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#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

OR

#### • TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Commission File Number: <u>1-13610</u> PMC COMMERCIAL TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

#### 17950 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, TX 75252

(Address of principal executive offices) (Registrant s telephone number) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

#### **Title of Each Class**

Common shares of beneficial interest, \$.01 par value

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act). YES o NO þ

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. YES o NO b

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES b NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES o NO o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

#### Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

NYSE Amex

(972) 349-3200

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). YES o NO þ

The aggregate market value of common shares held by non-affiliates of the Registrant, based upon the closing sale price of the Common Shares of Beneficial Interest on June 30, 2010 as reported on the NYSE Amex, was approximately \$81 million. Common Shares of Beneficial Interest held by each officer and trust manager and by each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding Common Shares of Beneficial Interest have been excluded because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of March 3, 2011, the Registrant had outstanding 10,559,554 Common Shares of Beneficial Interest.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

Portions of the Registrant s Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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

This Form 10-K contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations, including plans and objectives relating to future growth of our loans receivable and availability of funds. Such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will. expect. intend. estimate, or continue, or the negative thereof or other variations or similar words or believe. anticipate, phrases. The forward-looking statements included herein are based on current expectations that involve numerous risks and uncertainties identified in this Form 10-K, including, without limitation, the risks identified under the caption Item 1A. Risk Factors. Assumptions relating to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive and market conditions and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond our control. Although we believe that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Form 10-K will prove to be accurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included herein, the inclusion of such information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that our objectives and plans will be achieved. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We do not undertake to update them to reflect changes that occur after the date they are made, except to the extent required by applicable securities laws.

#### PART I

# Item 1. BUSINESS INTRODUCTION

PMC Commercial Trust (PMC Commercial and together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the Company, our or was is a real estate investment trust (REIT) organized in 1993 that primarily originates loans to small businesses collateralized by first liens on the real estate of the related business. As a REIT, we seek to maximize shareholder value through long-term growth in dividends paid to our shareholders. We must distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income to shareholders to maintain our REIT status. See Tax Status. Our common shares are traded on the NYSE Amex under the symbol PCC.

We generate revenue primarily from the yield and other fees earned on our investments. Our loans are predominantly (94% at December 31, 2010) to borrowers in the hospitality industry. Our operations are located in Dallas, Texas and historically have included originating, servicing and selling commercial loans. During the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, our total revenues were approximately \$15.5 million and \$16.3 million, respectively, and our net income was approximately \$4.3 million and \$6.8 million, respectively. See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

We originate loans through PMC Commercial and its wholly-owned lending subsidiaries: First Western SBLC, Inc. (First Western), PMC Investment Corporation (PMCIC) and Western Financial Capital Corporation (Western Financial). First Western is licensed as a small business lending company (SBLC) that originates loans through the Small Business Administration s (SBA) 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program (SBA 7(a)). PMCIC and Western Financial are small business investment companies (SBICs).

First Western is a national Preferred Lender, as designated by the SBA, and originates, sells and services small business loans. As a non-bank SBA 7(a) program lender, First Western is able to originate loans on which a substantial portion of the loan (generally 75% to 85%) is guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the SBA. Due to the existence of the SBA guarantee, we are able to originate loans that meet the criteria of the SBA 7(a) Program and have less stringent underwriting criteria than our non-SBA 7(a) program loan originations. See Lending Activities SBA Programs.

We are focusing on the origination of SBA 7(a) program loans which require less capital due to the ability to sell the government guaranteed portion of such loans. We utilize the SBA 7(a) program to originate small business loans, primarily secured by real estate, and then sell the government guaranteed portion to investors.

Our ability to generate interest income, as well as other revenue sources, is dependent on economic, regulatory and competitive factors that influence interest rates and loan originations, and our ability to secure financing for our investment activities. The amount of revenue earned will vary based on:

The volume of loans funded;

The volume of loans which prepay;

The timing and availability of leverage;

The amount of non-performing loans;

Recognition of premium, if any, on secondary market loan sales;

The interest rate and type of loans originated (whether fixed or variable); and

The general level of interest rates.

The majority of our loans have variable rates of interest. As a result, during periods of declining interest rates, our interest income is subject to interest rate risk. See Item 7a. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Generally, in order to fund new loans, we need to borrow funds or sell loans. Since 2004, our leverage has primarily been provided through short-term credit facilities and the issuance of junior subordinated notes. Prior to that, our primary source of funds was structured loan transactions/securitizations. In structured loan transactions, we contributed loans to special purpose entities (SPEs) in exchange for cash and subordinate financial interests in those entities. At the current time, the market for commercial loan asset-backed securitizations is not available to us. Due to (1) the lack of a market for our type of securitization and the prospect that this market may never recover to its prior form or may return with costs or structures that we may not be able to accept and (2) limited availability of credit facilities, we continue to focus our lending activities on originating loans under the SBA 7(a) program.

#### **RECENT ACCOUNTING CHANGES**

The comparability of our financial statements was affected by two accounting rule changes, both effective January 1, 2010. The first accounting change was the consolidation of the assets and liabilities of our off-balance sheet securitization entities. Previously our interests in these entities were reflected as retained interests in transferred assets. The impact to our balance sheet was a gross up of approximately \$20 million in assets and liabilities at January 1, 2010.

The second accounting change affected our accounting for secondary market loan sale transactions (the sale of the guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans to investors). The guaranteed portion of these loans may be sold (1) for a cash premium and a minimum 1% required servicing spread, (2) future servicing spread and no cash premium or (3) future servicing spread and a cash premium of 10%. Previously, all of these types of transactions were recorded as sales (*i.e.*, we recorded premium income). Effective January 1, 2010, we are required to permanently treat certain of the proceeds received from legally sold portions of loans (those loans sold solely for excess spread or those sold for a cash premium and excess spread) as secured borrowings for the life of the loan. For loans sold for a cash premium and excess spread, the cash premium income decreased from \$1,343,000 during 2009 to \$709,000 during 2010 while our sales of the guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) loans increased to \$28.4 million in 2010 from \$25.0 million in 2009. Premiums collected during 2010 which have been deferred due to this accounting change and are reflected as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet were \$1,439,000 at December 31, 2010.

#### LENDING ACTIVITIES

#### Overview

We are a national lender that primarily originates loans to small businesses, principally in the limited service hospitality industry. In addition to first liens on the real estate of the related business, our loans are typically personally guaranteed by the principals of the entities obligated on the loans.

We identify loan origination opportunities through personal contacts, internet referrals, attendance at trade shows and meetings, direct mailings, advertisements in trade publications and other marketing methods. We also generate loans through referrals from real estate and loan brokers, franchise representatives, existing borrowers, lawyers and accountants. Payments are sometimes made to non-affiliated individuals who assist in generating loan applications, with such payments generally not exceeding 1% of the principal amount of the originated loan.

#### Limited Service Hospitality Industry

Our outstanding loans are generally collateralized by first liens on limited service hospitality properties and are typically for owner-operated facilities operating under national franchises, including, among others, Comfort Inn, Hampton Inn, Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Ramada and Best Western. We believe that franchise operations offer attractive lending opportunities because such businesses generally employ proven business concepts, have national reservation systems and advertising, consistent product quality, are screened and monitored by franchisors and generally have a higher rate of success when compared to other independently operated hospitality businesses.

#### Loan Originations and Underwriting

We believe that we successfully compete in certain sectors of the commercial real estate finance market, primarily the limited service hospitality sector, due to our diligent underwriting which is benefitted by our understanding of our borrowers businesses and our responsive customer service.

We consider traditional underwriting criteria such as:

The underlying cash flow of the tenant or owner-occupant;

The components, value and replacement cost of the borrower s collateral (primarily real estate);

The industry and competitive environment in which the borrower operates;

The financial strength of the guarantors;

Analysis of local market conditions;

The ease with which the collateral can be liquidated;

The existence of any secondary repayment sources;

Evaluation of the property operator; and

The existence of a franchise relationship.

Upon receipt of a completed loan application, our credit department conducts: (1) a detailed analysis of the potential loan, which typically includes a third-party licensed appraisal and a valuation by our credit department of the property that will collateralize the loan to ensure compliance with loan-to-value percentages, (2) a site inspection for real estate collateralized loans, (3) a review of the borrower s business experience, (4) a review of the borrower s credit history, and (5) an analysis of the borrower s debt-service-coverage, debt-to-equity and other applicable ratios. We also utilize local market economic information to the extent available.

We believe that our typical non-SBA 7(a) Program loan is distinguished from those of some of our competitors by the following characteristics:

*Substantial down payments are required.* We usually require an initial down payment of not less than 20% of the total cost of the project being financed. Our experience has shown that the likelihood of full repayment of a loan increases if the owner/operator is required to make an initial and substantial financial commitment to the project being financed.

*Cash outs* are typically not permitted. Generally, we will not make a loan in an amount greater than the lesser of 80% of either the replacement cost or current appraised value of the property which is collateral for the loan. For example, a hotel property may have been originally constructed for a cost of \$2.0 million, with the owner/operator initially borrowing \$1.6 million of that amount. At the time of the borrower s loan refinancing request, the property securing the loan is appraised at \$4.0 million. Some of our competitors might loan from 70% to 90% or more of the new appraised value of the property and permit the owner/operator to receive a cash distribution from the proceeds. Generally, we would not permit this type of cash-out distribution.

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*The obligor is personally liable for the loan.* We typically require the principals of the borrower to personally guarantee the loan.

General information on our loans receivable, net, was as follows:

		At December 31,						
			2010			2009		
		Weighted Average					Weighted Average	
		Loans Receiv	Loans Receivable, net		Loans Receiv	Interest		
		Amount	%	Rate	Amount	%	Rate	
				(Dollars in t	thousands)			
Variable-rate	LIBOR	\$125,606	53.9%	4.2%	\$132,162	67.2%	4.0%	
Fixed-rate		63,263	27.1%	9.1%	45,678	23.2%	9.0%	
Variable-rate	prime	44,349	19.0%	5.7%	18,802	9.6%	5.4%	
Total		\$233,218	100.0%	5.8%	\$ 196,642	100.0%	5.3%	

Our variable-rate loans generally require monthly payments of principal and interest, reset on a quarterly basis, to amortize the principal over the remaining life of the loan. Fixed-rate loans generally require level monthly payments of principal and interest calculated to amortize the principal over the remaining life of the loan.

Due to a change in accounting rules, beginning January 1, 2010, (1) we now record 100% of SBA 7(a) loans sold as loans receivable on our balance sheet versus only the portion which is retained by us and (2) we consolidated the loans receivable of our previously off-balance sheet securitizations which were primarily fixed-rate loans. Since we are primarily originating SBA 7(a) loans, our percentage of variable-rate prime loans will continue to increase over time. **Industry Concentration** 

The distribution of our retained loan portfolio by industry was as follows at December 31, 2010:

Number		% of
of		Total
Loans	Cost (1)	Cost
(D	ollars in thousands)	
222	\$ 220,194	93.8%
16	9,265	3.9%
23	1,807	0.8%
28	928	0.4%
8	564	0.2%
20	2,109	0.9%
317	\$ 234,867	100.0%
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(1) Loan portfolio outstanding before loan loss reserves and deferred commitment fees.

#### **Loan Portfolio Statistics**

Information on our loans receivable ( Retained Portfolio ), loans which have been sold (either to the special purpose entities or secondary market sales of SBA 7(a) program loans) and on which we had retained interests (the Sold Loans ) and our Retained Portfolio combined with our Sold Loans (the Aggregate Portfolio ) was as follows:

	At December 31,						
		2010					
	Aggregate	Sold	Retained	Aggregate	Sold	Retained	
	Portfolio	Loans (1)	Portfolio	Portfolio	Loans	Portfolio	
			(Dollars in t	thousands)			
Portfolio outstanding (2)	\$284,451	\$ 49,584	\$234,867	\$273,687	\$ 75,440	\$198,247	
Weighted average interest							
rate	5.7%	5.6%	5.8%	5.7%	6.7%	5.3%	
Average yield (3)	5.8%	5.4%	5.8%	5.9%	6.8%	5.5%	
Weighted average							
contractual maturity in years	15.5	18.2	14.9	14.9	14.6	15.0	
Doubtful loans (4)	\$ 912	\$	\$ 912	\$ 3,239	\$ 158	\$ 3,081	
Hospitality industry							
concentration	88.9%	66.0%	93.8%	88.4%	77.0%	92.7%	
Texas concentration (5)	20.2%	23.4%	19.5%	22.6%	23.6%	22.2%	

(1) Effective January 1, 2010, based on a change in accounting rules, we now consolidate the SPEs.

(2) Loan portfolio outstanding before loan loss reserves and deferred commitment fees.

- (3) The calculation of average yield divides our interest income, prepayment fees and other loan related fees, adjusted by the provision for loan losses, by the weighted average outstanding portfolio.
- (4) Loans classified as Doubtful are generally loans which are not complying with their contractual terms, the collection of the balance of the principal is considered impaired and on which the fair value of the collateral is less than the remaining unamortized principal balance. These loans are typically placed on non-accrual status and are generally in the foreclosure process. We do not include the remaining outstanding principal of serviced loans pertaining to the government guaranteed portion of loans sold into the secondary market since the SBA has guaranteed payment of principal on these loans.

# (5) No other concentrations greater than or equal to 10% existed at December 31, 2010 or 2009. Loans Funded

The following table is a breakdown of loans funded during the years indicated:

	Years Ended December 31,									
	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
				(In thousands)						
Commercial mortgage loans	\$	4,908	\$	2,425	\$	19,739	\$	28,416	\$	36,855
SBA 7(a) Program loans		33,532		28,010		10,971		2,888		8,537
SBA 504 program loans (1)						3,877		2,452		6,294
Total loans funded	\$	38,440	\$	30,435	\$	34,587	\$	33,756	\$	51,686

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(1) Represents second mortgages originated through the SBA 504 Program which have been repaid by certified development companies.

#### **SBA Programs**

#### General

We utilize programs established by the SBA to generate loan origination opportunities and provide us with a funding source as follows:

We have an SBLC that originates loans through the SBA 7(a) program;

We participate as a private lender in the SBA 504 Program which allows us to originate first mortgage loans with lower loan-to-value ratios;

We have two licensed SBICs regulated under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended. Our SBICs use long-term funds provided by the SBA, together with their own capital, to provide long-term

collateralized loans to eligible small businesses, as defined under SBA regulations.

Our regulated SBA subsidiaries are periodically examined and audited by the SBA to determine compliance with SBA regulations.

#### SBA 7(a) Program

Under the SBA 7(a) program, the SBA typically guarantees 75% of qualified loans over \$150,000. While the eligibility requirements of the SBA 7(a) program vary by the industry of the borrower and other factors, the general eligibility requirements, as amended during 2010, are that: (1) gross sales of the borrower cannot exceed size standards set by the SBA (*i.e.*, \$7.0 million for limited service hospitality properties), (2) liquid assets of the borrower and affiliates cannot exceed specified limits, and (3) the maximum aggregate SBA loan guarantees to a borrower cannot exceed \$3.75 million. Maximum maturities for SBA 7(a) program loans are 25 years for real estate and between seven and 10 years for the purchase of machinery, furniture, fixtures and/or equipment. In order to operate as an SBLC, a licensee is required to maintain a minimum net worth (as defined by SBA regulations) of the greater of (1) 10% of its outstanding loans receivable and other investments or (2) \$1.0 million, and is subject to certain other regulatory restrictions such as change in control provisions. See Item 1A. Risk Factors.

#### SBA 504 Program

The SBA 504 Program assists small businesses in obtaining subordinated, long-term financing by guaranteeing debentures available through certified development companies (CDCs) for the purpose of acquiring land, building, machinery and equipment and for modernizing, renovating or restoring existing facilities and sites. A typical finance structure for an SBA 504 Program project would include a first mortgage covering 50% of the project cost from a private lender, a second mortgage obtained from a CDC covering up to 40% of the project cost and a contribution of at least 10% of the project cost by the principals of the small businesses being assisted. We typically require at least a 20% contribution of the equity in a project by our borrowers. The SBA does not guarantee the first mortgage. Although the total sizes of projects utilizing the SBA 504 Program are unlimited, currently the maximum amount of subordinated debt in any individual project is generally \$5.0 million (or \$5.5 million for certain projects). Typical project costs range in size from \$1.0 million to \$6.0 million. Our SBA 504 Program has been inactive since the beginning of 2008 due to our limited liquidity.

#### **SBIC Program**

We originate loans to small businesses through our SBICs. According to SBA regulations, SBICs may make long-term loans to small businesses and invest in the equity securities of such businesses. Under present SBA regulations, eligible small businesses include those that have a net worth not exceeding \$18 million and have average annual fully taxable net income not exceeding \$6.0 million for the most recent two fiscal years. To the extent approved, an SBIC can issue debentures whose principal and interest is guaranteed to be paid to the debt holder in the event of non-payment by the SBIC. As a result, the debentures costs of funds are usually lower compared to alternative fixed-rate sources of funds available to us.

#### STRUCTURED LOAN TRANSACTIONS

While the securitization market is not currently a viable financing vehicle for us, prior to 2004, structured loan transactions were our primary method of obtaining funds for new loan originations. In structured loan transactions, we contributed loans to an SPE in exchange for a subordinated financial interest in that entity and obtained an opinion of counsel that the contribution of the loans to the SPE constituted a true sale of the loans. The SPE issued notes payable through a private placement to third parties and then distributed a portion of the notes payable proceeds to us. The

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notes payable are collateralized solely by the assets of the SPE. Since the SPEs met the definition of qualified SPEs (QSPEs), we accounted for the structured loan transactions as sales of our loans; and as a result, neither the loans contributed to the QSPE nor the notes payable issued by the QSPE were included in our consolidated financial statements. The terms of the notes payable issued by the QSPEs provide that the partners of these QSPEs are not liable for any payment on the notes. Accordingly, if the QSPEs fail to pay the principal or interest due on the notes, the sole recourse of the holders of the notes is against the assets of the QSPEs. We have no obligation to pay the notes, nor do the holders of the notes have any recourse against our assets. We service the loans pursuant to the transaction documents.

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When structured loan sale transactions were completed, our ownership interests in the QSPEs were accounted for as retained interests in transferred assets (Retained Interests) and recorded at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be received from the QSPE. Effective January 1, 2010, due to a change in accounting rules, we now consolidate the assets and liabilities of the QSPEs.

All of our securitization transactions provide a clean-up call. A clean-up call is an option to repurchase the remaining transferred assets when the amount of the outstanding assets (or corresponding notes payable outstanding) falls to a level at which the cost of servicing those assets becomes burdensome.

#### TAX STATUS

PMC Commercial has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). As a REIT, PMC Commercial is generally not subject to Federal income tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) to the extent that it distributes at least 90% of its REIT taxable income to shareholders. Certain of PMC Commercial s subsidiaries, including First Western and PMCIC, have elected to be treated as taxable REIT subsidiaries; thus, their earnings are subject to U.S. Federal income tax. To the extent PMC Commercial s taxable REIT subsidiaries retain their earnings and profits, these earnings and profits will be unavailable for distribution to our shareholders.

PMC Commercial may, however, be subject to certain Federal excise taxes and state and local taxes on its income and property. If PMC Commercial fails to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, it will be subject to Federal income taxes at regular corporate rates (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) and will not be able to qualify as a REIT for four subsequent taxable years. REITs are subject to a number of organizational and operational requirements under the Code. See Item 1A. Risk Factors REIT Related Risks for additional tax status information.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

We employed 32 individuals including marketing professionals, investment professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff as of December 31, 2010. We have employment agreements with our executive officers. Our operations are conducted from our Dallas, Texas office. We believe the relationship with our employees is good.

#### COMPETITION

When originating loans we compete with other specialty commercial lenders, banks, broker dealers, other REITs, savings and loan associations, insurance companies and other entities that originate loans. Many of these competitors have greater financial and managerial resources than us, are able to provide services we are not able to provide (*i.e.*, depository services), and may be better able to withstand the impact of economic downturns.

*Variable-rate lending:* For our variable-rate loan products, we believe we compete effectively on the basis of interest rates, our long-term maturities and payment schedules, the quality of our service, our reputation as a lender, timely credit analysis and greater responsiveness to renewal and refinancing requests from borrowers.

*Fixed-rate lending:* In the current market, borrowers are looking predominately for fixed-rate loans; however, our ability to offer fixed-rate loans is constrained by our cost and availability of funds.

#### SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT REPORTS

We file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and our current reports on Form 8-K. These reports are available free of charge on our website, www.pmctrust.com/investors, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file the information with the SEC. We are providing the address to our internet site solely for the information of investors. We do not intend the address to be an active link or to otherwise incorporate the contents of the website into this report.

The SEC maintains an internet site, www.sec.gov, that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

#### Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Due to the complexity of the Company, a wide range of factors could materially affect our future developments and performance. In addition to the factors affecting specific business operations identified in connection with the description of these operations and the financial results of these operations described elsewhere in this report, management has identified the following important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in forward-looking statements or from our historical results. These factors, which are not all-inclusive, could have a material impact on our asset valuations, results of operations or financial condition and could also impair our ability to maintain dividend distributions at current or anticipated levels.

#### Investment Risks Lending Activities

#### Changes in economic conditions could have a continuing adverse effect on our profitability.

Turmoil in the financial markets adversely affects economic activity. This turmoil (including the effect of any perceived or actual economic recession) subjects our borrowers to financial stress which could impair their ability to satisfy their obligations to us. During periods of economic stress, delinquencies and losses may increase and losses may be substantial.

In addition, an increase in price levels generally, or in price levels in a particular sector such as the energy sector, could result in a shift in consumer demand away from limited service hospitality properties which collateralize the majority of our loans. A significant increase in gasoline prices within a short period of time could affect the limited service sector of the hospitality industry. A significant portion of the limited service hospitality loans collateralizing our loans are located on interstate highways. When gas prices sharply increase, occupancy rates for properties located on interstate highways may decrease. This may cause a reduction in revenue per available room. Any sustained increase in gasoline prices could materially and adversely affect the financial condition of our borrowers which could cause us to experience increased defaults.

#### Commercial mortgage loans expose us to a high degree of risk associated with investing in real estate.

The performance and value of our loans depends upon many factors beyond our control. Commercial real estate has experienced cyclical performance and significant fluctuations in the past that impacts the value of our real estate collateralized loans. The ultimate performance and value of our loans are subject to risks associated with the ownership and operation of the properties which collateralize our loans, including the property owner s ability to operate the property with sufficient cash flow to meet debt service requirements. The performance and value of the properties collateralizing our loans may be adversely affected by:

Changes in national economic conditions;

Changes in local real estate market conditions due to changes in national or local economic conditions or changes in local property market characteristics;

The extent of the impact of the disruptions in the credit markets;

The lack of demand for commercial real estate collateralized loans used in asset-backed securitizations

which may be substantially reduced as a result of the disruptions in the credit markets;

Competition from other properties;

Changes in interest rates and the condition of the debt and equity capital markets;

The ongoing need for capital improvements;

Increases in real estate tax rates and other operating expenses (including utilities);

A significant increase in gasoline prices in a short period of time;

Adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies; acts of God, including earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters; acts of war or terrorism; or a decrease in the availability of or an increase in the cost of insurance;

Adverse changes in zoning laws;

The impact of environmental legislation and compliance with environmental laws; and,

Other factors that are beyond our control or the control of the commercial property owners.

In the event that any of the properties underlying our loans experience any of the foregoing events or occurrences, the value of, and return on, such loans may be negatively impacted. Moreover, our profitability and the market price of our common shares may be negatively impacted.

# Payment defaults and other credit risks in our investment portfolio have increased, and may to continue to increase, which has caused, and may continue to cause, adverse effects on our cash flows, net income and ability to make distributions.

Recessionary economic conditions and adverse developments in the credit markets have led to business contraction, liquidity issues and other problems for many of the businesses we finance. As a result, payment defaults and other credit risks in our investment portfolio have substantially increased, and may continue to increase, which has caused, and may continue to cause, adverse effects on our cash flows, net income and ability to make distributions.

Changes to the facts and circumstances of the borrower and/or the physical condition of the collateral underlying the loan, the hospitality industry and the economy may require the establishment of significant additional loan loss reserves. To the extent one or several of our borrowers experience significant operating difficulties and we are forced to liquidate the collateral underlying the loan, future losses may be substantial.

Historically, we have not experienced significant losses for real estate secured loans due to our borrowers equity in their properties, the value of the underlying collateral, the cash flows from operations of the businesses and other factors such as having recourse to the guarantors. However, if the economy or the commercial real estate market does not improve, we could experience an increase in credit losses. In addition, due to the recently ended economic recession and the current economic environment, we believe that in general, our borrowers equity in their properties has eroded and may further erode which may result in an increase in foreclosure activity and credit losses.

We have increased, and may continue to increase, specific and general loan loss reserves due to current general business and economic conditions and increased credit and liquidity risks which have had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on our financial performance. Our loan portfolio has been adversely affected by, and may continue to be adversely affected by, adverse economic developments affecting the business sectors in which our borrowers operate, primarily the limited service hospitality industry, reductions in the value of commercial real estate generally and the reduced availability of refinancing for commercial real estate investments as they mature. There can be no assurance that the loan loss reserves we establish in any particular reporting period will be sufficient or will not increase in a subsequent reporting period.

