unit Option Plan” in the AIF.

“Unitholder” means a holder of Units.

“Unitholders’ Rights Plan” means the unitholders’ rights plan of the REIT, as amended and restated, as described under “Unitholder’s Right Plan” in the AIF.

THE REIT

The REIT is an unincorporated closed-end investment trust created by the Contract of Trust on March 31, 1998 and is governed by the laws of the Province of Québec.

The objectives of the REIT are (i) to provide Unitholders with stable and growing monthly cash distributions which are, to the extent practicable, tax deferred, from investments in a diversified portfolio of income producing office, retail, industrial and mixed-use properties located in the greater Québec City and Montreal areas, and (ii) to improve and maximize Unit value through the ongoing active management of the REIT's properties and the acquisition of additional income producing properties.

As one of the largest property owners in the greater Québec City area commercial real estate market, the REIT has a dominant presence and enjoys significant economies of scale. It currently owns a diversified portfolio of 110 office, retail, industrial and mixed-use properties, of which 79 are located in the greater Québec City area and 31 are located in the greater Montreal area. The portfolio comprises approximately 1.7 million square feet of office space, 2.2 million square feet of retail space and 4.0 million square feet of industrial and mixed-use space, representing, in the aggregate, approximately 7.9 million square feet of leasable area. As at June 30, 2003, the REIT's portfolio was approximately 95.6% leased. The properties are mostly situated in prime locations along major traffic arteries and benefit from high-visibility and easy access by both tenants and tenants' customers.

In expanding into the greater Montreal area, the REIT's strategy is to own and operate a diversified portfolio of well-located office, retail, industrial and mixed-use properties concentrated within this regional market. This expansion strategy was initiated with the assembly of a core portfolio of industrial and mixed-use properties that are in close proximity to one another. The REIT has since increased its presence in the greater Montreal area with the acquisition of retail properties and office properties, all in keeping with the REIT's strategic objectives. The REIT will continue to pursue opportunities that allow for economies of scale benefiting both tenants and the REIT in terms of significant operating cost savings and efficient property management operations.

On May 21, 1998, immediately prior to the completion of its initial public offering of Units, the REIT acquired from the Dallaire Group a portfolio composed of 51 office, retail, industrial and mixed-use properties in the greater Québec City area, representing, in the aggregate, approximately 3.1 million square feet of leasable area.

Without accounting for the 100,000 Units to be subscribed for by AM Total Investments pursuant to this offering, AM Total Investments, together with other members of the Dallaire Family, directly and indirectly own 7,121,320 Units (representing approximately 26.7% of the Units issued and outstanding as at November 4, 2003) which includes all of the Units acquired by the Dallaire Family upon the completion of the REIT's initial public offering. Immediately following the offering, AM Total Investments, together with other members of the Dallaire Family, will directly and indirectly own 7,221,320 Units (representing approximately 22.8% of Units outstanding immediately following the offering, based on the number of Units outstanding as at November 4, 2003 plus the Units to be issued in connection with this offering, including the Additional Units).

The REIT's asset and property management is fully internalized and the REIT is a fully integrated, self-managed real estate investment operation. The REIT currently employs 93 full-time employees. The head office of the REIT is located at 455, rue Marais, Québec City (Vanier), Québec, G1M 3A2.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The following is a summary of significant developments in the operations and affairs of the REIT which have occurred since January 1, 2003 as well as a description of the current status of a significant expansion project with respect to one of the REIT's major properties.

1. On January 9, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 59,462 square foot industrial and mixed-use property located at 5250, rue Armand-Frappier, in Longueuil (Saint-Bruno), Québec, for a total consideration of

\$3.7 million, payable as to approximately \$1.2 million in cash and approximately \$2.5 million by the assumption of a hypothec charging the property.

2. On January 22, 2003, the REIT entered into a loan agreement for a five year, \$22 million hypothecary loan, at a rate of interest of 6.0%, secured by six industrial and mixed-use properties, one retail property and one office property located in Québec City and Montreal, Québec.

3. On February 3, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 40,721 square foot retail property located at 239-245, boulevard Samson, in Laval, Québec, for a total consideration of \$4.1 million, paid in cash.

4. On April 11, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 66,185 square foot industrial and mixed-use property located at 1405-1475, 55^e Avenue, in Montreal, Québec, for a total consideration of \$4.1 million, payable as to approximately \$1.5 million in cash and approximately \$2.6 million by the assumption of a hypothec charging the property.

5. On April 24, 2003, the REIT entered into a loan agreement for a five year, \$95 million hypothecary loan, at a rate of interest of 6.15%, secured by Place de la Cité, a retail property located at 2600, boulevard Laurier, in Québec City (Sainte-Foy), Québec and Carrefour Charlesbourg, a retail property located at 8500 boulevard Henri-Bourassa. For a more complete description of the Place de la Cité complex and Carrefour Charlesbourg, see the AIF.

6. On May 13, 2003, at the annual and special meeting of the Unitholders of the REIT, the Unitholders adopted special resolutions to amend the Contract of Trust to permit the REIT, with the prior approval of the Trustees, to (i) invest in raw land to be held as capital property for development and ownership or for other development projects in any such case, for the purpose of (a) renovating or expanding existing facilities that are capital property of the REIT, or (b) developing new facilities which will be income producing and constitute capital property of the REIT, provided that the aggregate value of the investments of the REIT in raw land will not exceed 2% of the Adjusted Unitholders' Equity; and (ii) invest in immovable hypothecs or mortgages which are not first-ranking. For more information on these matters, see the Circular.

7. On May 13, 2003, the REIT announced the appointment of Mr. Michel Dallaire to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of the REIT. Prior to May 13, 2003, Mr. Dallaire was Executive Vice-President, Operations of the REIT.

8. On May 13, 2003, the REIT released its results for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Distributable Income increased by approximately 7.3% in the first quarter of 2003, as compared to the first quarter of 2002. As at March 31, 2003, the outstanding hypothecs charging properties owned by the REIT had a weighted average rate of interest of 6.51% and a weighted average term of maturity of 3.57 years.

9. On May 13, 2003, the REIT announced an increase in monthly distributions per Unit from \$0.093 to \$0.095.

10. On August 18, 2003, the REIT released its results for the three months ended June 30, 2003. Distributable Income increased by approximately 5.8% in the second quarter of 2003 as compared to the second quarter of 2002. As at June 30, 2003, the outstanding hypothecs charging properties owned by the REIT had a weighted average rate of interest of 6.30% and a weighted average term of maturity of 3.64 years.

11. On August 18, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 65,000 square foot commercial property located at 2137, boulevard Curé-Labelle, in Laval, Québec, for a total consideration of \$9.1 million, payable as to approximately \$2.9 million in cash and approximately \$6.2 million by the assumption of a hypothec charging the property. The tenant of the property has a right of first refusal to purchase the property in the event of a sale of the property by the REIT.

12. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it had begun construction of a 22,146 square foot industrial and mixed use property located at 1775, rue Léon-Harmel, in Québec City, Québec, at a cost of approximately \$650,000.

13. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it had begun the construction of a 25,786 square foot extension to a property located at 2181-2211, rue Léon-Harmel, in Québec City, Québec, at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million.
14. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it had begun construction of a 28,708 square foot industrial and mixed use property located at 975, rue Ducharme, in Québec City (Vanier), Québec, at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million.
15. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it had begun construction of a 16,114 square foot industrial and mixed-use property, located at 3424-3428, Francis-Hugues, in Laval, Québec, at a cost of approximately \$828,000.
16. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it begun construction of a 30,600 square foot two-level extension to a property located at 796-818, boulevard Guimond, in Longueuil, Québec, at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million.
17. On August 18, 2003, the REIT announced it had begun construction of a 34,907 square foot extension to a property located at 445, St-Jean Baptiste, in Québec City, Québec, at a cost of approximately \$1.7 million.
18. On September 12, 2003, the REIT entered into an agreement for the construction of a 33,000 square foot extension to a property located at 1675, boulevard de Montarville, in Longueuil (Boucherville), Québec, at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million.
19. On September 25, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 555,000 square foot parcel of land adjacent to boulevard Henri IV, in Québec City (Sainte-Foy), Québec, for a total consideration of approximately \$1.2 million.
20. On November 4, 2003, the REIT completed the acquisition of a 700,000 square foot parcel of land located west of boulevard Curé-Labelle, bound to the south by Highway 440 and to the north by the right of way of Hydro-Québec and to the west by the future 100^e avenue, in Laval, Québec, for a total consideration of approximately \$2.3 million. While the acquisition is to be completed on or about October 31, 2003, there can be no assurance that it will be completed. The REIT intends to build four industrial and mixed-use buildings on this land, covering a total of 305,400 square feet and representing a total investment of approximately \$18 million.
21. In June 2002, the REIT began the construction of a 17-storey office tower with a leasable area of approximately 190,000 square feet to be added to the Place de la Cité complex. Upon completion of the tower, the complex will cover more than 1 million square feet with approximately 400,000 square feet being allocated to retail space. The construction of the tower is expected to be completed in February 2004. The tower is approximately 59% pre-leased. The original estimated cost of the project was approximately \$22 million. There can be no assurance, however, that the project will be completed on schedule or in accordance with such estimated cost. Place de la Cité is a fully integrated retail and office complex that is located on Laurier Boulevard, one of the main access roads to the downtown area of Québec City. For a more complete description of the Place de la Cité complex, see the AIF.

Description of Properties

The following is a detailed description of the properties referred to above. Summary leasing information is as at November 4, 2003.

5250, rue Armand-Frappier, Longueuil (Saint-Bruno)

A 59,462 square foot industrial and mixed-use building situated on 325,014 square feet of land (7.5 acres) built in 1992. The building is located in the industrial park of St-Hubert, adjacent to Highway 30, approximately one kilometer east of the Highway 10 intersection. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 22 foot clear ceiling height. The building is 100% leased to one tenant and has 242 parking spaces.

Tenant	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Hydro-Québec	59,462	November 2007	100%

239-245, boulevard Samson, Laval

A 40,721 square foot retail property situated on 118,906 square feet of land (2.7 acres) built in 1991. The building is located at the corner of Boulevards Samson and Notre-Dame, the principal arteries of the Sainte-Dorothée neighborhood in Laval, with easy access to Highway 13. The building houses retail businesses and has 150 parking spaces. The building is 100% leased.

Major Tenants	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Le Groupe Jean-Coutu (PJC) inc.	10,601	June 2011	26.15%
MSK Technologies inc.	3,957	February 2008	9.76%

1405-1475, 55^e avenue, Montreal

A 66,185 square foot industrial and mixed-use building situated on 119,111 square feet of land (2.7 acres) built in 2001. The building is located in the industrial park of Dorval, less than 500 meters from the Highway 20 exit, at the corners of 55^e avenue and rue Guthrie. The building contains warehouse and office space. The building is 100% leased and has approximately 60 parking spaces.

Major Tenants	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Intermove Canada (1992) Ltd.	30,030	November 2011	45.3%
International Paint, division of Akzo/Nobel Coatings Ltd.	25,450	January 2007	38.4%

2137, boulevard Curé-Labelle, Laval

A 65,000 square foot retail property situated on 269,995 square feet of land (6.2 acres) built in 2003. The building is located at the corner of boulevards Le Carrefour and Curé-Labelle, the latter constituting one of the main north-south arteries in Laval. The building houses retail businesses and has 369 parking spaces. The building is 100% leased.

Major Tenants	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Sobeys Québec inc.	49,001	April 2008	75.6%
Familiprix inc.	4,900	July 2008	7.6%

1775, rue Léon-Harmel, Québec City

A 22,146 square foot industrial and mixed use building currently under construction, situated on 63,773 square feet of land (1.4 acres). The building is located in a major industrial park, adjacent to Highway 40 and the autoroute du Vallon, the principal east-west and north-south arteries of Québec City. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 22 foot clear ceiling height. The building is 100% leased and has 31 parking spaces.

Tenant	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Wolseley Canada Inc.	22,146	October 2013	100%

2181-2211, rue Léon-Harmel, Québec City

A 25,786 square foot extension to a 36,000 square foot industrial and mixed use building situated on 57,329 square feet of land (1.3 acres), currently under construction. Built in 1974, the property is located in a major industrial park, adjacent to Highway 40 and the autoroute du Vallon, the principal east-west and north-south arteries of Québec City. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 20 foot clear ceiling height. The building has 90 parking spaces.

975, rue Ducharme, Québec City (Vanier)

A 28,708 square foot industrial and mixed use building currently under construction, situated on 128,963 square feet of land (3.0 acres). The building is located in a major industrial park, adjacent to autoroute de la Capitale, a principal east-west artery of Québec City. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 22 foot clear ceiling height. The building is 100% leased and has 33 parking spaces.

Tenant	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Dolbec Transport (1993) Inc.	28,708	August 2011	100%

3424-3428, Francis-Hugues, Laval

A 16,114 square foot industrial and mixed-use building currently under construction, situated on 45,499 square feet of land (1.0 acres). The building is located in the industrial park of Laval, adjacent to Highway 440. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 22 foot clear ceiling height. The building is 100% leased and has 33 parking spaces.

Tenants	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Trane Québec, div. Wabco Standard Trane Co.	8,072	October 2008	50.1%
Éclairage Ventex inc.	8,042	November 2008	49.9%

796-818, boulevard Guimond, Longueuil

A 30,600 square foot extension to a 55,236 square foot industrial and mixed use building situated on 234,457 square feet of land (5.4 acres), currently under construction. Built in 1988, the property is located in the industrial park of Longueuil, with easy access to Highway 20 via exit 92. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 24 foot clear ceiling height. The building has 224 parking spaces.

445, rue St-Jean-Baptiste, Québec City

A 34,907 square foot extension to a 57,490 square foot industrial and mixed use building situated on 402,842 square feet of land (9.3 acres), currently under construction. Built in 1986, the property is located at the intersection of rue St-Jean-Baptiste and rue Rideau, in the Carrefour du Commerce industrial park, adjacent to autoroute Henri-IV, one of the main arteries of Québec City. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 22 foot clear ceiling height. The building has 196 parking spaces.

1675, boulevard de Montarville, Longueuil (Boucherville)

A 33,000 square foot extension to a 109,264 square foot industrial and mixed use building situated on 300,100 square feet of land (6.9 acres), currently under construction. Built in 1989, the property is located at a reasonable distance from the Louis-Hyppolyte-Lafontaine Tunnel, in an industrial zone bound to the north by Highway 20. The building contains warehouse and office space. The warehouse space has a 26 foot clear ceiling height. The building is 100% leased to one tenant and has approximately 90 parking spaces.

Tenant	Leasable Area (Square Feet)	Expiration Date	% of Leasable Area
Le Groupe Master Itée	142,264	November 2022	100%

USE OF PROCEEDS

The estimated net proceeds to be received by the REIT from this offering will amount to approximately \$66,020,200, after deducting the Underwriters' fee and the estimated expenses of issue. Such net proceeds will be used to reduce outstanding indebtedness incurred primarily in the connection with the acquisition, development and renovation of real estate properties, including the repayment of the amount of approximately \$17.2 million outstanding under an acquisition line of credit owed to the Canadian chartered bank which is the parent of National Bank Financial Inc., the reimbursement of a hypothecary loan of approximately \$5 million to the same Canadian chartered bank and the repayment of approximately \$3 million outstanding under an acquisition line of credit owed to another financial institution. The balance of the proceeds from this offering will be used to finance the acquisition, development and renovation of real estate properties by the REIT and for general purposes. See "Plan of Distribution".

