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Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated July 25, 2012

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated December 13, 2011)

*Shares*

**Dynex Capital, Inc.**

*% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock*

*(Liquidation Preference \$25.00 Per Share)*

We are offering \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our \_\_\_\_\_ % Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as the Series A Preferred Stock.

We will pay cumulative dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share each year, which is equivalent to the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share. Dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock sold in this offering will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2012, to holders of record on the applicable record date. The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity and will remain outstanding indefinitely unless redeemed or otherwise repurchased or converted into common stock pursuant to the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock. Except under circumstances intended to preserve our qualification as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes, or, in accordance with our articles of incorporation, to avoid penalty taxes in respect of, or protect the tax status of, any real estate mortgage investment conduit, or REMIC, in which we have or plan to take an interest, the Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable prior to July 31, 2017. On or after July 31, 2017, at any time and from time to time the Series A Preferred Stock will be redeemable in whole, or in part, at our option, at a cash redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to, but not including, the redemption date.

In addition, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined herein), we may, subject to certain conditions, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part and within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred by paying the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the redemption date. If we exercise any of our redemption rights relating to the Series A

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Preferred Stock, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will not have the conversion rights described below with respect to those shares.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as defined herein), we provide notice of our election to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock) to convert all or part of the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock equal to the lesser of: (a) the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference plus the amount of any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a dividend record date (as defined herein) and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date (as defined herein) for the Series A Preferred Stock, in which case no additional amount for such accumulated and unpaid dividends to be paid on such dividend payment date will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price (as defined herein); and (b) \_\_\_\_\_, or the Share Cap, subject to certain adjustments and subject, in each case, to provisions for the receipt of alternative consideration as described in this prospectus supplement.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights, except if we fail to pay dividends for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, or with respect to certain specified events. Our Series A Preferred Stock is not subject to any sinking fund. Our Series A Preferred Stock will rank senior to our common stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

We intend to apply to list the Series A Preferred Stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DXPrA. If the application is approved, trading of the Series A Preferred Stock on the NYSE is expected to begin within 30 days after the date of initial issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock.

**Investing in the Series A Preferred Stock involves risks, including those that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-14 of this prospectus supplement, page 6 of the accompanying prospectus and page 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated herein by reference.**

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

	Per share	Total (1)
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	\$	\$
Proceeds to us (before expenses)	\$	\$

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

We have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, to cover over-allotments within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.

The underwriters expect that the shares will be delivered in global form through the book-entry delivery system of The Depository Trust Company on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

*Joint Book Running Managers*

**J.P. Morgan**

The date of this prospectus supplement is July \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**Barclays**

**Jefferies**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

You should read this prospectus supplement along with the accompanying prospectus, as well as the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, carefully before you invest in our Series A Preferred Stock. These documents contain important information that you should consider before making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain the terms of this offering of Series A Preferred Stock. The accompanying prospectus contains information about certain of our securities generally, some of which does not apply to the Series A Preferred Stock covered by this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. If the information in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with any information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, the information in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the inconsistent information contained in or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making your investment decision. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) in this prospectus supplement.

**You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any other person to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional or different information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer to sell the Series A Preferred Stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any such free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.**

Unless this prospectus supplement otherwise indicates or the context otherwise requires, all references in this prospectus to the registrant, we, us, our, or the Company include Dynex Capital, Inc., a Virginia corporation, and any subsidiaries or other entities controlled by us. Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, all information in this prospectus supplement assumes that the option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters is not exercised in whole or in part.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain written statements we make in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, that are not historical facts constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Forward-looking statements are those that predict or describe future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. All statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus addressing our future results of operations and operating performance, events, or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including, but not limited to, statements relating to investment strategies, changes in net interest income growth, investment performance, earnings or earnings per share growth, the future interest rate environment, future capital raising strategies and activities, economic conditions and outlook, expected impact of hedging transactions, and market share, as well as statements expressing optimism or pessimism about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words will, believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, assume, continue, should, may or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on our current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which may be based on assumptions and expectations that do not materialize.

We make forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus, and in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, regarding:

- Certain of our expected results for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, including preliminary estimates of net income, earnings per diluted common share, net interest spread, gains on liquidation or sale of certain investments, portfolio constant prepayment rate and amortization of investment purchase premiums for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, and of book value per common share as of June 30, 2012;
- Our business and investment strategy including our ability to generate acceptable risk-adjusted returns;
- Our financing and hedging strategy, including our target leverage ratios;
- Our investment portfolio composition and target investments;
- Our investment portfolio performance, including the fair value, yields and forecasted prepayment speeds of our investment portfolio;
- Our liquidity and ability to access financing, and the anticipated availability and cost of financing;
- Our use of our tax net operating loss carryforward;
- The status of pending litigation;
- Estimates of future interest expenses related to our derivatives designated as hedging instruments;
- Market, industry and economic trends; and
- Interest rates.

Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from historical results or from any results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Not all of these risks and other factors are known to us. New risks and uncertainties arise over time, and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect us. The beliefs, assumptions, or expectations upon which the forward-looking statements are based can also change as a result of these risks or other factors. If such a risk or other factor materializes in future periods, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements.

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While it is not possible to identify all factors, some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from historical results or from any results expressed or implied by forward-looking statements, or that may cause our beliefs, projections, assumptions, or expectations to change, include the following:

The risks and uncertainties referenced in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, particularly those set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" herein and in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 under Item 1A, "Risk Factors";

Revisions to the preliminary information and estimates regarding our results for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 included in this prospectus supplement in connection with the completion of our quarterly reporting process and our auditor's review of our quarterly financial statements;

Our ability to find suitable reinvestment opportunities;

Changes in economic conditions;

Changes in interest rates and interest rate spreads, including the repricing of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities;

Our investment portfolio performance particularly as it relates to cash flow, prepayment rates and credit performance;

Adverse reactions in financial markets related to the budget deficit or national debt of the United States government; potential or actual default by the United States government on Treasury securities; and potential or actual downgrades to the sovereign credit rating of the United States;

The cost and availability of financing;

The cost and availability of new equity capital;

Changes in our use of leverage;

The quality of performance of third-party servicer providers of our loans and loans underlying our securities;

The level of defaults by borrowers on loans we have securitized;

Changes in our industry;

Increased competition;

Changes in government regulations affecting our business, including, without limitation, regulations under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

Government initiatives to support the United States financial system and United States housing and real estate markets;

Government-sponsored entity reform or other government policies and actions; and

Another ownership change under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that further impacts the use of our tax net operating loss carryforward or an inadvertent ownership change prior to February 2012.

These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in the annual, quarterly and current reports that we file with the SEC, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements we make. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. New risks and uncertainties arise over time and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect us. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to, and do not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

We are including this cautionary statement in this prospectus supplement to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in context with the various disclosures made by us about our business in our public filings with the SEC, including without limitation the risk factors described above and those described in "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-14.

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### **SUMMARY**

*The following information is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We encourage you to read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the information which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, in their entirety. You should carefully consider the risks identified in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in this prospectus supplement before making an investment decision to purchase shares of our Series A Preferred Stock.*

### **The Company**

We are an internally-managed mortgage real estate investment trust, or mortgage REIT, which invests in mortgage assets on a leveraged basis. Our objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns to our shareholders over the long term that are reflective of a leveraged, high quality fixed income portfolio with a focus on capital preservation. We seek to provide returns to our shareholders through regular quarterly dividends and through capital appreciation. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **DX**.

We were formed in 1987 and commenced operations in 1988. Beginning with our inception through 2000, our operations largely consisted of originating and securitizing various types of loans, principally single-family and commercial mortgage loans and manufactured housing loans. Since 2000, we have been an investor in Agency and non-Agency mortgage-backed securities ( **MBS** ).

Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the excess of the interest income earned on our investments over the cost of financing these investments. Our investment strategy as approved by our board of directors, is a diversified investment strategy that targets higher credit quality, shorter duration investments in Agency MBS and non-Agency MBS. Investments considered to be of higher credit quality have less or limited exposure to loss of principal while investments which have shorter durations have less exposure to changes in interest rates.

Agency MBS consist of residential MBS ( **RMBS** ) and commercial MBS ( **CMBS** ), which come with a guaranty of payment by the United States government or a United States government-sponsored entity such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Non-Agency MBS (also consisting of RMBS and CMBS) have no such guaranty of payment. We currently target an overall investment portfolio composition of 60%-80% in Agency MBS with the balance in non-Agency MBS and securitized mortgage loans. Our securitized mortgage loans are single-family and commercial mortgage loans which were originated or purchased by us during the 1990s. We are not actively originating, purchasing, or securitizing mortgage loans.

In executing our investment strategy, we seek to balance the various risks of owning mortgage assets, such as interest rate, credit, prepayment, and liquidity risk, with the earnings opportunity on the investment. We believe our strategy of investing in Agency and non-Agency mortgage assets provides superior diversification of these risks across our investment portfolio and therefore provides plentiful opportunities to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns while preserving our shareholders' capital. We also believe that our shorter duration strategy will provide less volatility in our results and in our book value per common share than strategies which invest in longer duration assets that may be more exposed to interest rate risk.

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We finance our investments primarily through the use of repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreement financing is uncommitted short-term financing in which we pledge our MBS as collateral to secure loans made by the repurchase agreement counterparty. Repurchase agreements generally have terms of 30-90 days, though in some instances longer terms may be available, and carry a rate of interest which is usually based on a spread to an index, such as one-month LIBOR, and fixed for the term of the agreement. We will seek to extend repurchase agreement financing terms to beyond 90 days, or seek committed repurchase agreement financing, when available and cost-efficient to do so. Typically we will seek to finance less liquid securities, such as non-Agency MBS, with committed financing, which entails slightly higher costs.

Our address and telephone number are 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 and (804) 217-5800.

**Recent Developments**

*Preliminary Quarterly Results and Market Update*

Based on preliminary estimates, we expect that our results for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 will be as follows:

Net income of between \$18.5 million and \$19.0 million versus \$16.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, or earnings per diluted common share of between \$0.34 and \$0.36 per common share versus \$0.33 per common share for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Book value per common share at June 30, 2012 of between \$9.64 and \$9.68 per common share versus \$9.62 at March 31, 2012.

Net interest spread of between 2.16% and 2.20% versus a net interest spread of 2.41% for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

Included in net income for the quarter are \$1.9 million from the liquidation of a delinquent securitized mortgage loan during the second quarter of 2012 and \$0.7 million from the sale of certain investments.

Reducing net income for the quarter is \$1.0 million in investment premium amortization adjustments as the result of forecasted higher prepayment speeds on Agency RMBS as a result of lower primary mortgage rates and the HARP refinance program.

The portfolio constant prepayment rate, or CPR, for the entire investment portfolio was 14.3% versus 15.4% in the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Amortization of investment purchase premium for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 was \$20.6 million versus \$12.6 million in the first quarter of 2012.

The increase in net income relates primarily to the continued growth in our investment portfolio principally as a result of the common stock offering completed in February 2012 and the inclusion of \$2.6 million in gain on sale of investment. The increase in earnings per share from the first quarter primarily results from the full investment of the proceeds from that offering and the resulting overall increase in our leverage ratio (increased to an estimated 6.1 times at the end of the second quarter of 2012 versus 5.4 times at the end of the first quarter of 2012) and the previously noted gain on sale of investment. While the leverage ratio modestly increased, our net interest spread declined as the proceeds from the common stock offering were invested in lower yielding Agency MBS.

