## American Realty Capital Properties to Acquire American Realty Capital Trust IV

Total Transaction Valued at \$3.0 Billion









## ARCP Continues Deliberate Growth Strategy

Pro Forma Enterprise Value Approximately \$10 Billion

AFFO Earnings Guidance Range for 2014 \$1.14 to \$1.18 per Share

Greater Scale Delivers Superior Portfolio Diversification Combined Portfolio 2,709 Properties, 57 Million Square Feet

Note: Portfolio information presented on a pro forma basis includes acquisitions as of September 30, 2013, as well as additional acquisitions resulting from the CapLease merger, ARCT IV merger and previously announced organic acquisitions to be completed in fiscal year 2013.

#### Additional Information about the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed transaction, American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. ("ARCP") expects to prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 and American Realty Capital Trust IV, Inc. ("ARCT IV") expects to prepare and file with the SEC a proxy statement and other documents with respect to ARCP's proposed acquisition of ARCT IV. STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND REGISTRATION STATEMENT (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the proxy statement and other relevant documents filed by ARCP and ARCT IV with the SEC (if and when they become available) through the website maintained by the SEC at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. Copies of the documents filed by ARCP and ARCT IV with the SEC are also available free of charge on ARCP's website at <a href="www.arcpreit.com">www.arcpreit.com</a>, and copies of the documents filed by ARCT IV with the SEC are available free of charge on ARCT IV's website at <a href="www.arct-4.com">www.arct-4.com</a>.

ARCP, ARCT IV and AR Capital, LLC and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from ARCT IV's stockholders in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding ARCP's directors and executive officers can be found in ARCP's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 30, 2013. Information regarding ARCT IV's directors and executive officers can be found in the ARCT IV's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 30, 2013. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the joint proxy statement and other relevant documents filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction if and when they become available. These documents are available free of charge on the SEC's website and from ARCP and ARCT IV, as applicable, using the sources indicated above.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Information set forth herein contains "forward-looking statements" (as defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), which reflect ARCP's and ARCT IV's expectations regarding future events. The forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, whether and when the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be consummated, the new combined company's plans, market and other expectations, objectives, intentions and other statements that are not historical facts.

The following additional factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the inability to complete the proposed merger due to the failure to obtain stockholder approval for the merger and related proxy proposals or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the merger; unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities that may arise from the transaction, whether or not consummated; the inability to retain key personnel; continuation or deterioration of current market conditions; future regulatory or legislative actions that could adversely affect the companies; the business plans of the tenants of the respective parties; the outcome of any legal proceedings relating to the merger or the merger agreement; and risks to consummation of the merger, including the risk that the merger will not be consummated within the expected time period or at all. Additional factors that may affect future results are contained in ARCP's and ARCT IV's filings with the SEC, which are available at the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. ARCP and ARCT IV disclaim any obligation to update and revise statements contained in these materials based on new information or otherwise.

## **Summary of Material Merger Terms**

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Consideration:	Total Nominal Consideration is \$30.43, paid as follows:				
	Cash: \$9.00, equates to 30% of the total nominal consideration				
	ARCP Common Stock: 0.5190 of ARCP common stock, which equates to 22% of the total nominal consideration <sup>(1)</sup>				
	<ul> <li>\$0.94 per share annualized dividend, currently yielding 7.2% based on market close on October 4, 2013, payable monthly</li> <li>Receiving ARCP currency at an attractive valuation relative to its peer group</li> <li>Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ</li> <li>Full liquidity; no lock-up</li> </ul>				
	ARCP Preferred Stock: 0.5937 shares of new preferred stock of ARCP with a liquidation preference of \$25.00, which equates to 48% of the total nominal consideration <sup>(1)</sup>				
	<ul> <li>\$1.675 per share annualized dividend or 6.7% fixed annualized coupon, payable monthly</li> <li>Senior to common stock</li> <li>Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ</li> <li>Full liquidity; no lock-up</li> </ul>				
Financial Impact:	• Common Dividend: ARCP common dividend increases \$0.03 from \$0.91 to \$0.94 per share upon the earlier to close of ARCT IV and CapLease, Inc. ("LSE")				
	• <b>Preferred Dividend:</b> ARCP annualized preferred dividend of 6.7% (senior to common dividend)				
	• Liquidity: Immediate full liquidity for ARCT IV stockholder (no lock-up)				
	Operating Costs: Reduced G&A costs				
	Trading Benefits: Eliminates current overhang on ARCP common stock				
Timing:	<ul> <li>Stockholder Vote: Majority approval of ARCT IV stockholders required; no vote required for ARCP stockholders</li> </ul>				
	• Closing: Expected within 60 to 90 days (Q4), subject to SEC review				
(1) Based on ARCP stock price of \$12.70 at market close on October 4, 2013. Fixed per share exchange ratio of 0.5190 for ARCP common stock and 0.5937 for a notional amount of ARCP					