After giving effect to this offering and the proposed use of net proceeds therefrom, indebtedness of the REIT, expressed as a percentage of the pro-forma Gross Book Value as at November 4, 2003 is estimated by management of the REIT to decrease from approximately 51.5%⁽¹⁾ to 44.1%⁽²⁾.

CONTRACT OF TRUST AND DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

General

The REIT is an unincorporated closed-end investment trust created pursuant to the Contract of Trust and governed by the laws of the Province of Québec. The Contract of Trust is available for inspection during regular business hours at the head office of the REIT, 455, rue Marais, Québec City (Vanier), Québec, G1M 3A2, without charge, during the distribution of the securities being offered under this short form prospectus.

Units

The ownership interests in the REIT constitute a single class of Units. Units represent a Unitholder's proportionate undivided ownership interest in the REIT. The aggregate number of Units which the REIT may issue is unlimited. As at November 4, 2003, there were 26,632,820 Units outstanding. Upon the closing of this offering, there will be 31,632,820 Units outstanding (including the Additional Units). A further 357,333 Units are issuable on exercise of options granted under the Unit Option Plan. No Unit has any preference or priority over another. No Unitholder has or is deemed to have any right of ownership in any of the assets of the REIT. Each Unit confers the right to one vote at any meeting of Unitholders and to participate equally and rateably in any distributions by the REIT and, in the event of any required distribution of all of the property of the REIT, in the net assets of the REIT remaining after satisfaction of all liabilities. Units are issued in registered form, are non-assessable when issued and are transferable. Issued and outstanding Units may be subdivided or consolidated from time to time by the Trustees

(1) Management of the REIT estimates current Gross Book Value by adding the \$17.4 million of acquisitions and development since June 30, 2003 to the Gross Book Value of \$560.6 million as at June 30, 2003. Management of the REIT estimates current indebtedness of the REIT by adding the \$14.1 million of new hypothecary debt and advances under the REIT's revolving credit facilities used to fund acquisitions and development since June 30, 2003 to the indebtedness of the REIT of \$283.8 million as at June 30, 2003. The result is an estimate of current indebtedness of the REIT equal to approximately 51.5% of current Gross Book Value.

(2) Deducting \$25.2 million of the estimated net proceeds of this offering from the estimated current indebtedness of the REIT of \$297.9 million results in an estimated post-closing indebtedness equal to approximately 44.1% of post-closing Gross Book Value.

without Unitholder approval. No certificates for fractional Units are issued and fractional Units do not entitle the holders thereof to vote.

The Units are issued upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Contract of Trust, which Contract of Trust is binding upon all holders of Units. By acceptance of a certificate representing Units, the holder thereof agrees to be bound by the Contract of Trust.

Purchase of Units

The REIT may from time to time purchase Units in accordance with applicable securities legislation and the rules prescribed under applicable stock exchange or regulatory policies. Any such purchases will constitute an “issuer bid” under Canadian provincial securities legislation and must be conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements thereof. A Unitholder does not have the right at any time to require the REIT to purchase such Unitholder’s Units.

Take-over Bids

The Contract of Trust contains provisions to the effect that if a take-over bid is made for Units within the meaning of the *Securities Act* (Québec) and not less than 90% of the Units (other than Units held at the date of the take-over bid by or on behalf of the offeror or associates or affiliates of the offeror) are taken up and paid for by the offeror, the offeror will be entitled to acquire the Units held by Unitholders who did not accept the offer either, at the election of such Unitholders, on the terms offered by the offeror or at the fair value of such Unitholders’ Units determined in accordance with the procedures set out in the Contract of Trust.

Meetings of Unitholders

The Contract of Trust provides that meetings of Unitholders must be called and held for the election or removal without cause of Trustees (other than Dallaire Group Trustees for so long as the Dallaire Group holds at least 10% of the Units then outstanding), the appointment or removal of the auditors of the REIT, the approval of amendments to the Contract of Trust (as described under “Amendments to Contract of Trust”), the sale of the assets of the REIT as an entirety or substantially as an entirety other than as part of an internal reorganization of the assets of the REIT as approved by the Trustees and to require that all of the property of the REIT be distributed. Meetings of Unitholders will be called and held annually for the election of the Trustees (other than Dallaire Group Trustees for so long as the Dallaire Group holds at least 10% of the Units then outstanding) and the appointment of auditors of the REIT.

A meeting of Unitholders may be convened at any time and for any purpose by the Trustees and must be convened, except in certain circumstances, if requisitioned by the holders of not less than 5% of the Units then outstanding by a written requisition. A requisition must state in reasonable detail the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting. Unitholders have the right to obtain a list of Unitholders to the same extent and upon the same conditions as those which apply to shareholders of a corporation governed by the CBCA.

Unitholders may attend and vote at all meetings of the Unitholders whether in person or by proxy and a proxy need not be a Unitholder.

Issuance of Units

The REIT may issue new Units from time to time. Unitholders do not have any pre-emptive rights whereby additional Units proposed to be issued are first offered to existing Unitholders. In addition to Units which may be issued pursuant to the Unit Option Plan, new Units may be issued for cash through public offerings, through rights offerings to existing Unitholders (i.e., in which Unitholders receive rights to subscribe for new Units in proportion to their existing holdings of the Units, which rights may be exercised or sold to other investors) or through private placements (i.e., offerings to specific investors which are not made generally available to the public or existing Unitholders). In certain instances, the REIT may also issue new Units as consideration for the acquisition of new properties or assets. The price or the value of the consideration for which Units may be issued will be determined by

the Trustees, generally in consultation with investment dealers or brokers who may act as underwriters or agents in connection with offerings of Units.

Limitation on Non-Resident Ownership

At no time may non-residents of Canada (within the meaning of the Tax Act) be the beneficial owners of more than 49% of the Units and the Trustees have informed the transfer agent and registrar of this restriction. The transfer agent and registrar may require declarations as to the jurisdictions in which beneficial owners of Units are resident. If the transfer agent and registrar becomes aware, as a result of requiring such declarations as to beneficial ownership, that the beneficial owners of 49% of the Units then outstanding are, or may be, non-residents or that such a situation is imminent, the transfer agent and registrar will advise the Trustees and, upon receiving direction from the Trustees, may make a public announcement thereof and shall not accept a subscription for Units from or issue or register a transfer of Units to a person unless the person provides a declaration that the person is not a non-resident of Canada. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the transfer agent and registrar determines that more than 49% of the Units are held by non-residents, the transfer agent and registrar may, upon receiving direction and suitable indemnity from the Trustees, send a notice to non-resident holders of Units, chosen in inverse order to the order of acquisition or registration or in such manner as the transfer agent and registrar may consider equitable and practicable, requiring them to sell their Units or a portion thereof within a specified period of not less than 60 days. If the Unitholders receiving such notice have not sold the specified number of Units or provided the transfer agent and registrar with satisfactory evidence that they are not non-residents of Canada within such period, the transfer agent and registrar may on behalf of such Unitholders sell such Units and, in the interim, shall suspend the voting and distribution rights attached to such Units. Upon such sale the affected holders shall cease to be holders of Units and their rights shall be limited to receiving the net proceeds of sale upon surrender of the certificate representing such Units.

Information and Reports

The REIT furnishes to Unitholders such financial statements (including quarterly and annual financial statements) and other reports as are from time to time required by applicable law, including prescribed forms needed for the completion of Unitholders' tax returns under the Tax Act or equivalent provincial legislation.