The preliminary information and estimates set forth above contain forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on such preliminary information and estimates because they may prove to be materially inaccurate. The preliminary information and estimates have not been compiled or examined by our independent auditors and they are subject to revision as we prepare our financial statements as of and for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, including all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and as our auditors conduct their review of these financial statements. While we believe that such preliminary information and estimates are based on reasonable assumptions, actual results may vary, and such variations may be material. Factors that could cause our preliminary information and estimates to differ from the indications presented below include, but are not limited to: (i) additional adjustments in the calculation of, or application of accounting principles for, the financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, (ii) discovery of



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new information that impacts valuation methodologies underlying these results, (iii) errors in the assessment of preliminary portfolio value, (iv) discovery of new information that impacts the estimate of projected constant prepayment rates and (v) accounting changes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States or the Code. This preliminary information and estimates should not be viewed as a substitute for full interim financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

With the recent decline in interest rates, we believe that yields and net interest spreads on Agency and non-Agency MBS available in the market are generally lower than what we have historically realized in our investment portfolio. As such, we may be unable to deploy proceeds from this offering in investments at yields and net interest spreads similar to those of our current investment portfolio. Despite the flatter yield curve and the lower level of rates, we continue to see opportunities to purchase investments at attractive risk-adjusted yields and reasonable net interest spreads.

### *Limitation of Use of NOL Carryforward*

As of December 31, 2011, we had an estimated net operating loss ( NOL ) carryforward of \$142.9 million. As a result of our common stock offering in February 2012, we have incurred an ownership change under Section 382 of the Code ( Section 382 ). In general, if a company incurs an ownership change under Section 382, the company's ability to utilize an NOL carryforward to offset its taxable income (and, in our case, after taking the REIT distribution requirements into account) becomes limited to a certain amount per year. For purposes of Section 382, an ownership change occurs if over a rolling three-year period, the percentage of the company stock owned by 5% or greater shareholders has increased by more than 50 percentage points over the lowest percentage of common stock owned by such shareholders during the three year period. Based on management's analysis and expert third-party advice, which necessarily includes certain assumptions regarding the characterization under Section 382 of our use of capital raised by us, we determined that the ownership change under Section 382 will limit our ability to use our NOL carryforward to offset our taxable income to an estimated maximum amount of \$13.4 million per year. The NOL carryforward expires substantially beginning in 2019.

### *Legal Proceedings*

We, our subsidiary GLS Capital, Inc. ( GLS ), and the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania ( Allegheny County ) are named defendants in a putative class action lawsuit filed in June 2012 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proposed class in this action consists of owners of real estate in Allegheny County whose property is or has been subject to a tax lien filed by Allegheny County that Allegheny County either retained or sold to GLS and who were billed by Allegheny County or GLS for attorneys' fees, interest, or prothonotary fees and who sustained economic damages on and after August 14, 2003, in connection with attempts to collect delinquent real estate taxes. The putative class allegations are that Allegheny County, GLS, and Dynex violated the class's constitutional due process rights in connection with delinquent tax collection efforts. There are also allegations that amounts recovered from the class by GLS and /or Allegheny County are an unconstitutional taking of private property. The claims against Dynex are based solely upon its ownership of GLS. The complaint requests that the Court order GLS to account for the amounts alleged to have been collected in violation of the putative class members' constitutional rights and create a constructive trust for the return of such amounts to members of the purported class. The same class previously filed substantially the same lawsuit in 2004 against GLS and Allegheny County, and GLS's Motion for Summary Judgment is pending in that action. We believe the claims are without merit and we intend to defend against them vigorously.

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*Dividend*

On June 21, 2012, we announced that our board of directors had declared a cash dividend of \$0.29 per share of common stock for the second quarter of 2012. The dividend is payable on July 31, 2012 to shareholders of record on July 6, 2012.

**General Information**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DX. We maintain a website at [www.dynexcapital.com](http://www.dynexcapital.com). Information contained on our website is not, and should not be interpreted to be, part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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**The Offering**

Issuer	Dynex Capital, Inc.
Securities offered	shares of % Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.
Option to purchase additional shares	The underwriters may purchase up to an additional shares of our Series A Preferred Stock within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement.
Dividend rate and payment dates	<p>Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate of % per year of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference (equivalent to \$ per year per share).</p> <p>Dividends will be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day. Dividends will accrue and be cumulative from, and including, the date of original issuance, which is expected to be August , 2012. The first dividend payable on October 15, 2012 in the amount of \$ per share will be paid to the persons who are the holders of record of the Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the corresponding record date, which will be October 1, 2012.</p>
Liquidation preference	If we liquidate, dissolve or wind up, holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the date of payment, before any payment is made to the holders of our common stock. Please see the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference.
Optional redemption	The Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable by us prior to July 31, 2017, except under circumstances intended to preserve our qualification as a REIT or, in accordance with our articles of incorporation, to avoid the direct or indirect imposition of a penalty tax in respect of, or protect the tax status of, any of our REMIC interests and except as described below under Special optional redemption. On and after July 31, 2017, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. See Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Redemption Optional Redemption.
Special optional redemption	Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred,

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for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as defined herein), we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock (whether pursuant to our optional redemption right described above or this special optional redemption right), the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will not have the conversion right described below under Conversion rights with respect to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption. Please see the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Redemption Special Optional Redemption in this prospectus supplement.

A Change of Control is deemed to occur when, after the original issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, the following have occurred and are continuing:

the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a person under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of our stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and

following the closing of any transaction referred to in the bullet point above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, the NYSE Amex Equities, or the NYSE Amex, or the Nasdaq Stock Market, or Nasdaq, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE Amex or Nasdaq.

Conversion rights

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock will have the right, subject to our election prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock in whole or part, as described above under Optional redemption or Special optional redemption, to convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock equal to the lesser of:

the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus the amount of any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless

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the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a dividend record date (as defined herein) and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date (as defined herein) for the Series A Preferred Stock, in which case no additional amount for such accrued and unpaid dividends thereon will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price (as defined herein); and

(the Share Cap ), subject to adjustments to the Share Cap for any splits, subdivisions or combinations of our common stock;

in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions described in this prospectus supplement, including provisions for the receipt, under specified circumstances, of alternative consideration as described in this prospectus supplement.

For definitions of Change of Control Conversion Right, Change of Control Conversion Date and Common Stock Price and a description of certain adjustments and provisions for the receipt of alternative consideration that may be applicable to the conversion of Series A Preferred Stock in the event of a Change of Control, and for other important related information, please see the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Rights.

No maturity

The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we redeem or repurchase them or they become convertible and are converted as described below under Conversion rights. We are not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.

Restrictions on ownership and transfer

Our articles of incorporation contain restrictions on the number of shares of our capital stock that a person may own that are intended to assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT and restrictions on acquisitions that could result in imposition of a penalty tax or endanger the tax status of one of our REMIC interests. Among other things, our articles of incorporation provide that, subject to exceptions, no person may beneficially or constructively own in excess of 9.8% of our outstanding shares of capital stock. In addition, our articles of incorporation, subject to exceptions, prohibit any person from beneficially owning our shares of capital stock to the extent that such ownership of shares would result in our failure to qualify as a REIT. For more information about these restrictions, see Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer in this prospectus supplement and Description of Our Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer in the accompanying prospectus.

Ranking

The Series A Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, (1) senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all other equity securities issued by

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us other than equity securities referred to in clauses (2) and (3); (2) on a parity with all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up; (3) junior to all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up; and (4) junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness, including indebtedness convertible to our common stock or preferred stock, and effectively junior to the indebtedness of our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries. Please see the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Ranking.

Further issuances

The articles of amendment establishing the Series A Preferred Stock authorize the issuance of up to 8,000,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, which means that we may issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock ranking equally and ratably with the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus in all respects. Any additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock would form a single series with the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and will have the same terms.

Voting rights

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock will generally have no voting rights. However, if we do not pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for six or more quarterly dividend periods (whether or not consecutive), the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of our preferred stock we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election referred to below) will be entitled to vote for the election of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors until we pay, or declare and set aside funds for the payment of, all dividends that we owe on the Series A Preferred Stock, subject to certain limitations described in the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Voting Rights. In addition, certain changes that would be material and adverse to the rights of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock cannot be made without the affirmative vote of holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and all other series of our preferred stock that we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, voting separately as a class. If any such changes would be material and adverse to holders of some but not all series of our preferred stock that we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, a vote of at least two-thirds of the holders of only the series materially and adversely affected would be required. Please see the section entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Voting Rights.

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Information rights	<p>During any period in which we are not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will use our best efforts to (i) transmit by mail (or other permissible means under the Exchange Act) to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock, as their names and addresses appear on our record books and without cost to such holders, copies of the annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if we were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required) and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holders or prospective holders of Series A Preferred Stock, subject to certain exceptions described in this prospectus supplement. We will use our best efforts to mail (or otherwise provide) the information to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if we were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which we would be required to file such periodic reports if we were a non-accelerated filer within the meaning of the Exchange Act.</p>
Listing	<p>No current market exists for the Series A Preferred Stock. We intend to file an application to list the Series A Preferred Stock on the NYSE. If approved for listing, we expect that trading on the NYSE will commence within 30 days after the date of initial issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Series A Preferred Stock prior to the commencement of any trading on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that a market for the Series A Preferred Stock will develop prior to commencement of trading on the NYSE or, if developed, will be maintained or will provide you with adequate liquidity.</p>
Book-entry and form	<p>The Series A Preferred Stock will be represented by one or more global certificates in definitive, fully registered form deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of, a nominee of The Depository Trust Company.</p>
Use of proceeds	<p>We estimate that the net proceeds for this offering will be approximately \$ (or \$ if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full). We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to acquire additional investments, consistent with our investment strategy, and for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of maturing obligations, capital expenditures and working capital.</p>

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U.S. federal income tax considerations	For a discussion of the federal income tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Series A Preferred Stock and any common stock received upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, please see the section entitled <b>Additional U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</b> together with the discussion under the heading <b>U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</b> in the accompanying prospectus.
Risk factors	Investing in our Series A Preferred Stock involves various risks. Risks associated with an investment in our Series A Preferred Stock are described under the caption <b>Risk Factors</b> beginning on page S-14 below, page 6 of the accompanying prospectus and page 7 of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference herein, for a discussion of risks you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our Series A Preferred Stock.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in our Series A Preferred Stock involves various risks, including those described below and in the accompanying prospectus and the risks set forth in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 under Item 1A, Risk Factors, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, or any similar caption in the documents that we subsequently file with the SEC that are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the information contained in or incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, in determining whether to purchase our Series A Preferred Stock. If any of these risks occur, our business, operating results, liquidity, prospects and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the market price of our Series A Preferred Stock and the common stock into which the Series A Preferred Stock, in certain circumstances, is convertible to decline and could cause you to lose all or part of your investment. Moreover, the risks and uncertainties discussed below and in the foregoing documents are not the only risks and uncertainties that we face, and our business, operating results, liquidity, prospects and financial condition and the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock and our shares of common stock could be materially adversely affected by other matters that are not known to us or that we currently do not consider to be material risks to our business.*

**Risks Related to the Series A Preferred Stock and This Offering**

***The Series A Preferred Stock ranks junior to all of our indebtedness and other liabilities and is effectively junior to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.***

In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, our assets will be available to pay obligations on the Series A Preferred Stock only after all of our indebtedness and other liabilities have been paid. The rights of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to participate in the distribution of our assets will rank junior to the prior claims of our current and future creditors and any future series or class of preferred stock we may issue that ranks senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. In addition, the Series A Preferred Stock effectively ranks junior to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of (as well as any preferred equity interests held by others in) our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries. Our existing subsidiaries are, and any future subsidiaries would be, separate legal entities and have no legal obligation to pay any amounts to us in respect of dividends due on the Series A Preferred Stock. If we are forced to liquidate our assets to pay our creditors, we may not have sufficient assets to pay amounts due on any or all of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding. Thus, the Series A Preferred Stock will be either subordinated or effectively subordinated to all of our indebtedness, which includes our repurchase agreements, interest rate swaps, and other financing arrangements. Consequently, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of affairs with respect to us, the holders of any indebtedness will be entitled to payment prior to our obligations on the Series A Preferred Stock. As of June 30, 2012, we had outstanding \$3.1 billion of repurchase agreements with original maturities ranging from 30 to 90 days. As of June 30, 2012, our total consolidated liabilities were approximately \$3.2 billion. Our consolidated liabilities are likely to increase in the future from the investments of proceeds from this offering and from future offerings of our stock.