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## **Summary of Material Merger Terms**

#### **Greater cash component | Freely tradable securities mix**

#### **Revised Consideration**

		Exchange	Implied Nominal Per
Consideration Type	Referenced Value	Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	Share Allocated Value <sup>(1)</sup>
30% Cash	N/A	N/A	\$9.00
22% Common Stock(1)	$$12.70^{(1)}$	0.5190	\$6.59
48% Preferred Stock(1)	\$25.00(1)	0.5937	\$14.84
			\$30.43

#### **Original Consideration**

		Exchange	Implied Nominal Per
Consideration Type	Referenced Value	Ratio	<b>Share Allocated Value</b>
25% Cash	N/A	N/A	\$7.50
75% Common Stock(2)	\$14.94	$1.5375^{(3)}$	\$22.97
		_	\$30.47

Liquidity	Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ
Lock-Up	None
ARCP Preferred Par Value	Liquidation preference of \$25.00; not callable for 5 years
ARCT IV Stockholder Election	No; stockholders will receive a combination of cash, common stock and preferred stock
ARCT IV Proxy/Vote	Yes
ARCP Proxy/Vote	No

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<sup>(2)</sup> Subject to floor of \$30.62.

<sup>(3)</sup> Based on original exchange ratio of 2.05 multiplied by 75% allocation.

## **Comparison of Transaction Terms**

	Original Deal	Revised Deal	
Total Nominal Consideration (Blended)	\$30.47 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$30.43	
Cash Consideration	Up to 25%	30%	
Implied Cash Consideration	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Form of Consideration	Up to 25% cash at \$30.00 and at least 75% ARCP common stock valued at no less than \$30.62	\$9.00 in cash (\$30.00 x 30%) \$6.59 common stock (0.5190 <sup>(2)</sup> x \$12.70 <sup>(2)</sup> ) \$14.84 preferred stock (0.5937 <sup>(2)</sup> x \$25.00 liquidation preference)	
<b>Stockholder Election</b>	Yes; cash or stock	No; see consideration type above	
Annualized Dividend Amount Based on Shares Exchanged Excluding Cash Portion <sup>(3)</sup>	Dividend \$0.94 Exchange Ratio 2.05 \$1.93	Common Preferred   Total     Dividend   \$0.94   \$1.68     Exchange Ratio <sup>(2)</sup>   0.5190   0.5937     \$0.49   \$0.99   \$1.48     70%     \$2.12	
ARCP Proxy	Yes	No	
Price Floor	Yes	No; fixed exchange ratio	

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 25% cash and 75% stock.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on ARCP stock price of \$12.70 at market close on October 4, 2013. Fixed per share exchange ratio of 0.5190 for ARCP common stock and 0.5937 for ARCP preferred stock.

<sup>(3)</sup> Assumes 100% consideration in securities for comparative purposes.

#### **ARCT IV Stockholder Benefits**

- **Substantial Share Premium**: 22% premium to original offering price on a nominal basis<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Greater cash component and a freely tradable securities mix
- Cash Consideration: 30% cash consideration of \$30.00 (equates to \$9.00 per share) to ARCT IV stockholders; an increase from original 25% cash consideration
- **Dividend Increase**: A combination of ARCP common stock and ARCP preferred stock annualized dividend payment of \$1.48, payable monthly. Excluding cash portion, annualized dividend increases by \$0.47 per share from \$1.65 to \$2.12<sup>(2)</sup>, or 28%.
- **Liquidity**: Immediate liquidity for ARCT IV stockholders (no lock-up)
- **Greater Deal Certainty**: No vote required for ARCP stockholders allows greater deal certainty for ARCT IV stockholders
- Valuation: Receiving ARCP currency at an attractive valuation relative to its peer group
- **Stronger Enterprise**: ARCT IV becomes part of a larger, more diversified portfolio in a liquid investment with a leading publicly traded net lease REIT
- Operating Costs: Reduced G&A costs for ARCT IV stockholders