Prior to each annual and special meeting of Unitholders, the Trustees will provide to the Unitholders (along with notice of such meeting) information similar to that required to be provided to shareholders of a public corporation governed by the CBCA.

Amendments to Contract of Trust

The Contract of Trust may be amended or altered from time to time. Certain amendments must be approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for such purpose. These include:

- (i) any amendment to change a right with respect to any outstanding Units of the REIT, to reduce the amount payable thereon upon termination of the REIT or to diminish or eliminate any voting rights pertaining thereto;
- (ii) any amendment to the duration or term of the REIT;
- (iii) any amendment to increase the maximum number of Trustees (to more than 11 Trustees) or to decrease the minimum number of Trustees (to less than nine Trustees), any change by the Unitholders in the number of Trustees within the minimum and maximum number of Trustees provided in the Contract of Trust, or any authorization by the Unitholders to the Independent Trustees to effect such change and, if applicable, to appoint additional Independent Trustees within such minimum and maximum number of Trustees;
- (iv) any amendment to the provisions relating to staggered terms of the Trustees; and
- (v) any amendment relating to the powers, duties, obligations, liabilities or indemnification of the Trustees.

Other amendments to the Contract of Trust must be approved by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for such purpose.

The Trustees may, without the approval of, or any notice to, Unitholders, make certain amendments to the Contract of Trust, including amendments:

- (i) for the purpose of ensuring continuing compliance with applicable laws, regulations, requirements or policies of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Trustees or over the REIT, its status as a “unit trust”, a “mutual fund trust” and a “registered investment” under the Tax Act or the distribution of Units;
- (ii) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, provide additional protection for the Unitholders;
- (iii) to remove any conflicts or inconsistencies in the Contract of Trust or to make minor corrections which are, in the opinion of the Trustees, necessary or desirable and not prejudicial to the Unitholders;
- (iv) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are necessary or desirable as a result of changes in taxation laws;
- (v) for any purpose (except one in respect of which a Unitholder vote is specifically otherwise required) if the Trustees are of the opinion that the amendment is not prejudicial to Unitholders and is necessary or desirable; and
- (vi) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are necessary or desirable to enable the REIT to issue Units for which the purchase price is payable on an instalment basis.

Sale of Assets

Any sale or transfer of the assets of the REIT as an entirety or substantially as an entirety (other than as part of an internal reorganization of the assets of the REIT as approved by the Trustees) shall occur only if approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for such purpose.

Term of the REIT

The REIT has been established for a term to continue until no property of the REIT is held by the Trustees. The distribution of all of the property of the REIT may be required by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting of Unitholders called for such purpose.

Independent Trustee Matters

At least a majority of the Trustees must be Independent Trustees. Pursuant to the Contract of Trust, all Independent Trustee Matters will require the approval of a majority of the Independent Trustees only. “Independent Trustee Matters” as used herein means any decision:

- (i) to enter into arrangements in which the Dallaire Group has a material interest;
- (ii) to appoint, where permitted under the Contract of Trust, an Independent Trustee to fill a vacancy among the Independent Trustees, and to recommend to the Unitholders that the number of Trustees be increased or decreased and, if applicable, to nominate for election by the Unitholders individuals as Independent Trustees to fill any office of Trustee so created;
- (iii) to increase the compensation of management;
- (iv) to grant options under any Unit option plan approved by the Trustees, including, without limitation, the Unit Option Plan;

- (v) to enforce any agreement entered into by the REIT with a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee, or with an associate of a non-Independent Trustee; or
- (vi) in relation to a claim by or against the Dallaire Group, any member of the Dallaire Family or any affiliate or associate of any of the foregoing or in which the interests of one of the foregoing differs from the interests of the REIT.

Dallaire Group Trustees

Pursuant to the Contract of Trust, Groupe Financier Alpha (GFA) Inc. (an affiliate of the Dallaire Group) is entitled to appoint four Trustees on behalf of AM Total Investments, provided that AM Total Investments holds at least 10% of the Units then outstanding.

Determination of Trustees

The Contract of Trust provides that all determinations of the Trustees which are made in good faith with respect to any matters relating to the REIT, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, whether any particular investment or disposition meets the requirements of the Contract of Trust, shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the REIT and all Unitholders (and, where the Unitholder is a registered retirement savings plan, registered retirement income fund, deferred profit sharing plan or registered pension fund or plan as defined in the Tax Act, or such other fund or plan registered under the Tax Act, upon plan beneficiaries and plan holders past, present and future) and Units of the REIT shall be issued and sold on the condition and understanding that any and all such determinations shall be binding as aforesaid.

CHANGES IN UNITS OUTSTANDING AND LOAN CAPITAL

The only changes in the number of outstanding Units since December 31, 2002, the year end of the most recently completed fiscal year of the REIT, resulted from: (i) the issuance of 69,201 Units pursuant to the DRIP; and (ii) the issuance of 442,200 Units in connection with the exercise of options granted under the Unit Option Plan.

As at December 31, 2002, the indebtedness of the REIT was approximately \$257.3 million. As at June 30, 2003, the indebtedness of the REIT was approximately \$283.8 million. Since December 31, 2002, the year end of the most recently completed fiscal year of the REIT, the following material changes in the loan capital of the REIT have occurred:

- (i) on January 9, 2003, the REIT assumed a \$2.5 million hypothecary loan in connection with the acquisition of a 59,462 square foot industrial and mixed-use property located at 5250, rue Armand-Frappier, in Longueuil (Saint-Bruno), Québec. See “Recent Developments”;
- (ii) on January 22, 2003, the REIT entered into a loan agreement for a five year \$22 million hypothecary loan, at a rate of interest of 6.0%, secured by six industrial and mixed-use properties, one retail property and one office property located in Québec City and Montreal, Québec. See “Recent Developments”;
- (iii) on April 11, 2003, the REIT assumed a \$2.6 million hypothecary loan in connection with the acquisition of a 66,185 square foot industrial and mixed-use property located at 1405-1475, 55^e Avenue, in Montreal, Québec. See “Recent Developments”;
- (iv) on April 24, 2003, the REIT entered into a loan agreement for a five year, \$95 million hypothecary loan, at a rate of interest of 6.15%, secured by Place de la Cité, a retail property located at 2600, boulevard Laurier, in Québec City (Sainte-Foy), Québec and by Carrefour Charlesbourg, a retail property located at 8500 boulevard Henri-Bourassa. See “Recent Developments”;

- (v) on August 18, 2003, the REIT assumed a \$6.2 million hypothecary loan in connection with the acquisition of a 65,000 square foot industrial and mixed-use property located at 2137, boulevard Curé-Labelle, in Laval, Québec. See “Recent Developments”; and
- (vi) as at November 4, 2003, advances under the REIT’s operating and acquisition lines of credit amounted to approximately \$20.2 million, as compared to approximately \$33.3 million as at December 31, 2002.

Upon the repayment by the REIT of certain indebtedness with a portion of the proceeds from this offering, the indebtedness of the REIT will be approximately \$272.7 million. See “Use of Proceeds”.

DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The REIT will distribute to Unitholders monthly, on or about the fifteenth day in each calendar month (other than January) and on December 31 in each calendar year, not less than 85% of the Distributable Income of the REIT for the preceding calendar month and, in the case of distributions made on December 31, for the calendar month then ended. Unitholders also are entitled to receive a distribution on December 31 of each of: (i) the net realized capital gains of the REIT and the net recapture income of the REIT for the year then ended; and (ii) any excess of the income of the REIT for the purposes of the Tax Act over distributions otherwise made for that year. Distributions are made in cash. Distributions are adjusted for amounts paid in prior periods if the actual Distributable Income for the prior periods is greater than or less than the Trustees’ estimates for the prior periods. If the Trustees anticipate a cash shortfall and determine that it would be in the best interests of the REIT, they may reduce for any period the percentage of Distributable Income to be distributed to Unitholders.