***Future offerings of debt or senior equity securities may adversely affect the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock.***

If we decide to issue debt or senior equity securities in the future, it is possible that these securities will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility. Additionally, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable to the holders of those securities than those of the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the owners of the Series A Preferred Stock and may result in dilution to owners of the Series A Preferred Stock. We and, indirectly, our shareholders, will bear the cost of issuing and servicing such securities. Because our decision to issue debt or equity securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future

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offerings. Thus, holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock and the common stock into which the Series A Preferred Stock, in certain circumstances, is convertible and diluting the value of their holdings in us.

***We may issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of preferred stock that rank on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights, rights upon liquidation or voting rights.***

We are allowed to issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of preferred stock that would rank equally to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend payments and rights upon our liquidation or dissolution or winding up of our affairs pursuant to our articles of incorporation and the articles of amendment establishing the Series A Preferred Stock (the Series A articles of amendment ) without any vote of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock. The issuance of additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of parity preferred stock could have the effect of reducing the amounts available to the Series A Preferred Stock issued in this offering upon our liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of our affairs. It also may reduce dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock issued in this offering if we do not have sufficient funds to pay dividends on all Series A Preferred Stock outstanding and other classes of stock with equal priority with respect to dividends.

In addition, although holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to limited voting rights, as described in Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Voting Rights, with respect to such matters, the Series A Preferred Stock will generally vote separately as a class along with all other series of our preferred stock that we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable. As a result, the voting rights of holders of Series A Preferred Stock may be significantly diluted, and the holders of such other series of preferred stock that we may issue may be able to control or significantly influence the outcome of any vote. Future issuances and sales of parity preferred stock, or the perception that such issuances and sales could occur, may cause prevailing market prices for the Series A Preferred Stock and our common stock to decline and may adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at times and prices favorable to us.

***You may not be able to exercise conversion rights upon a Change of Control and, if exercisable, the change of control conversion rights described in this prospectus supplement may not adequately compensate you.***

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder as described under Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Redemption Optional Redemption or Special Optional Redemption, in which case such holder will have the right only with respect to shares of Series A Preferred Stock that are not called for redemption) to convert some or all of such holder's Series A Preferred Stock into our shares of common stock (or under specified circumstances, the Alternative Conversion Consideration, as defined herein). Notwithstanding that we generally may not redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to July 31, 2017, we have a special optional redemption right to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock in the event of a Change of Control, and holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not have the right to convert any shares that we have elected to redeem prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date. Please see the sections entitled Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Redemption Special Optional Redemption and Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Rights.

If we do not elect to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, then upon an exercise of the conversion rights provided for in this prospectus supplement, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be limited to a maximum number of shares of our common stock (or, if applicable, the Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined herein)) equal to \_\_\_\_\_, referred to as the Share Cap, multiplied by the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock converted. If the Common Stock Price is less than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (which is \_\_\_\_\_ % of the per share closing sale price of our common stock reported on the NYSE on July \_\_\_\_\_, 2012), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will

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receive a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock, which may result in a holder receiving shares of common stock (or Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) with a value that is less than the liquidation preference of the Series A Preferred Stock plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon.

*The Change of Control conversion rights may also make it more difficult for a party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us.*

The Change of Control conversion feature of the Series A Preferred Stock may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us or of delaying, deferring or preventing certain of our change of control transactions under circumstances that otherwise could provide the holders of our common stock and Series A Preferred Stock with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-current market price of such stock or that shareholders may otherwise believe is in their best interests.

*As a holder of Series A Preferred Stock, you will have extremely limited voting rights.*

Your voting rights as a holder of Series A Preferred Stock will be limited. Our shares of common stock are the only class of our securities that carry full voting rights. Voting rights for holders of Series A Preferred Stock exist primarily with respect to the ability to elect, voting together with the holders of any other series of our preferred stock having similar voting rights, two additional directors to our board of directors if we do not pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for six or more quarterly dividend periods (whether or not consecutive), and with respect to voting on amendments to our articles of incorporation or Series A articles of amendment that materially and adversely affect the rights of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock or authorize, increase or create additional classes or series of our shares that are senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. Other than the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, holders of Series A Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights. Please see the section entitled "Description of the Series A Preferred Stock - Voting Rights."

*The Series A Preferred Stock is a new issue of securities and does not have an established trading market, which may negatively affect its value and your ability to transfer and sell your shares.*

The Series A Preferred Stock is a new issue of securities and currently no market exists for the Series A Preferred Stock. We intend to file an application to list the Series A Preferred Stock on the NYSE. However, we cannot assure you that the Series A Preferred Stock will be approved for listing on the NYSE. Even if so approved, trading of the Series A Preferred Stock on the NYSE is not expected to begin until some time during the period ending 30 days after the date of initial issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock. In any event, a trading market on the NYSE for the Series A Preferred Stock may never develop or, even if one develops, may not be maintained and may not provide you with adequate liquidity. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Series A Preferred Stock prior to the commencement of any trading on the NYSE, but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. The liquidity of any market for the Series A Preferred Stock that may develop will depend on a number of factors, including prevailing interest rates, the dividend rate on our common stock, our financial condition and operating results, the number of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the market for similar securities and the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the Series A Preferred Stock. As a result, the ability to transfer or sell the Series A Preferred Stock and the amount you receive upon any transfer or sale of the Series A Preferred Stock could be adversely affected.

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***The trading price of the Series A Preferred Stock may be volatile.***

If the Series A Preferred Stock is approved for listing, the trading price of the Series A Preferred Stock will depend on many factors, including, without limitation:

- prevailing interest rates;
- the market price of our common stock;
- the market for similar securities;
- additional issuances by us of shares of our common stock;
- additional issuances by us of other series or classes of shares of preferred stock;
- government action or regulation; general economic conditions; and
- our financial condition, performance and prospects.

Each of these factors, among others, may cause the trading price of the Series A Preferred Stock to fall below the offering price, which could have a material adverse effect on your investment in the Series A Preferred Stock.

***If our common stock is delisted, your ability to transfer or sell your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock may be limited and the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock will likely be materially adversely affected.***

Other than in connection with a Change of Control, the Series A Preferred Stock does not contain provisions that are intended to protect you if our common stock is delisted from the NYSE. Since the Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity date, you may be forced to hold your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and receive stated dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock when, as and if authorized by our board of directors and paid by us with no assurance as to ever receiving the liquidation value thereof. In addition, if our common stock is delisted from the NYSE, it is likely that the Series A Preferred Stock will be delisted from the NYSE as well. Accordingly, if our common stock is delisted from the NYSE, your ability to transfer or sell your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock may be limited and the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock will likely be materially adversely affected.

***Our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment contain restrictions upon ownership and transfer of the Series A Preferred Stock, which may impair the ability of holders to convert Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock upon a Change of Control.***

Our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment contain restrictions on ownership and transfer of our capital stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, intended to assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, in preserving the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have or plan to have an interest, and avoiding the imposition of a direct or indirect penalty tax on us. For example, to assist us in qualifying as a REIT, our articles of incorporation prohibit anyone from acquiring or holding, beneficially or constructively, ownership of a number of shares of our capital stock in excess of 9.8% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock. For this purpose the term *ownership* is deemed to include shares constructively owned by a person under the provisions of Section 544 of the Code, as modified in Section 856(h) of the Code, and shares beneficially owned under the provisions of Rule 13d-3 or any successor rule under the Exchange Act. In addition, our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment provide that an acquisition of shares of our capital stock that could or would endanger the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have or plan to have an interest or result in the imposition of a direct or indirect penalty tax on us will be void. See *Description of the Series A Preferred Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer* in this prospectus supplement. You should consider these ownership limitations prior to your purchase of the Series A Preferred Stock. In addition, the Series A articles of amendment provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Series A Preferred Stock, no holder of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to convert such stock into our common stock to the extent that receipt of our common stock would cause the holder to exceed the ownership limitations contained in our articles of incorporation, endanger the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have or plan to have an interest, or result in the imposition of a direct or indirect penalty tax on us, which may limit your ability to convert the Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock upon a Change of Control. The

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restrictions could also have anti-takeover effects and could reduce the possibility that a third party will attempt to acquire control of us, which could adversely affect the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***The Series A Preferred Stock has not been rated.***

We have not sought to obtain a rating for the Series A Preferred Stock, and the Series A Preferred Stock may never be rated. It is possible, however, that one or more rating agencies might independently determine to assign a rating to the Series A Preferred Stock or that we may elect to obtain a rating of our Series A Preferred Stock in the future. Furthermore, we may elect to issue other securities for which we may seek to obtain a rating. If any ratings are assigned to the Series A Preferred Stock in the future or if we issue other securities with a rating, such ratings, if they are lower than market expectations or are subsequently lowered or withdrawn, could adversely affect the market for or the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Ratings only reflect the views of the issuing rating agency or agencies and such ratings could at any time be revised downward or withdrawn entirely at the discretion of the issuing rating agency. Further, a rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell or hold any particular security, including the Series A Preferred Stock. In addition, ratings do not reflect market prices or suitability of a security for a particular investor and any future rating of the Series A Preferred Stock may not reflect all risks related to us and our business, or the structure or market value of the Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***Our ability to pay dividends is limited by the requirements of Virginia law and our articles of incorporation.***

Our ability to pay dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock is limited by the laws of Virginia and our articles of incorporation. Under applicable Virginia law, a Virginia corporation may not make a distribution if, after giving effect to the distribution, the corporation would not be able to pay its debts as the debts become due in the usual course of business, or the corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus (unless the corporation's articles provide otherwise) the amount that would be needed, if the corporation were dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of shareholders whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution. Accordingly, we may not make a distribution on our Series A Preferred Stock if, after giving effect to the distribution, we would not be able to pay our debts as they become due in the usual course of business or our total assets would be less than the sum of our total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock then outstanding, if any, with preferences senior to those of our Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***We cannot assure you that we will be able to pay dividends regularly.***

Future distributions on our common stock and preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash flow from operations, financial condition and capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Code and our ability to use our tax NOL carryforward, any debt service requirements and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make cash distributions on our Series A Preferred Stock on a regular quarterly basis in the future or what the actual distributions will be for any future period.

### ***We may not be able to use the money we raise to acquire investments at favorable prices.***

We intend to seek to raise additional capital from time to time if we determine that it is in our best interests and the best interests of our shareholders, including through public offerings of our capital stock. The net proceeds of any offering could represent a significant increase in our equity. Depending on the amount of leverage that we use, the full investment of the net proceeds of any offering might result in a substantial increase in our total assets. There can be no assurance that we will be able to invest all of such additional funds in mortgage-related assets at favorable prices. We may not be able to acquire enough mortgage-related assets to become fully invested after an offering, or we may have to pay more for MBS than we have historically. In either case, the return that we earn on shareholders' equity may be reduced.