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## **ARCP Preferred Equity Terms**

<b>Preferred Equity Type</b>	"Perpetual Preferred"	
Liquidity	Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ	
Coupon per Annum	Fixed annualized 6.70%, payable monthly	
Options	"No Call" for 5 years from closing, thereafter "Callable" by ARCP at "Par Value" of \$25.00	
Priority	Senior to common stock; pari passu with existing preferred securities	
Conversion	"Non-Convertible"	

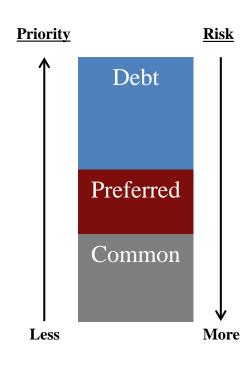
#### **Definitions:**

Perpetual Preferred	No maturity date; will receive dividends indefinitely		
No Call	ARCP cannot repurchase the preferred securities from stockholders for 5		
No Call	years		
Callable	After 5 years, ARCP has the right to repurchase the preferred shares at par		
Par Value	The specified price at which ARCP can repurchase the preferred shares		
Non-Convertible	The preferred shares cannot be converted into ARCP common stock		

#### Common Stock vs. Preferred Stock

Lock-Up
<b>Exposure to</b>
<b>Market Volatility</b>
<b>Potential for</b>
Growth
Reliability of
<b>Investment Income</b>
<b>Price Volatility</b>
<b>Annualized Yield</b>
Liquidity

ARCP Preferred Stock	ARCP Common Stock
No	No
Less	More
Less	More
More	Less
Less	More
6.7%	7.2%(1)
Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ	Registered, freely tradable and listed on NASDAQ



ARCT IV stockholders will be receiving a combination of 30% cash, 22% ARCP common stock and 48% ARCP preferred stock<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Based on ARCP stock price of \$12.70 at market close on October 4, 2013. Fixed per share exchange ratio of 0.5190 for ARCP common stock and 0.5937 for ARCP preferred stock.

#### **ARCP Overview**

- Unique Strategy: Unlike any competitor, ARCP acquires both long-duration and mid-duration leases
- **Stable Income Plus Growth:** ARCP offers a well-diversified net lease portfolio with high credit quality tenants, long-weighted and mid-weighted average lease terms and growth potential
- **Significant Size and Scale:** 2<sup>nd</sup> largest listed net lease REIT with an enterprise value of over \$10 billion
  - Access to public capital markets and numerous index inclusions to support growth
  - Able to lower cost of capital with an expected investment grade rating
  - Larger REITs tend to deliver stronger performance, trade at better multiples
- **Financial Flexibility:** Low borrowing costs, significant liquidity to fund accretive growth and well-laddered debt maturities
- Materially Lower Operating Costs: ARCP has a more efficient cost structure, having eliminated acquisition and financing fees, reduced management fees and benefiting from economies of scale
- **Expert Management Team:** Experienced, expert management team that assembled and managed the real estate portfolio<sup>(1)</sup>



<sup>(1)</sup> Portfolio information presented on a pro forma basis includes acquisitions as of September 30, 2013, as well as additional acquisitions resulting from the CapLease merger, ARCT IV merger and previously announced organic acquisitions to be completed in fiscal year 2013.

## **Notable Recent ARCP Activity**

Event	Date	Pro Forma Property Portfolio	nterprise Value <sup>(1)</sup> (\$M)
New Year's Day 2013	01/01/13	148	\$ 309
ARCT III Merger	02/28/13	692	\$ 3,000
LSE Merger (anticipated to close in October'13)	05/28/13	793(2)	\$ 6,000
MSCI RMZ Inclusion	05/31/13	793(2)	\$ 6,000
GE Portfolio Acquisition	05/31/13	1,240(2)	\$ 6,000
ARCT IV Merger (anticipated to close in Q4'13)	(As amended on 10/07/2013)	2,709(3)	\$ 10,000

## ARCP has utilized its low cost of capital to thoughtfully and deliberately increase its scale, diversify its portfolio and grow projected AFFO per share

(1) Approximation



<sup>(2)</sup> Pro forma basis at the time of the announced transaction on July 2, 2013 (Amended 10/6/13).