# The commercial real estate loans we originate are subject to the risks of default and foreclosure which could result in losses to us.

The commercial real estate loans we originate are collateralized by income-producing properties (primarily limited service hospitality properties) and we are subject to risks of default and foreclosure. In the event of a default under a mortgage loan, we bear a risk of loss of principal to the extent of any deficiency between the value of the collateral and the unpaid principal balance of the mortgage loan, which could have a material adverse effect on our cash flows from operations. If a borrower defaults on one of our commercial real estate loans and the underlying property collateralizing the loan is insufficient to satisfy the outstanding balance of the loan, we may suffer a loss. In addition, during the foreclosure process we may incur costs related to the protection of our collateral including unpaid real estate taxes, legal fees, insurance and operating shortfalls to the extent the property is being operated by a court-appointed receiver.

Foreclosure and bankruptcy are complex and sometimes lengthy processes that are subject to Federal and state laws and regulations. An action to foreclose on a property is subject to many of the delays and expenses of other lawsuits if the defendant raises defenses or counterclaims. In the event of a default by a mortgagor, these restrictions, among other things, may impede our ability to foreclose on or sell the mortgaged property or to obtain proceeds sufficient to repay all amounts due to us on the mortgage loan. Borrowers have the option of seeking Federal bankruptcy protection which could delay the foreclosure process. In conjunction with the bankruptcy process, the terms of the loan agreements may be modified. Typically, delays in the foreclosure process will have a negative impact on our results of operations and/or financial condition due to direct and indirect costs incurred and possible deterioration of the value of the collateral.

Our ability to sell any properties we own as a result of foreclosure will be impacted by changes in economic and other conditions. Our ability to sell these properties and the prices we receive on their sale are affected by many factors, including but not limited to, the number of potential buyers, the number of competing properties on the market and other market conditions. If we are required to hold a property for an extended period of time or choose to operate the

property, it could have a negative impact on our results of operations and/or financial condition due to direct and indirect costs incurred and possible deterioration of the value of the collateral resulting in impairment losses.

#### We have specific risks associated with originating loans under the SBA 7(a) program.

We sell the guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans into the secondary market. These sales have resulted in our earning premium income and/or have created a stream of future servicing spread. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue originating these loans, that a secondary market will exist or that we will continue to realize premiums upon the sale of the guaranteed portion of these loans. For a few months during late 2008 and early 2009 the secondary market for SBA 7(a) loans offered minimal loan premiums and we suspended loan sales. While premiums rebounded during 2010 there can be no assurance that premiums will remain at current levels.

Since we sell the guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans, we incur credit risk on the non-guaranteed portion of the loans. We share pro-rata with the SBA in any recoveries. In the event of default on an SBA loan, our pursuit of remedies against a borrower is subject to SBA approval. If the SBA establishes that a loss on an SBA guaranteed loan is attributable to significant technical deficiencies in the manner in which the loan was originated, funded or serviced by us, the SBA may seek recovery of the principal loss related to the deficiency from us. With respect to the guaranteed portion of SBA loans that have been sold, the SBA will first honor its guarantee and then seek compensation from us in the event that a loss is deemed to be attributable to technical deficiencies. There can be no assurance that we will not experience significant deficiencies with our underwriting of SBA loans which could have a material adverse affect on us through failure of the SBA to honor a guarantee or the costs to correct any deficiencies. Although the SBA has never declined to honor its guarantees with respect to SBA loans made by our SBA 7(a) subsidiary, no assurance can be given that the SBA would not attempt to do so in the future.

# Curtailment of our ability to utilize the SBA 7(a) program could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are dependent upon the Federal government to maintain the SBA 7(a) loan program. There can be no assurance that the program will be maintained or that loans will continue to be guaranteed at current levels. In addition, there can be no assurance that our SBA 7(a) lending subsidiary will be able to maintain its status as a Preferred Lender or that we can maintain our SBA 7(a) license.

If we cannot continue originating and selling government guaranteed loans, we would experience a decrease in future servicing spreads and no longer generate premium income. From time-to-time the SBA has reached its internal budgeted limits and ceased to guarantee loans for a stated period of time. In addition, the SBA may change its rules regarding loans or Congress may adopt legislation that would have the effect of discontinuing or changing loan programs.

#### Our profitability may be impacted by the volume of SBA 7(a) loan originations.

Our net income and ability to continue to pay dividends at current or anticipated levels is dependent upon the volume of our SBA 7(a) loan originations due to the ability to sell the government guaranteed portion of these loans. In originating SBA 7(a) loans, we compete with other SBA 7(a) lenders, specialty commercial lenders, banks, broker dealers, other REITs, savings and loan associations, insurance companies and other entities that originate loans, many of which have greater financial resources than us. Any unanticipated reduction in the volume of these loan originations could negatively affect us.

#### There are significant risks in lending to small businesses.

Our loans receivable consist primarily of loans to small, privately-owned businesses. There is no publicly available information about these businesses; therefore, we must rely on our own due diligence to obtain information in connection with our investment decisions. Our borrowers may not meet net income, cash flow and other coverage tests typically imposed by banks. A borrower s ability to repay its loan may be adversely impacted by numerous factors, including a downturn in its industry or other negative local or macro economic conditions. Deterioration in a borrower s financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in the collateral for the loan. In addition, small businesses typically depend on the management talents and efforts of one person or a small group of people for their success. The loss of services of one or more of these persons could have an adverse impact on the operations and economic downturns and often need additional capital to expand or compete. These factors may have an impact on the ultimate recovery of our loans receivable from such businesses. Loans to small businesses, therefore, involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses and accordingly should be

considered speculative.

#### We depend on the accuracy and completeness of information provided by potential borrowers and guarantors.

In deciding whether to extend credit or enter into transactions with potential borrowers and/or their guarantors, we rely on certain information furnished to us by or on behalf of potential borrowers and/or guarantors. We also rely on representations of potential borrowers and/or guarantors as to the accuracy and completeness of that information. Our financial condition and results of operations could be negatively impacted to the extent we rely on financial statements or other information that is materially misleading.

#### Longer term loans and our real estate owned ( REO ) may be illiquid and their value may decrease.

Our commercial real estate loans and real estate acquired through foreclosure are relatively illiquid investments. Therefore, we may be unable to vary our portfolio promptly in response to changing economic, financial and investment conditions. As a result, the fair market value of these investments may decrease in the future and losses may result.

There is typically no public market or established trading market for the loans we originate. The illiquid nature of our loans may adversely affect our ability to dispose of such loans at times when it may be advantageous or necessary for us to liquidate such investments.

# Changes in interest rates could negatively affect lending operations, which could result in reduced earnings and dividends.

As a result of our current dependence on variable-rate loans, our interest income will be reduced during low interest rate environments. During any period that LIBOR or the prime rate decreases, interest income on our loans will decline.

Changes in interest rates do not have an immediate impact on the interest income of our fixed-rate loans. Our interest rate risk on our fixed-rate loans is primarily due to loan prepayments and maturities. The average maturity of our loan portfolio is less than its average contractual terms because of prepayments. Assuming market liquidity, the average life of mortgage loans tends to increase when the current mortgage rates are substantially higher than rates on existing mortgage loans and, conversely, decrease when the current mortgage rates are substantially lower than rates on existing mortgage loans (due to refinancings of fixed-rate loans at lower rates).

Our net income is dependent upon the spread between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we loan these funds. During periods of changing interest rates, interest rate mismatches could negatively impact our net income, dividend yield, and the market price of our common shares.

At the present time, we are primarily originating variable-rate loans and have certain debt which is long-term and at fixed interest rates. If the yield on loans originated with funds obtained from fixed-rate borrowings fails to cover the cost of such funds, our cash flow will be reduced.

# Competition might prevent us from originating loans at favorable yields, which would harm our results of operations and our ability to continue paying dividends at current or anticipated levels.

Our net income depends on our ability to originate loans at favorable spreads, over our cost of funds. In originating loans, we compete with other SBA 7(a) lenders, specialty commercial lenders, banks, broker dealers, other REITs, savings and loan associations, insurance companies and other entities that originate loans, many of which have greater financial resources than us. As a result, we may not be able to originate sufficient loans at favorable spreads over our cost of funds, which would harm our results of operations and consequently, our ability to continue paying dividends at current or anticipated levels.

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#### Our operating results will depend, in part, on the effectiveness of our marketing programs.

In general, due to the highly competitive nature of our business, we must execute efficient and effective promotional and marketing programs. We may, from time to time, change our marketing strategies, including the timing or nature of promotional programs. The effectiveness of our marketing and promotion practices is important to our ability to locate potential borrowers and retain existing borrowers. If our marketing programs are not successful, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources Risks

In general, in order for us to repay indebtedness on a timely basis, we may be required to dispose of assets when we would not otherwise do so and at prices which may be below the net book value of such assets. Dispositions of assets could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# If an event of default occurs under our revolving credit facility ( Revolver ), the lender is permitted to accelerate repayment of the outstanding obligation.

The occurrence of an event of default permits the lender under our Revolver to accelerate repayment of all amounts due, to terminate commitments thereunder, and allows the mortgage loan collateral held as security for the Revolver to be liquidated by the lender to satisfy any balance outstanding and due pursuant to the Revolver.

The existence of an event of default restricts us from borrowing under our Revolver and from declaring dividends or other cash distributions to our shareholders. There can be no assurance that an event of default will not occur.

#### Our operating results could be negatively impacted by our inability to access certain financial markets.

We rely upon access to capital markets as a source of liquidity to satisfy our working capital needs, grow our business and invest in loans. Turmoil in the capital markets has constrained equity and debt capital available for investment in commercial real estate. Prolonged recent recessionary conditions, continued distress in the limited service hospitality industry and increased loan losses could further limit access to these markets and may restrict us from continuing our current business strategy or implementing new business strategies.

# Our operating results could be negatively impacted by our inability to extend the maturity of, or replace, our Revolver on acceptable terms, if at all.

If we are unable to replace or extend our Revolver upon its maturity (December 31, 2011) or if the terms of the extension were cost prohibitive, we could be required to repay the outstanding balance which would become immediately due or may choose to accept terms which are significantly less favorable in terms of costs or restrictions than the current terms of our facility. Our investments are predominantly long-term; therefore, if the Revolver matures without an extension or replacement, we could be forced to liquidate or otherwise dispose of assets at a time we would not ordinarily do so and/or at prices which we may not believe are reasonable. In addition, if the Revolver is not extended or replaced, we would need an additional source of funds to originate loans and grow. Our results of operations, prospects and financial condition could be negatively impacted if the Revolver is not extended or is extended with a significant increase in rate, fees or restrictions.

# Turmoil in financial markets could increase our cost of borrowing and impede access to or increase the cost of financing our operations or investments.

To the extent credit and equity markets continue to experience significant disruption, many businesses will be unable to obtain financing on acceptable terms, if at all. In addition, when equity markets experience rapid and wide fluctuations in value, credit availability could diminish or disappear. During periods of credit and equity market disruptions, our cost of borrowing may increase and it may be more difficult or impossible to obtain financing on acceptable terms.

# The market demand for structured loan transactions may not return to previous levels which would negatively affect our earnings and the potential for growth.

Continued unavailability of the asset-backed securities market to us has had, and could continue to have, an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Our long-term ability to grow may depend on our ability to sell asset-backed securities through structured loan transactions. In the current economic market, the availability of funds has been diminished and/or has become non-existent or the spread charged for funds has increased. In addition, political or geopolitical events could impact the availability and cost of capital.

A number of factors could impair our ability, or alter our decision, to complete a structured loan transaction. These factors include, but are not limited to:

Investors in the type of asset-backed securities that we place are limited and may increase our cost of capital by widening the spreads (over a benchmark such as LIBOR or treasury rates) they require in order to begin purchasing these asset-backed securities again;

A deterioration in the performance of our loans or the loans of our prior transactions (for example, higher than expected loan losses or delinquencies) may deter potential investors from purchasing our asset-backed securities assuming investor demand for our asset-backed securities returns;

A deterioration in the operations or market perception of the limited service sector of the hospitality industry may deter potential investors from purchasing our asset-backed securities or lower the available rating from the rating agencies assuming investor demand for our asset-backed securities returns; and

A change in the underlying criteria utilized by the rating agencies may cause transactions to receive lower ratings than previously issued thereby increasing the cost on our transactions.

Currently, a market for our type of securitization does not exist. Continued unavailability or an increased cost of this source of funds could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations since working capital may not be available or available at acceptable spreads to fund future loan originations.

#### The market demand for secondary market sales may decline or be temporarily suspended.

The market for the sale of the government guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) loans may diminish and/or the premiums, if any, achieved on selling loans into that market may be reduced which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to create availability under our Revolver and originate new loans. This market dislocation could be a result of decreased investor demand for asset-backed securities in general or loans to a particular industry and/or increased investor yield requirements.

#### Continuation of the unprecedented market volatility may have an impact on our access to capital markets.

The capital and credit markets have experienced volatility and disruption. The volatility and disruption reached unprecedented levels during 2008 including decreased liquidity to acquire the government guaranteed portion of loans which are typically sold into the secondary market. In addition, the capital markets tightened credit availability to companies without regard to their underlying financial strength. If recent levels of market disruption and volatility were to continue or deteoriorate, we may experience an adverse effect, which may be material, on our ability to access capital markets and on our financial condition and results of operations.

We use leverage to fund our capital needs which magnifies the effect of changing interest rates on our earnings. We have borrowed funds and intend to borrow additional funds for our capital needs. Private lenders and the SBA have fixed dollar claims on our assets superior to the claims of the holders of our common shares. Leverage magnifies the effect that rising or falling interest rates have on our earnings. Any increase in the interest rate earned on investments in excess of the interest rate on the funds obtained from borrowings would cause our net income and earnings per share to increase more than they would without leverage, while any decrease in the interest rate earned by us on investments would cause net income and earnings per share to decline by a greater amount than they would without leverage. Leverage is thus generally considered a speculative investment technique.

#### Investment Risks General

# We have concentrations of investments which may negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Substantially all of our revenue is generated from loans collateralized by hospitality properties. At December 31, 2010, our loans were 94% concentrated in the hospitality industry. Any economic factors that negatively impact the hospitality industry, including recessions, depressed commercial real estate markets, travel restrictions, bankruptcies or other political or geopolitical events, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

At December 31, 2010, 19.5% of our Retained Portfolio of loans and 20% of our Aggregate Portfolio of loans were collateralized by properties in Texas. No other state had a concentration of 10% or greater of our Retained Portfolio or Aggregate Portfolio at December 31, 2010. A decline in economic conditions in any state in which we have a concentration of investments could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We have not loaned more than 10% of our assets to any single borrower; however, we have an affiliated group of obligors representing greater than 5% of our loans receivable (approximately 6%) at December 31, 2010. Any decline in the financial status of this group could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# We are subject to prepayment risk on our loans receivable which could result in losses or reduced earnings and negatively affect our cash available for distribution to shareholders.

We experience prepayments on our loans receivable. Assuming capital availability, during decreasing interest rate environments and when competition is greater, prepayments of our fixed-rate loans have generally been re-loaned or committed to be re-loaned at lower interest rates than the prepaid loans receivable. For prepayments on variable-rate loans, if the spread we charge over LIBOR or the prime rate were to decrease, the lower interest rates we would receive on these new loans receivable would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and, depending upon the rate of future prepayments, may further impact our results of operations.

# Changes in our business strategy or restructuring of our business may increase our costs or otherwise affect the profitability of our business.

As changes in our business environment occur, we may need to adjust our business strategies to meet these changes or we may otherwise find it necessary to restructure our operations. In addition, external events such as changes in macro-economic conditions may impair the value of our assets. If these changes or events occur, we may incur costs to change our business strategy and may need to write-down the value of our assets. We may also need to invest in new businesses that have short-term returns that are negative or low and whose ultimate business prospects are uncertain. In any of these events, our costs may increase, we may have significant charges associated with the write-down of assets or return on new investments may be lower than prior to the change in strategy or restructuring.

# Our Board of Trust Managers may change operating policies and strategies without shareholder approval or prior notice and such change could harm our business and results of operations and the value of our common shares.

Our Board of Trust Managers has the authority to modify or waive our current operating policies and strategies, including PMC Commercial s election to operate as a REIT, without prior notice and without shareholder approval. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies and strategies would have on our business, operating results and value of our common shares; however, the effect could be adverse.

#### We may not be able to successfully integrate new investments, which could decrease our profitability.

Our future business and financial performance may depend, in part, on our ability to grow through successfully integrating new investments. We may incur significant costs in the evaluation of new investment opportunities. Successfully integrating new investments puts pressure on our marketing and management resources and we may fail to invest sufficient funds to make it successful. If we are not successful in the integration of new investments, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected, our revenues could decrease and our profitability could decline.

#### **Operating Risks**

# The occurrence of further adverse developments in the mortgage finance and credit markets may affect our business.

The mortgage industry is under enormous pressure due to numerous economic and industry related factors. Many companies operating in the mortgage sector have failed and others are facing serious operating and financial challenges. At the same time, many mortgage securities have been downgraded and delinquencies and credit performance of mortgage loans have deteriorated. We face significant challenges due to these adverse conditions in pricing and financing our mortgage assets. There can be no assurance that these conditions will stabilize or that they will not worsen. These adverse changes in the mortgage finance and credit markets may eliminate or reduce the availability of, or increase the cost of, significant sources of funding for us.

# Economic slowdowns, negative political events and changes in the competitive environment have affected and could adversely affect future operating results.

Several factors impact the hospitality industry. Many of the businesses to which we have made, or will make, loans are susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions. Generally, during economic downturns there may be reductions in business travel and consumers take fewer vacations. In addition, the environment for travel can be significantly affected by a variety of factors including adverse weather conditions or natural disasters, health concerns, international, political or military developments and terrorist attacks. If revenue for the limited service sector of the hospitality industry were to experience significant sustained reductions, the ability of our borrowers to meet their obligations could be impaired and loan losses could increase. Bankruptcies, recessions, or other political or geopolitical events could continue to negatively affect our borrowers. Our non-performing assets may increase during these periods. These conditions could lead to additional losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our interest income, net income and the value of our assets.

We believe the risks associated with our operations are more severe during periods of economic slowdown or recession. Declining real estate values may further reduce the level of new mortgage loan originations, since borrowers often use existing property value increases to support investment in additional properties.

Borrowers may also be less able to meet their debt service, property tax, insurance and/or franchise fee requirements if the commercial real estate market does not rebound. Furthermore, declining commercial real estate values significantly increase the likelihood that we will incur losses on our loans in the event of default because the value of our collateral may be insufficient to cover our exposure. Increased payment defaults, foreclosures and/or losses could adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, business prospects and our ability to make dividend distributions.

Many of our competitors have greater financial and managerial resources than us and are able to provide services that we are not able to provide (*i.e.*, depository services). As a result of these competitors size and diversified income resources, they may be better able to withstand the impact of economic downturns.

There may be significant fluctuations in our quarterly results which may adversely affect our share price.

Our quarterly operating results fluctuate based on a number of factors, including, among others:

Interest rate changes;

Expenses related to REO or assets currently in the foreclosure process;

The amount of non-performing loans;

The volume and timing of loan originations and prepayments of our loans receivable;

Recognition of premium, if any, on secondary market loan sales;

The recognition of gains or losses on investments;

The level of competition in our markets; and

General economic conditions, especially those which affect the hospitality industry.

As a result of the above factors, quarterly results should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future quarters.

# Establishing loan loss reserves entails significant judgment and may materially impact our results of operations.

We evaluate our loans for possible impairment on a quarterly basis. Our impairment analysis includes general and specific loan loss reserves. The determination of whether significant doubt exists and whether a specific loan loss reserve is necessary requires judgment and consideration of the facts and circumstances existing at the evaluation date. Our evaluation of the possible establishment of a specific loan loss reserve is based on, among other things, a review of our historical loss experience, the financial strength of any guarantors, adverse circumstances that may affect the ability of the borrower to repay interest and/or principal and, to the extent the payment of the loan appears impaired,

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the estimated fair value of the collateral. The estimated fair value of the collateral is determined by management based on the appraised value, tax assessed value and/or cash flows. Additionally, further changes to the facts and circumstances of the individual borrowers, the limited service hospitality industry and the economy may require the establishment of additional loan loss reserves and the effect to our results of operations may be material. If our judgments underlying the establishment of our loan loss reserves are not correct, our results of operations may be materially impacted.

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had loan loss reserves of \$1,609,000 and \$1,257,000, respectively, including general loan loss reserves of \$1,100,000 and \$650,000, respectively. Our provision for loan losses (excluding reductions of loan losses) as a percentage of our weighted average outstanding loans receivable (excluding SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings) was 0.46% and 0.57% during 2010 and 2009, respectively. To the extent one or several of our loans experience significant operating difficulties and we are forced to liquidate the loans, future losses may be substantial.

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#### If we lower our dividend, the market value of our common shares may decline.

The level of our dividend is established by our Board of Trust Managers from time to time based on a variety of factors, including market conditions, actual and projected cash flows and REIT taxable income and maintenance of REIT status. Various factors could cause our Board of Trust Managers to decrease our dividend level, including continued credit market dislocations, terms of our Revolver covenants, additional borrower defaults resulting in a material reduction in our cash flows or material losses resulting from loan liquidations. If we lower our dividend, the market value of our common shares could be adversely affected.

#### We have risk and substantial expenses associated with holding and/or operating our REO.

Our REO is subject to a variety of risks including, but not limited to:

We are dependent upon third-party managers to operate and manage our REO. As a REIT, PMC Commercial or its subsidiaries cannot directly operate hospitality properties;

Our REO may be operated at a loss and such losses may be substantial;

Our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to fully insure our businesses and assets from claims and/or liabilities, including environmental liabilities;

We may be required to make significant capital improvements to maintain our REO;

In conjunction with the operations of our REO, we are subject to numerous Federal and state laws and government regulations including environmental, occupational health and safety, state and local taxes and laws relating to access for disabled persons; and

Under various laws and regulations, we may be considered liable for the costs of remediating or removing hazardous substances found on our property, regardless of whether we were responsible for its presence.

The ultimate costs may be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

# We depend on our key personnel, and the loss of any of our key personnel could adversely affect our operations.

We depend on the diligence, experience and skill of our key personnel (executive officers) who provide management services for the selection, acquisition, structuring, monitoring and sale of our portfolio assets and the borrowings used to acquire these assets. The loss of any executive officer could harm our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations.

# We operate in a highly regulated environment and subsequent changes could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

As a company whose common shares are publicly traded, we are subject to the rules and regulations of the SEC. In addition, many of our operations are regulated by the SBA. Changes in laws that govern our entities may significantly affect our business. Laws and regulations may be changed from time to time, and the interpretations of the relevant laws and regulations are also subject to change. Any change in the laws or regulations governing our business could have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

At any time, U.S. Federal income tax laws governing REITs or the administrative interpretations of those laws may be amended. Any of those new laws or interpretations thereof may take effect retroactively and could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations. The tax rate on both dividends and long-term capital gains for most non-corporate taxpayers to 15% has been reduced through 2012. This reduced maximum tax rate generally does not apply to ordinary REIT dividends, which continue to be subject to tax at the higher tax rates applicable to ordinary income (a maximum rate of 35%). However, the 15% maximum tax rate does apply to certain REIT distributions. This legislation may cause shares in non-REIT corporations to be a more attractive investment to individual investors than shares in REITs and may adversely affect the market price of our common shares.

#### **REIT Related Risks**

#### Failure to qualify as a REIT would subject PMC Commercial to U.S. Federal income tax.

If a company meets certain income and asset diversification and income distribution requirements under the Code, it can qualify as a REIT and be entitled to pass-through tax treatment. We would cease to qualify for pass-through tax treatment if we were unable to comply with these requirements. PMC Commercial is also subject to a non-deductible 4% excise tax (and, in certain cases, corporate level income tax) if we fail to make certain distributions. Failure to qualify as a REIT would subject us to Federal income tax as if we were an ordinary corporation, resulting in a substantial reduction in both our net assets and the amount of income available for distribution to our shareholders.

We believe that we have operated in a manner that allows us to qualify as a REIT under the Code and intend to continue to so operate. Although we believe that we are organized and operate as a REIT, no assurance can be given that we will continue to remain qualified as a REIT. Qualification as a REIT involves the application of technical and complex provisions of the Code for which there are limited judicial or administrative interpretations and involves the determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control. In addition, no assurance can be given that new legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions will not significantly change the tax laws with respect to qualification as a REIT or the Federal income tax consequences of such qualification.

In addition, compliance with the REIT qualification tests could restrict our ability to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities in non-qualifying assets, which would negatively affect the cash available for distribution to our shareholders.