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**Risks Related to Us**

*Our future use of our tax NOL carryforward is limited under Section 382 of the Code, which could result in higher taxable income and greater distribution requirements in order to maintain our REIT status. Further, if we unknowingly incur another ownership change pursuant to Section 382, or miscalculate the limitations imposed by a known ownership change, and utilize an impermissible amount of the NOL, we may fail to meet the distribution requirements of a REIT and therefore we could lose our REIT status.*

We can use our tax NOL carryforward to offset our taxable earnings after taking the REIT distribution requirements into account. Section 382 of the Code limits the amount of NOL that could be used to offset taxable earnings after an ownership change occurs. A Section 382 ownership change generally occurs if one or more shareholders who own at least 5% of our stock, or certain groups of shareholders, increase their aggregate ownership by more than 50 percentage points over their lowest ownership percentage within a rolling three-year period.

Our public offering of common stock in February 2012 resulted in an ownership change. Based on management's analysis and expert third-party advice, which necessarily includes certain assumptions regarding the characterization under Section 382 of our use of capital raised by us, we determined that the ownership change under Section 382 will limit our ability to use our NOL carryforward to offset our taxable income to an estimated maximum amount of \$13.4 million per year. Because NOLs generally may be carried forward for up to 20 years, this annual limitation may effectively limit the cumulative amount of pre-ownership change losses, including certain recognized built-in losses, that we may utilize. This would result in higher taxable income and greater distribution requirements in order to maintain REIT qualification than if such limitation were not in effect.

We may incur additional ownership changes under Section 382 in the future, in which case the use of our NOL could be further limited. Future issuances or sales of our stock (including transactions involving our stock that are out of our control) could result in an ownership change under Section 382. If further ownership changes occur, Section 382 would impose stricter annual limits on the amount of pre-ownership change NOLs and other losses we could use to reduce our taxable income.

While we believe we have complied with Section 382, if we unknowingly incur another ownership change under Section 382, or miscalculate the limitations imposed by a known ownership change, the use of the NOL could be limited more than we have determined and we may utilize (or may have utilized) more of the NOL than we otherwise may have been allowed. In such an instance we may be required to pay taxes, penalties and interest on the excess amount of NOL used, or we may be required to declare a deficiency dividend to our shareholders for the excess amount. In addition, if any impermissible use of the NOL led to a failure to comply with the REIT distribution requirements, we could fail to qualify as a REIT. For a discussion of the risks associated with failing to qualify as a REIT, please see the section entitled "Risks Related to Regulatory and Legal Requirements - Risks Specific to Our REIT Status" beginning on page 20 of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive approximately \$        in net proceeds from the sale of the shares of our Series A Preferred Stock in this offering (approximately \$        if the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and the estimated expenses of this offering payable by us.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to acquire additional investments, consistent with our investment strategy, and for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of maturing obligations, capital expenditures and working capital.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	2011	2010	Years Ended December 31,		2007
				2009	2008	
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends (1)	3.31x	2.65x	2.52x	1.60x	1.73x	1.22x

(1) The ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends were computed by dividing earnings by the sum of fixed charges and preferred stock dividends. For these purposes, earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges, and fixed charges consist of interest expense. Preferred dividends consist of pre-tax earnings required to pay dividends in respect of our formerly outstanding Series D Preferred Stock, which was converted to common stock in 2010.



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**DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK**

*This description of certain terms of the Series A Preferred Stock supplements, and, to the extent inconsistent therewith, replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of our preferred stock set forth in the accompanying prospectus, to which description reference is hereby made. The description of certain terms of the Series A Preferred Stock in this prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is in all respects subject to, and qualified in its entirety by references to the relevant provisions of our article of incorporation, the Series A articles of amendment, our bylaws and Virginia law. Copies of our articles of incorporation, the Series A articles of amendment, and our bylaws are available from us upon request. As used under this caption Description of the Series A Preferred Stock, references to us, our and we mean Dynex Capital, Inc. excluding its subsidiaries, unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires.*

**General**

Our articles of incorporation provide us the authority to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. We may issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more classes or series, with such distinctive designations, rights and preferences as our board of directors may fix in the resolutions providing for the issuance of such class or series.

Before we issue any of the Series A Preferred Stock, we will file with the Virginia State Corporation Commission articles of amendment creating and establishing the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock. The articles of amendment will authorize the issuance of up to 8,000,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, which means that we may issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock ranking equally and ratably with the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus in all respects. Any additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock would form a single series with the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and will have the same terms.

We intend to apply to list the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock on the NYSE under the symbol DXPrA. If the application is approved, we expect trading to commence within 30 days after the initial issuance of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

The registrar, transfer agent and dividend and redemption price disbursing agent in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock will be Computershare. The principal business address for Computershare is 480 Washington Boulevard, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 and its telephone number is (201) 680-4000. The Series A articles of amendment will provide that we will maintain an office or agency where shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be surrendered for payment (including redemption), registration of transfer or exchange.

**Maturity**

The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we decide to redeem or repurchase them or they become convertible and are converted as described below under Conversion Rights. We are not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.

**Ranking**

The Series A Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

- (1) senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all other equity securities issued by us other than equity securities referred to in clauses (2) and (3) below;

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- (2) on a parity with all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- (3) junior to all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (please see the section entitled "Voting Rights" below); and
- (4) junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness convertible to our common stock or preferred stock), including under our repurchase agreements, and effectively junior to the indebtedness of our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries.

As of June 30, 2012, our total consolidated liabilities were approximately \$3.2 billion, all of which ranks either senior or effectively senior to the Series A Preferred Stock.

## **Dividends**

Holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends at the rate of % of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference per year (equivalent to \$ per year per share). Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock shall accrue daily and be cumulative from, and including, the date of original issue and shall be payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year (each, a dividend payment date ); provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, as defined in the Series A articles of amendment, then the dividend which would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after that dividend payment date to that next succeeding business day. The first dividend on the Series A Preferred Stock is scheduled to be paid on October 15, 2012 in the amount of \$ per share, and that dividend will be paid to the persons who are the holders of record of the Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the corresponding record date, which will be October 1, 2012. Any dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock, including dividends payable for any partial dividend period, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends will be payable to holders of record as they appear in our stock records for the Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be the first day of the calendar month, whether or not a business day, in which the applicable dividend payment date falls (each, a dividend record date ).

No dividends on shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be authorized by our board of directors or paid or set apart for payment by us at any time when the terms and provisions of any agreement of ours, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibit the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof or provide that the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof would constitute a breach of the agreement or a default under the agreement, or if the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment shall be restricted or prohibited by law. You should review the information appearing above under "Risk Factors" Our ability to pay dividends is limited by the requirements of Virginia law and our articles of incorporation for information as to, among other things, other circumstances under which we may be unable to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of those dividends and whether or not those dividends are declared. No interest, or sum in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock which may be in arrears, and holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described above. Any

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dividend payment made on the Series A Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividend due with respect to those shares.

Future distributions on our common stock and preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash flow from operations, financial condition and capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Code and our ability to use our tax NOL carryforward, any debt service requirements and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make cash distributions on our preferred stock or what the actual distributions will be for any future period.

Unless full cumulative dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or in shares of any series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation. Nor shall any other distribution be declared or made upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation. In addition, any shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation shall not be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any moneys be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) by us (except by conversion into or exchange for our other capital stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation, for the surrender of shares of our common stock to us to satisfy tax withholding or similar obligations in connection with restricted stock granted under an equity compensation or incentive plan and for transfers made pursuant to the provisions of our articles of incorporation relating to restrictions on ownership and transfers of our capital stock).

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

## **Liquidation Preference**

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid out of the assets we have legally available for distribution to our shareholders, subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any class or series of our stock we may issue ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the date of payment, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our stock we may issue that ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights.

In the event that, upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding shares of

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Series A Preferred Stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all shares of other classes or series of our capital stock that we may issue ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and all other such classes or series of capital stock shall share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to written notice of any such liquidation no fewer than 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the payment date. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. The consolidation or merger of us with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other entity with or into us, or the sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, shall not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us (although such events may give rise to the special optional redemption and contingent conversion rights described below).

### **Redemption**

The Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable by us prior to July 31, 2017, except as described below under **Special Optional Redemption** and except that, as provided in the Series A articles of amendment, we may purchase or redeem shares of the Series A Preferred Stock prior to that date in order to preserve our qualification as a REIT, or, in accordance with our articles of incorporation, to avoid the direct or indirect imposition of a penalty tax in respect of, or protect the tax status of, any of our REMIC interests. Please see the section entitled **Description of Our Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer** in the accompanying prospectus.

*Optional Redemption.* On and after July 31, 2017, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. If we elect to redeem any shares of Series A Preferred Stock as described in this paragraph, we may use any available cash to pay the redemption price, and we will not be required to pay the redemption price only out of the proceeds from the issuance of other equity securities or any other specific source.

*Special Optional Redemption.* Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock (whether pursuant to our optional redemption right described above under **Optional Redemption** or this special optional redemption right), the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will not have the Change of Control Conversion Right (as defined below) described below under **Conversion Rights** with respect to the shares called for redemption. If we elect to redeem any shares of the Series A Preferred Stock as described in this paragraph, we may use any available cash to pay the redemption price, and we will not be required to pay the redemption price only out of the proceeds from the issuance of other equity securities or any other specific source.

A **Change of Control** is deemed to occur when, after the original issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, the following have occurred and are continuing:

the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a **person** under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of our stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors (except that such person will be

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deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and

following the closing of any transaction referred to in the bullet point above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE Amex or Nasdaq, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE Amex or Nasdaq.

*Redemption Procedures.* In the event we elect to redeem Series A Preferred Stock, the notice of redemption will be mailed to each holder of record of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption at such holder's address as it appears on our stock transfer records and will state the following:

the redemption date;

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

the redemption price;

the place or places where certificates (if any) for the Series A Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price;

that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the redemption date;

whether such redemption is being made pursuant to the provisions described above under Optional Redemption or Special Optional Redemption ;

if applicable, that such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control and, in that case, a brief description of the transaction or transactions constituting such Change of Control; and

if such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control, that the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock being so called for redemption will not be able to tender such shares of Series A Preferred Stock for conversion in connection with the Change of Control and that each share of Series A Preferred Stock tendered for conversion that is called, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, for redemption will be redeemed on the related date of redemption instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

If less than all of the Series A Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder to be redeemed. No failure to give such notice or any defect thereto or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom notice was defective or not given.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall surrender the Series A Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice of redemption and shall be entitled to the redemption price and any accumulated and unpaid dividends payable upon the redemption following the surrender. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock has been given and if we have irrevocably set aside the funds necessary for redemption in trust for the benefit of the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption, then from and after the redemption date (unless we default in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any), dividends will cease to accrue on those shares of Series A Preferred Stock, those shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of those shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated

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and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption. If any redemption date is not a business day, then the redemption price and accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon, if any, payable upon redemption may be paid on the next business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after that redemption date to that next business day. If less than all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata (as nearly as may be practicable without creating fractional shares).

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Immediately prior to any redemption of Series A Preferred Stock, we shall pay, in cash, any accumulated and unpaid dividends through and including the redemption date, unless a redemption date falls after a dividend record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on such dividend record date shall be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before such dividend payment date. Except as provided above, we will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on shares of the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed.