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#### **ARCP Stockholder Benefits**

- **AFFO Accretion**: Based on 2014E AFFO guidance of \$1.14 to \$1.18
- **Dividend Increase**: Annualized dividend increases from \$0.91 to \$0.94 per share
  - AFFO payout ratio decreases to 80%
- **Increased Size:** At year end 2013, ARCP will have an enterprise value of over \$10 billion
  - ARCP will compare favorably to the largest and most seasoned listed net lease companies
- **Diversification Improves:** Portfolio diversification increases by every relevant metric
- **Income Stability Maintained:** ARCP's income stability maintained:
  - Top 10 Tenant concentration improves to approximately 28%
  - 51% of pro forma annualized rents come from investment grade tenants
- **G&A Synergies:** Approximately \$8 million saved through reduction in management fees (75 bps at ARCT IV compared to 40 bps at ARCP)



#### 7<sup>th</sup> Increase in ARCP's Annualized Dividend(1)





## While distributions continue to increase, AFFO payout ratio to 80%, providing additional room for future dividend growth

- (1) Effective with the earlier to close of the proposed transaction and ARCP's merger with LSE.
- (2) Dividends based on dividend rate at the end of each period.



#### **Pro Forma ARCP Top 10 Tenant Concentration of 28%**

Tenant	% of NOI	Rating <sup>(1)</sup>
Dollar General	4.5%	BBB-
Citizens Bank	3.7%	A
FedEx Ground	3.3%	BBB
Aon Corporation	2.8%	BBB+
AT&T	2.7%	A-
Walgreen Co.	2.6%	BBB
GSA	2.5%	AA+
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	2.5%	BB-
CVS Caremark	2.2%	BBB+
Family Dollar	1.5%	BBB-
	28.3%	91.2%

### **Top 10 Tenants = 91% Investment Grade**

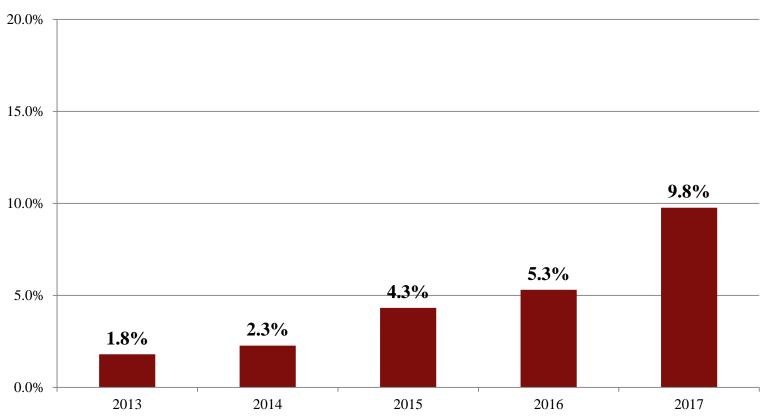
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<sup>(1)</sup> Includes investment grade tenants affiliated with investment grade entities as determined by a major independent rating agency. For purposes of this presentation, we have attributed the ratings of the affiliated parent company to the tenant.



## Only 8.4% Lease Maturities in the Next 3 Years





#### Near term lease roll-over limited to 23.4% through 2017

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(1) Based on percentage of GAAP Rent.



### **ARCP's Proven Management Team**

Demonstrated value creation, deep knowledge of the portfolio and superior public company and capital markets experience with over \$15 billion of real estate acquisitions in the last decade



Nicholas S. Schorsch Chairman & CEO

- CEO of ARCP's manager (ARC Properties Advisors)
- Former Chairman & CEO of ARCT (NASDAQ: ARCT) (acquired by Realty Income in January 2013)
- Former CEO of American Financial Realty Trust (NYSE: AFR)
- Two-Time Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year



Michael Weil President

- President of ARCP's manager (ARC Properties Advisors)
- CEO of Realty Capital Securities, LLC
- Former Senior VP, Sales & Leasing of American
   Financial Realty Trust (NYSE: AFR)