If PMC Commercial fails to qualify as a REIT, we may, among other things:

Not be allowed a deduction for distributions to our shareholders in computing our taxable income; Be subject to U.S. Federal income tax, including any applicable alternative minimum tax, on our taxable income at regular corporate rates;

Be subject to increased state and local taxes; and,

Unless entitled to relief under certain statutory provisions, be disqualified from treatment as a REIT for the taxable year in which we lost our qualification and the four taxable years following the year during which we lost our qualification.

As a result of these factors, failure to qualify as a REIT could also impair our ability to expand our business and raise capital, substantially reduce the funds available for distribution to our shareholders and may reduce the market price of our common shares.

# Ownership limitations associated with our REIT status may restrict change of control or business combination opportunities.

In order for PMC Commercial to qualify as a REIT, no more than 50% in value of our outstanding common shares may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals during the last half of any calendar year. Individuals include natural persons, private foundations, some employee benefit plans and trusts, and some charitable trusts.

To preserve PMC Commercial s REIT status, our declaration of trust generally prohibits any shareholder from directly or indirectly owning more than 9.8% of any class or series of our outstanding common shares or preferred shares without specific waiver from our Board of Trust Managers. The ownership limitation could have the effect of discouraging a takeover or other transaction in which holders of our common shares might receive a premium for their shares over the then prevailing market price or which holders might believe to be otherwise in their best interests.

#### Failure to make required distributions to our shareholders would subject us to tax.

In order to qualify as a REIT, an entity generally must distribute to its shareholders, each taxable year, at least 90% of its taxable income, other than any net capital gain and excluding the non-distributed taxable income of taxable REIT subsidiaries. As a result, our shareholders receive periodic distributions from us. Such distributions are taxable as ordinary income to the extent that they are made out of current or accumulated earnings and profits. To the extent that a REIT satisfies the 90% distribution requirement, but distributes less than 100% of its taxable income, it will be subject to Federal corporate income tax on its undistributed income. In addition, the REIT will incur a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which its distributions in any calendar year are less than the sum

of:

85% of its ordinary income for that year;

95% of its capital gain net income for that year; and

100% of its undistributed taxable income from prior years.

We have paid out, and intend to continue to pay out, our REIT taxable income to shareholders in a manner intended to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid Federal corporate income tax.

Our taxable income may substantially exceed our net income as determined based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) because, for example, capital losses will be deducted in determining GAAP income, but may not be deductible in computing taxable income. In addition, we may invest in assets that generate taxable income in excess of economic income or in advance of the corresponding cash flow from the assets, referred to as excess non-cash income. Although some types of non-cash income are excluded in determining the 90% distribution requirement, we will incur Federal corporate income tax and the 4% excise tax with respect to any non-cash income items if we do not distribute those items on an annual basis. As a result of the foregoing, we may generate less cash flow than taxable income in a particular year. In that event, we may be required to use cash reserves, incur debt, or liquidate non-cash assets at rates or times that we regard as unfavorable in order to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid federal corporate income tax and the 4% excise tax in that year.

Our ownership of and relationship with our taxable REIT subsidiaries will be limited, and a failure to comply with the limits would jeopardize our REIT status and may result in the application of a 100% excise tax.

Subject to certain restrictions, a REIT may own up to 100% of the stock of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries. A taxable REIT subsidiary may earn income that would not be qualifying income if earned directly by the parent REIT. Both the subsidiary and the REIT must jointly elect to treat the subsidiary as a taxable REIT subsidiary. A corporation of which a taxable REIT subsidiary directly or indirectly owns more than 35% of the voting power or value of the stock will automatically be treated as a taxable REIT subsidiary. Overall, as of December 31, 2010, no more than 25% of the value of a REIT s assets may consist of stock or securities of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries. A taxable REIT subsidiary generally will pay income tax at regular corporate rates on any taxable income that it earns. In addition, the taxable REIT subsidiary rules limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a taxable REIT subsidiary to its parent REIT to assure that the taxable REIT subsidiary is subject to an appropriate level of corporate taxation. The rules also impose a 100% excise tax on certain transactions between a taxable REIT subsidiary and its parent REIT that are not conducted on an arm s-length basis.

Our taxable REIT subsidiaries are subject to normal corporate income taxes. We continuously monitor the value of our investments in taxable REIT subsidiaries for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the rule that no more than 25% of the value of our assets may consist of taxable REIT subsidiary stock and securities (which is applied at the end of each calendar quarter). The aggregate value of our taxable REIT subsidiary stock and securities is less than 25% of the value of our total assets (including our taxable REIT subsidiary stock and securities) as of December 31, 2010. In addition, we will scrutinize all of our transactions with our taxable REIT subsidiaries for the purpose of ensuring that they are entered into on arm s-length terms in order to avoid incurring the 100% excise tax described above. There are no distribution requirements applicable to the taxable REIT subsidiaries and after-tax earnings may be retained. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to comply with the 25% limitation on ownership of taxable REIT subsidiary stock and securities on an ongoing basis so as to maintain REIT status or to avoid application of the 100% excise tax imposed on certain non-arm s-length transactions.

### Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS None.

#### **Item 2. PROPERTIES**

We lease office space for our corporate headquarters in Dallas, Texas under an operating lease which expires in October 2011.

#### Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We had significant outstanding claims against Arlington Hospitality, Inc. s and its subsidiary Arlington Inns, Inc. s (together Arlington) bankruptcy estates. Arlington objected to our claims and initiated a complaint in the bankruptcy seeking, among other things, return of certain payments Arlington made pursuant to the property leases and the master lease agreement.

While confident a substantial portion of our claims would have been allowed and the claims against us would have been disallowed, due to the exorbitant cost of defense coupled with the likelihood of reduced available assets in the debtors estates to pay claims, we executed an agreement with Arlington to settle our claims against Arlington and Arlington s claims against us. The settlement provides that Arlington will dismiss its claims seeking the return of certain payments made pursuant to the property leases and master lease agreement, and substantially reduces our claims against the Arlington estates. The settlement further provides for mutual releases among the parties. The Bankruptcy Court approved the settlement. Accordingly, there are no remaining assets or liabilities recorded in the accompanying consolidated financial statements related to this matter. However, the settlement will only become final upon the Bankruptcy Court s approval of Arlington s liquidation plan which was filed during the third quarter of 2007. Due to the complexity of the bankruptcy, we cannot estimate when, or if, the liquidation plan will be approved. In the normal course of business we are periodically party to certain legal actions and proceedings involving matters that are generally incidental to our business (*i.e.*, collection of loans receivable). In management s opinion, the resolution of these legal actions and proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**Item 4. RESERVED** 

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### PART II

# Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common shares are currently traded on the NYSE Amex under the symbol PCC. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices as reported on the NYSE Amex and the regular dividends per share declared by us for each such period.

					R	egular	
					Dividends Pe		
Quarter Ended	H	ligh	Ι	Low	S	Share	
December 31, 2010	\$	8.95	\$	8.10	\$	0.160	
September 30, 2010	\$	9.19	\$	7.50	\$	0.160	
June 30, 2010	\$	8.91	\$	7.25	\$	0.160	
March 31, 2010	\$	8.00	\$	7.00	\$	0.160	
December 31, 2009	\$	8.00	\$	7.02	\$	0.160	
September 30, 2009	\$	7.70	\$	6.20	\$	0.160	
June 30, 2009	\$	8.45	\$	5.35	\$	0.160	
March 31, 2009	\$	8.46	\$	4.21	\$	0.225	

On March 3, 2011, there were approximately 785 holders of record of our common shares, excluding stockholders whose shares were held by brokerage firms, depositories and other institutional firms in street name for their customers. The last reported sales price of our common shares on March 3, 2011 was \$8.95.

Our shareholders are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by our Board of Trust Managers (the Board). In determining dividend policy, our Board considers many factors including, but not limited to, actual and projected cash flows available for dividend distribution, expectations for future earnings, REIT taxable income and maintenance of REIT status, the economic environment, competition, our ability to obtain leverage and our loan portfolio performance. In order to maintain REIT status, PMC Commercial is required to pay out 90% of REIT taxable income. Consequently, the dividend rate on a quarterly basis will not necessarily correlate directly to any single factor such as REIT taxable income or earnings expectations.

Our Board maintained our quarterly dividend at \$0.16 per share for the first quarter dividend to be paid in April 2011. We anticipate that the Board will adjust the dividend as needed, on a quarterly basis, thereafter.

We have certain covenants within our revolving credit facility that limit our ability to pay out returns of capital as part of our dividends. These restrictions have not historically limited the amount of dividends we have paid and management does not believe that they will restrict future dividend payments. See Selected Financial Data in Item 6,

Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources in Item 7 and Financial Statements and Supplementary Data in Item 8 for additional information concerning dividends.

We have not had any sales of unregistered securities during the last three years.

See Item 12 in this Form 10-K for information regarding our equity compensation plans.

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#### **Performance Graph**

The following information in Item 5 is not deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act ) or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such a filing.

The line graph below compares the percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return on our common shares of beneficial interest with the cumulative total return of the Russell 2000 and our Peer Group which consists of all publicly traded mortgage REITs, mortgage-backed security REITs and specialty finance REITs listed on the NYSE, NYSE Amex and the NASDAQ on which coverage is provided by SNL Financial LP for the period from December 31, 2005 through December 31, 2010 assuming an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2005 and the reinvestment of dividends. The share price performance shown on the graph is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

	December 31,										
Index	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010					
PMC Commercial Trust	100.00	133.92	105.12	83.16	93.54	114.01					
Russell 2000	100.00	118.37	116.51	77.15	98.11	124.46					
PMC Commercial Trust Peer											
Group	100.00	142.35	114.28	75.09	95.35	118.59					
Source: SNL Financial LC											
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#### Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following is a summary of our Selected Financial Data as of and for the five years in the period ended December 31, 2010. The following data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The selected financial data presented below has been derived from our consolidated financial statements.

	Years Ended December 31,									
		2010		2009	2008			2007		2006
			(1	n thousand	s, exce	ept per share	infe	ormation)		
Total revenues (1)	\$	15,463	\$	16,267	\$	23,117	\$	27,295	\$	28,973
Total expenses (1)	\$	10,752	\$	10,377	\$	13,776	\$	14,717	\$	15,355
Income from continuing		,		,		,		,		,
operations (1)	\$	4,842	\$	6,057	\$	9,022	\$	12,094	\$	13,532
Discontinued operations (2)	\$	(545)	\$	704	\$	784	\$	1,041	\$	2,152
Net income	\$	4,297	\$	6,761	\$	9,806	\$	13,135	\$	15,684
Basic weighted average common										
shares outstanding		10,554		10,573		10,767		10,760		10,748
Basic and diluted earnings per		_ = ;;= = ;		- • ,- · -						
common share:										
Income from continuing										
operations	\$	0.46	\$	0.57	\$	0.84	\$	1.12	\$	1.26
Net income	\$	0.41	\$	0.64	\$	0.91	\$	1.22	\$	1.46
Dividends declared, common	\$	6,756	\$	7,445	\$	10,908	\$	12,915	\$	13,975
Dividends per common share	\$	0.64	\$	0.705	\$	1.015	\$	1.20	\$	1.30
					At D	ecember 31,				
	2	2010 (4)		2009	111 D	2008		2007		2006
	_				(In	thousands)				
Loans receivable, net (3)	\$	233,218	\$	196,642	`\$	179,807	\$	165,969	\$	169,181
Retained Interests	\$	1,010	\$	12,527	\$	33,248	\$	48,616	\$	55,724
Total assets	\$	252,127	\$	228,243	\$	227,524	\$	231,420	\$	240,404
Debt	\$	92,969	\$	68,509	\$	61,814	\$	62,953	\$	68,509

(1) The decrease in total revenues and income from continuing operations is primarily due to declines in LIBOR. At December 31, 2010, 54% of our loans were based on LIBOR.

- (2) We foreclosed on the underlying collateral of three hospitality properties during 2010 which are generating significant losses. We are currently marketing to sell these properties.
- (3) Our loans receivable increased during 2009 primarily due to the consolidation of several previously off-balance sheet securitizations which reached their clean-up call option.
- (4) Effective January 1, 2010, due to a change in accounting rules, we now consolidate the assets and liabilities of the QSPEs. In addition, effective January 1, 2010, due to a change in accounting rules, we are now required to permanently treat proceeds received from legally sold portions of loans pursuant to Secondary Market Loan

Sales (those sold for excess spread or those sold for a 10% cash premium and excess spread) as secured borrowings for the life of the loan.

# Item 7. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes that appear elsewhere in this document. For a more detailed description of the risks affecting our financial condition and results of operations, see Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K.

### **Business Overview**

We are primarily a commercial mortgage lender that originates loans to small businesses that are principally collateralized by first liens on the real estate of the related business. Our outstanding loans are predominantly (94% at December 31, 2010) to borrowers in the hospitality industry.

We are organized as a REIT. Our loan underwriting is consistent and, among other things, typically requires

(1) significant equity investments by the borrower in the property, (2) personal guarantees from the borrower,
(3) operating experience by the borrower and (4) evidence of adequate repayment ability. We do not originate any

higher-risk loans such as option ARM products, junior lien mortgages, high loan-to-value ratio mortgages, interest only loans, subprime loans or loans with initial teaser rates. We also do not originate any residential loans.

Our business of originating loans is affected by general commercial real estate fundamentals and the overall economic environment. We have designed our strategy to be flexible so that we can adjust our loan activities in anticipation of, and in reaction to, changes in the commercial real estate capital and property markets and the overall economy as well as changes to the specific characteristics of the underlying real estate assets that serve as collateral for the majority of our investments.

As a result of the continued economic uncertainty for commercial mortgage lenders, we are focusing our origination efforts on SBA 7(a) loans which require less capital due to the ability to sell the government guaranteed portion of such loans. We utilize the SBA 7(a) program to originate small business loans, primarily secured by real estate, and then sell the government guaranteed portion to investors.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### General

We are a commercial finance company that specializes in lending to the limited service hospitality industry. In general, both the commercial finance and hospitality industries experienced turbulence during 2009 and 2010. We believe the economic environment is complicated and risky and will continue to present challenges to us and our industry.

We believe that our commercial lending business has strong long-term fundamentals. However, due to these economic conditions, we have experienced the following:

Loan origination limitations due to availability of liquidity;

Reduced operating margins due to lack of economies of scale;

Limited access to capital, and if such capital is available, at increased costs;

An increase in non-accrual loans;

An increase in REO and foreclosure proceedings;

An increase in the holding period related to REO with a corresponding increase in expenses related to these assets;

An increase in loan loss reserves and asset impairments;

An inability to engage in structured loan transactions; and

Reduced cash available for distribution to shareholders, particularly as our portfolio yield was reduced by lower variable interest rates, scheduled maturities, prepayments and non-performing loans.

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We seek to position ourselves to be able to take advantage of opportunities once market conditions improve and to maximize shareholder value over time. To do this, we will continue to focus on:

Paying dividends to our shareholders;

Originating quality assets and earning interest and fees;

Enhancing cash flows from our investment portfolio;

Increasing our volume of SBA 7(a) loan originations;

Repositioning and marketing of non-performing assets;

Exploring alternative financing sources; and

Exploring alternative strategic activities.

We believe that these are the appropriate steps to position us for long-term growth.

# General Economic Environment

# Commercial Real Estate and Lodging Industry

Economic conditions have subjected many of our borrowers to financial stress/distress. The operations of the limited service hospitality properties collateralizing our loans were negatively impacted by the recent recessionary economic environment. As a result, we are experiencing a significant number of issues related to our borrowers including payment delinquencies, slow pays, insufficient funds payments, non-payment or lack of timely payment of real estate taxes and franchise fees, requests for payment deferrals, lack of cash flow for franchise required improvements or maintenance issues jeopardizing continuation of franchises, terminating franchises, conversion to lesser franchises, deterioration of the physical property (our collateral), and declining property values. As such, our litigation and foreclosure activity and related costs have increased.

There has been an increase in mortgage defaults and foreclosures in the broader commercial real estate market and these defaults may continue. This increase is due in part to credit market turmoil and declining property cash flows and property values. In addition, when foreclosures on commercial real estate properties increase, the property values typically decline even further as supply exceeds demand. We have experienced an increase in litigation (including borrowers who have filed for bankruptcy reorganization) and foreclosure activity. In conjunction with this increase in foreclosure activity, we have experienced, and will likely continue to experience, an increase in expenses, including general and administrative, provision for loan losses and impairment losses. Further, our ability to sell our REO and the prices we receive on sale are affected by many factors, including but not limited to, the number of potential buyers, the number of competing properties on the market and other market conditions. As a result of the challenging economic conditions, our holding periods for our REO have increased.

Historically, we have not experienced significant losses on real estate secured loans due to our borrowers equity in their properties, the value of the underlying collateral, the cash flows from operations of the businesses and other factors, such as having recourse to the guarantors. However, if the economy or the commercial real estate market does not continue to improve, we could experience an increase in credit losses. In addition, due to the prolonged economic downturn and the current economic environment, we believe that in general, our borrowers equity in their properties has been eroded and may further erode which may result in an increase in foreclosure activity and credit losses. As a result, we increased both our general and specific loan loss reserves. Additional changes to the facts and circumstances of the individual borrowers, the limited service hospitality industry and the economy may require the establishment of significant additional loan loss reserves and the effect on our results of operations and financial condition may be material.

# Liquidity

At this time, we are uncertain as to how long the lack of long-term liquidity will remain and what shape the economy will take in the future. As a result of the prolonged downturn in real estate markets, the availability of capital for providers of real estate financing was severely restricted. As a result, capital providers (including banks and insurance

companies) substantially reduced the availability and increased the cost of debt capital for many companies originating commercial mortgages. These challenges continue to impact our ability to fully utilize our lending platform and have reduced yields on our assets as interest rates declined and remained at low levels.

Banks and other lending institutions have tightened lending standards and restricted credit to long-term real estate lenders as they rebuilt their capital bases. The structured credit markets, including the asset-backed securities (ABS) markets, were severely curtailed. While delinquencies in the commercial real estate markets remained low during 2008, the lack of liquidity in ABS, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and other commercial mortgage markets negatively impacted commercial real estate sales and financing activity during 2009 and 2010. While we believe these conditions are temporary and the commercial real estate market fundamentals will return over the long-term, we are unable to predict how long these conditions will continue and what long-term impact this will have on the market.

A major part of our business plan was to originate loans and then sell those loans through privately-placed structured loan transactions while retaining residual interests in the loans sold by retaining a subordinate financial interest. This was successful and allowed us to grow our portfolio of serviced loans to approximately \$500 million during 2004. While we believe that a portion of our retained portfolio of loans could be used as collateral for a securitization, a market for our type of securitization may not be available at terms which are acceptable to us in the future.

We currently are targeting 2011 SBA 7(a) loan origination volume of between \$40 million and \$50 million. We anticipate net funding needs for these originations to be between \$8 million and \$11 million during 2011 after sale of the guaranteed portion of the loans. Our current credit facility is anticipated to be sufficient to allow us to fund our anticipated loan originations.

# **Lodging Industry Trends**

The lodging industry experienced declining demand over the past few years. With the onset of the recession, all forms of travel accommodations experienced revenue decreases as consumer spending dropped and revenue per available room ( RevPAR ) reduced by 13.7% during the three year period ended December 31, 2010 according to statistics compiled by Smith Travel Research ( STR ). Part of the reduction in RevPAR was caused by an increase in hotel room supply during that period.

Lodging demand in the United States generally appears to correlate to changes in U.S. GDP. The hospitality industry including the limited service hospitality segment experienced reduced RevPAR, occupancy and average daily room rates ( ADRs ). Leading lodging industry analysts, including PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have noted the following:

Economic growth is expected to slowly accelerate during 2011;

Occupancy levels and average daily room rates are expected to increase during 2011 due to increasing demand; and

RevPAR is expected to increase during 2011.

We are hopeful that the expectation of economic growth, due primarily to an anticipated increase in consumer spending and an anticipated sharp increase in business spending, will benefit the recovery of the hospitality industry. Researchers from STR anticipate that the current economic recovery and suppressed construction activity for new hotels will support a 7.4% increase in RevPAR during 2011.

While occupancy levels, average daily room rates and RevPAR are expected to increase during 2011; they are not expected to reach levels attained during 2007.

#### **Strategic Alternatives**

The current credit and capital market environment remains unstable for commercial real estate lenders. While we continue to explore and evaluate strategic opportunities, our primary focus is on maximizing the value of our current investment portfolio and business strategy and exploring opportunities for alternative liquidity sources.

# SBA 7(a) Program and Regulatory Environment

We continue to focus on the origination of SBA 7(a) loans which require less capital due to the ability to sell the government guaranteed portion of such loans. We utilize the SBA 7(a) program to originate small business loans, primarily secured by real estate, and then sell the government guaranteed portion to investors.

Commencing in February 2009, legislative provisions were passed which provided the SBA with temporary funding to eliminate fees on SBA 7(a) loans and provided increased SBA guarantee percentages on SBA 7(a) loans for up to 90% on certain loans. In addition, legislation was passed in September 2010 that contained provisions to allow the SBA to support larger loans and provide more financing options to a larger segment of small businesses including permanently increasing the 7(a) loan limit from \$2 million to \$5 million.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the Act ), passed in July 2010, provides new regulations and oversight of the financial services industry. While all provisions of the Act have not been finalized for implementation, we do not believe the Act will have a material impact on us.

# **Secondary Market Loan Sales**

#### General

During 2010, we sold \$28.4 million of the guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) Program loans. Loans were sold for (1) cash premiums and 100 basis points (1%) (the minimum spread required to be retained pursuant to SBA regulations) as the servicing spread on the sold portion of the loan, (2) future servicing spreads averaging 438 basis points (including the 100 basis points required to be retained) and no cash premiums, or (3) future servicing spreads averaging 168 basis points (including the 100 basis points required to be retained) and cash premiums of 10% (i.e.,

hybrid loan sales ). As a result of the new accounting rules regarding sale treatment for selling the guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans, during 2010, no gain was recognized at the time of sale for any of these loans.

Even though recognition of premium income is deferred as a result, management believes the best economic opportunity was to forego the up-front cash premiums in lieu of significant future servicing spread or to sell the loan for an up-front cash premium and lesser future servicing spread (than if the loan was sold solely for future servicing spread). On these loan sales, we receive a spread between the interest rate due to us from our borrowers and the rate payable to the purchasers of the guaranteed portions of the loans.

#### **Cash Premium Loan Sales**

For the 2010 loan sales where we received cash premiums and the minimum servicing spread of 1%, sale treatment will occur after all contingencies have been satisfied which should occur 90 to 120 days after the proceeds were received. We recorded \$709,000 in gains on sale during 2010 relating to these loans sales (reflected as premium income included in other income in our consolidated income statements). Once gains are recorded, there is no significant difference between the old and new accounting rules for these sales. During February 2011, the SBA rescinded the contingency period; therefore, there will be no deferral of gain recognition on these sales after that date.

# Servicing Spread Loan Sales

For tax purposes, since all Secondary Market Loan Sales are legal sales, we are required to record gains based on present value cash flow techniques consistent with the book accounting treatment utilized until January 1, 2010. Consequently, for tax purposes, we had gains of \$681,000 during 2010 related to sales of loans solely for excess spread but will not recognize any gains for book purposes. Instead, we will record book income as we receive the average 438 basis point spread as we service the sold portion of the loan. There can be no assurance that the loans will remain outstanding until maturity. However, management believes that the discounted present value of the future servicing spreads will be greater than the cash premiums we would have received since we expect the income received on the sold portion over the life of the loans (and the future incremental cash flows) to exceed the foregone cash premiums.

# Hybrid Loan Sales

For tax purposes, we had gains of \$1,758,000 during 2010 related to hybrid loan sales but will not recognize gain for book purposes. For book purposes, the cash premium is amortized as a reduction of interest expense over the life of the loan using the interest method. We record income as we receive the average 168 basis point excess spread as we service the sold portion of the loan. Management believes that the discounted present value of the future servicing spreads will be greater than the foregone cash premiums we would have received since we expect the income received on the sold portion over the life of the loans (and the future incremental cash flows) to exceed the foregone cash premiums.

In summary, our Secondary Market Loan Sales were as follows during 2010:

	Principal	Premium	Gain Upon Sale				
Type of Sale	Sold	Received	Book	Tax			
Cash premium	\$ 7,736,000 6,188,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 709,000	\$ 817,000 681,000			
Servicing spread Hybrid	14,521,000	1,452,000		1,758,000			
	\$28,445,000	\$ 2,210,000	\$ 709,000	\$ 3,256,000			

The following highlights the difference between selling a loan for cash premium versus selling a loan for future excess spread versus selling a loan for a cash premium and future excess spread:

	Cash Premium			Servicing Spread	Hybrid	
Loan amount	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	
Guaranteed portion of total loan		90.00%		90.00%	90.00%	
Guaranteed loan amount	\$	900,000	\$	900,000	\$ 900,000	
Rate paid by borrower		6.00%		6.00%	6.00%	
Rate paid to purchaser		5.00%		1.75%	4.50%	
Total spread on sold portion of loan		1.00%		4.25%	1.50%	
Premium percentage		11.00%			10.00%	
Proceeds from sale	\$	999,000	\$	900,000	\$ 990,000	
Premium received	\$	99,000	\$		\$ 90,000	
Future servicing spread:						
Estimated cash flow Year 1	\$	8,900	\$	37,900	\$ 13,400	
Estimated cash flow Initial 5 years	\$	42,900	\$	182,300	\$ 64,300	
Total cash from sale at the end of 5 years (1)	\$	1,041,900	\$	1,081,900	\$ 1,054,300	

(1) Does not include the cash flow from the retained portion of the loan.