Unless full cumulative dividends on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been or contemporaneously is set apart for payment for all past dividend periods, no shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed and we shall not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series A Preferred Stock (except by exchanging it for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation); provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase, redemption or acquisition by us of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to preserve our REIT status or, in accordance with our articles of incorporation, avoid the direct or indirect imposition of a penalty tax in respect of, or protect the tax status of, any of our REMIC interests or pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

Subject to applicable law, we may purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock in the open market, by tender or by private agreement. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that we acquire may be retired and re-classified as authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock, without designation as to class or series, and may thereafter be reissued as any class or series of preferred stock.

**Conversion Rights**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder as described above under Redemption Optional Redemption or Redemption Special Optional Redemption, in which case such holder will have the right only with respect to shares of Series A Preferred Stock that are not called for redemption) to convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder (the Change of Control Conversion Right) on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock (the Common Stock Conversion Consideration) equal to the lesser of:

the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus the amount of any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a dividend record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date for the Series A Preferred Stock, in which case no additional amount for such accumulated and unpaid dividends will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price, as defined below (such quotient, the Conversion Rate); and

(the Share Cap), subject to certain adjustments as described below.

Anything in the Series A articles of amendment to the contrary notwithstanding and except as otherwise required by law, the persons who are the holders of record of shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on a dividend record date will be entitled to receive the dividend payable on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the conversion of those shares after such dividend record date and on or prior to such dividend payment date and, in such case, the full amount of such dividend shall be paid on such dividend payment date to the persons who were the holders of record at the close of business on such dividend record date. Except as provided above, we will make no allowance for unpaid dividends that are not in arrears on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted.

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The Share Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any share splits (including those effected pursuant to a distribution of our common stock to existing holders of our common stock), subdivisions or combinations (in each case, a Share Split ) with respect to our common stock as follows: the adjusted Share Cap as the result of a Share Split will be the number of shares of our common stock that is equivalent to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the Share Cap in effect immediately prior to such Share Split by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such Share Split and the denominator of which is the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately prior to such Share Split.

For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, the aggregate number of shares of our common stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined below), as applicable) issuable or deliverable, as applicable, in connection with the exercise of the Change of Control Conversion Right will not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable), subject to proportionate increase to the extent the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock is exercised, not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in total (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) (the Exchange Cap ). The Exchange Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any Share Splits on the same basis as the corresponding adjustment to the Share Cap.

In the case of a Change of Control pursuant to which our common stock is or will be converted into cash, securities or other property or assets (including any combination thereof) (the Alternative Form Consideration ), a holder of Series A Preferred Stock will receive upon conversion of such Series A Preferred Stock the kind and amount of Alternative Form Consideration which such holder would have owned or been entitled to receive upon the Change of Control had such holder held a number of shares of our common stock equal to the Common Stock Conversion Consideration immediately prior to the effective time of the Change of Control (the Alternative Conversion Consideration ; the Common Stock Conversion Consideration or the Alternative Conversion Consideration, whichever shall be applicable to a Change of Control, is referred to as the Conversion Consideration ).

If the holders of our common stock have the opportunity to elect the form of consideration to be received in the Change of Control, the Conversion Consideration in respect of such Change of Control will be deemed to be the kind and amount of consideration actually received by holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between two types of consideration) or holders of a plurality of the outstanding shares of our common stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between more than two types of consideration), as the case may be, and will be subject to any limitations to which all holders of our common stock are subject, including, without limitation, pro rata reductions applicable to any portion of the consideration payable in such Change of Control.

We will not issue fractional shares of our common stock upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock in connection with a Change of Control. Instead, we will make a cash payment equal to the value of such fractional shares based upon the Common Stock Price used in determining the Common Stock Conversion Consideration for such Change of Control.

Within 15 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control, provided that we have not then exercised our right to redeem all shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to the redemption provisions described above, we will provide to holders of Series A Preferred Stock a notice of occurrence of the Change of Control that describes the resulting Change of Control Conversion Right. This notice will state the following:

the events constituting the Change of Control;

the date of the Change of Control;

the last date on which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock may exercise their Change of Control Conversion Right;



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the method and period for calculating the Common Stock Price;

the Change of Control Conversion Date;

that if, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem all or any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, holders will not be able to convert the shares of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption and such shares will be redeemed on the related redemption date, even if such shares have already been tendered for conversion pursuant to the Change of Control Conversion Right;

if applicable, the type and amount of Alternative Conversion Consideration entitled to be received per share of Series A Preferred Stock;

the name and address of the paying agent, transfer agent and conversion agent for the Series A Preferred Stock;

the procedures that the holders of Series A Preferred Stock must follow to exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right (including procedures for surrendering shares for conversion through the facilities of a Depository (as defined below)), including the form of conversion notice to be delivered by such holders as described below; and

the last date on which holders of Series A Preferred Stock may withdraw shares surrendered for conversion and the procedures that such holders must follow to effect such a withdrawal.

Under such circumstances, we will also issue a press release containing such notice for publication on Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Business Wire, PR Newswire or Bloomberg Business News (or, if these organizations are not in existence at the time of issuance of the press release, such other news or press organization as is reasonably calculated to broadly disseminate the relevant information to the public), and post a notice on our website, in any event prior to the opening of business on the first business day following any date on which we provide the notice described above to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

To exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be required to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the certificates (if any) representing the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted, duly endorsed for transfer (or, in the case of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock held in book-entry form through a Depository, to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted through the facilities of such Depository), together with a written conversion notice in the form provided by us, duly completed, to our transfer agent. The conversion notice must state:

the relevant Change of Control Conversion Date;

the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted; and

that the Series A Preferred Stock is to be converted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Series A Preferred Stock.

The Change of Control Conversion Date is the date the Series A Preferred Stock is to be converted, which will be a business day selected by us that is no fewer than 20 days nor more than 35 days after the date on which we provide the notice described above to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

The Common Stock Price is (i) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by the holders of our common stock is solely cash, the amount of cash consideration per share of our common stock or (ii) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by holders of

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our common stock is other than solely cash (x) the average of the closing sale prices per share of our common stock (or, if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the closing bid and ask prices per share or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average closing bid and the average closing ask prices per share) for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred as reported on the

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principal United States securities exchange on which our common stock is then traded, or (y) the average of the last quoted bid prices for our common stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by Pink OTC Markets Inc. or similar organization for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred, if our common stock is not then listed for trading on a United States securities exchange.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock may withdraw any notice of exercise of a Change of Control Conversion Right (in whole or in part) by a written notice of withdrawal delivered to our transfer agent prior to the close of business on the business day prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date. The notice of withdrawal delivered by any holder must state:

the number of withdrawn shares of Series A Preferred Stock;

if certificated Series A Preferred Stock has been surrendered for conversion, the certificate numbers of the withdrawn shares of Series A Preferred Stock; and

the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, if any, which remain subject to the holder's conversion notice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are held in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company (or DTC) or a similar depository (each, a Depository), the conversion notice and/or the notice of withdrawal, as applicable, must comply with applicable procedures, if any, of the applicable Depository.

Series A Preferred Stock as to which the Change of Control Conversion Right has been properly exercised and for which the conversion notice has not been properly withdrawn will be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration in accordance with the Change of Control Conversion Right on the Change of Control Conversion Date, unless prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, as described above under Redemption Optional Redemption or Redemption Special Optional Redemption, in which case only the shares of Series A Preferred Stock properly surrendered for conversion and not properly withdrawn that are not called for redemption will be converted as aforesaid. If we elect to redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock that would otherwise be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration on a Change of Control Conversion Date, such shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not be so converted and the holders of such shares will be entitled to receive on the applicable redemption date the redemption price described above under Redemption Optional Redemption or Redemption Special Optional Redemption, as applicable.

We will deliver all securities, cash and any other property owing upon conversion no later than the third business day following the Change of Control Conversion Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the persons entitled to receive any shares of our common stock or other securities delivered on conversion will be deemed to have become the holders of record thereof as of the Change of Control Conversion Date.

In connection with the exercise of any Change of Control Conversion Right, we will comply with all federal and state securities laws and stock exchange rules in connection with any conversion of Series A Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock or other property. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Series A Preferred Stock, no holder of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to convert such Series A Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock to the extent that receipt of such common stock would cause such holder (or any other person) to exceed the applicable share ownership limitations contained in our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment, unless we provide an exemption from this limitation to such holder. Please see the section entitled Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer below and Description of Our Capital Stock Restrictions On Ownership and Transfer in the accompanying prospectus.

The Change of Control conversion feature may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us. See Risk Factors You may not be able to exercise conversion rights upon a Change of Control and, if exercisable, the change of control conversion rights described in this prospectus

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supplement may not adequately compensate you and Risk Factors Our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment will contain restrictions upon ownership and transfer of the Series A Preferred Stock, which may impair the ability of holders to convert Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock upon a Change of Control.

Except as provided above in connection with a Change of Control, the Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into or exchangeable for any other securities or property.

## **Voting Rights**

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights, except as set forth below or as otherwise required by law.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly dividend periods, whether or not consecutive, the number of directors constituting our board of directors will be automatically increased by two (if not already increased by two by reason of the election of directors by the holders of any other class or series of our preferred stock we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and with which the Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to vote as a class with respect to the election of those two directors) and the holders of Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors) will be entitled to vote for the election of those two additional directors at a special meeting called by us at the request of the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock or by the holders of any other class or series of preferred stock upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors (unless the request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of shareholders, in which case, such vote will be held at the earlier of the next annual or special meeting of shareholders), and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated on the Series A Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period shall have been fully paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In that case, the right of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to elect any directors will cease and, unless there are other classes or series of our preferred stock upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, any directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall immediately resign and the number of directors constituting the board of directors shall be reduced accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall the total number of directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of such directors) pursuant to these voting rights exceed two.

If a special meeting is not called by us within 30 days after request from the holders of Series A Preferred Stock as described above, then the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock may designate a holder to call the meeting at our expense.

On each matter on which holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, each share of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to one vote, except that when shares of any other class or series of our preferred stock have the right to vote with the Series A Preferred Stock as a single class on any matter, the Series A Preferred Stock and the shares of each such other class or series will have one vote for each \$25.00 of liquidation preference (excluding accumulated dividends).

So long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting together as a class with all series of parity preferred stock that we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), (a) authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up or reclassify any of our authorized capital stock into such

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shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (b) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our articles of incorporation, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Stock (each, an Event); provided, however, with respect to the occurrence of any Event set forth in (b) above, so long as the Series A Preferred Stock remains outstanding with the terms thereof materially unchanged, taking into account that, upon an occurrence of an Event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such Event shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock; provided, further that if an Event set forth in (b) above affects materially and adversely any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Stock but not all of the series of our preferred stock that we may issue upon which similar voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, the vote or consent that is required will be the vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and all such other series so affected; and, provided further, that any increase in the amount of the authorized preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, or the creation or issuance of any additional shares of common stock or Series A Preferred Stock or other series of preferred stock that we may issue, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of such series, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock that we may issue with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

Except as expressly stated in the Series A articles of amendment or as may be required by applicable law, the Series A Preferred Stock will not have any relative, participating, optional or other special voting rights or powers and the consent of the holders thereof shall not be required for the taking of any corporate action.

## **Information Rights**

During any period in which we are not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will use our best efforts to (i) transmit by mail (or other permissible means under the Exchange Act) to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock, as their names and addresses appear on our record books and without cost to such holders, copies of the annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if we were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required) and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holders or prospective holder of Series A Preferred Stock. We will use our best effort to mail (or otherwise provide) the information to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if we were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which we would be required to file such periodic reports if we were a non-accelerated filer within the meaning of the Exchange Act.