**Brian D. Jones**Chief Operating Officer

- Former Chief Financial Officer, ARCT
- Previously real estate investment banker at Robert W. Baird, Morgan Stanley, UBS and PaineWebber
- Previously real estate tax manager Coopers & Lybrand



**Brian S. Block**Chief Financial Officer

- Chief Financial Officer of ARCP's manager (ARC Properties Advisors)
- Former Chief Financial Officer, ARCT
- Former Chief Accounting Officer, American Financial Realty Trust (NYSE: AFR)
- Former public accounting experience (Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen)

#### Supported by a team of over 100 professionals

Asset Management **Property Management** 

Accounting

Legal

Human Resources Capital Markets

**Originations** 

Underwriting

Due Diligence

**Financing** 

**Investor Relations** 



# **American Realty Capital Properties to Become Self-Managed**

ARCP announced that its board of directors determined that it's in the best interests of ARCP and its stockholders to become self-managed following the pending closings of the previously announced acquisitions.

Due to the rapid growth of ARCP's asset and revenue base over the past year through a mix of individual property acquisitions and strategic portfolio and corporate purchases, ARCP believes that once the proposed acquisitions are completed, it will have achieved a size where costs related to a self-administered structure will be lower than those attributable to an externally advised arrangement, thereby ensuring that these annual costs remain among the lowest in its peer group.

ARCP will have a dedicated team of senior professionals entirely accountable to ARCP and whose compensation is expected to be linked in large part to the performance of ARCP.



## **Unique Investment Strategy**

<b>Investment Characteristics</b>	<b>Long Term Leases</b>	"Vintage" Leases
Single Tenant, Net Lease Corporate, Investment Grade Tenant		<b>√</b>
Focus	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Main & Main/Essential Locations	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
High Occupancy	<b>V</b> ,	
High Credit Quality	<b>√</b>	<b></b>
Market Rents	At Market	Below Market
Replacement Cost	At	Below
Lease Terms	Over 10 Years	Below 10 Years
Current Income	Stable	High
Lease Rollover Maturity	Low	Moderate
Rent Growth	Contractual	Strong Growth Potential

- Combine high credit quality tenants offering stable income plus growth
- Extract growth
   potential from
   renewal/releasing
   below market leases
- Target acquisition mix of 70% longduration and 30% mid-duration leases
  - Maintain blended lease duration of 10 to 12 years

Strong Credit Quality Tenants and National Brands, Stable Income, Outsized Growth Potential



### Acquisition Capabilities; 50 Dedicated Professionals

- Deal Sourcing
- Real Estate, Financial and Credit Risk Analysis
- Property Underwriting
- Capital Markets Advise and Access
- Legal Due Diligence, Documentation, Closing
- Transaction Management



#### Consistent & Efficient Sourcing, Underwriting, Financing and Closing

Note: Includes services provided to ARCP by ARC entities



# **Asset and Property Management Team Capabilities: 32 Dedicated Professionals**

#### **Asset Management**

- 19 Team Members
- Leasing, Dispositions and Lease Modifications
- Property Projections and Portfolio Valuations
- Tenant Relationships
- Insurance, Tax and Title Management

#### **Property Management**

- 13 Team Members
- Operating and Cost Budgeting
- Property Inspections and Repairs
- Lease Administration and Property Recordkeeping
- Manage day-to-day individual property requirements

Drive exemplary asset performance through leasing and disposition activities



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# ARCP's Management Structure Brings Significant Benefits to Stockholders

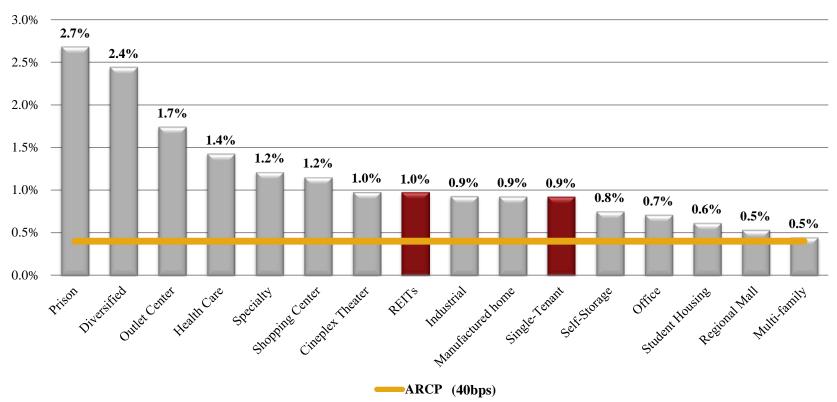
- Largest U.S. buyer of net lease real estate
- Vertically integrated team of 100 real estate professionals
- Efficient operational, legal and administrative support
- Strong, consistent track record in net lease space
- Lower fees and expenses
- Performance based management compensation