# LOAN PORTFOLIO INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

# General

Loans funded during 2010 and 2009 were \$38.4 million and \$30.4 million, respectively. Depending on liquidity, we anticipate loan fundings to be between \$40 million and \$50 million during 2011. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, our outstanding commitments to fund new loans were \$16.5 million and \$20.7 million, respectively. The majority of our commitments are for variable-rate SBA 7(a) loans which provide an interest rate match with our present sources of funds and these loans also provide an SBA guarantee for 75% to 90% of the loan amount.

We continue to actively monitor and manage our potential problem loans. In certain instances, where it is likely to maximize our return, we will consider restructuring loans. As we continue to pursue ways of improving our overall recovery and repayment on these loans, we may experience reductions in net investment income and cash flow. Bank and CMBS financing became less available as a source of refinancing for our borrowers, which slowed the pace of prepayments by our borrowers and also created new lending opportunities for us. Liquidity for commercial properties including hospitality properties remains limited since banks are hesitant to lend and the securitization market for commercial real estate assets has been limited.

Loan Activity

In addition to our Retained Portfolio of \$234.9 million at December 31, 2010, we service \$49.5 million of aggregate principal balance remaining on Secondary Market Loan Sales. In addition, due to a change in accounting rules, beginning January 1, 2010, the aggregate principal balance remaining on loans that were sold in structured loan sale transactions were consolidated and included in our Retained Portfolio. Since we retain a residual interest in the cash flows from our sold loans, the performance of these loans impacts our profitability and our cash available for dividend distributions. Therefore, we provide information on both our Retained Portfolio and our Aggregate Portfolio.

December 31, 2008 2010 2009 2007 2006 (Dollars in thousands) \$ 275.530 Aggregate Portfolio (1) \$ 284.451 273.687 \$ 326.368 \$ 397.567 \$ Loans funded \$ 38,440 \$ 30,435 \$ 34,587 33,756 \$ 51,686 \$ Prepayments (2) \$ 10,830 \$ 12,795 \$ 68,556 84,137 \$ 91,710 \$ % Prepayments (3) 4.0%4.6% 21.0% 21.2% 20.5%

Information on our Aggregate Portfolio, including prepayment trends, was as follows:

(1) Portfolio outstanding before loan loss reserves and deferred commitment fees.

(2) Does not include balloon maturities of SBA 504 program loans.

# (3) Represents prepayments as a percentage of our Aggregate Portfolio outstanding as of the beginning of the applicable year.

### **Market Interest Rates**

The net interest margin for our leveraged portfolio is dependent upon the difference between the cost of our borrowed funds and the rate at which we invest these funds (the net interest spread). The interest rate yield curve combined with increased competition caused margin compression (*i.e.*, the margins we receive between the interest rate we charge our borrowers and the interest rate we are charged by our lenders have compressed). The margin compression lowers our profitability and may have an impact on our ability to maintain our dividend at the current or anticipated amounts. On our variable-rate loans, we charge a spread over a base rate, either LIBOR or the prime rate which is set on the first day of each quarter. For the first quarter of 2011, the LIBOR and prime rates are 0.30% and 3.25%, respectively. Historically, the base rates were as follows:

	2010	2009	2008
LIBOR			
First Quarter	0.25%	1.44%	4.73%
Second Quarter	0.29%	1.21%	2.70%
Third Quarter	0.53%	0.60%	2.79%
Fourth Quarter	0.29%	0.29%	3.88%
Average	0.34%	0.88%	3.53%
Prime Rate			
First Quarter	3.25%	3.25%	7.25%
Second Quarter	3.25%	3.25%	5.25%
Third Quarter	3.25%	3.25%	5.00%
Fourth Quarter	3.25%	3.25%	5.00%
Average	3.25%	3.25%	5.63%
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Most of our retained loans (\$170.0 million) and our debt (\$73.1 million) are based on LIBOR or the prime rate. On the net difference of \$96.9 million between our variable-rate loans and debt, interest rate changes will have an impact on our future earnings.

# **Retained Loan Portfolio Rollforwards**

The following table summarizes our loan activity for the five-year period ended December 31, 2010:

	Years Ended December 31,									
	2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
				(In	thousands)					
Loans receivable, net beginning										
of year	\$ 196,642	\$	179,807	\$	165,969	\$	169,181	\$	157,574	
Loans originated (1)	69,701		62,998		55,950		44,419		71,530	
Principal reductions (1)	(28,691)		(39,636)		(42,026)		(42,615)		(55,955)	
Loans transferred to REO (2)	(4,040)		(4,948)				(4,917)		(3,730)	
Other adjustments (3)	(394)		(1,579)		(86)		(99)		(238)	
Loans receivable, net end of year	\$ 233,218	\$	196,642	\$	179,807	\$	165,969	\$	169,181	

(1) See detailed information below.

(2) Loans on which the collateral was foreclosed upon and the assets were subsequently classified as REO.

(3) Represents the net change in loan loss reserves, discounts and deferred commitment fees.

Detailed information on our loans originated and principal reductions for the five-year period ended December 31, 2010 was as follows:

		2010		Years Ended December 2009 2008 (In thousands)			er 31,	er 31, 2007		2006	
Loans Originated:											
Loans Funded:											
Commercial mortgage loans	\$	4,908	\$	2,425	\$	19,739	\$	28,416	\$	36,855	
SBA 7(a) Program loans		33,532		28,010		10,971		2,888		8,537	
SBA 504 program loans (1)						3,877		2,452		6,294	
Total loans funded		38,440		30,435		34,587		33,756		51,686	
Non-cash Loan Originations:											
2003 Joint Venture (2)				19,993							
2002 Joint Venture (3)				12,570							
2001 Joint Venture (3)						13,760					
2000 Joint Venture (4)		22,912									
1999 Partnership (3)						7,603					
1998 Partnership (4)		5,024									
Loans originated to facilitate the											
sales of REO and hotel properties		3,325						10,663		19,844	
Total loans originated	\$	69,701	\$	62,998	\$	55,950	\$	44,419	\$	71,530	
Principal Reductions (5):											
Prepayments	\$	9,716	\$	5,600	\$	27,938	\$	26,549	\$	40,686	
Proceeds from the sale of SBA	Ψ	),/10	Ψ	5,000	Ψ	21,930	Ψ	20,347	Ψ	+0,000	
7(a) guaranteed loans		7,692		24,996		4,059		1,971		6,373	
Scheduled principal payments		11,283		9,040		5,330		6,010		6,554	
Balloon maturities of SBA 504		11,205		2,010		5,550		0,010		0,004	
program loans						4,699		8,085		2,342	
Total principal reductions	\$	28,691	\$	39,636	\$	42,026	\$	42,615	\$	55,955	

(1) Represents second mortgages originated through the SBA 504 Program which are repaid by certified development companies.

- (2) We attained, but did not exercise, our clean-up call provisions resulting in loans which were previously off-balance sheet being included in our Retained Portfolio.
- (3) We exercised our clean-up call provisions resulting in loans which were previously off-balance sheet being included in our Retained Portfolio.

(4)

Due to a change in accounting rules effective January 1, 2010, the 2000 Joint Venture and the 1998 Partnership were consolidated and included in our Retained Portfolio.

# (5) Does not include principal reductions for loans transferred to REO.

# **Prepayment Activity**

The timing and volume of our prepayment activity for both our variable and fixed-rate loans fluctuate and are impacted by numerous factors including the following:

The competitive lending environment (*i.e.*, availability of alternative financing);

The current and anticipated interest rate environment;

The market value of, and ability to sell, limited service hospitality properties; and

The amount of the prepayment fee and the length of prepayment prohibition, if any.

It is difficult for us to accurately predict the volume or timing of prepayments since the factors listed above are not all-inclusive and changes in one factor are not isolated from changes in another which might magnify or counteract the rate or volume of prepayment activity.

When loans receivable are repaid prior to their maturity, we may receive prepayment fees. Prepayment fees result in one-time increases in our income. In general, the proceeds from the prepayments we receive are either used to repay debt, invested initially in temporary investments or if related to our SBICs held for use in their operations. In addition, loans originated under the SBA 7(a) program do not have prepayment fees which are retained by us.

# **PORTFOLIO QUALITY**

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had loan loss reserves of \$1,609,000 and \$1,257,000, respectively, including general loan loss reserves of \$1,100,000 and \$650,000, respectively. Our provision for loan losses (excluding reductions of loan losses) as a percentage of our weighted average outstanding loans receivable (excluding our SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings since the SBA has guaranteed payment of the principal) was 0.46% and 0.57% during 2010 and 2009, respectively. To the extent one or several of our loans experience significant operating difficulties and we are forced to liquidate the loans, future losses may be substantial.

During the five-year period ended December 31, 2010, our aggregate provision for loan losses, net, was \$2.3 million or 25 basis points per year based on the five-year average of our loans receivable, excluding SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings. Our total loan loss reserves and general loan loss reserves as a percentage of our outstanding portfolio, excluding SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings, were 73 basis points and 50 basis points, respectively, at December 31, 2010.

The following table represents an aging of our loans receivable at December 31, 2010. This table does not include our SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings since the SBA has guaranteed payment of the principal.

			Commer	cial				
		Mortgage SBA 7(a						
Category	Total	S	Loans	5	Loans	3		
Current (1)	\$ 196,539	91.6%	\$178,592	91.2%	\$ 17,947	96.1%		
Between 30 and 59 days								
delinquent	4,877	2.3%	4,664	2.4%	213	1.1%		
Between 60 and 89 days								
delinquent	5,576	2.6%	5,253	2.7%	323	1.7%		
Over 89 days delinquent (2)	7,549	3.5%	7,359	3.8%	190	1.0%		
	\$214,541	100.0%	\$ 195,868	100.0%	\$ 18,673	100.0%		

- Includes \$9.0 million of loans which are current under agreements which provide for interest only payments during a short period of time (not more than six months remaining) in exchange for additional collateral. Of this, \$7.2 million relates to an affiliated group of obligors representing approximately 6% of our loans receivable at December 31, 2010.
- (2) Includes \$6.3 million of loans on which the borrowers have filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. We are classified as a secured creditor in the bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, the collateral underlying \$1.1 million of loans included in the over 89 days delinquent category are in the foreclosure process.

The year of origination for our loans receivable (excluding our SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings since the SBA has guaranteed payment of the principal) were as follows:

	Commercial Mortgage SBA 7(a)								
Year of Origination	Totals		Loans	5	Loans				
		(Dollars in thousands)							
1991 to 1999	\$ 36,405	17.0%	\$ 35,057	17.9%	\$ 1,348	7.2%			
2000 to 2004	56,497	26.3%	53,739	27.4%	2,758	14.8%			
2005 to 2007	79,118	36.9%	77,773	39.7%	1,345	7.2%			
2008 to 2010	42,521	19.8%	29,299	15.0%	13,222	70.8%			

\$214,541	100.0%	\$ 195,868	100.0%	\$ 18,673	100.0%
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We consider loan origination dates to be a credit quality indicator of our portfolio. Loans originated from 1991 to 1999 are heavily seasoned; thus typically representing a smaller risk in terms of loss upon liquidation due to paydowns of principal. For loans originated during 2005 to 2007, the businesses collateralizing these loans (within a short period of time following closing of the loans) were subject to extreme conditions including a recession and resulting decrease in property values and performance. Industry performance, while improving, has not yet reached pre-recession levels. The majority of our loan receivable which were over 89 days delinquent at December 31, 2010 were originated from 2005 to 2007.

Our policy with respect to loans which are in arrears as to interest payments for a period of 60 days or more is generally to discontinue the accrual of interest income. To the extent collection of a loan becomes unlikely, we will deliver a default notice and begin foreclosure and liquidation proceedings when we determine that pursuit of these remedies is the most appropriate course of action.

Management closely monitors our loans which require evaluation for loan loss reserves based on specific identification which are classified into three categories: Doubtful, Substandard and Other Assets Especially Mentioned (OAEM) (together Specific Identification Loans). Loans classified as Doubtful are generally loans which are not complying with their contractual terms, the collection of the balance of the principal is considered impaired and on which the fair value of the collateral is less than the remaining unamortized principal balance. These loans are typically placed on non-accrual status and are generally in the foreclosure process. Loans classified as Substandard are generally those loans that are either not complying or had previously not complied with their contractual terms and have other credit weaknesses which may make payment default or principal exposure likely but not yet certain. Loans classified as OAEM are generally loans for which the credit quality of the borrowers has temporarily deteriorated. Typically the borrowers are current on their payments; however, they may be delinquent on their property taxes, insurance, or franchise fees. In addition, included in OAEM are loans for which the borrowers have filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and we are classified as a secured creditor in the bankruptcy proceedings. Until bankruptcy plans are confirmed, the loans are typically delinquent.

Management has classified our loans receivable (excluding our SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings since the SBA has guaranteed payment of the principal) as follows (balances represent our investment in the loans prior to loan loss reserves and deferred commitment fees):

					Decembe	er 3	81,						
				2010		2009							
			Commercial										
							SBA						
			Ν	Iortgage			7(a)						
	Totals	%		Loans	%		Loans	%	Amount	%			
				(1	Dollars in th	iou	sands)						
Satisfactory	\$187,630	87.5%	\$	169,880	86.7%	\$	17,750	95.1%	\$177,130	89.3%			
OAEM	16,886	7.9%		16,872	8.6%		14	0.1%	17,593	8.9%			
Substandard	9,113	4.2%		8,469	4.3%		644	3.4%	443	0.2%			
Doubtful	912	0.4%		647	0.3%		265	1.4%	3,081	1.6%			
	\$214,541	100.0%	\$	195,868	100.0%	\$	18,673	100.0%	\$ 198,247	100.0%			

We begin foreclosure and liquidation proceedings when we determine the pursuit of these remedies is the most appropriate course of action. Foreclosure and bankruptcy are complex and sometimes lengthy processes that are subject to Federal and state laws and regulations.

Our foreclosure activity has increased. In January 2010, we sold an asset acquired through foreclosure for gross cash proceeds of \$2,500,000 and recorded a gain of \$76,000. In March 2010, we sold an asset acquired through foreclosure for \$2,275,000 and financed the sale. During May 2010, we acquired an asset through deed in lieu of foreclosure, sold it for \$1,125,000 and financed \$1,050,000 of the sales price. No gains or losses were recorded on these transactions.

During June 2010, the 2003 Joint Venture acquired a full service hospitality property through foreclosure. At December 31, 2010, the estimated fair value of the property, as reduced for costs of selling, was estimated to be \$1.0 million. During October 2010, our SBA 7(a) subsidiary acquired two limited service hospitality properties through foreclosure. We are currently marketing to sell these three properties and anticipate that we will operate the properties through a third-party management company until they can be sold.

We are currently in the process of foreclosure proceedings on several properties collateralizing our loans. Historically, subsequent to commencement of the foreclosure process, many borrowers brought their loans current; thus, we stopped the foreclosure process. However, in general, we believe that our borrowers equity in their properties has eroded and may further erode which may result in an increase in foreclosure activity and credit losses. Borrowers have the option of seeking Federal bankruptcy protection which could delay the foreclosure process. In conjunction with the bankruptcy process, the terms of the loan agreement may be modified. Typically, delays in the foreclosure process will have a negative impact on our results of operations and/or financial condition due to direct and indirect costs incurred and possible deterioration of the collateral. It is difficult to determine what impact the current market disruptions will have on our borrowers whose collateral is in the process of foreclosure and the borrowers ability to become current on their loans.

Properties being foreclosed upon typically have deteriorated both physically (requiring certain repairs and maintenance and discretionary capital spending) and in its market (*i.e.*, issues with the properties vendors and reputation requiring rebuilding of its customer and vendor bases). To the extent properties are acquired through foreclosure, we will incur holding costs including, but not limited to, taxes, legal fees and insurance. In many cases, (1) cash flows have been reduced such that expenses exceed revenues and (2) franchise issues must be addressed (*i.e.*, quality and brand standards and non-payment of franchise fees). Notwithstanding the foregoing, we believe that in most cases it is prudent to continue to have the business operate until it can be sold because of a property s increased marketability as an operating entity compared to non-operating (demonstrated historically through our sales efforts and from information received from third-party brokers). We will hire third-party management companies to operate the properties until they are sold.

In connection with the sale of our REO, we may finance a portion of the purchase price of the property. These loans will typically bear market rates of interest. While these loans are evaluated using the same methodology as our loans receivable, certain lending criteria may not be able to be achieved.

Our non-accrual loans at December 31, 2010 total \$12,275,000. Of this, \$6,289,000 represents loans collateralized by five hospitality properties which are involved in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings in which we are classified as a secured creditor. The estimated market value of the collateral securing these properties exceeds the carrying value of these loans.

# CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and our results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Our management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting policies and estimates with the audit committee of our Board of Trust Managers, and the audit committee has reviewed the disclosures relating to these policies and estimates included in this annual report.

We believe the following critical accounting considerations and significant accounting policies represent our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

# **Determination of Loan Loss Reserves**

We evaluate our loans for possible impairment on a quarterly basis. Our impairment analysis includes general and specific loan loss reserves. The determination of whether significant doubt exists and whether a specific loan loss reserve is necessary requires judgment and consideration of the facts and circumstances existing at the evaluation date. Our evaluation of the possible establishment of a specific loan loss reserve is based on, among other things, a review of our historical loss experience, the financial strength of any guarantors, adverse circumstances that may affect the ability of the borrower to repay interest and/or principal and, to the extent the payment of the loan appears impaired, the estimated fair value of the collateral. The estimated fair value of the collateral is determined by management based on the appraised value, tax assessed value and/or cash flows.

We have a quarterly review process to identify and evaluate potential exposure to loan losses. Loans that require specific identification review are identified based on one or more negative characteristics including, but not limited to, non-payment or lack of timely payment of interest and/or principal, non-payment or lack of timely payment of property taxes for an extended period of time, insurance defaults and/or franchise defaults. For each specifically identified loan, an evaluation is prepared to identify the exposure to loss. The specific identification evaluation begins with an estimation of underlying collateral values using appraisals, broker price opinions, tax assessed value and/or revenue analysis. Appraisals are ordered on a case-by-case basis when management believes that the economics of the property warrant that a current appraisal be performed. We generally obtain FIRREA appraisals from certified appraisers from national companies. Management uses appraisals as tools in conjunction with other determinants of collateral value as described above to estimate collateral values, not as the sole determinant of value due to the current economic environment. The property valuation takes into consideration current information on property values in general and value changes in commercial real estate and/or hospitality properties. The probability of liquidation is then determined based on many factors and is unique to each individual loan. These probability determinations include macroeconomic factors, the location of the property and economic environment where the property is located, industry specific factors relating primarily to the hospitality industry (and further to the limited service segment of the hospitality industry), our historical experience with similar borrowers and/or individual borrower or collateral characteristics, and in certain circumstances, the strength of the guarantors. The liquidation probability is then applied to the specifically identified exposure to loss (the difference between our outstanding loan balance and the estimated net realizable value) to establish the specifically identified reserve for that loan.

The general loan loss reserve is established when available information indicates that it is probable a loss has occurred in the portfolio and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Significant judgment is required in determining the general loan loss reserve, including estimates of the likelihood of default and the estimated fair value of the collateral. Our general loan loss reserve was initially established on December 31, 2008 in response to the overall portfolio performance trends and economic conditions in order to adequately reserve for all loans (including performing loans and the portion of specifically identified loans for which probability of liquidation of less than 100% was utilized). The general loan loss reserve includes those loans which may have negative characteristics which have not yet become known to us and for probable future increases in liquidation probabilities as loans deteriorate. The general loan loss reserve uses a consistent methodology to determine a loss percentage to be applied to outstanding loan balances. These loss percentages are based on many factors, primarily cumulative and recent loss history, general economic conditions and more specifically current trends in the limited service hospitality industry.

Additional changes to the facts and circumstances of the individual borrowers, the limited service hospitality industry and the economy may require the establishment of significant additional loan loss reserves and the effect on our results of operations may be material.

# Valuation of REO and Specific Identification Loans

REO consists of properties acquired through foreclosure in partial or total satisfaction of non-performing loans. REO acquired in satisfaction of a loan is recorded at estimated fair value less costs to sell at the date of foreclosure. Any excess of the carrying value of the loan over the fair value of the property less estimated costs to sell is charged-off to the loan loss reserve when title to the property is obtained. Any excess of the estimated fair value of the property less estimated costs to sell and the carrying value is recorded as gain on foreclosure within discontinued operations when title to the property is obtained.

We have a quarterly review process to identify and evaluate potential exposure to impairment losses on our REO. This evaluation uses management s judgment of the estimated fair value of our REO. Adjustments to the carrying value are generally based on management s assessment of the appraised value of the collateral, tax assessed value of the collateral, operating statistics to the extent available and/or discussions with potential purchasers and third-party brokers and are recorded as impairment losses in discontinued operations on our consolidated statements of income. Management s estimation of the fair value of our Specific Identification Loans is a Level 3 valuation in the fair value hierarchy established for disclosure of how a company values its assets. In general, quoted market prices from active markets for the identical asset (Level 1 inputs), if available, should be used to value an asset. If quoted prices are not available for the identical asset, then a determination should be made if Level 2 inputs are available. Level 2 inputs

include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets or for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active (*i.e.*, markets in which there are few transactions for the asset, the prices are not current, price quotations vary substantially, or in which little information is released publicly). There is limited reliable market information for our Specific Identification Loans and we utilize other methodologies to value the asset such as appraisal information and tax assessed value of the collateral, thus there are no Level 1 or Level 2 determinations available. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset that are used to measure fair value when observable inputs are not available. These inputs include management s assessment of the appraised value of the collateral, tax assessed value of the collateral and/or operating statistics to the extent available. Adjustments to the carrying value of Specific Identification Loans are recorded as loan loss reserves.

# **Revenue Recognition Policies**

# Interest Income

Interest income includes interest earned on loans and our short-term investments and the amortization of net loan origination fees and discounts. Interest income on loans is accrued as earned with the accrual of interest suspended when the related loan becomes a non-accrual loan. A loan receivable is generally classified as non-accrual (a

Non-Accrual Loan ) if (1) it is past due as to payment of principal or interest for a period of 60 days or more, (2) any portion of the loan is classified as doubtful or is charged-off or (3) if the repayment in full of the principal and/or interest is in doubt. Generally, loans are charged-off when management determines that we will be unable to collect any remaining amounts due under the loan agreement, either through liquidation of collateral or other means. Interest income on a Non-Accrual Loan is recognized on either the cash basis or the cost recovery basis.

Origination fees and direct loan origination costs, net, are deferred and amortized to income as an adjustment of yield over the life of the related loan receivable using a method which approximates the effective interest method.

For loans originated under the SBA 7(a) program, upon sale of the SBA guaranteed portion of the loans which are accounted for as sales, the unguaranteed portion of the loans retained by us is valued on a fair value basis and a discount (the Retained Loan Discount ) is recorded as a reduction in basis of the retained portion of the loan. For loans recorded with a Retained Loan Discount, these discounts are recognized as an adjustment of yield over the life of the related loan receivable using the effective interest method.

# **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

# Year Ended December 31, 2010 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2009 *Overview*

		Years	Ende	d			
	December 31,					e	
	2010 200		2009		\$	%	
	(Dollars in thousands)						
Total revenues	\$	15,463	\$	16,267	\$	(804)	(4.9%)
Total expenses	\$	10,752	\$	10,377	\$	375	3.6%
Income from continuing operations	\$	4,842	\$	6,057	\$	(1,215)	(20.1%)
Net income	\$	4,297	\$	6,761	\$	(2,464)	(36.4%)

The comparability of our operations between 2010 and 2009 was impacted by the consolidation of previously off-balance sheet securitizations and the accounting change (effective January 1, 2010) for sale treatment on Secondary Market Loan Sales.

The consolidation of previously off-balance sheet entities caused a gross-up of our interest income and interest expense during 2010 as compared to separate one-line revenue recognition during 2009 as income from Retained Interests. In addition, our net income was impacted by a change in accounting rules related to Secondary Market Loan Sales that records them as secured borrowings (loans sold for excess spread and loans sold for a 10% cash premium and excess spread) for the life of the loan subsequent to December 31, 2009. For loans sold for a cash premium and excess spread, the cash premium will be amortized as a reduction to interest expense over the life of the loan.

The primary cause of the reduction in income from continuing operations from 2009 to 2010 was the change in accounting for sale treatment on Secondary Market Loan Sales discussed above. Due to this accounting change, our premium income decreased from \$1,343,000 during 2009 to \$709,000 during 2010 while our sales of the guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) loans increased to \$28.4 million in 2010 from \$25.0 million in 2009. Premiums collected during 2010 which have been deferred due to this accounting change and are reflected as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet were \$1,439,000 at December 31, 2010.