## **Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer**

To assist us in qualifying as a REIT, our articles of incorporation and the Series A articles of amendment prohibit anyone from acquiring or holding, beneficially or constructively, ownership of a number of shares of our capital stock in excess of 9.8% of the outstanding shares. For this purpose the term ownership is deemed to include shares constructively owned by a person under the provisions of Section 544 of the Code, as modified in Section 856(h) of the Code, and shares beneficially owned under the provisions of Rule 13d-3 or any successor rule under the Exchange Act.

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The constructive ownership provisions of Section 544 of the Code generally attribute ownership of securities owned by a corporation, partnership, estate or trust proportionately to its shareholders, partners or beneficiaries; attribute ownership of securities owned by family members to other members of the same family; and set forth rules for attributing securities constructively owned by one person to another person. To determine whether a person holds or would hold capital stock in excess of the 9.8% ownership limit, a person will be treated as owning not only shares of capital stock actually owned, but also any shares of capital stock attributed to that person under the attribution rules described above. Accordingly, a person who individually owns less than 9.8% of the shares outstanding may nevertheless be in violation of the 9.8% ownership limit.

Any transfer of shares of Series A Preferred Stock that would cause us to be disqualified as a REIT will be null and void, and the intended transferee (the purported transferee) will acquire no rights to those shares. In addition, no holder of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to convert the Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock upon a Change of Control to the extent that receipt of our common stock would cause the holder to beneficially or constructively own stock exceeding either of the 9.8% ownership thresholds unless we provide an exemption from these ownership limitations to such holder at our sole discretion.

Shares of Series A Preferred Stock which, but for the provisions of Article VI of our articles of incorporation, would be owned by a person or persons acting as a group and would, at any time, be in excess of the 9.8% ownership limit will constitute Excess Shares. At the discretion of our board of directors, all Excess Shares may be redeemed by us. We will provide written notice of redemption to the holder of the Excess Shares not less than one week prior to the redemption date (the Redemption Date) determined by the board of directors and included in the notice of redemption. The redemption price to be paid for Excess Shares will be equal to (a) the closing price of those shares on the principal national securities exchange on which the shares are listed or admitted to trading on the last business day prior to the Redemption Date, or (b) if the shares are not so listed or admitted to trading, the closing bid price on the last business day prior to the Redemption Date as reported on the NASD System, if quoted thereon, or (c) if the redemption price is not determinable in accordance with either clause (a) or (b) of this sentence, the net asset value of the shares determined in good faith by the board of directors and in accordance with the Virginia Stock Corporation Act. From and after the Redemption Date, the holder of any Excess Shares called for redemption shall cease to be entitled to any distributions and other benefits with respect to those shares, except the right to payment of the redemption price.

Our board of directors in its discretion may exempt from the 9.8% ownership limit ownership of designated shares of our capital stock by a person who has provided our board of directors with evidence and assurances acceptable to the board of directors that our qualification as a REIT would not be jeopardized by such ownership. At present, we do not intend to exempt any purchaser of our Series A Preferred Stock from the 9.8% ownership limit.

In addition, any acquisition of shares of our capital stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, that could or would result in the imposition of a penalty tax (a Penalty Tax) on us (including the imposition of an entity-level tax on one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest) or endanger the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest will be null and void to the fullest extent permitted by law, and the intended transferee (the purported transferee) will be deemed never to have had an interest in such shares. In addition, to avoid a Penalty Tax or the endangerment of the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest, we may redeem shares of our capital stock in the same manner as described with respect to Excess Shares.

For further information regarding restrictions on ownership and transfer of the Series A Preferred Stock, please see the section entitled Description of Our Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer in the accompanying prospectus.

### **Preemptive Rights**

No holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will, as holders of Series A Preferred Stock, have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for our common stock or our any other security.

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### **Book-Entry Procedures**

DTC will act as securities depository for the Series A Preferred Stock. We will issue one or more fully registered global securities certificates in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. These certificates will represent the total aggregate number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. We will deposit these certificates with DTC or a custodian appointed by DTC. We will not issue certificates to you for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock that you purchase, unless DTC's services are discontinued as described below.

Title to book-entry interests in the Series A Preferred Stock will pass by book-entry registration of the transfer within the records of DTC in accordance with its procedures. Book-entry interests in the securities may be transferred within DTC in accordance with procedures established for these purposes by DTC. Each person owning a beneficial interest in shares of the Series A Preferred Stock must rely on the procedures of DTC and the participant through which such person owns its interest to exercise its rights as a holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered under the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants ( Direct Participants ) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Direct Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ( Indirect Participants ). The rules applicable to DTC and its Direct and Indirect Participants are on file with the SEC.

When you purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock within the DTC system, the purchase must be by or through a Direct Participant. The Direct Participant will receive a credit for the Series A Preferred Stock on DTC's records. You will be considered to be the beneficial owner of the Series A Preferred Stock. Your beneficial ownership interest will be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records, but DTC will have no knowledge of your individual ownership. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited.

You will not receive written confirmation from DTC of your purchase. The Direct or Indirect Participants through whom you purchased the Series A Preferred Stock should send you written confirmations providing details of your transactions, as well as periodic statements of your holdings. The Direct and Indirect Participants are responsible for keeping an accurate account of the holdings of their customers like you.

Transfers of ownership interests held through Direct and Indirect Participants will be accomplished by entries on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of the beneficial owners.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

We understand that, under DTC's existing practices, in the event that we request any action of the holders, or an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security, such as you, desires to take any action which a holder is entitled to take under our articles of incorporation (including the Series A articles of amendment), DTC would authorize the Direct Participants holding the relevant shares to take such action, and those Direct Participants and

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any Indirect Participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those Direct and Indirect Participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Any redemption notices with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock will be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are being redeemed, DTC will reduce each Direct Participant's holdings of shares of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with its procedures.

In those instances where a vote is required, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. itself will consent or vote with respect to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants whose accounts the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited to on the record date, which are identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock will be made directly to DTC's nominee (or its successor, if applicable). DTC's practice is to credit participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on that payment date.

Payments by Direct and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name. These payments will be the responsibility of the participant and not of DTC, us or any agent of ours.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock at any time by giving reasonable notice to us. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue the book-entry only system of transfers with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock. In that event, we will print and deliver certificates in fully registered form for the Series A Preferred Stock. If DTC notifies us that it is unwilling to continue as securities depository, or it is unable to continue or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days after receiving such notice or becoming aware that DTC is no longer so registered, we will issue the Series A Preferred Stock in definitive form, at our expense, upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, such global security.

According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

## **Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Initial settlement for the Series A Preferred Stock will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading among DTC's Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC's rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the Series A Preferred Stock is Computershare. Its principal business address is 480 Washington Boulevard, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 and its telephone number is (201) 680-4000.



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The following discussion is a supplement to, and is intended to be read together with, the discussion under the heading "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" included in the accompanying prospectus. Terms used in this section but not defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus. You should refer to the discussion in the accompanying prospectus under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" for a discussion of the tax consequences of our election to be taxed as a REIT and the tax consequences to owners of shares of our stock. The following is a summary of certain additional material United States federal income tax considerations relates to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Series A Preferred Stock. This summary is provided on the same basis and subject to the same qualifications as are set forth in the paragraphs under the heading "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus as if those paragraphs were set forth in this prospectus supplement.

*Allocation of Capital Gain Dividends to Holders of Series A Preferred Stock.* If we properly designate any portion of a dividend as a capital gain dividend then, except as otherwise required by law, we presently intend to allocate a portion of the total capital gain dividends paid or made available to holders of all classes of our stock for the year to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock in proportion to the amount that our total dividends, as determined for federal income tax purposes, paid or made available to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock for the year bears to the total dividends, as determined for federal income tax purposes, paid or made available to holders of all classes of our stock for the year.

*Taxation of U.S. Holders on the Redemption of Series A Preferred Stock.* A redemption of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be treated under Section 302 of the Code as a distribution (and taxable as a dividend to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as described under "U.S. Federal Income Considerations - Taxation of Taxable U.S. Holders of Stock" in the accompanying prospectus) unless the redemption satisfies one of the tests set forth in Section 302(b) of the Code and is therefore treated as a sale or exchange of the redeemed shares. A redemption of shares of Series A Preferred Stock generally will be treated as a sale or exchange of the redeemed shares if it:

- is substantially disproportionate with respect to the U.S. holder;
- results in a complete termination of the U.S. holder's stock interest in us; or
- is not essentially equivalent to a dividend with respect to the U.S. holder, all within the meaning of Section 302(b) of the Code.

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

If a redemption of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock is treated as a distribution, the amount of the distribution will be measured by the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received. See "U.S. Federal Income Considerations - Taxation of Taxable U.S. Holders of Stock" in the accompanying prospectus. A U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the redeemed shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will be transferred to the U.S. holder's remaining shares of our stock, if any. If the U.S. holder owns no other shares of our stock, under certain circumstances, such basis may be transferred to a related person or it may be lost entirely.

Recently proposed Treasury Regulations, if enacted in their current form, would affect the basis recovery rules described above. It is not clear whether these proposed regulations will be enacted in their current form or

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at all. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the federal income tax consequences of a redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock.

If a redemption of shares of Series A Preferred Stock is not treated as a distribution, it will be treated as a taxable sale or exchange of the redeemed shares in the manner described under "U.S. Federal Income Considerations - Taxation of Taxable U.S. Holders of Stock - Taxation of U.S. Holders on the Disposition of Stock" in the accompanying prospectus.

*Taxation of U.S. Holders upon the Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock.* Except as provided below, (i) a U.S. holder generally will not recognize gain or loss upon the conversion of Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock, and (ii) a U.S. holder's basis and holding period in our common stock received upon conversion generally will be the same as those of the converted Series A Preferred Stock (but the basis will be reduced by the portion of adjusted tax basis allocated to any fractional share exchanged for cash). Any of our common stock received in a conversion that is attributable to accumulated and unpaid dividends on the converted Series A Preferred Stock will be treated as a distribution that is potentially taxable as a dividend. Cash received upon conversion in lieu of a fractional share generally will be treated as a payment in a taxable exchange for such fractional share, and gain or loss will be recognized on the receipt of cash in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and the adjusted tax basis allocable to the fractional share deemed exchanged. This gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder has held the Series A Preferred Stock for more than one year at the time of conversion. Holders are urged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the federal income tax consequences of any transaction by which such holder exchanges shares received on a conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock for cash or other property.

In addition, if a holder receives the Alternative Form Consideration (in lieu of shares of our common stock) in connection with the conversion of the holder's shares of the Series A Preferred Stock (see "Description of Series A Preferred Stock - Conversion Rights"), the tax treatment of the receipt of any such other consideration depends on the nature of the consideration and the structure of the transaction that gives rise to the Change of Control, and it may be a taxable exchange. U.S. holders converting their shares of Series A Preferred Stock into Alternative Form Consideration should consult their tax advisors regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of any such conversion and of the ownership and disposition of the Alternative Form Consideration received upon any such conversion.

A non-U.S. holder could recognize gain or loss upon the conversion of our Series A Preferred Stock into our common stock, if our Series A Preferred Stock constituted a United States real property interest. See "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations - Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders" in the accompanying prospectus. However, gain would not be recognized if our common shares also constitute a United States real property interest provided certain reporting requirements are satisfied. A holder's basis and holding period in the common stock received upon conversion generally will be the same as those of the converted Series A Preferred Stock (but the basis will be reduced by the portion of adjusted tax basis allocated to any fractional share of common stock exchanged for cash or adjusted to the extent that a non-U.S. holder's disposition of the Series A preferred stock is treated as a disposition of a United States real property interest).