It is the REIT’s current intention to distribute 86% of Distributable Income to Unitholders. Monthly distributions will be based on the Trustees’ estimate of yearly Distributable Income, subject to adjustment from time to time throughout the year. See the section entitled “Distribution Policy” in the AIF.

For the year 2003, the REIT made monthly distributions of \$0.093 per Unit for each of January, February, March and April, and monthly distributions of \$0.095 for each of May, June, July, August and September and declared a monthly distribution of \$0.095 for October 2003.

Proportional Distribution

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT has agreed to make a distribution of \$0.035 per outstanding Unit to Unitholders of record on the close of business on November 11, 2003 for the period from November 1, 2003 up to and including November 11, 2003, being the period immediately preceding the expected date of closing of this offering, such distribution to be payable on December 15, 2003. Purchasers of Units offered hereby will not be entitled to participate in the aforesaid distribution. In addition, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT has also agreed to make a distribution of \$0.060 per outstanding Unit in respect of the period from November 12, 2003 up to and including November 30, 2003, to Unitholders of record on November 28, 2003, such contribution to be payable on December 15, 2003. Purchasers of Units offered hereby holding Units on November 28, 2003 will be entitled to participate in such latter distribution.

Tax Deferral on 2003 Distributions

Management estimates that approximately 55% of the distributions to be made by the REIT to Unitholders in 2003 will be tax deferred by reason of the REIT’s ability to claim capital cost allowance and certain other deductions.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Under an agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) dated October 29, 2003 between the REIT and National Bank Financial Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., Canaccord Capital Corp., CIBC World

Markets Inc. and Desjardins Securities Inc. (collectively, the “Underwriters”) as underwriters, the REIT has agreed to sell and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase on or about November 12, 2003, or on such later date as the REIT and the Underwriters may agree, but in any event not later than November 28, 2003, 5,000,000 Units (after giving effect to the exercise by the Underwriters of the Underwriters’ Option on November 3, 2003) at a price of \$13.80 per Unit payable in cash to the REIT against delivery, for total gross proceeds to the REIT of \$69,000,000. The obligations of the Underwriters under the Underwriting Agreement may be terminated upon the occurrence of certain stated events. The Underwriters are, however, obligated to take up and pay for all of the Units if any of the Units are purchased under the Underwriting Agreement. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Units are joint and not solidary. The offering price of the Units has been determined by negotiation between the REIT and the Underwriters.

AM Total Investments has agreed to subscribe for 100,000 of the Units offered hereby at a price of \$13.80 per Unit, being the price at which the Units are offered to the public. The Underwriters will not be paid a fee in connection therewith.

Under the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT has agreed to pay the Underwriters a fee of \$0.552 per Unit, other than in respect of the 100,000 Units to be subscribed for by AM Total Investments.

Under the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT granted to the Underwriters an option (the “Underwriters’ Option”) exercisable no later than 48 hours prior to the closing of the offering to purchase an aggregate of up to 600,000 Additional Units on the same terms as set forth above. The underwriters exercised the Underwriters’ Option on November 3, 2003. Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT agreed to pay the Underwriters a fee of \$0.552 per Unit in respect of the Additional Units purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Underwriters’ Option. This short form prospectus qualifies the distribution of the Units issuable or sold upon the exercise of the Underwriters’ Option.

Under the Underwriting Agreement, the REIT has further agreed that, without the prior written consent of National Bank Financial Inc., for a period of 90 days following the Closing Date, it will not issue, sell or offer for sale, directly or indirectly, any Units or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Units other than pursuant to the exercise of options outstanding under the Unit Option Plan or any other similar plan of the REIT, Units issuable upon exercise of the Unitholders’ Rights Plan and Units issuable in accordance with the DRIP.

The TSX has conditionally approved the listing of the Units offered hereby, including the Additional Units. The listing is subject to the REIT fulfilling all of the requirements of the TSX on or before January 27, 2004.

Pursuant to policy statements of the Ontario Securities Commission and the Commission des valeurs mobilières du Québec, the Underwriters may not, throughout the period of distribution, bid for or purchase Units. The foregoing restriction is subject to certain exceptions, on the condition that the bid or purchase not be engaged in for the purpose of creating actual or apparent active trading in, or raising the price of the Units. These exceptions include (i) a bid or purchase permitted under the by-laws and rules of the TSX relating to market stabilization and passive market making activities, and (ii) a bid or purchase made for and on behalf of a customer where the order was not solicited during the period of the distribution, provided that the bid or purchase was not engaged in for the purpose of creating actual or apparent active trading in, or raising the price of such securities. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

The Units offered by this short form prospectus have not been and will not be registered under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, or the securities laws of any state, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Accordingly, these securities may not be offered or sold within the United States of America and this short form prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities within the United States of America.

Each of National Bank Financial Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc. and Desjardins Securities Inc., is a subsidiary of financial institutions which are lenders to the REIT. Consequently, under certain circumstances, the REIT may be considered to be a “connected issuer” of those Underwriters under applicable securities legislation. As at November 4, 2003, the actual indebtedness of the REIT to such financial institutions amounted to approximately

\$112.3 million in the aggregate; namely approximately \$12.6 million of hypothecary loans owed to the Canadian chartered bank which is the parent of National Bank Financial Inc., approximately \$8.5 million of hypothecary loans owed to the Canadian chartered bank which is the parent of CIBC World Markets Inc., approximately \$74.0 million of hypothecary loans owed to the financial institution which is the parent of Desjardins Securities Inc. and approximately \$17.2 million under the acquisition line of credit owed to the Canadian chartered bank which is the parent of National Bank Financial Inc., which amount will be repaid with a portion of the proceeds of this offering. In addition, the REIT will use a portion of the proceeds of this offering to reimburse a hypothecary loan of approximately \$5 million owed to the same Canadian chartered bank. The REIT is in compliance with the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness, in all material respects. The decision of each Underwriter which is a subsidiary of an aforesaid financial institution to underwrite this offering was made independently of such financial institutions. In addition, the Underwriters having no "connected issuer" relationship with the REIT, being Scotia Capital Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and Cannacord Capital Corp., took part in the due diligence process and the decision to proceed with this offering. None of the Underwriters will receive any benefit from this offering, other than its respective portion of the fee payable by the REIT. See "Use of Proceeds".

ELIGIBILITY FOR INVESTMENT

In the opinion of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, counsel to the REIT, and Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast, general partnership, counsel to the Underwriters, provided that the REIT qualifies at all times as a "mutual fund trust" or remains a "registered investment" under the Tax Act, the Units will be qualified investments for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, deferred profit sharing plans and registered education savings plans (each one as defined in the Tax Act and collectively referred to in this Prospectus as "Plans").

Provided that the REIT remains at all times a "registered investment" within the meaning of the Tax Act, Units of the REIT will not constitute foreign property for the purposes of the tax imposed under Part XI of the Tax Act on Plans (other than registered education savings plans), registered investments and other tax exempt entities, including most registered pension funds or plans. Registered education savings plans are not subject to the foreign property rules. The Contract of Trust provides that the REIT will not make any investment that would result in the REIT being liable under the Tax Act to pay a tax imposed as a result of holdings by the REIT in foreign property.

The foregoing opinions assume that prior to the Closing there will be no change in the applicable provisions of the Tax Act, the Regulations thereunder or any administrative position of CCRA which would have an impact on the foregoing opinions. See "Risk Factors".

CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

In the opinion of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, counsel to the REIT, and of Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast, general partnership, counsel to the Underwriters, the following summary fairly presents the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to prospective purchasers of Units pursuant to this short form prospectus who, for the purposes of the Tax Act, are resident in Canada, deal at arm's length with the REIT and will hold their Units as capital property. Generally, Units will be considered to be capital property to a Unitholder provided that the Unitholder does not hold the Units in the course of carrying on a business and has not acquired them in one or more transactions considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Certain Unitholders who might not otherwise be considered to hold their Units as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to have them treated as capital property by making the irrevocable election permitted by subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act. Such Unitholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding their particular circumstances.

This summary is not applicable to a Unitholder that is a "financial institution", as defined in the Tax Act for purposes of the mark-to-market rules, a "specified financial institution" or a Unitholder an interest in which is a "tax shelter investment" (each as defined in the Tax Act). Such Unitholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the tax consequences to them of the acquisition, holding and disposition of Units.

This summary is of a general nature only and is based upon the facts set out in this short form prospectus, the current provisions of the Tax Act, the Regulations thereunder, counsel's understanding of the current administrative practices published by the CCRA (which have been statutorily carried over from Revenue Canada) and the specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and Regulations thereunder (the "Tax Proposals") announced by the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof. This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax consequences and, except for the Tax Proposals, does not take into account or anticipate any changes in the law, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action, nor does it take into account provincial or foreign tax considerations. With respect to opinions and views based on representations and statements as to matters of fact, counsel have assumed the accuracy of such representations and statements in giving such opinions and views.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE, NOR SHOULD IT BE CONSTRUED TO BE, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO ANY PROSPECTIVE UNITHOLDER. ACCORDINGLY, PROSPECTIVE UNITHOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISERS FOR ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM HAVING REGARD TO THEIR OWN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Qualification as a Mutual Fund Trust

Based upon representations and the information provided to counsel, the REIT qualifies, as of the date hereof, as a "unit trust" and a "mutual fund trust" under the provisions of the Tax Act. To qualify as a "mutual fund trust", the REIT must be a "unit trust" and must, among other matters, restrict its undertaking to: (i) the investing of its funds in property (other than real property or an interest in real property); (ii) the acquiring, holding, maintaining, improving, leasing or managing of any real property (or interest in real property) that is capital property of the REIT; or (iii) any combination of the activities described in (i) and (ii) and must have at least 150 Unitholders holding not less than one block of Units (100 Units if the fair market value of a Unit is less than \$25) of the REIT which are qualified for distribution to the public and each of such Unitholders must hold Units which have an aggregate fair market value of not less than \$500.

It should be noted that although the REIT qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" under the provisions of the Tax Act, the REIT is not a "mutual fund" as defined by applicable securities legislation.

Taxation of the REIT

The REIT is generally subject to tax under the Tax Act in respect of its taxable income and net realized capital gains in each taxation year except to the extent such taxable income and net realized capital gains are paid or payable in such year to Unitholders and deducted by the REIT for tax purposes.

The Contract of Trust provides that as of the last Distribution Date for a taxation year, all the income (other than net taxable capital gains and net recapture income) of the REIT less distributions of the REIT's income for that year made by the REIT shall be paid to Unitholders and its net taxable capital gains and net recapture income shall be paid on the last Distribution Date in the taxation year. The Contract of Trust further provides that the REIT will deduct for tax purposes the maximum amount available to it as deductions unless the Trustees determine otherwise prior to the end of the relevant taxation year. Given that the foregoing amounts paid to Unitholders for the year can be deducted in computing the REIT's income, the REIT generally should not be subject to income tax on its income and its net taxable capital gains under Part I of the Tax Act in any year.

Losses incurred by the REIT, if any, cannot be allocated to Unitholders but may be deducted by the REIT in future years in accordance with the Tax Act.

The Contract of Trust provides that the REIT shall not invest in any properties that would cause the REIT to be subject to taxation under the Tax Act due to foreign property holdings.

Taxation of Unitholders

A Unitholder is required to include in computing income for tax purposes in each year the portion of the amount of net income and net taxable capital gains of the REIT, determined for the purposes of the Tax Act, paid or payable to such Unitholder in the year that the REIT deducts in computing its income for tax purposes.

The Contract of Trust provides that income and net taxable capital gains for purposes of the Tax Act will be allocated to Unitholders in the same proportion as distributions received by Unitholders, subject to the discretion of the Trustees to adopt an allocation method which the Trustees consider to be more reasonable in the circumstances.

The Contract of Trust generally requires the REIT to claim the maximum amount of capital cost allowance available to it in computing its income for tax purposes. Based on the distribution policy, the amount distributed to Unitholders in a year may exceed the income of the REIT for tax purposes for that year. Distributions in excess of the REIT's taxable income in a year (including Bonus Units acquired pursuant to the DRIP) will not be included in computing the income of the Unitholders from the REIT for tax purposes. However, a Unitholder is required to reduce the adjusted cost base to the Unitholder of the Unitholder's Units by the portion of any amount paid or payable to the Unitholder by the REIT (other than the non-taxable portion of certain capital gains) that was not included in computing the Unitholder's income and will realize a capital gain in the year to the extent the adjusted cost base of the Unitholder's Units would otherwise be a negative amount.

The REIT will designate to the extent permitted by the Tax Act the portion of the taxable income distributed to Unitholders as may reasonably be considered to consist of net taxable capital gains of the REIT. Any such designated amount will be deemed for tax purposes to be received by Unitholders in the year as a taxable capital gain. Upon the disposition or deemed disposition by a Unitholder of a Unit, a capital gain (or a capital loss) will generally be realized to the extent that the proceeds of disposition of the Unit exceed (or are exceeded by) the aggregate of the adjusted cost base to the Unitholder of the Unit immediately before the disposition and any costs of the disposition. The adjusted cost base to a Unitholder of a Unit will be determined by averaging the adjusted cost base of all Units owned by a Unitholder at a particular time. For this purpose, the cost of Units acquired on the reinvestment of distributions under the DRIP will be the amount of such reinvestment. There will be no net increase or decrease in the adjusted cost base of all of a Unitholder's Units as a result of the receipt of Bonus Units under the DRIP. However, the receipt of Bonus Units under the DRIP will result in a per Unit reduction of adjusted cost base to the Unitholder.

Under the current provisions of the Tax Act and subject to the rules in the Tax Act, one-half of any capital gain (the "taxable capital gain") is required to be included in the Unitholder's income for the taxation year of disposition, and one-half of any capital loss (the "allowable capital loss") may generally be deducted against the Unitholder's "taxable capital gains" for the taxation year of disposition.

In general terms, income (other than taxable capital gains) of the REIT paid or payable or deemed paid or payable in the year to an individual Unitholder (including certain trusts) should not increase the Unitholder's liability under the Tax Act for minimum tax for that year. Net realized capital gains paid or payable to the Unitholder by the REIT or realized on a disposition of Units may increase the Unitholder's liability for such tax.

The REIT is of the view that, having regard to the remoteness of the possibility that a Flip-in Event under the Unitholders' Rights Plan will occur such that the Rights will ever become exercisable, the Rights will have no value at the time of their acquisition. If a holder of a Unit is considered to have acquired the Unit and the Right as two separate properties, the holder will be required to allocate the purchase price between the Unit and the Right attached thereto to determine their respective costs for purposes of the Tax Act. If a holder of a Unit is considered to have acquired the Unit and to have received the Right from the REIT as a benefit, the holder may be required to include in computing the Unitholder's income for the year of acquisition the value of the benefit received from the REIT in the year. On the assumption that the fair market value of a Right received on the acquisition of a Unit is of no value, the REIT believes that it would be reasonable to allocate the full amount of the purchase price to the Unit and nothing to the Right and not to include any amount in computing the Unitholder's income for the year from the REIT in respect of the Right. Note that the tax authorities might not necessarily agree with such an allocation.