The primary cause of the reduction in net income from 2009 to 2010 was a \$1,249,000 change in discontinued operations which generated a loss of \$545,000 during 2010 compared to income of \$704,000 during 2009. During 2010, we generated operating losses from operating properties acquired through foreclosure and impairment losses. During 2009, we generated gains on sales of assets and gain on foreclosure which was partially offset by operating losses from foreclosure properties.

More detailed comparative information on the composition of and changes in our revenues and expenses is provided below.

# Revenues

The increase in interest income of \$2,357,000 was primarily attributable to the consolidation of our previously off-balance sheet securitizations partially offset by a decrease in LIBOR. The increase in interest income attributable to these securitizations totaled \$2,782,000 during 2010. At December 31, 2010, 73% of our loans had variable interest rates. The average base LIBOR charged to our borrowers decreased from 0.88% during 2009 to 0.34% during 2010. On our average LIBOR based portfolio outstanding of \$130.2 million during 2010, the 54 basis point drop in LIBOR decreased interest income by \$700,000.

Income from Retained Interests decreased \$2,699,000 due to a change in accounting rules which required that our off-balance sheet securitizations be consolidated effective January 1, 2010. As a result, our income from Retained Interests decreased to \$163,000 during 2010. We expect that income from Retained Interests will remain at its current level during 2011.

Other income consisted of the following:

		rs Ended 1 010		1ber 31, 2009
	(In thousands)			
Premium income	\$	709	\$	1,343
Prepayment fees		378		126
Servicing income		344		370
Loan related income		226		224
Other		106		162
	\$	1,763	\$	2,225

Premium income results from Secondary Market Loan Sales. Effective January 1, 2010, we only record premium income related to sales for cash premiums and the 1% minimum required servicing spread. During February 2011, we sold the government guaranteed portion totaling \$4,680,000 on two loans for cash premiums and the required 1% servicing spread. We collected cash premiums of \$449,000 related to these two sales. Premium income will not equal collected cash premiums because premium income represents the difference between the fair value attributable to the sale of the government guaranteed portion of the loan and the principal balance (cost) of the loan adjusted by costs of origination.

Based on our loan portfolio composition and other market factors, we anticipate that the amount of prepayments will be at relatively low levels during 2011. Prepayment fee income is dependent upon a number of factors and is not generally predictable as the mix of loans prepaying is not known.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense consisted of the following:

	Ye	Years Ended December 3			
		2010		2009	
	(In thousands)				
Structured notes	\$	1,296	\$	281	
Junior subordinated notes		994		1,143	
Revolving credit facility		698		667	
Debentures payable		498		497	
Secured borrowings		398			
Other		132		281	
	\$	4,016	\$	2,869	

The weighted average cost of our funds was 4.1% during 2009 compared to 4.0% during 2010. Interest expense on the junior subordinated notes decreased as a result of decreases in LIBOR.

The weighted average balance outstanding on our Revolver decreased to \$18.9 million during 2010 from \$25.0 million during 2009 while the interest rate increased by 0.75% for prime borrowings during 2010.

During May 2009, we redeemed 20,000 shares of \$100 par value, 4% cumulative preferred stock of one of our SBICs held by the SBA due in September 2009. No gain or loss was recorded on the redemption. During March 2010, we redeemed the remaining 20,000 shares of \$100 par value, 4% cumulative preferred stock of one of our SBICs held by the SBA due in May 2010. No gain or loss was recorded on the redemption.

The increase in interest expense on structured notes payable is due to the consolidation of the off-balance sheet securitizations. In September 2009, we consolidated the 2003 Joint Venture including its structured notes and their related interest expense. The 2003 Joint Venture notes bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.5%. Effective January 1, 2010, due to a change in accounting rules, we consolidated the structured notes of the 2000 Joint Venture and the 1998 Partnership and their related interest expense. The 2000 Joint Venture notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 7.28% while the 1998 Partnership notes bear interest at the prime rate less 1%. In addition, during September 2009 we repaid the remaining structured notes of the 2002 Joint Venture which had a fixed interest rate of 6.67%.

In addition, effective January 1, 2010, we record interest expense on secured borrowings relating to sales of the guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans.

# **Other Expenses**

General and administrative expense increased from \$2,096,000 during 2009 to \$2,168,000 during 2010. General and administrative expenses are comprised of (1) corporate overhead including legal and professional expenses, sales and marketing expenses, public company and regulatory costs and (2) expenses related to assets currently in the process of foreclosure. Our corporate overhead decreased slightly to \$1,843,000 from \$1,867,000. Expenses related to assets currently in the process of foreclosure increased to \$325,000 during 2010 from \$229,000 during 2009. These expenses incurred during the foreclosure process for problem loans are primarily related to property taxes incurred, legal fees, protection of the asset and operating deficits funded to receivers. We expect to continue to incur general and administrative expenses related to these problem loans until the foreclosure processes are completed; however, we are unable to estimate these expenses at this time and these expenses may be material. Once the foreclosure processes are completed, net losses are included in discontinued operations related to these properties.

Permanent impairments on Retained Interests (write-downs of the value of our Retained Interests) were \$552,000 in 2009 resulting primarily from reductions in expected future cash flows. Due to a change in accounting rules, effective January 1, 2010, we no longer record additions to Retained Interests.

Provision for loans losses, net, was \$641,000 during 2010 compared to \$989,000 during 2009. These provisions were primarily related to the prolonged economic recession and current economic environment and negative changes in the financial condition of certain borrowers and collateral valuation on certain hospitality loans. During 2010, we increased our general reserve to \$1,100,000.

Income tax benefit was \$131,000 during 2010 compared to \$167,000 during 2009. During 2010, a deferred tax benefit of \$712,000 was recorded by one of our taxable REIT subsidiaries as a result of a book loss while current income tax expense of the subsidiary was \$410,000. The primary reason for the difference is the new accounting rules that defers gain recognition treatment on Secondary Market Loan Sales. During 2010, significant gains of \$2,439,000 were deferred for book purposes and recorded as gains for income tax purposes.

#### **Discontinued** Operations

Our discontinued operations consisted of the following:

	Years Ended Decem 2010 2 (In thousands)			
	¢			
Gains on sales of real estate	\$	78	\$	721
Gain on foreclosure				389
Impairment losses		(325)		
Net operating losses		(298)		(406)
Discontinued operations	\$	(545)	\$	704
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Gains on sales of real estate generally represent income recognition on previously deferred gains. Deferred gains are recorded to income as principal is received on the related loans until the required amount of cash proceeds are obtained from the purchaser to qualify for full accrual gain treatment. We also had a gain on the sale of REO acquired through foreclosure of \$76,000 during 2010.

Gain on foreclosure represents the gain recorded at the time of foreclosure of the collateral underlying a limited service hospitality property as its estimated fair value less costs to sell was greater than the carrying cost of the loan. The property was sold at approximately the recorded value during 2010 without any additional gain or loss.

Impairment losses represent declines in the estimated fair value of our REO subsequent to initial valuation. During 2010, we recorded an impairment loss of \$203,000 related to a full service hospitality property owned by the 2003 Joint Venture due to a decline in its market potential and an impairment loss of \$114,000 related to a retail establishment.

During 2010, net operating losses from discontinued operations were primarily from our hospitality properties. We expect to continue to generate net holding period losses for our properties acquired through foreclosure until the properties are sold. During 2009, these losses were primarily from the operation of a golf course included in REO which was sold in January 2010.

# Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2008 *Overview*

	Years Ended						
	December 31,				Change		
		2009		2008		\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)						
Total revenues	\$	16,267	\$	23,117	\$	(6,850)	(29.6%)
Total expenses	\$	10,377	\$	13,776	\$	(3,399)	(24.7%)
Income from continuing operations	\$	6,057	\$	9,022	\$	(2,965)	(32.9%)
Discontinued operations	\$	704	\$	784	\$	(80)	(10.2%)
Net income	\$	6,761	\$	9,806	\$	(3,045)	(31.1%)

Net income decreased from 2008 to 2009 primarily due to:

A decrease in our net interest margin of \$2,230,000 primarily due to a decrease in LIBOR; and

A decrease in yield generated from our Retained Interests of approximately \$3,503,000 due to the attainment of clean-up call options causing a reduction in the weighted average balance of our Retained Interests and a reduction in the amount of fees received upon prepayment of the loans.

The above reductions in net income were partially offset by:

A reduction in overhead (salaries and related benefits and general and administrative expenses) of

\$1,042,000 due primarily to our 2008 cost reduction initiatives; and

A one-time charge for severance costs of \$1,808,000 during 2008 as a result of our cost reduction initiatives announced in October 2008.

More detailed comparative information on the composition of and changes in our revenues and expenses is provided below.

### Revenues

The decrease in interest income of \$3,360,000 was primarily attributable to decreases in LIBOR partially offset by an increase in our weighted average loans receivable outstanding. Our weighted average loans receivable increased to \$190.2 million during 2009 from \$180.0 million during 2008 primarily due to the consolidation of loans previously included in off-balance sheet entities. At December 31, 2009, approximately 77% of our retained loans had variable interest rates. The average base LIBOR rate charged to our borrowers decreased from 3.5% during 2008 to 0.9% during 2009. During 2009, our average outstanding LIBOR based loans were \$126.0 million. The 260 basis point reduction in LIBOR caused an approximate \$3.3 million reduction in interest income. To the extent variable rates decline further, they will have a negative impact on our earnings.

Income from Retained Interests decreased primarily due to a 45% decrease in the weighted average balance of our Retained Interests outstanding to \$21.4 million during 2009 compared to \$38.9 million during 2008 due primarily to attainment of clean-up call options and a reduction in yield. The yield on our Retained Interests, which is comprised of the income earned less permanent impairments, decreased to 10.6% during 2009 from 15.0% during 2008. In addition, there was a decrease in unanticipated prepayment fees of approximately \$1.3 million on the sold loans of the QSPEs.

Other income consisted of the following:

	Yea	Years Ended December 31			
	,	2009	2	2008	
		(In tho	usands)		
Premium income	\$	1,343	\$	223	
Servicing income		370		469	
Loan related income		224		369	
Prepayment fees		126		771	
Other		162		380	
	\$	2,225	\$	2,212	

Premium income results from Secondary Market Loan Sales. Of the \$25.0 million of guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) loans sold during 2009, \$16.3 million were sold for cash premiums with an average premium collected of 8%. As a result of government initiatives that increased the maximum guaranteed percentage of loans from 75% to 90%, we were able to increase our volume of loan sales which benefitted our premium income during 2009.

We saw high levels of prepayment activity during the first half of 2008; however, our prepayment activity was significantly reduced during the last half of 2008 and during 2009. Prepayment fee income is dependent upon a number of factors and is not generally predictable as the mix of loans prepaying is not known.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense consisted of the following:

	Yea	Years Ended December 3			
		2009		2008	
		(In tho	usands	;)	
Junior subordinated notes	\$	1,143	\$	1,803	
Revolver		667		793	
Debentures payable		497		498	
Structured notes		281		100	
Conduit facility				434	
Other		281		281	
	\$	2,869	\$	3,909	

The weighted average cost of our funds was 4.1% during 2009 compared to 5.5% during 2008. Interest expense on the junior subordinated notes decreased as a result of decreases in LIBOR. The conduit facility matured on May 2, 2008 and was repaid using proceeds from our Revolver. The weighted average outstanding on our Revolver increased to \$25.0 million during 2009 from \$17.4 million during 2008. As a result of the extension of our Revolver, the interest rate was increased by 1.375% for LIBOR-based borrowings and 0.75% for prime rate borrowings effective December 29, 2009. Based on the 2009 weighted average outstanding balance outstanding on the Revolver of \$25.0 million, assuming LIBOR-based borrowings, interest expense would have been greater by approximately \$350,000 during 2009.

During May 2009, we redeemed 20,000 shares of \$100 par value, 4% cumulative preferred stock of one of our SBICs held by the SBA due in September 2009. No gain or loss was recorded on the redemption.

In September 2009, we repaid the remaining structured notes of the 2002 Joint Venture which had a fixed interest rate of 6.67%. In addition, beginning in September 2009, we consolidated the 2003 Joint Venture including its structured notes of \$8.6 million which bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.5%.

# **Other Expenses**

General and administrative expense decreased from \$2,304,000 during 2008 to \$2,096,000 during 2009. General and administrative expenses during 2009 are comprised of (1) corporate overhead including legal and professional expenses, sales and marketing expenses, public company and regulatory costs and (2) expenses related to assets currently in the process of foreclosure. Our corporate overhead decreased by \$437,000 primarily as a result of decreased professional fees and our cost reduction initiatives. Expenses related to assets currently in the process of foreclosure totaled \$229,000 during 2009. These expenses incurred during the foreclosure process for problem loans are primarily related to property taxes incurred, legal fees, protection of the asset and operating deficits funded to receivers. Once the foreclosure processes are completed, net losses will be included in discontinued operations related to these properties. We did not have any assets in the process of foreclosure during 2008.

Salaries and related benefits expense decreased from \$4,705,000 during 2008 to \$3,871,000 during 2009 due primarily to a reduction in workforce which was announced in October 2008. Annual savings from the cost reduction initiatives during the 12 months subsequent to their implementation were approximately \$1.2 million which was primarily a reduction of salaries and related benefits.

Permanent impairments on Retained Interests (write-downs of the value of our Retained Interests) were \$552,000 and \$521,000 for 2009 and 2008, respectively, resulting primarily from reductions in expected future cash flows due primarily to increased prepayments and loan losses.

Provision for loans losses, net, increased to \$989,000 during 2009 compared to \$439,000 during 2008. We recorded a provision for loan losses, net, of \$614,000 related to our specific loan loss reserves during 2009 due primarily to devaluations of commercial real estate collateralizing our limited service hospitality loans. We increased our general provision for loan losses by \$375,000 during 2009 primarily due to the weakened economy and recession, devaluations of commercial real estate, increased loans evaluated for impairment and rising borrower delinquencies and deferment requests.

Income tax benefit (provision) was a benefit of \$167,000 during 2009 compared to a provision of \$319,000 during 2008. This change was primarily due to (1) reduced earnings of one of our taxable REIT subsidiaries, (2) a deferred benefit resulting from increased loan loss reserves, and (3) a deferred benefit resulting from sale of loans of our SBA subsidiary.

# **Discontinued** Operations

Our discontinued operations consisted of the following:

	Years Ended Decem 2009			
		(In thoi	isands)	
Gains on sales of real estate	\$	721	\$	784
Gain on foreclosure		389		
Net operating losses		(406)		
Discontinued operations	\$	704	\$	784

Gains on sales of real estate represent income recognition on previously deferred gains. Deferred gains are recorded to income as principal is received on the related loans until the required amount of cash proceeds are obtained from the purchaser to qualify for full accrual gain treatment.

Gain on foreclosure represents the initial gain recorded on the foreclosure of the collateral underlying a limited service hospitality property as its estimated fair value less costs to sell was greater than the carrying cost of the loan.

We incurred net holding period losses included in discontinued operations of \$406,000 during 2009 of which \$345,000 represents the losses from operating a golf course acquired in July 2009 and the remainder relates to our other properties acquired in 2009 (a retail establishment and a limited service hospitality property). In January 2010, we sold the golf course for cash proceeds of \$2.5 million and recorded a gain of approximately \$76,000.

### SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following represents our selected quarterly financial data which, in the opinion of management, reflects adjustments (comprising only normal recurring adjustments) necessary for fair presentation.

				Ended Deco me From	ember	31, 2010			
			Cor	ntinuing		Net	Ea	rnings	
	Re	evenues	Ope	erations	Ir	ncome	Per	Share	
	(In thousands, except earnings per share and footnote)								
First Quarter	\$	3,455	\$	1,267	\$	1,278	\$	0.12	
Second Quarter		3,935		1,226		1,223		0.12	
Third Quarter		4,303		1,242		1,207		0.11	
Fourth Quarter		3,770		1,107		589		0.06(1)	
	\$	15,463	\$	4,842	\$	4,297	\$	0.41	

				Ended Deco me From	ember	31, 2009		
				ntinuing		Net	Ea	rnings
	Re	evenues	Ope	erations	Ir	ncome	Per	Share
(In thousands, except earnings per share)								
First Quarter	\$	3,991	\$	1,596	\$	1,626	\$	0.15
Second Quarter		3,872		1,544		1,564		0.15
Third Quarter		4,237		1,469		1,895		0.18
Fourth Quarter		4,167		1,448		1,676		0.16
	\$	16,267	\$	6,057	\$	6,761	\$	0.64

(1) During the fourth quarter of 2010, we recorded losses from discontinued operations of \$193,000 from net operating losses of our limited service hospitality properties included in REO and impairment losses on our REO of \$325,000.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### **Cash Flow Analysis**

Information on our cash flow was as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,						
	2010 2009			2009	Change		
			(In i	thousands)		-	
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(20,104)	\$	5,860	\$	(25,964)	
Cash provided by investing activities	\$	10,259	\$	9,676	\$	583	
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$	4,649	\$	(18,304)	\$	22,953	

Due to a change in accounting rules effective January 1, 2010 which delayed (due to a 90 day contingency period) or eliminated sale treatment related to our Secondary Market Loan Sales, cash used to originate loans held for sale are a use of funds from operating activities while proceeds from the sale of guaranteed loans are included in financing activities. During February 2011, the SBA rescinded the contingency period; therefore, there will be no deferral of

gain recognition on sales for a cash premium and the 1% minimum servicing spread after that date. Proceeds from these sales will be reflected as operating activities beginning on that date.

# **Operating** Activities

Our net cash flow from operating activities is primarily used to fund our dividends. Since operating cash flows also includes lending activities, it is necessary to adjust our cash flow from operating activities for our lending activities to determine coverage of our dividends from operations. Therefore, we adjust net cash provided by operating activities to

Modified Cash. Management believes that our modified cash available for dividend distributions (Modified Cash) is a more appropriate indicator of operating cash coverage of our dividend payments than cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities. Modified Cash is calculated by adjusting our cash from operating activities by (1) the change in operating assets and liabilities and (2) loans funded, held, for sale, net of proceeds from sale of guaranteed loans (Operating Loan Activity). Modified Cash is one of the non-GAAP measurements used by our Board in its determination of dividends and their timing. Non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. These non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analyses of results as reported under GAAP. In respect to our dividend policy, we believe that the disclosure of Modified Cash adds additional transparency to our dividend calculation and intentions. However, Modified Cash may differ significantly from dividends paid due to timing differences between book income and taxable income and timing of payment of dividends to eliminate or reduce Federal income taxes or excise taxes at the REIT level.

The following reconciles net cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities to Modified Cash:

	Years Ended December 31						
			2009				
	(In thousands)						
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(20,104)	\$	5,860			
Change in operating assets and liabilities		(1,001)		1,049			
Operating Loan Activity		27,602		(612)			
Modified Cash	\$	6,497	\$	6,297			

To the extent Modified Cash does not cover the current dividend distribution rate or if additional cash is needed based on our working capital needs, the Board may choose to modify its current dividend policy. During 2010 and 2009, dividends paid were greater than our Modified Cash by \$279,000 and \$3,384,000, respectively. The excess distribution during 2009 includes the payment of approximately \$1.5 million of special dividends related to taxable income during 2008. To the extent we need working capital to fund any shortfall in operating cash flows to cover our dividend distribution, we would borrow the funds from our Revolver or use funds from the repayment of principal on our loans receivable.

# **Investing Activities**

Our primary investing activity is the origination of loans and collections on our investment portfolio. During 2010 and 2009, the primary source of funds was principal collected on loans receivable in excess of loans funded of \$9,734,000 and \$8,589,000, respectively. In addition, during 2010 we sold assets included in REO and collected net cash proceeds of \$2,373,000. During 2010 we used funds to increase our investment in our unconsolidated variable interest entity by repaying its mortgage note of \$1,024,000.

Based on our outstanding loan portfolio at December 31, 2010, our scheduled principal payments in 2011 are approximately \$12.9 million. Of this, approximately \$7.5 million could be available to repay a portion of the existing balance under the Revolver. The remaining \$5.4 million would be used to repay structured notes payable, secured borrowings and for working capital of our SBICs. Our need for capital to fund new loans has been reduced as a result of the focus of loan origination activity to SBA 7(a) loans. We anticipate net funding needs between \$8 million and \$11 million during 2011 after sale of the government guaranteed portion of the loans. To the extent our loan origination liquidity needs were to exceed our principal repayments and any proceeds from liquidating the collateral of our non-performing loans, we would use our Revolver to fund the shortfall. *Financing Activities* 

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We used funds in financing activities during 2010 and 2009 primarily to pay dividends of \$6,776,000 and \$9,681,000, respectively. Primarily as a result of our net lending activity, during 2010 we were able to repay \$9.2 million on our Revolver. Proceeds from Secondary Market Loan Sales during 2010 were \$28,445,000, In addition, we redeemed \$2.0 million of redeemable preferred stock of subsidiary in 2009 and \$2.0 million in 2010 using cash on hand of one of our SBIC subsidiaries. During 2009, we exercised the clean-up call option and repaid the structured notes of the 2002 Joint Venture of \$5,517,000 using the reserve fund, cash on hand and proceeds from our Revolver. We also repurchased common shares under our share repurchase plan for \$1,076,000 during 2009. We did not repurchase shares under the plan during 2010 and the plan expired.

# Sources and Uses of Funds

# Liquidity Summary

Liquidity is a measure of our ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund loans and other investments, pay dividends, fund debt service and for other general corporate purposes. Our primary sources of funds to meet our short-term liquidity needs, including working capital, dividends, debt service and additional investments, if any, consist of (1) proceeds from principal and interest payments, including prepayments, (2) borrowings under any credit facilities and (3) Secondary Market Loan Sales. We believe these sources of funds will be sufficient to meet our liquidity requirements in the short-term.

Our Revolver matures on December 31, 2011. The total amount available under the Revolver is \$30 million. At December 31, 2010, we had \$13.8 million outstanding under the Revolver. We are currently addressing the extension of the facility for an additional year with our lender.

Currently we cannot access debt capital through warehouse lines, securitization issuances or trust preferred issuances. In the event we are not able to extend or refinance our Revolver upon its maturity in December 2011 or successfully secure alternative financing, we will rely on Modified Cash, principal payments (including prepayments), and (if necessary) proceeds from asset and loan sales to satisfy our liquidity requirements.

If we are unable to make required payments under our borrowings, breach any representation or warranty of our borrowings or violate any covenant, our lenders may accelerate the maturity of our debt, require us to liquidate pledged collateral or force us to take other actions. In connection with an event of default under our Revolver, the lender is permitted to accelerate repayment of all amounts due, terminate commitments thereunder, and liquidate the mortgage loan collateral held as security for the Revolver to satisfy any balance outstanding and due pursuant to the Revolver. Any such event may have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, the value of our common shares and our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders.

# Sources of Funds

In general, we need liquidity to originate new loans and repay principal and interest on our debt. Our operating revenues are typically utilized to pay our operating expenses, interest and dividends. We have been utilizing principal collections on loans receivable, proceeds from Secondary Market Loan Sales and borrowings under our Revolver as our primary sources of funds.

In addition, historically we utilized a combination of the following sources, among others, to generate funds:

Issuance of SBIC debentures;

Issuance of junior subordinated notes; or

Structured loan financings or sales (prior to 2004).

These sources are not available to us at the present time and there can be no assurance that they will be available in the future. Since 2004, our working capital was primarily provided through credit facilities and the issuance of junior subordinated notes. Prior to 2004, our primary source of long-term funds was structured loan sale transactions through commercial loan asset-backed securitizations. At the current time, there is not a market available to us for commercial loan asset-backed securitizations. We cannot anticipate when, or if, this market will again be available to us. Until this market becomes available to us, our ability to grow is limited.

The limited amount of capital available to originate new loans has caused us to significantly restrict non-SBA 7(a) loan origination activity. A reduction in the availability of the above sources of funds could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. If these sources are not available in the future, we may have to originate loans at further reduced levels or sell assets, potentially on unfavorable terms.

Our Revolver, which has aggregate availability of \$30 million, matures December 31, 2011. There can be no assurance that we will be able to extend or refinance our Revolver upon its maturity. To the extent we need additional capital for unanticipated items, there can be no assurance that we would be able to increase the amount available under any short-term credit facilities or identify other sources of funds at an acceptable cost, if at all.

During the second and third quarters of 2010, we requested commitments from the SBA for debentures of \$15 million which would be used to fund loans within our SBICs. Initially, approval for these commitments was denied; however, we are in discussions with the SBA and have provided additional requested documentation to attempt to obtain these additional commitments.