***The following discussion supersedes in its entirety the discussion under the heading "Federal Income Tax Consequences of our Status as a REIT - Recent Developments - The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act" in the accompanying prospectus.***

*Information Reporting and Withholding on Foreign Financial Accounts.* Withholding taxes may apply to certain types of payments made to foreign financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. entities (including payments to U.S. holders who hold Series A Preferred Stock through such a foreign financial institution or non-U.S. entity). A 30% withholding tax is imposed on dividends and interest on, and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, capital stock or debt securities paid to a foreign financial institution or to a foreign non-financial entity, unless (1) the foreign financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting

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obligations or (2) the foreign non-financial entity either certifies it does not have any substantial United States owners or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner. If the payee is a foreign financial institution, it must enter into an agreement with the United States Treasury requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by certain United States persons or United States-owned foreign entities, annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to certain other account holders. Although, these rules currently apply to applicable payments made after December 31, 2012 (other than payments made on debt securities outstanding on March 18, 2012), the IRS has issued Proposed Treasury Regulations providing that the withholding provisions described above will generally apply to payments of dividends or distributions on our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock made on or after January 1, 2014 and to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock on or after January 1, 2015.

The Proposed Treasury Regulations described above will not be effective unless and until they are issued in final form, and as of the date of this prospectus supplement, it is not possible to determine whether the proposed regulations will be finalized in their current form or at all. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding these withholding provisions, including this new IRS guidance.

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J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., and Jefferies & Company, Inc. are acting as joint lead book-runners and representatives of the underwriters of the \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Series A Preferred Stock being offered to the public in this offering. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the underwriting agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the underwriters have agreed, severally, and not jointly, to purchase from us the respective number of Series A Preferred Stock shown opposite their names below:

Underwriter	Number of Shares
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
Barclays Capital Inc.	
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares included in the offering of shares to the public are subject to approval of certain legal matters by counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase and accept delivery of all the shares if they purchase any of the shares offered for sale to the public.

We have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, to cover overallocments within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the shares directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may offer some of the shares to dealers at the public offering price less a concession fee not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may re-allow, a concession not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share on sales to other dealers. After the initial offering of the shares to the public, the representatives may change the public offering price and concessions. The offering of the shares by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to withdraw cancel or modify offers to the public and reject any order in whole or in part.

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering, excluding the underwriting discount, will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of any of those liabilities. For a period of 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, we have agreed that we will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any securities substantially similar to the Series A Preferred Stock, or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or represent rights to receive, shares of the Series A Preferred Stock or securities substantially similar to the Series A Preferred Stock, or file with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to the foregoing, or publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing, or enter into swaps or similar arrangements having similar economic consequences without the prior written consent of the representatives. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to the shares sold in this offering.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of our Series A Preferred Stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of Series A Preferred Stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids for or purchases of shares made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the shares while the offering is in progress.



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Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the shares. They may also cause the price of the Series A Preferred Stock to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

The underwriters have from time to time performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking and commercial banking services for us for which they have received or will receive customary fees and expenses. In addition, we are parties to master repurchase agreements with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., and Jefferies & Company, Inc. and their respective affiliates.

We expect that delivery of the Series A Preferred Stock will be made to investors on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, which will be the fifth business day following the date of this prospectus supplement (such settlement being referred to as T+5 ). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade Series A Preferred Stock prior to August \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Series A Preferred Stock initially settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock who wish to trade the Series A Preferred Stock prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their advisors.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of our Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus supplement and certain legal matters in connection with the offering of the Series A Preferred Stock will be passed on for us by Troutman Sanders LLP, Richmond, Virginia. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by DLA Piper LLP (US), New York, New York.

**EXPERTS**

The financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Exchange Act. You may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC without charge at the public reference room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.W., Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549. Information about the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including Dynex Capital, Inc., that file electronically with the SEC. The public may obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We also make available free of charge on or through our internet website ([www.dynexcapital.com](http://www.dynexcapital.com)) our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and our securities, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus are not necessarily complete and, where that contract is an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the exhibit to which the reference relates.

**INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that we have filed with the SEC. These incorporated documents contain important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and later information filed with the SEC will update and supersede this information.

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We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, until the offering of securities covered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is complete:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2011, filed on March 2, 2012;

the information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 from our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 3, 2012;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2012, filed on May 10, 2012;

Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on January 31, 2012, March 5, 2012, March 7, 2012, May 18, 2012, and June 1, 2012; and

The description of our capital stock included in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act on January 17, 1989, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating that description. You may obtain copies of these documents at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

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**PROSPECTUS**

**\$500,000,000**

**DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.**

**COMMON STOCK**

**PREFERRED STOCK**

**DEBT SECURITIES**

**WARRANTS**

**SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS**

**UNITS**

We intend to offer and sell from time to time the debt and equity securities described in this prospectus:

shares of our common stock;

shares of our preferred stock;

debt securities;

warrants to purchase shares of our common stock or our preferred stock;

rights issuable to our shareholders to purchase shares of our common stock or our preferred stock, to purchase warrants exercisable for shares of our common stock or our preferred stock, or to purchase units consisting of two or more of the foregoing, and

units consisting of two or more of the foregoing.

The total offering price of the securities described in this prospectus will not exceed \$500,000,000 in the aggregate. We will provide the specific terms of any securities we may offer in prospectus supplements to this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before deciding to invest in these securities.

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Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **DX**. We may make any sales of our common stock under this prospectus, if any, on or through the facilities of the New York Stock Exchange, to or through a market maker, or to or through an electronic communications network, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, or in any other manner permitted by law (including, without limitation, privately negotiated transactions). On December 7, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$9.30 per share.

To assist us in qualifying as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes, no person may own more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock, unless our Board of Directors waives this limitation.

We may offer these securities directly, through agents designated by us from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. Our telephone number is (804) 217-5800.

**Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the information referred to under the heading Risk Factors beginning on page 6 of this prospectus for information regarding risks associated with an investment in our securities before you invest.**

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

**The date of this prospectus is December 13, 2011.**

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### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement, portions of which we have omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. If the SEC's rules and regulations require that a contract or document be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the copy of the contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement for a complete description. You should rely only on the information in our prospectus and the documents that are incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not offering these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is prohibited by law. You should not assume that the information in our prospectus or any incorporated document is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

We may sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, any combinations of the securities described in this prospectus. The total dollar amount of the securities sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$500,000,000. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that contains specific information about the terms of the securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

When used in this prospectus, the terms **Dynex**, **company**, **issuer**, **we**, **our**, and **us** refer to Dynex Capital, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise specified.

### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). You may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC without charge at the public reference room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.W., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information about the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including Dynex Capital, Inc., that file electronically with the SEC. The public may obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Our common stock is listed on New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol **DX** and all such reports, proxy statements and other information filed by us with the NYSE may be inspected at the NYSE's offices at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Finally, we maintain an internet website where you can find additional information. The address of our internet website is <http://www.dynexcapital.com>. All internet addresses provided in this prospectus are for informational purposes only and are not intended to be hyperlinks. In addition, the information on our internet website, or any other internet website described herein, is not a part of, and is not incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in, this prospectus or other offering materials.

### **INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC's rules allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of filing.

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those documents. Any reports filed by us with the SEC on or after the date of this prospectus will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have filed the documents listed below with the SEC under the Exchange Act, and these documents are incorporated herein by reference (other than information in such documents that is furnished and not deemed to be filed):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed on March 16, 2011;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011 filed on May 10, 2011, August 5, 2011 and November 9, 2011, respectively;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 17, 2011, March 3, 2011, March 9, 2011, May 17, 2011 and September 9, 2011, as well as our Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on September 9, 2011; and

The description of our capital stock included in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act on January 17, 1989, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating that description. All documents we file pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities to which this prospectus relates (other than information in such documents that is furnished and not deemed to be filed) shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and to be part hereof from the date of filing of those documents. All documents we file pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of the initial registration statement that contains this prospectus and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and to be part hereof from the date of filing those documents.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus (other than the exhibits to such documents which are not specifically incorporated by reference therein); we will provide this information at no cost to the requester upon written or oral request to:

Investor Relations Officer

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain written statements we make in this prospectus, and in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, that are not historical facts constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements are those that predict or describe future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. All statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus addressing our future results of operations and operating performance, events, or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including, but not limited to, statements relating to investment strategies, changes in net interest income growth, investment performance, earnings or earnings per share growth, the future interest rate environment, future capital raising strategies and activities, economic conditions and outlook, expected impact of hedging transactions, and market share, as well as statements expressing optimism or pessimism about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words will, believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, assume, plan, continue, should, may or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which may be based on assumptions and expectations that do not materialize.

We make forward-looking statements in this prospectus, and in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, regarding:

Our business and investment strategy including our ability to generate acceptable risk-adjusted returns;

Our financing and hedging strategy, including our target leverage ratios;

Our investment portfolio composition and target investments;

Our investment portfolio performance, including the fair value, yields and forecasted prepayment speeds of our investment portfolio;

Our liquidity and ability to access financing, and the anticipated availability and cost of financing;

Our use of our tax net operating loss carryforward;

The status of pending litigation, including our intent and ability to settle pending litigation and the proposed terms of such settlement;

The anticipated effect on us of recent accounting pronouncements;

Estimates of future interest expenses related to our derivatives designated as hedging instruments;

Market, industry and economic trends; and

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Interest rates.

While it is not possible to identify all factors, some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from historical results or from any results expressed or implied by forward-looking statements, or that may cause our projections, assumptions, expectations or beliefs to change, include the following:

The risks and uncertainties referenced in this prospectus, or in our other filings with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, particularly those set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" herein and in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011 under Item 1A, "Risk Factors" ;

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Our ability to find suitable reinvestment opportunities;

Changes in economic conditions;

Changes in interest rates and interest rate spreads;

Our investment portfolio performance particularly as it relates to cash flow, prepayment rates and credit performance;

Adverse reactions in financial markets related to the budget deficit or national debt of the United States government; potential or actual default by the United States government on Treasury securities; and potential or actual downgrades to the sovereign credit rating of the United States;

The cost and availability of financing;

The cost and availability of new equity capital;

Changes in our use of leverage;

The quality of performance of third-party servicer providers of our loans and loans underlying our securities;

The level of defaults by borrowers on loans we have securitized;

Our ability to finalize, including obtaining court and class approval, the proposed settlement of litigation filed by Teamsters Local 445 Freight Division Pension Fund;

Changes in our industry;

Increased competition;

Changes in government regulations affecting our business;

Government initiatives to support the United States financial system and United States housing and real estate markets;

Government-sponsored entity reform or other government policies and actions; and



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An ownership shift under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ), that impacts the use of our tax net operating loss carryforward.

These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in the annual, quarterly and current reports that we file with the SEC, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements we make. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. New risks and uncertainties arise over time and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect us. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to, and do not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

We are including this cautionary statement in this prospectus to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in context with the various disclosures made by us about our business in our public filings with the SEC, including without limitation the risk factors described above and those described in Risk Factors beginning on page 4.

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**OUR COMPANY**

We are an internally-managed real estate investment trust, or REIT, which invests in mortgage assets on a leveraged basis. Our objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns to our shareholders over the long term that are reflective of a leveraged, high quality fixed income portfolio with a focus on capital preservation. We seek to provide returns to our shareholders through regular quarterly dividends and through capital appreciation. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **DX**.