Scale, Experience and Expertise Generate Better Execution at Lower Cost



## Among the Lowest G&A Expenses in the REIT Industry





ARCP's G&A is less than half of the REIT industry average



Source: SNL Financial

### **Combined Company Offers Stockholders Significant Benefits**

- **Favorable Cost of Capital:** Near all-time low interest rates provide favorable acquisition environment
- Liquidity and Access to Capital: Increases enterprise value and provides immediate common stock liquidity, access to capital and financial flexibility
- Quality of Income: Maintains focus on income quality: well-located properties tenanted by corporate credits and strong operators
- **Portfolio Diversification/Earnings Stability:** Increases portfolio diversification substantially, providing greater earnings stability
- Focus on Essential Goods and Services: Enhances exposure to target industries, focus on essential consumer goods and services
- **Increased Scale:** Increases portfolio scale, creating greater acquisition flexibility
- Extension of Investment Strategy: Single tenant properties in "Main & Main" locations

Merger reaffirms investment strategy, creates earnings accretion and outsized growth opportunities, preserves capital investment and provides greater portfolio diversification



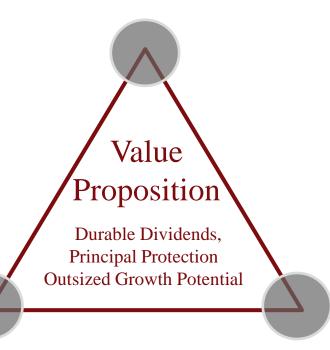
## **ARCP Offers a Compelling Value Proposition**

#### **Best-In-Class Portfolio**

- High quality properties, 'Main & Main' locations, strong tenant roster and brand identity
- Stable income with outsized growth potential
- Diversified by tenant, industry and geography

# **Experienced Senior Management**

- Experience in managing public companies with combined enterprise value over \$20 billion
- Constructed ARCP, ARCT III and ARCT IV from scratch



## Strong, Flexible Balance Sheet

- Low leverage
- Low cost capital
- Financial capacity
- Financial flexibility



#### **Funds from Operations and Adjusted Funds from Operations**

ARCP and ARCT IV consider funds from operations ("FFO") and AFFO, which is FFO as adjusted to exclude acquisition-related fees and expenses, amortization of above-market lease assets and liabilities, amortization of deferred financing costs, straight-line rent, non-cash mark-to-market adjustments, amortization of restricted stock, non-cash compensation and gains and losses useful indicators of the performance of a real estate investment trust ("REIT"). Because FFO calculations exclude such factors as depreciation and amortization of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets (which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful-life estimates), they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs in our peer group. Accounting for real estate assets in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves.

FFO and AFFO are not in accordance with, or a substitute for, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, FFO and AFFO are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. Non-GAAP measures, such as FFO and AFFO, have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with ARCP's and ARCT IV's results of operations that would be reflected in measures determined in accordance with GAAP. These measures should only be used to evaluate ARCP's and ARCT IV's performance in conjunction with corresponding GAAP measures.

Additionally, ARCP and ARCT IV believe that AFFO, by excluding acquisition-related fees and expenses, amortization of above-market lease assets and liabilities, amortization of deferred financing costs, straight-line rent, non-cash mark-to-market adjustments, amortization of restricted stock, non-cash compensation and gains and losses, provides information consistent with management's analysis of the operating performance of the properties. By providing AFFO, ARCP and ARCT IV believe it is presenting useful information that assists investors and analysts to better assess the sustainability of our operating performance. Further, ARCP and ARCT IV believe AFFO is useful in comparing the sustainability of their operating performance with the sustainability of the operating performance of other real estate companies, including exchange-traded and non-traded REITs.

As a result, ARCP and ARCT IV believe that the use of FFO and AFFO, together with the required GAAP presentations, provide a more complete understanding of our performance relative to our peers and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing and investing activities.