We rely on Secondary Market Loan Sales to create availability and/or repay principal due under our Revolver. Once fully funded, we sell the government guaranteed portion of our SBA 7(a) loans pursuant to Secondary Market Loan Sales. The market demand for Secondary Market Loan Sales may decline or be temporarily suspended. To the extent we are unable to execute Secondary Market Loan Sales in the normal course of business, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

As a REIT we must distribute to our shareholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income to maintain our tax status under the Code. Accordingly, to the extent the sources above represent taxable income, such amounts have historically been distributed to our shareholders. In general, if we receive less cash from our portfolio of investments, we can lower the dividend so as not to cause any material cash shortfall. During 2011, we anticipate that our Modified Cash will be utilized to fund our expected 2011 dividend distributions and generally will not be available to fund portfolio growth or for the repayment of principal due on our debt.

The Revolver requires us to comply with certain covenants. At December 31, 2010, we were in compliance with the covenants of this facility. While we anticipate maintaining compliance with these covenants during 2011, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so. Our most significant covenants were as follows at December 31, 2010:

	Requirement	
Covenant	or Maximum	Actual
Minimum net worth	\$ 145,000,000	\$150,560,000
Maximum leverage ratio	2.00	0.67
Non-performing loan ratio	15%	8%

### Uses of Funds

Currently, the primary use of our funds is to originate loans and for repayment of the principal and interest of our debt. Our outstanding commitments to fund new loans were \$16.5 million at December 31, 2010, the majority of which were for prime-rate based loans to be originated by First Western, the government guaranteed portion of which is intended to be sold into the secondary market. Our net working capital outlay would be approximately \$3.3 million related to these loans; however, the government guaranteed portion of the SBA 7(a) loans cannot be sold until they are fully funded. Commitments have fixed expiration dates. Since some commitments expire without the proposed loan closing, total committed amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We anticipate that fundings during 2011 will range from \$40 million to \$50 million. In addition, we use funds for operating deficits and holding costs of our REO and properties in the process of foreclosure.

There may be several months between when the initial balance of an SBA 7(a) loan is funded and it is fully funded and can be sold pursuant to Secondary Market Loan Sales. In these instances, our liquidity would be affected in the short-term.

Upon approval from our lender, we may repurchase loans from our securitizations which have become charged-off as defined in the transaction documents either through delinquency or initiation of foreclosure proceedings or we may repurchase all of the loans from a securitization once clean-up call options have been achieved. Currently, we have achieved clean-up call options on our 2003 Joint Venture and 1998 Partnership. Once approved, if we choose to repurchase a loan from a securitization or exercise our clean-up call option and repurchase all the loans from a securitization our structured notes payable would decrease and the balance due under our Revolver would increase. We may also be required to use the restricted cash collateralizing one of our securitizations to repay to the structured noteholders a loan within such securitization if it is deemed to be a

charged-off loan pursuant to the transaction documents.

We may pay dividends in excess of our Modified Cash to maintain our REIT status or as approved by our Board. During 2010, our sources of funds for our dividend distributions of approximately \$6.8 million were Modified Cash of \$6.5 million and principal collections on our loans of \$0.3 million.

# SEASONALITY

Generally, we are not subject to seasonal trends. However, since we primarily lend to the limited service hospitality industry, loan delinquencies and requests for deferments typically rise temporarily after the summer months due primarily to reductions in business travel and consumer vacations.

#### SUMMARIZED CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES The following summarizes our contractual obligations at December 31, 2010:

The following summarizes our contractual obligations at December 31, 2010:

	Payments Due by Period									
			L	ess than		1 to 3		3 to 5	M	ore than
Contractual Obligations (1)		Total		1 year		years		years	5	i years
			(In thousands, except footnotes)							
Debt:										
SBIC debentures payable (2)	\$	8,190	\$		\$	4,190	\$	4,000	\$	
Structured notes payable (3)		22,157		3,409		7,484		8,053		3,211
Secured borrowings government										
guaranteed loans (3)		21,765		566		1,186		1,264		18,749
Revolver		13,800		13,800						
Junior subordinated debt (4)		27,070								27,070
Interest:										
Debt (5)		35,206		3,831		5,949		4,455		20,971
Other Contractual Obligations:										
Severance and related benefits		128		57		71				
Operating lease (6)		187		187						
Total contractual cash obligations	\$	128,503	\$	21,850	\$	18,880	\$	17,772	\$	70,001

- (1) Does not include \$3.0 million of cumulative preferred stock of subsidiary (valued at \$900,000 on our consolidated balance sheet) and related dividends (recorded as interest expense) of \$90,000 annually which is perpetual and thus has no maturity date.
- (2) SBIC debentures payable are presented at face value.
- (3) Principal payments are dependent upon cash flows received from the underlying loans. Our estimate of their repayment is based on scheduled principal payments on the underlying loans. Our estimate will differ from actual amounts to the extent we experience prepayments and/or losses.
- (4) The junior subordinated notes may be redeemed at our option, without penalty and are subordinated to PMC Commercial s existing debt.
- (5) Calculated using the variable rate in effect at December 31, 2010. In addition, for our Revolver, assumes current balance outstanding through maturity date.

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(6) *Represents future minimum lease payments under our operating lease for office space.* Our commitments at December 31, 2010 are summarized as follows:

				Amou	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period						
		Total									
	A	mounts	L	ess than	1 to 3	3 to 5	After 5				
Commitments	Co	mmitted		1 year	years	years	years				
					(In thousands)						
Loan commitments	\$	16,477	\$	16,477	\$	\$	\$				

See Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of commitments and contingencies.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

During 2006, we entered into a lease agreement for one of our hotel properties. The property had a mortgage with a principal balance of \$1.3 million with a significant prepayment penalty. Therefore, we structured the lease with the potential buyer of the property for a term equal to the term remaining on the mortgage and then a purchase with a price of \$1,825,000. The subsidiary was determined to be a variable interest entity. Since we did not expect to absorb the majority of the entity s future expected losses or receive the entity s expected residual returns, PMC Commercial Trust was not considered to be the primary beneficiary. Thus, the subsidiary was no longer consolidated in PMC Commercial Trust s financial statements and the equity method was used to account for our investment in the subsidiary effective September 29, 2006.

During January 2011, the fixed price purchase option was exercised and the property was sold to our lessee. No gain or loss was recorded on the transaction.

# IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 1 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements including the respective dates adopted or expected dates of adoption and effect, if any, on our results of operations and financial condition.

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Servicing fee income for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 for loans held by the QSPEs was \$135,000 and \$287,000, respectively.

We received approximately \$2.9 million and \$6.8 million in cash distributions from the QSPEs during 2009 and 2008, respectively.

We entered into a consulting agreement with our former chief operating officer for consulting services in October 2008. Payments under the consulting agreement totaled \$12,500, \$50,000 and \$10,000 during 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. This agreement terminated on April 1, 2010.

# DIVIDENDS

During 2010, our dividends were declared as follows:

		Ar	nount	
Record Date	Date Paid	Per	Share	Type
March 31, 2010	April 12, 2010	\$	0.16	Regular
June 30, 2010	July 12, 2010		0.16	Regular
September 30, 2010	October 12, 2010		0.16	Regular
December 31, 2010	January 10, 2011		0.16	Regular
		\$	0.64	

Our shareholders are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by our Board. In determining dividend policy, our Board considers many factors including, but not limited to, actual and anticipated Modified Cash, expectations for future earnings, REIT taxable income and maintenance of REIT status, the economic environment, our ability to obtain leverage and loan portfolio performance. In order to maintain REIT status, PMC Commercial is required to pay out 90% of REIT taxable income. Consequently, the dividend rate on a quarterly basis will not necessarily correlate directly to any individual factor.

In order to meet our 2009 taxable income distribution requirements, we made an election under the Code to treat a portion of the distributions declared in 2010 as distributions of 2009 s REIT taxable income. These distributions are known as spillover dividends. As a result, our dividends declared in 2010 exceeded our 2010 REIT taxable income. Our Board maintained our quarterly dividend at \$0.16 per share for the first quarter dividend to be paid in April 2011. We anticipate that the Board will adjust the dividend as needed, on a quarterly basis, thereafter.

We have certain covenants within our debt facilities that limit our ability to pay out returns of capital as part of our dividends. These restrictions have not historically limited the amount of dividends we have paid and management does not believe that they will restrict future dividend payments.

# TAXABLE INCOME

REIT taxable income and Taxable income, net of current tax expense are financial measures that are presented to assist investors in analyzing our performance and are factors utilized by our Board in determining the level of dividends to be paid to our shareholders. Non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. These non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analyses of results as reported under GAAP.

The following reconciles net income to REIT taxable income:

		Years	s Ende	ed Decembe	er 31,	
		2010		2009		2008
			(In t	housands)		
Net income	\$	4,297	\$	6,761	\$	9,806
Book/tax difference on depreciation		(53)		(56)		(60)
Book/tax difference on gains related to real estate		387		(1, 110)		(784)
Book/tax difference on Retained Interests, net				(212)		57
Severance accrual (payments)		(33)		(1,435)		1,596
Impairment losses		317				
Book/tax difference on amortization and accretion		(102)		(232)		(345)
Loan valuation		(241)		497		430
Other book/tax differences, net		(121)		(38)		(177)
Subtotal		4,451		4,175		10,523
Adjustment for taxable REIT subsidiaries net loss (income), net of						
tax		340		413		(587)
Dividend distribution from taxable REIT subsidiary		300				2,000
	¢	5 001	¢	4 500	¢	11.026
REIT taxable income	\$	5,091	\$	4,588	\$	11,936
Distributions declared	\$	6,756	\$	7,445	\$	10,908
Weighted average common shares outstanding		10,554		10,573		10,767
trending average common shares outstanding		10,554		10,575		10,707

As a REIT, PMC Commercial generally will not be subject to corporate level Federal income tax on net income that is currently distributed to shareholders provided the distribution exceeds 90% of REIT taxable income. We may make an election under the Code to treat distributions declared in the current year as distributions of the prior year s taxable income. Upon election, the Code provides that, in certain circumstances, a dividend declared subsequent to the close of an entity s taxable year and prior to the extended due date of the entity s tax return may be considered as having been made in the prior tax year in satisfaction of income distribution requirements.

To the extent our taxable REIT subsidiaries distribute their retained earnings through dividends to PMC Commercial, these dividends would be included in REIT taxable income when distributed. From 2005 to 2010, approximately \$3.4 million of earnings were accumulated. We distributed \$2.0 million of earnings from one of our taxable REIT subsidiaries to PMC Commercial during 2008 and \$0.3 million during 2010.

Primarily as a result of the timing differences for gain recognition on Secondary Market Loan Sales, our combined REIT taxable income and taxable REIT subsidiaries (TRS s) taxable income (net of income tax expense) is materially different than our net income. The following table reconciles our net income to our Taxable Income, Net of Current Tax Expense:

	Year Ended December 31, 2010							
	Co	mbined	REIT		]	FRS s		
		(In thou	usands, except footnotes)					
Net income	\$	4,297	\$	4,637	\$	(340)		
Book vs. tax timing differences		2,274		454		1,820(1)		
Taxable income		6,571		5,091		1,480		
Dividends paid from TRS to REIT		(300)		(300)				
Taxable income adjusted for special item		6,271		4,791		1,480		
Current income tax expense		(514)				(514)		
Taxable Income, Net of Current Tax Expense	\$	5,757	\$	4,791	\$	966		

	Year Ended December 31, 2009							
	Combined REIT			REIT	Т	RS s		
	(In thousands, except footnotes)							
Net income	\$	6,761	\$	7,175	\$	(414)		
Book vs. tax timing differences		(1,912)		(2,587)(2)		675(1)		
Taxable income		4,849		4,588		261		
Severance payments (2)		1,435		1,435				
Taxable income adjusted for special item		6,284		6,023		261		
Current income tax expense		(89)				(89)		
Taxable Income, Net of Current Tax Expense	\$	6,195	\$	6,023	\$	172		

(1) Includes \$2,547,000 and \$777,000 of timing differences during 2010 and 2009, respectively, related primarily to Secondary Market Loan Sales. The increase in 2010 is due primarily to the accounting change related to Secondary Market Loan Sales.

# (2) Related to our 2008 reduction in force which was expensed for GAAP purposes in 2008 and for income tax purposes in 2009.

Taxable Income, Net of Current Tax Expense is defined as reported net income, adjusted for book versus tax timing differences and special items. Special items may include, but are not limited to, unusual and infrequent non-operating items. We use Taxable Income, Net of Current Tax Expense to measure and evaluate our operations. We believe that the results provide a useful analysis of ongoing operating trends.

### Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are subject to market risk including liquidity risk, real estate risk and interest rate risk as described below. Although management believes that the quantitative analysis on interest rate risk below is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for other potential changes including, among other things, credit quality, size and composition of our consolidated balance sheet and other business developments that could affect our financial condition and net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by these estimates.

# LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the potential that we would be unable to meet our obligations as they come due because of an inability to liquidate assets or obtain funding. We are subject to changes in the debt and collateralized mortgage markets. These markets are continuing to experience disruptions, which could continue to have an adverse impact on our earnings and financial condition.

Current conditions in the debt markets include reduced liquidity and increased risk adjusted premiums. These conditions have increased the cost and reduced the availability of financing sources. The market for trading and issuance in ABS continues to experience disruptions resulting from reduced investor demand for these securities and increased investor yield requirements. In light of these market conditions, we expect to finance our loan portfolio in the short-term with our current capital and any available credit facilities.

# **REAL ESTATE RISK**

The value of our commercial mortgage loans and our ability to sell such loans, if necessary, are impacted by market conditions that affect the properties that are collateral for our loans. In addition, market conditions affect the value of our REO. Property values and operating income from the properties may be affected adversely by a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

National, regional and local economic conditions;

Significant rises in gasoline prices within a short period of time if there is a concurrent decrease in business and leisure travel;

Local real estate conditions (including an oversupply of commercial real estate);

Natural disasters, including hurricanes and earthquakes, acts of war and/or terrorism and other events that may cause performance declines and/or losses to the owners and operators of the real estate securing our loans;

Changes or continued weakness in the demand for limited service hospitality properties;

Construction quality, construction cost, age and design;

Demographic factors;

Increases in operating expenses (such as energy costs) for the owners of the property; and

Limitations in the availability and cost of leverage.

In the event property operating income decreases, a borrower may have difficulty repaying our loans, which could result in losses to us. In addition, decreases in property values reduce the value of the collateral and the potential proceeds available to a borrower to repay our loans, which could also cause us to suffer losses. Decreases in property values reduce the value of our REO which could cause us to suffer losses.

The following analysis of our provision for loan losses quantifies the negative impact to our net income from increased losses on our Retained Portfolio:

	Years ended 2010			December 31, 2009	
	(In thousands)				
Provision for Loan Losses					
As reported (1)	\$	1,019	\$	1,076	
Annual loan losses increase by 50 basis points (2)		2,117		2,027	
Annual loan losses increase by 100 basis points (2)		3,214		2,977	

### (1) Excludes reductions of loan losses

(2) Represents provision for loan losses based on increases in losses as a percentage of our weighted average loans receivable (excluding SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings), for the periods indicated.

### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors.

Since our loans are predominantly variable-rate, based on LIBOR or the prime rate, our operating results will depend in large part on LIBOR and the prime rate. One of the primary determinants of our operating results is the difference between the income from our loans and our borrowing costs. As a result, most of our borrowings are based on LIBOR or the prime rate. The objective of this strategy is to minimize the impact of interest rate changes on our net interest income.

# VALUATION OF LOANS

Our loans are recorded at cost and adjusted by net loan origination fees and discounts (which are recognized as adjustments of yield over the life of the loan) and loan loss reserves. In order to determine the estimated fair value of our loans, we use a present value technique for the anticipated future cash flows using certain assumptions including a current discount rate, potential prepayment risks and loan losses. If we were required to sell our loans at a time when we would not otherwise do so, there can be no assurance that management s estimates of fair values would be obtained and losses could be incurred.

At December 31, 2010, our loans were 73% variable-rate at spreads over LIBOR or the prime rate. Increases or decreases in interest rates will generally not have a material impact on the fair value of our variable-rate loans. We had \$170.0 million of variable-rate loans at December 31, 2010. The estimated fair value of our variable-rate loans (approximately \$166.3 million at December 31, 2010) is dependent upon several factors including changes in interest rates and the market for the type of loans that we have originated.

We had \$63.2 million and \$45.7 million of fixed-rate loans at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The estimated fair value of our fixed interest rate loans approximates their cost and is dependent upon several factors including changes in interest rates and the market for the types of loans that we have originated. Since changes in market interest rates do not affect the interest rates on our fixed-rate loans, any changes in these rates do not have an immediate impact on our interest income. Our interest rate risk on our fixed-rate loans is primarily related to loan prepayments and maturities.

The average maturity of our loan portfolio is less than its average contractual terms because of prepayments. Assuming market liquidity, the average life of mortgage loans tends to increase when the current mortgage rates are substantially higher than rates on existing mortgage loans and, conversely, decrease when the current mortgage rates are substantially lower than rates on existing mortgage loans (due to refinancings of fixed-rate loans).

### INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had \$170.0 million and \$151.0 million of variable-rate loans, respectively, and \$73.1 million and \$58.4 million of variable-rate debt, respectively. On the difference between our variable-rate loans outstanding and our variable-rate debt (\$96.9 million and \$92.6 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively) we have interest rate risk. To the extent variable rates decrease our interest income net of interest expense would decrease.

The sensitivity of our variable-rate loans and debt to changes in interest rates is regularly monitored and analyzed by measuring the characteristics of our assets and liabilities. We assess interest rate risk in terms of the potential effect on interest income net of interest expense in an effort to ensure that we are insulated from any significant adverse effects from changes in interest rates. As a result of our predominantly variable-rate portfolio, our earnings are susceptible to being reduced during periods of lower interest rates. Based on our analysis of the sensitivity of interest income and interest expense at December 31, 2010 and 2009, if the consolidated balance sheet were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, each hypothetical 25 basis point reduction in interest rates would have reduced net income by approximately \$242,000 and \$232,000, respectively, on an annual basis. In addition, as a REIT, the use of hedging interest rate risk is typically only provided on debt instruments due to potential negative REIT compliance to the extent the hedging strategy was based on our investments. Benefits derived from hedging strategies not based on debt instruments (*i.e.*, investments) may be deemed bad income for REIT qualification purposes. The use of a hedge strategy (on our debt instruments) would only be beneficial to fix our cost of funds and hedge against rising interest rates.

# DEBT

Our debt is comprised of SBIC debentures, structured notes, junior subordinated notes, secured borrowings government guaranteed loans and our Revolver. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, approximately \$19.9 million and \$10.1 million of our consolidated debt had fixed rates of interest and therefore was not affected by changes in interest rates. Our fixed-rate debt at December 31, 2010 was comprised of SBIC debentures and the structured notes of the 2000 Joint Venture. Our variable-rate debt is based on LIBOR and the prime rate and thus subject to adverse changes in market interest rates. Assuming there were no increases or decreases in the balance outstanding under our variable-rate debt at December 31, 2010, each hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates would increase interest expense and therefore decrease net income by approximately \$730,000.

The following presents the principal amounts by year of expected maturity, weighted average interest rates and estimated fair values to evaluate the expected cash flows and sensitivity to interest rate changes of our outstanding debt at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

	Years Ending December 31,						Carrying	Fair	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Thereafter	Value	Value (1)	
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Fixed-rate debt (2)	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,815	\$6,155	\$ 2,008	\$ 6,205	\$ 2,066	\$ 19,901	\$ 20,514	
Variable-rate debt (LIBOR									
and prime based) (3) (4)	16,123	2,414	2,463	2,570	2,534	46,964	73,068	68,142	
Totals	\$ 17,775	\$4,229	\$ 8,618	\$ 4,578	\$ 8,739	\$ 49,030	\$ 92,969	\$ 88,656	

(1) The estimated fair value is based on a present value calculation based on prices of the same or similar instruments after considering risk, current interest rates and remaining maturities.

(2) The weighted average interest rate of our fixed-rate debt at December 31, 2010 was 6.7%.

(3)

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Principal payments on the structured notes and secured borrowings are dependent upon cash flows received from the underlying loans. Our estimate of their repayment is based upon scheduled principal payments on the underlying loans. Our estimate will differ from actual amounts to the extent we experience prepayments and/or loan losses.

(4) The weighted average interest rate of our variable-rate debt at December 31, 2010 was 3.3%.

	Years Ending December 31,						Carrying	Fair	
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	Value	Value (1)	
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Fixed-rate debt (2)	\$ 1,975	\$	\$	\$4,173	\$	\$ 4,000	\$ 10,148	\$ 10,047	
Variable-rate debt (LIBOR									
and prime rate based) (3)	24,239	1,294	1,343	1,366	1,425	28,694	58,361	45,817	
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Totals	\$26,214	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,343	\$ 5,539	\$ 1,425	\$ 32,694	\$ 68,509	\$ 55,864	

(1) The estimated fair value is based on a present value calculation based on prices of the same or similar instruments after considering risk, current interest rates and remaining maturities.

- (2) The weighted average interest rate of our fixed-rate debt at December 31, 2009 was 6.2%.
- (3) The weighted average interest rate of our variable-rate debt at December 31, 2009 was 3.3%.

### Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information required by this Item 8 is hereby incorporated by reference to our Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

# Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

# Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

# EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, management has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined under rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act )) as of December 31, 2010. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits to the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC s rules and forms and include controls and procedures designed to ensure the information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

# MANAGEMENT S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company s internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We reviewed the results of management s assessment with the Audit Committee of the Board of Trust Managers. Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*. Based on their assessment, management determined that as of December 31, 2010, the Company s internal control over financial reporting over financial reporting and their assessment, management determined that as of December 31, 2010, the Company s internal control over financial reporting over financial reporting as the set of the

The effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm as stated in their report which appears herein.



### LIMITATIONS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTROLS

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal controls will prevent all error and fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system s objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with associated policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

# CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.



# PART III

# Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by this Item 10 with regard to directors and executive officers of the Company, compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, the audit committee of the Board and the audit committee financial expert is hereby incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for trust managers, officers and employees which is available on our website at www.pmctrust.com. Shareholders may request a free copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics from:

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We have also adopted a Code of Ethical Conduct for Senior Financial Officers setting forth a code of ethics applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, which is available on our website at www.pmctrust.com. Shareholders may request a free copy of the Code of Ethical Conduct for Senior Financial Officers from the address and phone number set forth above.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

We have adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines which are available on our website at www.pmctrust.com. Shareholders may request a free copy of the Corporate Governance Guidelines from the address and phone number set forth above under -Code of Ethics.

### Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item 11 regarding executive compensation and the compensation committee of the Board is hereby incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

# Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

The following table provides information at December 31, 2010 with respect to our common shares, either options or restricted shares, that may be issued under existing equity compensation plans, all of which have been approved by shareholders.

	(a)	(b)	(c) Number of common shares remaining available
	Number of		for future issuances
	common		under
	shares to be issued	Weighted	equity compensation
	upon	average	plans
	exercise of	exercise price	(excluding shares
Plan	outstanding	of	reflected
		outstanding	
Category	options	options	in column (a))
Equity incentive plans	90,750	\$ 10.11	306,000

Additional information regarding security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and related shareholder matters is hereby incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE** The information required by this Item 13 regarding certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is hereby incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

### Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this Item 14 regarding principal accountant fees and services is hereby incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

# PART IV

# Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) Documents filed as part of this report

- (1) Financial Statements
   See index to Financial Statements set forth on page F-1 of this Form 10-K.
- (2) Financial Statement Schedules Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Schedule IV Mortgage Loans on Real Estate

(3) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index beginning on page E-1 of this Form 10-K.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on our behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

PMC Commercial Trust

By: /s/ Lance B. Rosemore Lance B. Rosemore, *President* 

Dated March 16, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ LANCE B. ROSEMORE	Chairman of the Board of Trust Managers, President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and Trust Manager	March 16, 2011
Lance B. Rosemore	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ BARRY N. BERLIN	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President (Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 16, 2011
Barry N. Berlin		
/s/ NATHAN COHEN	Trust Manager	March 16, 2011
Nathan Cohen		
/s/ DR. MARTHA GREENBERG	Trust Manager	March 16, 2011
Dr. Martha Greenberg		
/s/ BARRY A. IMBER	Trust Manager	March 16, 2011
Barry A. Imber		
/s/ IRVING MUNN	Trust Manager	March 16, 2011
Irving Munn		



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### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Trust Managers of

PMC Commercial Trust:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PMC Commercial Trust (the Company ) and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedules listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company s management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedules, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting are porting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in

Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedules, and on the Company s internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2010, new accounting standards required the Company to change the manner in which it accounts for the recognition of certain loan sales and to consolidate certain variable interest entities.