We were formed in 1987 and commenced operations in 1988. Beginning with our inception through 2000, our operations largely consisted of originating and securitizing various types of loans, principally single-family and commercial mortgage loans and manufactured housing loans. Since 2000, we have been an investor in Agency and non-Agency mortgage-backed securities ( **MBS** ), and we are no longer originating or securitizing mortgage loans.

Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the excess of the interest income earned on our investments over the cost of financing these investments. Our investment strategy as approved by our Board of Directors is a diversified investment strategy that targets higher credit quality, shorter duration investments in Agency MBS and non-Agency MBS. Investments considered to be of higher credit quality have less or limited exposure to loss of principal while investments which have shorter durations have less exposure to changes in interest rates.

Agency MBS consist of residential MBS ( **RMBS** ) and commercial MBS ( **CMBS** ), which come with a guaranty of payment by the U.S. government or a U.S. government-sponsored entity such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Non-Agency MBS (also consisting of RMBS and CMBS) have no such guaranty of payment. We currently target an overall investment portfolio composition of 50%-70% in Agency MBS with the balance in non-Agency MBS and securitized mortgage loans. Our securitized mortgage loans are loans which were originated and securitized by us during the 1990s.

We finance our investments through a combination of short-term repurchase agreements and non-recourse collateralized financing such as securitization financing and financing provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York under its Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility ( **TALF** financing ). Repurchase agreement financing generally has maturities of 30-90 days and is uncommitted financing. Securitization financing is generally term financing and is repaid from the cash flow received on the securitized mortgage loans. Our TALF financing, which had an initial maturity of three years, is recourse only to the assets which it is funding.

In executing our investment strategy, we seek to balance the various risks of owning mortgage assets, such as interest rate, credit, prepayment, and liquidity risk with the earnings opportunity on the investment. We believe our strategy of investing in Agency and non-Agency mortgage assets provides superior diversification of these risks across our investment portfolio and therefore provides plentiful opportunities to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns while preserving our shareholders' capital.

Our address and telephone number are 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 and (804) 217-5800.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in our securities involves various risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described below and under the heading "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of our securities. Please see "Where You Can Find More Information" above.*

**Risks Related to our Common Stock**

**The market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile.**

The market price of our common stock may become highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations. In addition, trading volume in our common stock may fluctuate and cause significant price variations to occur. Some of the factors that could result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our common stock include, among other things: actual or anticipated changes in our current or future financial performance; changes in market interest rates and general market and economic conditions. We cannot assure you that the market price of our common stock will not fluctuate or decline significantly.

**We have not established a minimum dividend payment level for our common shareholders and there are no assurances of our ability to pay dividends to them in the future.**

We intend to pay dividends and to make distributions to our common shareholders in amounts such that all or substantially all of our taxable income in each year, subject to certain adjustments including adjustments for tax loss carryforwards, is distributed. This, along with other factors, should enable us to qualify for the tax benefits accorded to a REIT under the Code. We have not established a minimum dividend payment level for our common shareholders. Further, our ability to pay dividends may be harmed by the risk factors described herein and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for the periods ended June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011. All distributions to our common shareholders will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, maintenance of our REIT status and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. There are no assurances of our ability to pay dividends in the future.

**Future offerings of debt securities, which would rank senior to our common stock upon our liquidation, and future offerings of equity securities, which would dilute our existing shareholders and may be senior to our common stock for the purposes of dividend and liquidating distributions, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.**

In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by making offerings of debt or additional offerings of equity securities, including commercial paper, medium-term notes, senior or subordinated notes and classes of preferred stock or common stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and lenders with respect to our other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock.

In addition, upon liquidation, holders of shares of our preferred stock will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings may dilute the holdings of our existing shareholders or reduce the market price of our common stock, or both. Moreover, any future issuance of preferred stock by us may have a preference on liquidating distributions and on dividend payments that could limit our ability to make a dividend distribution to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, holders of our common stock bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our common stock and diluting their stock holdings in us.

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**Future sales of our common stock could have an adverse effect on our stock price.**

We cannot predict the effect, if any, of future sales of common stock, or the availability of shares for future sales, on the market price of our common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of common stock, or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.

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Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of these securities for general corporate purposes.

**RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED****FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

The following table sets forth the historical ratios of income from continuing operations (before fixed charges) to (i) fixed charges and (ii) combined fixed charges and our preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated.

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>September 30, 2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.46x	3.05x	2.03x	2.09x	1.46x	1.15x
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	2.46x	2.52x	1.60x	1.73x	1.22x	1.04x

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**DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK**

*The following is a description of the material terms of our capital stock. Because it is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a complete description, please refer to the Virginia Stock Corporation Act and our articles of incorporation and bylaws. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).*

**General**

Our articles of incorporation currently authorize a total of 150,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

As of December 5, 2011, we had issued and outstanding 40,382,435 shares of common stock and zero shares of preferred stock. Under the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, shareholders generally are not liable for the corporation's debts or obligations.

**Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer**

Two of the requirements of qualification for the tax benefits accorded by the REIT provisions of the Code are that (1) during the last half of each taxable year not more than 50% in value of the outstanding shares may be owned directly or indirectly by five or fewer individuals, and (2) there must be at least 100 stockholders on 335 days of each taxable year of 12 months.

To assist us in meeting these requirements and qualifying as a REIT, our articles of incorporation prohibit anyone from owning in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock (the **Ownership Limit**). For this purpose, ownership includes constructive ownership in accordance with the constructive ownership provisions of Section 544 of the Code, as modified in Section 856(h) of the Code, as well as shares beneficially owned under the provisions of Rule 13d-3 (or any successor rule) under the Exchange Act.

The constructive ownership provisions of Section 544 of the Code generally attribute ownership of securities owned by a corporation, partnership, estate or trust proportionately to its shareholders, partners or beneficiaries; attribute ownership of securities owned by family members to other members of the same family; and set forth rules for attributing securities constructively owned by one person to another person. To determine whether a person holds or would hold capital stock in excess of the Ownership Limit, a person will be treated as owning not only shares of capital stock actually owned, but also any shares of capital stock attributed to that person under the attribution rules described above. Accordingly, a person who individually owns less than 9.8% of the shares outstanding may nevertheless be in violation of the Ownership Limit.

Any acquisition of shares of capital stock that could or would (i) cause us to be disqualified as a REIT, (ii) result in the imposition of a penalty tax (a **Penalty Tax**) on us (including the imposition of an entity-level tax on one or more real estate mortgage investment conduits (**REMICs**) in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest) or (iii) endanger the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest will be null and void to the fullest extent permitted by law, and the intended transferee (the **purported transferee**) will be deemed never to have had an interest in such shares. If the prior sentence is held void or invalid by virtue of any legal decision, statute, rule or regulation, then the purported transferee of those shares shall be deemed, at our option, to have acted as agent on our behalf in acquiring those shares and to hold those shares on behalf of us.

Shares which, but for the provisions of Article VI of our articles of incorporation, would be owned by a person or persons acting as a group and would, at any time, be in excess of the Ownership Limit will be **Excess**

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Shares. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, all Excess Shares may be redeemed by us. We will provide written notice of redemption to the holder of the Excess Shares not less than one week prior to the redemption date (the Redemption Date ) determined by the Board of Directors and included in the notice of redemption. The redemption price to be paid for Excess Shares will be equal to (a) the closing price of those shares on the principal national securities exchange on which the shares are listed or admitted to trading on the last business day prior to the Redemption Date, or (b) if the shares are not so listed or admitted to trading, the closing bid price on the last business day prior to the Redemption Date as reported on the NASD System, if quoted thereon, or (c) if the redemption price is not determinable in accordance with either clause (a) or (b) of this sentence, the net asset value of the shares determined in good faith by the Board of Directors and in accordance with the Virginia Stock Corporation Act. From and after the Redemption Date, the holder of any shares of our capital stock called for redemption shall cease to be entitled to any distributions and other benefits with respect to those shares, except the right to payment of the redemption price.

In addition, to avoid a Penalty Tax or the endangerment of the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest, we may redeem shares of our capital stock in the manner described in the foregoing paragraph.

Whenever our Board of Directors deems it to be prudent in protecting our tax status, the Board of Directors may require to be filed with us a statement or affidavit from each proposed transferee of shares of our capital stock setting forth the number of such shares already owned by the transferee and any related person(s). Any contract for the sale or other transfer of shares of our capital stock will be subject to this provision. Prior to any transfer or transaction which would cause a shareholder to own, directly or indirectly, shares in excess of the Ownership Limit, and in any event upon demand of our Board of Directors, such shareholder must file with us an affidavit setting forth the number of shares of our capital stock of the Corporation owned by it directly or indirectly, including both constructive and beneficial ownership. The affidavit must set forth all information required to be reported in returns filed by shareholders under Treasury Regulation § 1.857-9 issued under the Code or similar provisions of any successor regulation, and in reports to be filed under Section 13(d), or any successor rule thereto, of the Exchange Act. The affidavit must be filed with us within ten days after demand therefor and at least fifteen days prior to any transfer or transaction which, if consummated, would cause the filing person to hold a number of shares of our capital stock in excess of the Ownership Limit. The Board of Directors has the right, but is not required, to refuse to transfer any shares of our capital stock purportedly transferred other than in compliance with this paragraph.

In addition, whenever our Board of Directors deems it to be prudent in avoiding (i) the imposition of a Penalty Tax on us or (ii) the endangerment of the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest, the Board of Directors may require to be filed with us a statement or affidavit from any holder or proposed transferee of our capital stock stating whether the holder or proposed transferee is a tax-exempt organization or a pass-through entity. Any contract for the sale or other transfer of shares of our capital stock of the Corporation will be subject to this provision. The Board of Directors has the right, but is not required, to refuse to transfer any shares of our capital stock purportedly transferred, if either (a) a statement or affidavit requested as described in this paragraph has not been received, or (b) the proposed transferee is a tax-exempt organization or pass-through entity.

Our Board of Directors may take any and all other action as it in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable to protect us and the interests of our shareholders by (i) maintaining our eligibility to be, and preserving our status as, a REIT, (ii) avoiding the imposition of a Penalty Tax and (iii) avoiding the endangerment of the tax status of one or more REMICs in which we have acquired or plan to acquire an interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in our articles of incorporation may preclude settlement of any transaction entered into or through the facilities of New York Stock Exchange or any other exchange on which our common shares may be listed from time to time.

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The Board of Directors in its discretion may exempt from the Ownership Limit and from the affidavit filing requirements described above ownership or transfers of certain designated shares of our capital stock while owned by or transferred to a person who has provided the Board of Directors with acceptable evidence and assurances that our REIT status would not be jeopardized thereby.

The provisions described above may inhibit market activity, and may delay, defer or prevent a change in control or other transaction and the resulting opportunity for the holders of our capital stock to receive a premium for their shares that might otherwise exist in the absence of such provisions. Such provisions also may make us an unsuitable investment vehicle for any person seeking to obtain ownership of more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services. The transfer agent and registrar for any other class or series of stock that we may issue will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.



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**DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON STOCK**

The following description of our common stock sets forth certain general terms and provisions of our common stock to which any prospectus supplement may relate, including a prospectus supplement providing that common stock will be issuable upon conversion or exchange of our debt securities or preferred stock or upon the exercise of warrants to purchase our common stock.

All shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus will be duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable. Subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of stock and to the provisions of the articles of incorporation regarding the restrictions on transfer of stock, holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends on such stock when, as and if authorized by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor and declared by us and to share ratably in the assets of our comp