Although a holder of Rights may be required to recognize income if the Rights were to become exercisable or be exercised, the occurrence of such an event is considered by the REIT to be a remote possibility.

In the unlikely event that Rights are disposed of separately for proceeds of disposition greater than zero, a holder thereof may realize a capital gain.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Units involves certain risks in addition to those described in the 2002 MD&A and in the AIF. Investors should carefully consider, in light of their own financial circumstances, the factors set out below as well as other information contained or incorporated by reference in this short form prospectus.

Market Price

A publicly traded real estate investment trust will not necessarily trade at values determined solely by reference to the underlying value of its real estate assets. Accordingly, the Units may trade at a premium or a discount to values implied by the appraisal.

The pricing of the Units has been determined, in part, based on the estimate of Distributable Income of the REIT. Although the REIT intends to make distributions of its available cash to Unitholders, these cash distributions are not assured. The actual amount distributed will depend on numerous factors including, but not limited to, the REIT's financial performance, debt covenants and obligations, working capital requirements and future capital requirements. The market price of the Units may deteriorate if the REIT is unable to meet its cash distribution targets in the future.

The after-tax return from an investment in Units to Unitholders subject to Canadian income tax will depend, in part, on the composition for tax purposes of distributions paid by the REIT (portions of which may be fully or partially taxable or may constitute non-taxable returns of capital). The composition for tax purposes of those distributions may change over time, thus affecting the after-tax return to Unitholders.

One of the factors that may influence the market price of the Units is the annual yield on the Units. Accordingly, an increase in market interest rates may lead purchasers of Units to demand a higher annual yield which could adversely affect the market price of the Units. Unlike fixed-income securities, there is no obligation of the REIT to distribute to Unitholders any fixed amount and reductions in, or suspensions of, distributions may occur that would reduce yield based on the market price of the Units. In addition, the market price for the Units may be affected by changes in general market conditions, fluctuations in the markets for equity securities, changes in the economic environment and numerous other factors beyond the control of the REIT.

Ownership of Immovable Property

All immovable property investments are subject to elements of risk. Such investments are affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, demand for leased premises, competition from other available premises, municipal valuations and assessments and various other factors. In the case of the REIT, such risk is heightened by the concentration of properties in one geographical area.

The value of immovable property and any improvements thereto may also depend on the credit and financial stability of the tenants and the economic environment in which they operate. The REIT's income and Distributable Income would be adversely affected if one or more major tenants or a significant number of tenants were to become unable to meet their obligations under their leases or if a significant amount of available space in the properties in which the REIT will have an interest is not able to be leased on economically favourable lease terms. In the event of default by a tenant, delays or limitations in enforcing rights as a lessor may be experienced and substantial costs in protecting the REIT's investment may be incurred. The ability to rent unleased space in the properties in which the REIT will have an interest will be affected by many factors, including but not limited to the level of economic activity generally and the competition for tenants by other properties. Costs may be incurred in

making improvements or repairs to property required by a new tenant. The failure to rent unleased space on a timely basis or at all would likely have an adverse effect on the REIT's financial condition.

Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, maintenance costs, hypothecary payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of immovable property regardless of whether the property is producing any income. If the REIT is unable to meet hypothecary payments on any property, loss could be sustained as a result of the hypothecary creditor's exercise of its hypothecary recourses.

Immovable property investments tend to be relatively illiquid, with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relationship with demand for and the perceived desirability of such investments. Such illiquidity may tend to limit the REIT's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changing economic or investment conditions. If the REIT were to be required to liquidate its immovable property investments, the proceeds to the REIT might be significantly less than the aggregate carrying value of its properties.

The REIT is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that existing hypothecary indebtedness secured by the REIT's properties will not be able to be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing will not be as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness. In order to minimize this risk, the REIT will attempt to appropriately structure the timing of the renewal of significant tenant leases on its respective properties in relation to the time at which hypothecary indebtedness on such properties becomes due for refinancing.

Certain of the leases of the REIT's properties have early termination provisions which, if exercised, would reduce the average lease term. However, such termination rights are generally exercisable only at a cost to the tenant and the amount of space in the REIT's portfolio which could be affected and operating revenues derived therefrom are not significant.

Acquisitions and Other Projects

The REIT has entered into a number of agreements in respect of acquisitions of properties and has undertaken certain expansion projects, including the addition of a 17 storey office tower to the Place de la Cité Complex. See "Recent Developments" and the 2002 MD&A. There can be no assurance that these acquisitions or projects will be completed or completed in accordance with anticipated timetables or budgets. If such acquisitions or projects are not completed or are not completed in accordance with anticipated timetables or budgets, there could be a material adverse effect on the operations or the financial position of the REIT.

Availability of Cash Flow

Distributable Income may exceed actual cash available to the REIT from time to time because of items such as principal repayments, tenant allowances, leasing commissions and capital expenditures. The REIT may be required to use part of its debt capacity or to reduce distributions in order to accommodate such items.

The REIT may need to refinance its debt obligations from time to time, including upon expiration of its debt. There could be a negative impact on Distributable Income if debt obligations of the REIT are replaced with debt that has less favourable terms or if the REIT is unable to refinance its debt. In addition, loan and credit agreements with respect to debt obligations of the REIT, include, and may include in the future, certain covenants with respect to the operations and financial condition of the REIT and Distributable Income may be restricted if the REIT is unable to maintain any such covenants.

Unitholder Liability

The Contract of Trust provides that no Unitholder or annuitant under a plan of which a Unitholder acts as trustee or carrier (an "annuitant") will be held to have any personal liability as such, and that no resort shall be had to the private property of any Unitholder or annuitant for satisfaction of any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any contract or obligation of the REIT or of the Trustees. Only assets of the REIT are intended to be liable and subject to levy or execution.

The Contract of Trust further provides that certain written instruments signed by the REIT (including all immovable hypothecs and mortgages and, to the extent the Trustees determine to be practicable and consistent with their obligation as Trustees to act in the best interests of the Unitholders, other written instruments creating a material obligation of the REIT) shall contain a provision or be subject to an acknowledgment to the effect that such obligation will not be binding upon Unitholders personally or upon any annuitant. Except in case of bad faith or gross negligence on their part, no personal liability will attach under the laws of the Province of Québec to Unitholders or annuitants for contract claims under any written instrument disclaiming personal liability as aforesaid.

However, in conducting its affairs, the REIT will be acquiring immovable property investments, subject to existing contractual obligations, including obligations under hypothecs or mortgages and leases. The Trustees will use all reasonable efforts to have any such obligations, other than leases, modified so as not to have such obligations binding upon any of the Unitholders or annuitants personally. However, the REIT may not be able to obtain such modification in all cases. To the extent that claims are not satisfied by the REIT, there is a risk that a Unitholder or annuitant will be held personally liable for obligations of the REIT where the liability is not disavowed as described above. The possibility of any personal liability attaching to Unitholders or annuitants under the laws of the Province of Québec for contract claims where the liability is not so disavowed is remote.

The REIT will use all reasonable efforts to obtain acknowledgments from the hypothecary creditors under assumed hypothecs that assumed hypothec obligations will not be binding personally upon the Trustees, the Unitholders or any annuitant.