A company s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Dallas, Texas March 16, 2011

# PMC COMMERCIAL TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share data)

	Decem 2010	31, 2009	
ASSETS			
Loans receivable, net:			
	\$ 122,581	\$	134,017
Commercial mortage loans receivable, subject to structured notes payable	40,421		19,782
SBIC commercial mortgage loans receivable	31,113		27,592
SBA 7(a) loans receivable, subject to secured borrowings	20,533		
SBA 7(a) loans receivable	18,570		15,251
Loans receivable, net	233,218		196,642
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	5,786		1,365
Real estate owned	3,477		5,479
Cash and cash equivalents	2,642		7,838
Retained interests in transferred assets	1,010		12,527
Other assets	5,994		4,392
Total assets	\$ 252,127	\$	228,243
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Debt:			
Junior subordinated notes	\$ 27,070	\$	27,070
Structured notes payable	22,157		8,291
Secured borrowings government guaranteed loans	21,765		
Revolving credit facility	13,800		23,000
SBIC debentures payable	8,177		8,173
Redeemable preferred stock of subsidiary			1,975
Debt	92,969		68,509
Borrower advances	3,462		2,368
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,678		2,364
Dividends payable	1,712		1,731
Deferred gains on property sales	685		686
Other liabilities	61		127
Total liabilities	101,567		75,785

# Commitments and contingencies

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<b>Beneficiaries equity:</b> Common shares of beneficial interest; authorized 100,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value; 11,095,883 and 11,084,683 shares issued at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, 10,559,554 and 10,548,354 shares outstanding at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively	111	111
Additional paid-in capital	152,756	152,611
Net unrealized appreciation of retained interests in transferred assets Cumulative net income	276	325
Cumulative net income Cumulative dividends	172,449 (171,031)	167,686 (164,274)
	(171,051)	(107,274)
	154,561	156,459
Less: Treasury stock; at cost, 536,329 shares at December 31, 2010 and 2009	(4,901)	(4,901)
Total beneficiaries equity	149,660	151,558
Noncontrolling interests cumulative preferred stock of subsidiary	900	900
Total equity	150,560	152,458
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 252,127	\$ 228,243

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# PMC COMMERCIAL TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Years Ended December 31,					,
		2010		2009		2008
Revenues:						
Interest income	\$	13,537	\$	11,180	\$	14,540
Income from retained interests in transferred assets	4	163	Ŷ	2,862	Ŷ	6,365
Other income		1,763		2,225		2,212
Total revenues		15,463		16,267		23,117
Expenses:						
Interest		4,016		2,869		3,999
Salaries and related benefits		3,927		3,871		4,705
General and administrative		2,168t>				

5,619

Six months ended April 2, 2006

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Service revenues	
\$	45,151
\$	
	205,002
\$	250,153
Direct-hire and other revenues	
	5,772
	2,690
	8,462
Total revenues	
\$	50,923
\$	
Table of Contanta	207,692

258,615

Segment income from operations

1,435

\$

\$

15,282

\$

16,717

Six months ended April 3, 2005

#### Service revenues

\$	48,143
\$	208,276
\$	256,419
Direct-hire and other revenues	
	4,473
	1,727

	6,200
Total revenues	
\$	
Ψ	52,616
	52,010
\$	
	210,003
\$	

262,619

Segment (loss) income from operations

\$		(141
)		
\$		
	12,	,964

The following reconciles segment income to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes and segment assets to consolidated assets:

		For the Three Months Ended			For the Six Months Ended			
	Ap	ril 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	
Total income from operations for reportable								
segments	\$	7,182	\$	5,619	\$ 16,717	\$	12,823	
Unallocated amounts:								
Corporate and other expenses		6,039		6,787	12,235		13,414	
Depreciation and amortization		908		935	1,865		2,000	
Other income (expense):								
Interest expense		(357)		(178)	(544)		(306)	
Interest income		475		273	811		533	
Other, net		417		128	787		499	
Income before income taxes	\$	770	\$	(1,880)	\$ 3,671	\$	(1,865)	

	April 2, 2006	October 2, 2005
Total identifiable assets		
Total assets for reportable segments	\$ 74,020	\$ 71,724
Assets held at Corporate	57,714	60,146
Total assets	\$ 131,734	\$ 131,870

The Company s revenues from continuing operations are generated, and the Company s assets are held, substantially in the United States.

\$

#### 11. New accounting pronouncements

In June 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. SFAS No. 154 replaced APB Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes*, and SFAS No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements*, and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. SFAS No. 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods financial statements of changes in accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. We do not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 154 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 115-1 and FAS 124-1, *The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments* (FSP 115-1), which provides guidance on determining when investments in certain debt and equity securities are considered impaired, whether that impairment is other-than-temporary, and on measuring such impairment loss. FSP 115-1 also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. FSP 115-1 is required to be applied to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005 and is required to be adopted by the Company for this quarter fiscal 2006. We do not believe its adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### 12. Subsequent Event

The Company has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 10, 2006 (the Merger Agreement ), with Koosharem Corporation, a California corporation (Parent), and RT acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ( Merger Sub ), pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into Remedy, with Remedy continuing after the merger as the surviving corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (the Merger ). Parent is the holding company of Select Personnel Services, Inc., a California corporation based in Santa Barbara, California. The Company s board of directors has unanimously approved the adoption of the Merger Agreement and the Merger. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, upon consummation of the Merger: (1) each issued and outstanding share of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock of Remedy (other than shares owned by Remedy, Parent, Merger Sub or any wholly owned subsidiary of Remedy, Parent or Merger Sub, or by any shareholders who are entitled to and who properly exercise dissenters rights under California law) will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$17.00 (the Merger Consideration ); and (2) each Remedy stock option, whether or not then exercisable or vested, will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive an amount in cash (subject to applicable withholding taxes) equal to the excess, if any, of the Merger Consideration over the per share exercise or purchase price of such Remedy stock option, times the number of shares underlying the Remedy stock option. The Company, on the one hand, and Parent and Merger Sub, on the other hand, have made customary representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in the Merger Agreement. Consummation of the Merger is subject to various customary conditions, including, among others, the requisite approval by our shareholders, the lack of any legal impediment to the Merger, the receipt by the parties of required regulatory approvals, and the receipt by Parent and Merger Sub of financing. The parties expect the transaction to be consummated during our fourth fiscal quarter ending October 1, 2006.

### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In addition to historical information, management s discussion and analysis and other statements contained elsewhere in this *Ouarterly Report on Form 10-O include certain forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, those* related to the growth and strategies, future operating results and financial position of the Company as well as economic and market events and trends. All forward-looking statements made by the Company, including such statements herein, include material risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on factors beyond the control of the Company (certain, but not all, of such statements may be identified by the use of words such as anticipate, believe. estimate, intend, plan, expect, will, or future or the use of the future tense). Accordingly, the Company s actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including, without limitation, the success of certain cost reduction efforts, the continued performance of the RemX® specialty business unit, the Company s ability to realize improvements in the months ahead, changes in general or local economic conditions that could impact the *Company* s expected financial results, the availability of sufficient personnel, various costs relating to temporary workers and personnel, including but not limited to workers compensation and state unemployment rates, the Company s ability to expand its sales capacity and channels, to open new points of distribution and expand in core geographic markets and to attract and retain clients and franchisees/licensees, the outcome of litigation, software integration and implementation, the application of deferred tax assets and other factors described below and elsewhere herein and in the Company s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding risks affecting the Company s financial condition and results of operations. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized. The following should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and Notes therein filed on Form 10-K on December 16, 2005.

### (Unless otherwise noted, all dollar amounts are in thousands)

#### **Company Overview**

RemedyTemp, Inc. is a national provider of clerical, light industrial, information technology and financial temporary staffing and direct-hire services to Fortune 1000 companies, as well as, small and mid-size local and regional companies, including manufacturing, service, retail, banking and governmental agencies. The Company provides its services in 35 states, and the District of Columbia through a network of 230 offices, of which 132 are Company-owned and 98 are independently managed franchises.

The Company provides temporary personnel and direct-hire services in the following two segments: Commercial and Specialty. These segments provide services to the Clerical, Industrial, Professional and Information Technology business sectors. The sales and delivery functions for our clients are concentrated in and through our field offices. Our headquarters provide support services to our field offices in areas such as human resources, risk management, legal, marketing, and national sales initiatives, in addition to the traditional back office support services such as payroll, billing, accounting, tax, and data processing, which are highly centralized.

### **Traditional Franchise**

Under the Company s traditional franchise agreements, the franchisee pays all lease and working capital costs relating to its office, including funding payroll and collecting clients accounts. Generally, the franchisee pays the Company an initial franchise fee and continuing franchise fees, or royalties, at a standard rate of 7.0% of its gross billings. Franchisees that have renewed their franchise agreement could qualify for a reduced rate (ranging from 5.5% - 6.5%) based on gross billings. Additionally, a discounted rate is utilized with national accounts for which the Company s fee is reduced. The average royalty rate was 6.2% for the six months ended April 2, 2006. The Company processes payroll and invoices clients, and the franchisee employs all management staff and temporary personnel affiliated with its office. The Company no longer offers this form of franchise agreement.

#### **Licensed Franchise**

Under the Company s licensed franchise agreements, the licensee pays the Company an initial franchise fee and pays all lease and operating costs relating to its office. The licensee employs all management staff affiliated with its office, but the Company employs all temporary personnel affiliated with the licensed franchise office, handles invoicing and collection of clients accounts and generally remits to the licensed franchise 60% - 70% of the office s gross profit. The Company s share of the licensee s gross profit, representing the continuing franchise fees, is generally not less than 7.5% of the licensed franchise s gross billings. However, the Company s share of the licensees gross profit is decreased for (i) national accounts for which the Company s fee is reduced to compensate for lower gross margins, (ii) sales incentive programs and (iii) licensees that have renewed their franchise agreement and qualify for a reduced rate (ranging from 6.0% - 7.0%) based on gross revenues. For the six months ended April 2, 2006, the Company s average share of licensee s gross revenues was 6.5%. The percentage of gross profit paid to the licensee is generally based on the level of hours billed during the contract year. The Company adopted a new form of licensed franchise agreement in December 2005. The new licensed franchise agreement will be used with new licensees and certain existing licensees who decide to convert to the new agreement.

#### **Executive Summary**

The staffing industry is a highly competitive industry, which has contributed to significant price competition and lower margins as major staffing companies have attempted to maintain or gain market share. Although it is likely that the pressure on margins will continue throughout fiscal 2006, the Company believes its focus on increasing its business mix with specialty staffing services and its direct-hire business will help mitigate the impact of the downward trend on margins throughout the industry. The demand for temporary staffing has also continued to grow as demonstrated in recent surveys by the American Staffing Association (ASA). According to ASA, new record highs were set for staffing industry employment and sales in the third quarter (currently the most recent available statistics) of calendar 2005. The third quarter s numbers surpassed the industry s previous peak, set in the second quarter of 2005. While the pace of industry employment and sales increases has slowed over the past two quarters when compared with the same period in 2004, the industry continues to expand and has now posted 12 consecutive quarters of positive year-over-year growth. Management continues to be encouraged by the recent economic data, as well as the steady job growth in the staffing industry.

With respect to long-term positive prospects, the staffing industry has always been inherently difficult to forecast due to its dependence on economic factors and the strength of the labor market. The Company has, however, developed a forecasting tool jointly with the A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University. The Quarterly Labor Forecast Report, which is based upon Bureau of Labor Statistics (the BLS) and other economic factors, helps to predict total demand for temporary labor. The Company has been utilizing this tool for several years and has recently begun to publish the results on a quarterly basis.

#### Highlights

The sections that follow this overview discuss and refer to critical accounting estimates and recent pronouncements, the Company s results of operations and important aspects of its liquidity and capital resources. Set forth below are what we believe to be important highlights of our results of operations and our positioning for the future. Such highlights should be considered in the context of all of the discussions herein and in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements herein. We believe such highlights are as follows:

RemX<sup>®</sup> achieved \$13,499 in total revenues for the three months ended April 2, 2006, compared to \$11,360 for the three months ended April 3, 2005, the highest quarterly revenues in this business unit s history.

Direct-hire revenues continued growth into the second quarter of fiscal year 2006, recording the second highest amount of growth in the Company s history, with sequential growth of 24% from the first quarter of fiscal year 2006 and growth of 46% over the second quarter of fiscal year 2005.

Total cost of revenues for the three months ended April 2, 2006 improved with cost of revenues being favorable by 2.8%.

Selling and administrative expenses for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006 decreased to 15.2% and 14.4% of revenues, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended April 3, 2005 of 15.4% and 14.7%, respectively.

Income before income taxes for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006 were \$770 and \$3,671, respectively, a significant improvement over the three and six months ended April 3, 2005 loss before income taxes of \$1,880 and \$1,865, respectively.

We believe that the quality of accounts receivable, the Company s primary operating asset, continues to be consistent, with days sales outstanding ( DSO ) at 43.5 and 42.3 days and an allowance for doubtful accounts as a percentage of gross accounts receivable of 1.5% and 2.2% at April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The discussions and analyses of the Company s consolidated financial condition and results of operations were based on the Company s consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the financial statement date and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, the Company s management reviews and evaluates these estimates and assumptions, including those that relate to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, deferred taxes, estimates to assess the recoverability of intangible and long-lived assets, goodwill impairment, workers compensation reserves, contingencies and litigation reserves. These estimates are based on historical experience and a variety of other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management believes the following critical accounting policies are those most significantly affected by the judgment, estimates and/or assumptions used in the preparation of Remedy s consolidated financial statements.

*Revenue Recognition* The Company generates revenues from the sale of temporary staffing and direct-hire services by its Company-owned and licensed franchise operations and from royalties on sales of such services by its traditional franchise operations. Temporary staffing revenues and the related labor costs and payroll taxes are recorded in the period in which the services are performed. Direct-hire revenues are recognized when the direct-hire candidate begins full-time employment. Sales allowances are established to estimate losses due to placed candidates not remaining employed with customers during the Company s direct-hire guarantee period, typically 30 to 100 days. These losses have historically been insignificant to the Company s overall results of operations.

The Company accounts for the revenues and the related direct costs of its franchise arrangements in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) 99-19, *Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent*. The Company is required to assess whether it acts as a principal in its transactions or as an agent acting on the behalf of others. Where the Company is the principal in a transaction and has the risks

and rewards of ownership, the transaction is recorded gross in the income statement, and where the Company acts merely as an agent, only the net fees earned are recorded in the income statement. Under the Company s traditional franchise agreement, the franchisee has the direct contractual relationship with clients, holds title to the related customer receivables and is the legal employer of the temporary employees. Accordingly, the Company does not include the revenues and direct expenses from these transactions in its income statement and only records the royalty fee earned. Alternatively, under the Company s licensed franchise agreements, the Company has the direct contractual relationship with clients, holds title to the related customer receivables and is the legal employer of the temporary employees. As the Company retains the risks and rewards of ownership (such as the liability for the cost of temporary personnel and the risk of loss for collection), the revenues and direct expenses of its licensed franchise operations are included in the Company s results of operations. The Company remits to each licensed franchisee a portion of the gross margin generated by its office(s).

*Accounts Receivable* The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts receivable for estimated losses resulting from the inability of the clients to make required payments. The allowance is based upon management s analysis of historical write-off levels, current economic trends, routine assessment of clients financial strength and any other known factors impacting collectibility. If the financial condition of the Company s clients were to deteriorate, which may result in the impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. The Company s estimates are influenced by the following considerations: (i) the large number of clients and their dispersion across wide geographic areas, (ii) the fact that no single customer accounts for 10% or more of total revenues and (iii) continuing credit evaluation of clients financial conditions.

*Workers Compensation Costs* The Company maintains reserves for workers compensation obligations using actuarial methods to estimate the remaining undiscounted liability for the deductible portion of all claims, including those incurred but not reported. This process includes establishing loss development factors, based on the historical claims experience of the Company and the industry, and applying those factors to current claims information to derive an estimate of the Company s ultimate claims liability. The calculated ultimate liability is then reduced by cumulative claims payments to determine the required reserve. Management evaluates the reserve, and the underlying assumptions regularly, throughout the year, and makes adjustments as needed. While management believes that the recorded amounts are adequate, there can be no assurance that changes to management s estimates will not occur due to limitations inherent in the estimation process.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets* The Company accounts for goodwill and other intangible assets under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 142 applies to goodwill and intangible assets that are not amortized. SFAS No. 142 requires goodwill to no longer be amortized but instead be subject to an impairment test at least annually or if events or circumstances change that may reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its book value. Reporting units are determined based on geographic groupings of Company-owned offices. Intangible assets with finite lives continue to be amortized over their estimated useful lives.

*Other Long-Lived Assets* The Company accounts for other long-lived assets under the provision of SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. In accordance with SFAS No. 144, the Company assesses the fair value and recoverability of its long-lived assets including intangible assets subject to amortization, whenever events and circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. In doing so, the Company makes assumptions and estimates regarding future cash flows and other factors. The fair value of the long-lived assets is dependent upon the forecasted performance of the Company s business and the overall economic environment. When it determines that the carrying value of the long-lived assets may not be recoverable, it measures impairment based upon a forecasted discounted cash flow method. If these forecasts are not met, the Company may have to record additional impairment charges not previously recognized. The charges, if any, are included in depreciation and amortization in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

*Income Taxes* In preparing the Company s consolidated financial statements, management estimates the Company s income taxes in each of the taxing jurisdictions in which it operates. This includes estimating the Company s actual

current tax expense together with any temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of certain items, such as the timing for recognizing revenues and expenses, for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included in the Company s Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between income and expenses reported for financial reporting and tax reporting. The Company is required to record a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred tax assets to the amount that it believes is more likely than not to be realized. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considers all positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies and recent financial performance. The Company had been profitable through the first fiscal quarter of 2003; however, continued market softness and significant increases in workers compensation costs resulted in significant losses in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, with the losses narrowing in fiscal year 2005. The Company has returned to profitability starting in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005.

As a result of the Company s cumulative losses, management concluded that a full valuation allowance was appropriate at April 2, 2006 and at October 2, 2005. While the Company expects to be profitable in fiscal year 2006, in view of the historical losses, there is no assurance that there will be sufficient future taxable income to realize the benefit of the deferred tax asset. If, after future assessments of the realizability of the deferred tax assets, the Company determines that a lesser allowance is required, it would record a reduction to income tax expense and the valuation allowance in the period of such determination. There is a possibility that the Company could release all or a portion of its valuation allowances sometime during fiscal year 2006 provided that the profitability forecasted for that period meets or exceeds budget and if profitability is reasonably expected to be sustained in the future.

*Contingencies and Litigation* There are various claims, lawsuits and pending actions against the Company incident to its operations. If a loss arising from these actions is probable and can be reasonably estimated, the Company must record the amount of the estimated liability. As additional information becomes available, management will continue assessing any potential liability related to these actions and may need to revise its estimates.

### **Results of Operations**

For the Three and Six Months Ended April 2, 2006 Compared to the Three and Six Months Ended April 3, 2005

	For the Three Months Ended				% of Respe	ctive Revenues
		April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005
Company-owned office revenues	\$	75,791	\$	77,335		
Licensed franchise revenues		48,455		47,623		
Franchise royalties and initial franchise fees		373		305		
Total revenues		124,619		125,263	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of Company-owned office revenues (exclusive						
of depreciation and amortization shown below)		58,927		62,162	77.7%	80.4%
Cost of licensed franchise revenues (exclusive of						
depreciation and amortization shown below)		38,687		38,269	79.8%	80.4%
Licensees share of gross profit		6,619		6,392	5.3%	5.1%
Selling and administrative expenses		18,922		19,314	15.2%	15.4%
CIGA litigation		64		40	0.1%	0.1%
Depreciation and amortization		1,165		1,190	0.9%	1.0%
Income (loss) from operations	\$	235	\$	(2,104)		

	For the Six Months Ended			% of Respective Revenues		
	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005	
Company-owned office revenues	\$ 158,254	\$	165,963			
Licensed franchise revenues	99,602		96,029			
Franchise royalties and initial franchise fees	759		627			
Total revenues	258,615		262,619	100.0%	100.0%	
Cost of Company-owned office revenues (exclusive						
of depreciation and amortization shown below)	123,089		133,983	77.8%	80.7%	
Cost of licensed franchise revenues (exclusive of						
depreciation and amortization shown below)	79,431		77,013	79.7%	80.2%	
Licensees share of gross profit	13,697		12,860	5.3%	4.9%	
Selling and administrative expenses	37,217		38,662	14.4%	14.7%	
CIGA litigation	193		138	0.1%	0.1%	
Depreciation and amortization	2,371		2,554	0.9%	1.0%	
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 2,617	\$	(2,591)			

### <u>Revenue</u>

	For the Three Months Ended					Favorable (Unfavorable)		
	1	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005		\$ Change	% Change	
Company-owned office revenues	\$	75,791	\$	77,335	\$	(1,544)	(2.0)%	
Licensed franchise revenues		48,455		47,623		832	1.7%	
Franchise royalties and initial franchise fees		373		305		68	22.3%	
Total revenues	\$	124,619	\$	125,263	\$	(644)	(0.5)%	

	For the Six Months Ended					Favorable (Unfavorable)		
	A	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005		\$ Change	% Change		
Company-owned office revenues	\$	158,254	\$	165,963	\$	(7,709)	(4.6)%	
Licensed franchise revenues		99,602		96,029		3,573	3.7%	
Franchise royalties and initial franchise fees		759		627		132	21.1%	
Total revenues	\$	258,615	\$	262,619	\$	(4,004)	(1.5)%	

The mix between Company-owned, licensed franchise and franchise royalty revenues shifted with Company-owned revenues accounting for 60.8% and 61.2% of total revenues for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to 61.2% and 63.2% for the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, respectively.

Company-owned revenues decreased 2.0% and 4.6% for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to the three and six months ended April 3, 2005. The decrease is primarily attributable to the residual effect of decisions taken during fiscal year 2005 to eliminate certain higher risk and lower margin business, principally in California, that did not meet the Company s strategic directives. Partially offsetting this was the Company s Ren X specialty staffing unit, which generated a \$2,139 increase in revenues to \$13,499 for the three months ended April 2, 2006, compared to the same period in the prior year.

For the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, licensed franchise revenues increased \$832 or 1.7% and \$3,573 or 3.7%, respectively, due to an increase in direct-hire revenues, the addition of several new customers and increased revenues from existing customers.

For the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, total direct-hire revenues accounted for 3.4% and 3.0%, respectively, of total revenues, up from 1.1 and 0.9 percentage points for the same period in the prior year.

Revenues generated in California decreased to 36.7% and 37.4% of total revenues for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to 39.4% and 41.4% for the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, respectively.

The following table summarizes the Company s segment revenues:

	For the Three	e Months	s Ended	Favorable (Unfavorable)		
	April 2, Apr 2006 20				\$ Change	% Change
Commercial	\$ 99,279	\$	99,451	\$	(172)	(0.2)%
Specialty	25,340		25,812		(472)	(1.8)%
Total segment revenues	\$ 124,619	\$	125,263	\$	(644)	(0.5)%

	For the Six Months Ended				Favorable (Unfavorable)			
	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005		\$ Change	% Change		
Commercial	\$ 207,692	\$	210,003	\$	(2,311)	(1.1)%		
Specialty	50,923		52,616		(1,693)	(3.2)%		
Total segment revenues	\$ 258,615	\$	262,619	\$	(4,004)	(1.5)%		

For the three months ended April 2, 2006, the 0.2% decrease in Commercial revenues reflects the impact of selectively reducing higher risk and lower margin businesses within the Company-owned light industrial business unit of the segment during mid and late fiscal year 2005.

For the three months ended April 2, 2006, the 1.8% decrease in revenues from the Specialty segment is due to the impact of closing underperforming offices in mid and late fiscal year 2005 in preparation for organizing the start up of the Talent Magnet business unit, partially offset by 19% growth from the Rem business unit over the same period in the prior year. Direct-hire revenues from Talent Magnet grew by 90% for the three months ended April 2, 2006, compared to the same period in the prior year.

For the six months ended April 2, 2006, the 1.1% decrease in Commercial revenues reflects the impact of selectively reducing higher risk and lower margin business within the Company-owned light industrial business unit of the segment during mid and late fiscal year 2005. Partially offsetting this decrease are increases noted above in the licensed franchise business unit and increased direct-hire revenues.

For the six months ended April 2, 2006, the 3.2% decrease in revenues from the Specialty segment is due to the impact of closing underperforming offices in mid and late fiscal year 2005 in preparation for organizing the start up of the Talent Magnet business unit, partially offset by 21% growth from the Rem business

unit over the same period in the prior year. Direct-hire revenues from Talent Magnet grew by 81% for the six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to the same period in the prior year.

### Cost of Revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)

	For the Three	Months	Ended	Favorable (Unfavorable)			
	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005			\$ Change	% Change	
Cost of Company-owned office revenues	\$ 58,927	\$	62,162	\$	3,235	5.2%	
Cost of licensed franchise revenues	38,687		38,269		(418)	(1.1)%	
Total cost of revenues	\$ 97,614	\$	100,431	\$	2,817	2.8%	

	For the Six M	Ionths E	nded	Favorable (Unfavorable)			
	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005			\$ Change	% Change	
Cost of Company-owned office revenues	\$ 123,089	\$	133,983	\$	10,894	8.1%	
Cost of licensed franchise revenues	79,431		77,013		(2,418)	(3.1)%	
Total cost of revenues	\$ 202,520	\$	210,996	\$	8,476	4.0%	

Total Company-owned and licensed franchise cost of revenues consisted of payroll wages and other expenses related to temporary associates and as a percentage of total revenues were 78.3% and 80.2% for the three months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively. The 1.9 percentage point improvement is the result of a 1.2 percentage point increase attributable to the Company s decrease in workers compensation expense; partially offset by the negative impact of other burdens, equating to 0.3 percentage points; 0.1 percentage point increase due to pricing and mix efforts; and a 0.9 percentage point increase as a result of a \$1,300 increase in direct-hire revenues, whereby the Company earns a fee for placing an associate in a direct-hire position. Direct-hire revenues as a percentage of total revenues increased to 3.4% for the three months ended April 2, 2006, compared to 2.3% for the three months ended April 3, 2005.