Claims against the REIT may arise other than under contracts, including claims in delict, claims for taxes and possibly certain other statutory liabilities. The possibility of any personal liability of Unitholders for such claims is considered remote under the laws of Québec and, as well, the nature of the REIT's activities will be such that most of its obligations will arise by contract, with non-contractual risks being largely insurable. In the event that payment of a REIT obligation were to be made by a Unitholder, such Unitholder would be entitled to reimbursement from the available assets of the REIT.

Article 1322 of the *Civil Code of Québec* effectively states that the beneficiary of a trust is liable towards third persons for the damage caused by the fault of the trustees of such trust in carrying out their duties only up to the amount of the benefit such beneficiary has derived from the act of such trustees and that such obligations are to be satisfied from the trust patrimony. Accordingly, although this provision remains to be interpreted by the courts, it should provide additional protection to Unitholders with respect to such obligations.

The Trustees will cause the activities of the REIT to be conducted, with the advice of counsel, in such a way and in such jurisdictions as to avoid, to the extent they determine to be practicable and consistent with their duty to act in the best interests of the Unitholders, any material risk of liability on the Unitholders for claims against the REIT. The Trustees will, to the extent available on terms which they determine to be practicable, cause the insurance carried by the REIT, to the extent applicable, to cover the Unitholders and annuitants as additional insureds.

Competition

The REIT competes for suitable immovable property investments with individuals, corporations and institutions (both Canadian and foreign) which are presently seeking or which may seek in the future immovable property investments similar to those desired by the REIT. Many of those investors will have greater financial resources than those of the REIT, or operate without the investment or operating restrictions of the REIT or according to more flexible conditions. An increase in the availability of investment funds and an increase in interest in immovable property investments may tend to increase competition for immovable property investments, thereby increasing purchase prices and reducing the yield on them.

In addition, numerous other developers, managers and owners of properties compete with the REIT in seeking tenants. The existence of competing developers, managers and owners and competition for the REIT's

tenants could have an adverse effect on the REIT's ability to lease space in its properties and on the rents charged, and could adversely affect the REIT's revenues and, consequently, its ability to meet its debt obligations.

Dependence on Key Personnel

The management of the REIT depends on the services of certain key personnel, including Mr. Jules Dallaire, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the REIT and Mr. Michel Dallaire, President and Chief Operating Officer of the REIT. The loss of the services of any key personnel could have a material adverse effect on the REIT.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

The REIT may be subject to various conflicts of interest because of the fact that the Dallaire Group and their respective directors, officers and associates, as well as the Trustees, are engaged in a wide range of real estate and other business activities. The REIT may become involved in transactions which conflict with the interests of the foregoing.

The Trustees may from time to time deal with persons, firms, institutions or corporations with which the REIT may be dealing, or which may be seeking investments similar to those desired by the REIT. The interests of these persons could conflict with those of the REIT. In addition, from time to time, these persons may be competing with the REIT for available investment opportunities.

Any decisions regarding the enforcement by the REIT of the terms of any agreement entered into by the REIT with a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee, with the Dallaire Group or an affiliate thereof, or with an associate of a non-Independent Trustee may be made by a majority of the Independent Trustees only. The non-Independent Trustees may attempt to influence the Independent Trustees in this regard.

The Contract of Trust contains "conflicts of interest" provisions requiring Trustees to disclose material interests in material contracts and transactions and refrain from voting thereon. The REIT concluded a non-competition agreement with the corporation and partnerships comprising the Dallaire Group and Messrs. Jules Dallaire, Michel Dallaire and Alain Dallaire, which permits to resolve certain potential conflicts of interest.

General Uninsured Losses

The REIT subscribed a blanket comprehensive general liability including insurance against fire, flood, extended coverage and rental loss insurance with policy specifications, limits and deductibles customarily carried for similar properties. There are, however, certain types of risks (generally of a catastrophic nature such as from wars or environmental contamination) which are either uninsurable or not insurable on an economically viable basis. The REIT will also carry insurance for earthquake risks, subject to certain policy limits, deductibles and self-insurance arrangements, and will continue to carry such insurance if it is economical to do so. Should an uninsured or underinsured loss occur, the REIT could lose its investment in, and anticipated profits and cash flows from, one or more of its properties, but the REIT would continue to be obligated to repay any hypothecary recourse or mortgage indebtedness on such properties.

Status For Tax Purposes and Investment Eligibility

There can be no assurance that income tax laws and the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects Unitholders. Although the REIT currently qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" and a "registered investment" under the Tax Act, if the REIT ceases to so qualify, the Units will cease to be qualified investments for registered retirement savings plans, deferred profit sharing plans, registered retirement income funds and registered education savings plans. In addition, the REIT will then be required to pay a tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act. The payment of Part XII.2 tax by the REIT may have adverse income tax consequences for certain Unitholders including non-resident persons and registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, deferred profit sharing plans and registered education savings plans that acquired an interest in the REIT directly or indirectly from another Unitholder. The REIT will endeavour to ensure that the Units constitute and

continue to be qualified investments for registered retirement savings plans, deferred profit sharing plans, registered retirement income funds and registered education savings plans. The Tax Act imposes penalties for the acquisition or holding of non-qualified or ineligible investments and on excess holdings of foreign property. There is no assurance that the Units will continue to meet the conditions prescribed for such qualified or eligible investments or that the Units will not be foreign property under the Tax Act.

Government Regulation

The REIT and its properties are subject to various governmental legislation and regulation. Any change in such legislation or regulation adverse to the REIT and its properties could affect the operating and financial performance of the REIT.

In addition, environmental and ecological legislation and policies have become increasingly important in recent years. Under various laws, the REIT could become liable for the costs of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances released on or in its properties or disposed of at other locations or for the costs of other remedial or preventive work. The failure to remove or remediate such substances, or to effect such remedial or preventive work if any, may adversely affect an owner's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral, and could potentially also result in claims against the owner by private plaintiffs or governmental agencies. Notwithstanding the above, the REIT is not aware of any material non-compliance, liability or other claim in connection with any of its properties, nor is the REIT aware of any environmental condition with respect to any of its properties that it believes would involve material expenditure by the REIT. It is the REIT's operating policy to obtain a Phase I environmental assessment, conducted by an independent and experienced environmental consultant, prior to acquiring a property.

Dilution

The number of Units the REIT is authorized to issue is unlimited. The Trustees have the discretion to issue additional Units in other circumstances, including under the Unit Option Plan. Additional Units may also be issued pursuant to the REIT's distribution reinvestment plan or the Unitholders' Rights Plan. Any issuance of Units may have a dilutive effect on the purchasers of Units offered hereby.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the issuance of the Units offered hereby will be passed upon on behalf of the REIT by Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, and on behalf of the Underwriters by Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast, a general partnership. As at November 4, 2003, partners and associates of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, as a group, and partners and associates of Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast, general partnership, as a group, each owned, beneficially or of record, less than 1% of the outstanding Units.

AUDITORS, TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The auditors of the REIT are Ernst & Young LLP. The registrar and transfer agent for the Units is National Bank Trust Inc., at its principal offices in Montreal and Toronto.

PURCHASERS' STATUTORY RIGHTS

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase securities. The right may be exercised within two business days after receipt or deemed receipt of a prospectus and any amendment. In several of the provinces, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation or is not delivered to the purchaser, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of

the purchaser's province. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province for the particulars of these rights or consult with a legal adviser.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REIT

Dated: November 5, 2003

This short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus as required by the securities legislation of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador. For the purpose of the Province of Québec, this simplified prospectus, as supplemented by the permanent information record, contains no misrepresentation that is likely to affect the value or the market price of the securities to be distributed.

COMINAR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(signed) Jules Dallaire
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) Michel Berthelot
Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

On behalf of the Trustees

(signed) Yvan Caron
Trustee

(signed) Pierre Gingras
Trustee

CERTIFICATE OF THE UNDERWRITERS

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