Cost of Company-owned revenues as a percent of respective revenues was 77.7% and 80.4% for the three months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively. The 2.7 percentage point decrease in cost of Company-owned office revenues is primarily attributable to a decrease in workers compensation expense, which contributed 2.1 percentage points. Within the decreased workers compensation expense, was an adjustment of 1.5 percentage points or \$1,100 as a result of favorable claim frequency and severity trends confirmed in the most recent actuarial reports, in particular within the state of California. Additionally, direct-hire business contributed 1.2 percentage points, while higher burden deducted 0.6 percentage points largely due to an assessment for additional payroll tax liabilities in the state of Tennessee from the Company s acquisition of our licensed franchise operation in Tennessee.

Total Company-owned and licensed franchise cost of revenues consisted of payroll wages and other expenses

related to temporary associates and as a percentage of total revenues were 78.3% and 80.3% for the six months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively. The 2.0 percentage point improvement is the result of a 1.3 percentage point increase attributable to the Company s decrease in workers compensation expense partially offset by the negative impact of other burdens, equating to 0.1 percentage points; a 0.1 percentage point increase due to pricing and mix efforts and a 0.7 percentage point increase as a result of increased direct-hire revenues, whereby the Company earns a fee for placing an associate in a direct-hire position. Direct-hire revenues as a percentage of total revenues increased 3.0% for the six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to 2.1% for the six months ended April 3, 2005.

Cost of Company-owned revenues as a percent of respective revenues was 77.8% and 80.7% for the six months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively. The 2.9 percentage point decrease in cost of Company-owned office revenues is primarily attributable to a decrease in workers compensation expense, which contributed 2.1 percentage points. Within the decreased workers compensation expense was an adjustment of 1.3 percentage points or \$2,000 as a result of favorable claim frequency and severity trends confirmed in the most recent actuarial reports, in particular within the state of California. Additionally, improved pricing and mix contributed 0.2 percentage points, while direct-hire business contributed 0.8 percentage points; while higher burden deducted 0.2 percentage points of the increase.

The increase in cost of licensed franchise revenues is consistent with the 1.7% and 3.7% increase in licensed franchise revenues for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006 respectively over the same periods in prior years.

The following table summarizes the Company s segment gross profit (exclusive of depreciation and amortization):

		For the Three	Months	Ended	% of Segment Revenue		
		April 2,		April 3,	April 2,	April 3,	
		2006		2005	2006	2005	
Commercial	\$	18,390	\$	17,194	18.5%	17.3%	
Specialty		8,615		7,638	34.0%	29.6%	
Total segment gross profit (exclusive of depreciat	ion						
and amortization)	\$	27,005	\$	24,832	21.7%	19.8%	

	For the Six Months Ended				% of Segment Revenue		
	I	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005	
Commercial	\$	39,157	\$	36,085	18.9%	17.2%	
Specialty		16,938		15,538	33.3%	29.5%	
Total segment gross profit (exclusive of							
depreciation and amortization)	\$	56,095	\$	51,623	21.7%	19.7%	

For the three months ended April 2, 2006, the 1.2 percentage point increase in the Commercial segment s gross margin reflects the impact of selectively reducing higher risk and lower margin businesses within the Company-owned light industrial business unit of the segment during mid and late fiscal year 2005.

For the three months ended April 2, 2006, the 4.4 percentage point increase in the Specialty segment s gross margin is due to the impact of closing underperforming offices in mid and late fiscal year 2005 in preparation for organizing the start up of the Talent Magnet business unit, in addition to 19% growth from the Rem business unit over the same period in the prior year. Direct-hire revenues from the Specialty segment grew by 43% for the three months ended April 2, 2006 compared to the same period in the prior year.

For the six months ended April 2, 2006, the 1.7 percentage point increase in the Commercial segment s gross margin reflects the impact of selectively reducing higher risk and lower margin business within the Company-owned light industrial business unit of the segment during mid and late fiscal year 2005. Partially offsetting this decrease are increases noted above in the licensed franchise business unit and increased direct-hire revenues.

For the six months ended April 2, 2006, the 3.8 percentage point increase in the Specialty segment s gross margin is due to the impact of closing underperforming offices in mid and late fiscal year 2005 in preparation for organizing the start up of the Talent Magnet business unit, in addition to 21% growth from the Rem business unit over the same period in the prior year. Direct-hire revenues from the Specialty segment grew by 30% for the six

months ended April 2, 2006 compared to the same period in the prior year.

### **Operating Expenses**

		For the Three Months Ended			Favorable (Unfavorable)		
	1	April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	\$ Change	% Change	
Licensees share of gross profit	\$	6,619	\$	6,392	\$ (227)	(3.6)%	
Selling and administrative expenses		18,922		19,314	392	2.0%	
CIGA litigation		64		40	(24)	(60.0)%	
Depreciation and amortization		1,165		1,190	25	2.1%	
Total operating expenses	\$	26,770	\$	26,936	\$ 166	0.6%	

	For the Six Months Ended				Favorable (Unfavorable)		
		April 2, 2006		April 3, 2005	\$ Change	% Change	
Licensees share of gross profit	\$	13,697	\$	12,860	\$ (837)	(6.5)%	
Selling and administrative expenses		37,217		38,662	1,445	3.7%	
CIGA litigation		193		138	(55)	(39.9)%	
Depreciation and amortization		2,371		2,554	183	7.2%	
Total operating expenses	\$	53,478	\$	54,214	\$ 736	1.4%	

Licensees share of gross profit represents the net payments to licensed franchisees based upon a percentage of profit or revenues generated by the licensed franchise operation after deducting certain operating expenses. The increase in licensees share of gross profit is consistent with the increase in licensed franchise revenues and cost of licensed franchise revenues. Licensees share of gross profit as a percentage of licensed gross profit for the three months ended April 2, 2006 decreased to 67.7% from 68.3% compared to the the same period in prior year. Conversely, the licensees share of gross profit as a percentage of licensed gross profit for the six month ended April 2, 2006 increased to 67.9% from 67.6% compared to the same period in prior year.

The following table summarizes the significant changes in selling and administrative and CIGA litigation expenses for the three months ended April 2, 2006 compared to the three fiscal months ended April 3, 2005:

	Favorable (Unfavorable)							
	0.01	solidated Change		Specialty		Commercial		Other*
Colleague salary & related taxes	\$	457	\$	272	\$	(70)	\$	255
Profit sharing		(1,117)		(530)		(116)		(471)
Colleague travel and business conferences		61		20		9		32
Telephone and data lines		267		65		53		149
Outside Services		672		13		(1)		660
Corporate allocation				343		(1,813)		1,470
Legal fees		149		5		1		143
Other selling & administrative		(121)		30		(196)		45
Total change in selling & administrative	\$	368	\$	218	\$	(2,133)	\$	2,283

The following table summarizes the significant changes in selling and administrative and CIGA litigation expenses for the six months ended April 2, 2006 compared to the six fiscal months ended April 3, 2005:

	Favorable (Unfavorable)							
		nsolidated Change		Specialty	(	Commercial		Other*
Colleague salary & related taxes	\$	1,393	\$	701	\$	163	\$	529
Profit sharing		(1,408)		(980)		(47)		(381)
Colleague travel and business conferences		229		109		49		71
Telephone and data lines		145		1				144
Outside Services		627		15		(9)		621
Corporate allocation				860		(3,049)		2,189
Legal fees		262		(3)		2		263
Other selling & administrative		142		270		(268)		140
Total change in selling & administrative	\$	1,390	\$	973	\$	(3,159)	\$	3,576

\* Other Offices category includes the corporate office.

Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues were 15.2% and 14.5% for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to 15.4% and 14.7% for the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, respectively. The primary factor contributing to the net decrease was colleague salary and related taxes,

which decreased \$457 and \$1,393 for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to the corresponding period in prior year, resulting primarily from a reduction in headcount.

The \$1,117 and 1,408 increase in profit sharing for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, is due to the increase in direct-hire revenues and improved overall financial performance.

The \$672 and \$627 decrease in outside services for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, is a result of corporate overhead cost reduction programs.

The \$25 and \$183 decrease in depreciation and amortization for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, is due to an increase in fully depreciated fixed assets at April 2, 2006 compared to April 3, 2005.

### **Operating Income**

Income from operations improved \$2,339 to an operating profit of \$235 for the three months ended April 2, 2006 from an operating loss of \$2,104 for the three months ended April 3, 2005. Income from operations improved \$5,208 to an operating profit of \$2,617 for the six months ended April 2, 2006 from an operating loss of \$2,591 for the six months ended April 3, 2005. Improvement in the Company s operating income is due to the increase in direct-hire revenues and gross margin improvement. The reduction in corporate wages also contributed to the improved operating profits.

The following table summarizes the operating margins of the Company s segments:

	For the Three Mon	ths Ended	For the Six Mo	onths Ended
	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2005
Commercial	6.7%	6.0%	7.4%	6.2%
Specialty	2.2%	(1.2)%	2.8%	(0.3)%

The Commercial segment operating margins improved within both the light industrial and licensed franchise business units for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, compared with the same periods in the prior year. The main drivers to the improvement were lower workers compensation costs in the amount of a 8.6% decrease and the favorable impact of increased direct-hire revenues within both business units.

The Specialty segment showed further operating margin improvement for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, compared with the same periods in prior year. This percentage improvement was attributable to both the Talent Magnet business unit s improved results after closure of underperforming offices in fiscal year 2005 and the impact of increased direct-hire volume as well as the RemX<sup>®</sup> business unit s continued growth.

Income tax provision of \$202 and \$986 as recorded for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006, respectively, compared to income tax benefit of \$499 and \$462 for the three and six months ended April 3, 2005, respectively. The Company s overall annual effective tax rate of 27.0% for fiscal year 2006 differs from the statutory rate due as a result of the Company having a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset and reflects the expected current year federal and state tax liabilities. The effective tax rate of 24.8% for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 differs from the statutory rate due to the respective current period valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset. The estimated annual effective tax rate is revised quarterly based upon actual operating results, the tax credits earned to date, as well as current annual projections. The cumulative impact of any change in the estimated annual effective tax rate is recognized in the period the change in estimate occurs.

The Company generated net income for the three and six months ended April 2, 2006 of \$568 and \$2,685, respectively, compared to a net loss for the three and six months ended April 3, 2005 of \$1,381 and \$1,403, respectively.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company s balance sheet includes \$54,385 in cash and investments as of April 2, 2006 (including restricted cash and investments discussed below) and the Company continues to have no debt, although significant letters of credit are outstanding. Historically, the Company has financed its operations through cash generated by operating activities and its credit facility, as necessary. Generally, the Company s principal uses of cash are working capital needs and capital expenditures (including management information system initiatives and direct office openings) and franchise acquisitions.

The following table summarizes the Company s cash and investments and letters of credit at April 2, 2006 and October 2, 2005:

	April 2, 2006	October 2, 2005
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,828	\$ 24,768
Investments	69	68
Deferred compensation investments	4,245	3,771
Total cash and investments current	31,142	28,607
Total restricted cash and investments long-term	23,243	22,890
Total cash and investments	\$ 54,385	\$ 51,497
Letters of credit	\$ 31,438	\$ 36,538

Cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows, are summarized below:

		For the Six Months Ended				
	April	2, 2006		April 3, 2005		
Cash provided by (used in):						
Operating activities	\$	3,862	\$	6,621		
Investing activities		(1,823)		13,238		
Financing activities		58		94		
Effect of exchange rate on cash		(37)		33		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,060		19,986		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		24,768		6,891		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	26,828	\$	26,877		

Cash flows from operating activities, compared to the preceding year, were primarily impacted by the timing of receivables collections, the timing of payroll disbursements (including incentive compensation payments), as well as the timing of vendor payments. The nature of the Company s business requires payment of wages to its temporary associates on a weekly basis, while payments from clients are generally received 30 to 45 days after the related billing.

Cash (used in) provided by investing activities was \$(1,823) and \$13,238 for the six months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, respectively. During the six months ended April 2, 2006, cash used in investing activities was primarily related to capital expenditures, which consisted of cash used for purchases of fixed assets, including information systems development costs. Net cash outflows related to available-for-sale investments were \$245 for the six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to \$2,342 of cash outflows in the six months ended April 3, 2005. During the six months ended April 2, 2006, compared to \$2,342 of cash outflows in the six months ended April 3, 2005. During the six months ended April 2, 2005, cash provided by investing activities was primarily related to the sale of the Company s securities, partially offset by purchases of fixed assets and investments as well as the final contingent payment relating to the Tennessee aquisition. The Company continues to invest in computer-based technologies and anticipates approximately \$1,800 in related capital expenditures for the remaining six months of fiscal 2006.

During the six months ended April 2, 2006 and April 3, 2005, cash provided by financing activities primarily resulted from the issuance of the Company s Class A Common Stock issued through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$2,060 from the prior year as a result of the timing of payroll disbursements and vendor payments and the Company s timely collection of accounts receivables at April 2, 2006.

As discussed in Note 5 to the condensed notes to consolidated financial statements, the Company provides workers compensation insurance to its temporary associates and colleagues. The Company establishes a reserve for the deductible portion of its workers compensation claims using actuarial estimates of the ultimate cost of claims and related expenses that have been reported, but not settled and that have been incurred, but not reported. The estimated remaining deductible liability under the aforementioned contracts as of April 2, 2006 is approximately \$36,322, of which, \$11,807 is recorded as current and \$24,515 is

recorded as non-current in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company also has an aggregate of \$2,078 recorded as a current liability at April 2, 2006 for amounts due to various state funds related to workers compensation.

The Company is contractually required to collateralize its obligation under each of these workers compensation insurance contracts through the use of irrevocable letters of credit, pledged cash and securities or a combination thereof. The level and type of collateral required for each policy year is determined by the insurance carrier at the inception of the policy year and may be modified periodically. The Company had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$31,438 and \$36,538 as of April 2, 2006 and October 2, 2005, respectively. At April 2, 2006, the Company had \$14,182 available under its lines of credit. The Company believes that this amount plus the letter of credit reductions for previous year programs will be sufficient for the new insurance policy.

The Credit Agreement with Bank of America, commencing December 1, 2004, provides for borrowings up to \$50,000 with a provision permitting the Company to increase the aggregate amount of borrowings to \$60,000. The Company has granted a security interest to Bank of America in all of its existing and future assets. The Credit

Agreement will expire on December 1, 2006. The Credit Agreement bears interest equal to LIBOR plus 1.75% to 2.75% based upon the Company s EBITDA or Bank of America s prime rate plus 0.00% to 0.50% based on EBITDA. The Company is also required to pay monthly fees of 0.25% per annum on the unused portion of the line of credit and monthly fees of 0.75% to 1.50% per annum on outstanding letters of credit based on a pricing matrix. The Credit Agreement requires the Company to comply with a minimum EBITDA covenant which will not go into effect unless the Company s total liquidity drops below \$15,000. Liquidity is defined by the Credit Agreement as unrestricted domestic cash plus excess borrowing availability. The Company is in compliance with all financial covenants as prescribed in the Credit Agreement at April 2, 2006.

The Company had no borrowings outstanding as of April 2, 2006 and October 2, 2005.

As discussed in Part II, Item 1, Legal Proceedings and Note 7 to the condensed notes to consolidated financial statements, the Company recorded a \$5,877 charge during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2004 for the costs of indemnifying certain clients for losses they may suffer as a result of an October 2004 decision by the California Court of Appeal. This charge is based upon various estimates and is subject to change as more information becomes available to the Company. The Company may also choose to reimburse clients that did not enter into contracts with the Company or whose contracts may not have included indemnification language. These costs will be treated as period costs and will be charged to the consolidated statements of operations in the period management decides to make any goodwill payments to clients. Management s current estimate of future goodwill payments is a range of \$2,000 to \$3,000. This estimate is subject to change.

The Company has in effect a universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The universal shelf registration statement permits the Company to sell, in one or more public offerings, shares of its Class A common stock, shares of preferred stock, debt securities, depository shares and/or warrants, or any combination of such securities, for proceeds in an aggregate amount of up to \$30,000. Specific terms and prices will be determined at the time of any offering and included in a related prospectus supplement to be filed with the SEC. To date no securities have been issued pursuant to the universal shelf registration statement.

On November 18, 2003, the Company was notified by the State of California Employment Development Department (the EDD ) that the Company allegedly underpaid its state unemployment insurance tax by approximately \$2,000 for the period January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003. Based on its evaluations and after consulation with outside counsel, the Company believes that its methodology in calculating its state unemployment insurance tax is in compliance with all applicable laws. As of April 2, 2006, the Company has accrued \$983 in connection with the potential settlement of these payroll-related tax matters.

In March 2006, the Company was notified of an assessment for additional payroll tax liabilities in the State of Tennessee for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. This assessment results from the Company s acquisition of our licensed franchise operation in Tennessee during fiscal year 2003. As of April 2, 2006, the Company has accrued \$683 related to the assessment.

From time to time, the Company may selectively purchase licensed and traditional franchise offices in certain territories with the intent of expanding the Company s market presence in such regions. The Company may continue evaluating certain strategic acquisitions which may have an impact on liquidity depending on the size of the acquisition.

The Company believes that its current and expected levels of working capital and lines of credits at April 2, 2006 are adequate to support present operations and to fund future growth and business opportunities for the foreseeable future. Should it be necessary, the Company may issue securities under its effective Form S-3 registration statement.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Regulation S-K 303(a) (4) (ii).

### **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has no significant contractual obligations not fully recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets or fully disclosed in the Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company s estimated workers compensation obligation, which represents the remaining deductible liability under the Company s current workers compensation contracts, decreased \$2,069 to \$36,322 at April 2, 2006, compared to \$38,391 at October 2, 2005.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The accounting policies that have the greatest impact on our financial condition and results of operations and that require the most judgment are those relating to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, deferred taxes, estimates to assess the recoverability of intangible and long-lived assets, goodwill impairment, accounting for stock-based compensation workers compensation reserves, contingencies and litigation reserves. These policies are described in further detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 2, 2005.

#### Seasonality

The Company s quarterly operating results are affected by the number of billing days in the quarter and the seasonality of its clients businesses. The first fiscal quarter has historically been relatively strong as a result of manufacturing and retail emphasis on holiday sales. Historically, the second fiscal quarter shows a decline in comparable revenues from the first fiscal quarter. Revenue growth has historically accelerated in each of the third and fourth fiscal quarters as manufacturers, retailers and service businesses increase their level of business activity.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to market risk resulting from changes in interest rates and equity prices and, to a lesser extent, foreign currency rates. Under its current policy, the Company does not engage in speculative or leveraged transactions to manage exposure to market risk. There were no material changes to the disclosures made in Item 7A in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 2, 2005 regarding quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk.

#### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of April 2, 2006, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company s management, including the Company s principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the Company carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). These disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in its periodic reports with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC s rules and forms, and that the information is accumulated and communicated to the Company s management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based upon their evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in the Company s internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2006, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

#### Lindsay Welch-Hess v. Remedy Temporary Services, Inc.

Commencing in March 2003, the Company was sued in an action entitled Lindsay Welch-Hess v. Remedy Temporary Services, Inc. in San Diego Superior Court. The complaint sought damages under various employment tort claims, including sexual harassment and retaliation stemming from a four-day employment relationship. The complaint also sought damages for unpaid wages under the California Labor Code. The plaintiff later amended the complaint to assert class claims for unpaid wages with respect to certain aspects of the application process. The complaint asserted additional class claims alleging failure to compensate persons assigned to one of Remedy s clients.

In November 2004, the Court certified a class consisting of all persons in California who, since October 1999, have applied to the Company for placement in a temporary job, regardless of whether they were ever placed in a temporary assignment by the Company (the Remedy class ). The Court certified a second class consisting of all persons in California who, since October 1999, were hourly employees hired by Remedy and assigned to a particular client (the training class ). On February 11, 2005, the Company filed two motions for summary judgment related to the Remedy class and the training class.

On May 31, 2005, the Court denied, in part, the Company s motion for summary judgment related to the Remedy class, which allowed a portion of that class to pursue the claim for unpaid compensation. On June 27, 2005, the Company filed a writ in Division One of the Fourth Appellate District seeking an order vacating the denial of Remedy s summary judgment motion related to the Remedy class. On September 27, 2005, the Court of Appeal denied the writ. Subsequently, the Company filed a Petition for Review before the California Supreme Court, which was summarily denied.

On July 27, 2005, plaintiffs filed an appeal challenging the following two court orders relating to the Remedy class: (1) the order denying class certification for failure to pay wages upon termination/resignation; and (2) the portion of the trial court s ruling on Remedy s motion for summary judgment, which excluded from class membership individuals who completed Remedy s application process but never worked for Remedy. The appeal is pending.

On July 29, 2005, the Court granted Remedy s motion for summary judgment related to the training class and allowed plaintiffs to recover attorneys fees. Plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration on various issues, which was denied.

On September 27, 2005, plaintiffs filed an appeal challenging the following two court orders relating to the training class: (1) the order denying class certification as to the tenth cause of action (failure to pay wages upon termination/resignation); and (2) the portion of the trial court s ruling on Remedy s summary judgment, which held that all training class members had been properly paid. The appeal is pending.

Significantly, on March 3, 2006, the trial court granted the Company s request for leave to renew its motion for summary judgment relating to the Remedy class. The hearing on the Company s renewed motion for summary judgment is set to be heard on June 16, 2006.

The Company intends to vigorously defend this case. At this time, the Company has not estimated an accrual for this matter because the probability of an unfavorable outcome cannot currently be reasonably estimated.

<u>CIGA</u>

In early 2002, as a result of the liquidation of Remedy s former workers compensation insurance carrier, Reliance National Insurance Company (Reliance), the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) began making efforts to join some of the Company s clients and their workers compensation insurance carriers (collectively, Clients), in pending workers compensation claims filed by Remedy employees. At the time of these

injuries, from July 22, 1997 through March 31, 2001, Remedy was covered by workers compensation policies issued by Reliance. The Company believes that under California law, CIGA is responsible for Reliance s outstanding liabilities. On April 5, 2002, the California Workers Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB), at Remedy s request, consolidated the various workers compensation claims in which CIGA sought to join Remedy s Clients, and agreed to stay proceedings on those claims pending resolution of the issue of CIGA s obligations to satisfy Reliance s obligations to Remedy s employees. The WCAB selected a single test case from the consolidated pending cases in which to decide whether CIGA is responsible for the claims of Remedy s employees, or can shift such responsibility to the Clients. The trial occurred on September 20, 2002. The WCAB Administrative Law Judge ruled in favor of CIGA, thus allowing the pending workers compensation matters to proceed against the Clients. Remedy then filed a motion for reconsideration of the Administrative Law Judge s decision by the entire WCAB. On March 28, 2003, the WCAB affirmed the ruling of the Administrative Law Judge.

Thereafter, in May 2003, the Company filed a petition for writ of review of the WCAB s decision in the California Court of Appeal. The WCAB continued the stay in effect since April 5, 2002, thus preventing CIGA from proceeding until the writ proceeding was concluded. In January 2004, the Court of Appeal granted the Company s petition and undertook to review the WCAB s decision. The Court of Appeal heard oral argument in the matter on July 9, 2004.

On October 20, 2004, the Court of Appeal affirmed the WCAB s decision. On November 18, 2004, the Court of Appeal granted the Company s petition for rehearing and requested additional briefing on this matter. The Court of Appeal heard oral argument on April 15, 2005. On July 25, 2005, the Court of Appeal issued its decision finding that CIGA should not be dismissed and that the insurance held by Remedy s Client did not provide other available insurance for the workers compensation claim. CIGA appealed this decision with the California Supreme Court. In October 2005, the California Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal and sent the matter back to the WCAB with instructions to enforce the Court of Appeal s decision.

On October 25, 2005, Remedy filed a request for order seeking to dismiss Remedy, its Clients and their insurance companies from the individual WCAB cases and joining CIGA as a defendant. On November 7, 2005, CIGA filed objections to the request for dismissal. On December 13, 2005, the Company filed a reply. A hearing date has not been set.

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#### **Other Litigation**

From time to time, the Company becomes a party to other litigation incidental to its business and operations. The Company maintains insurance coverage that management believes is reasonable and prudent for the business risks that the Company faces. Based on current available information, management does not believe the Company is party to any other legal proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

#### **Other Contingency**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

	REMEDYTEMP, INC.
<u>May 12, 2006</u>	/s/ GREG D. PALMER Greg D. Palmer, President and Chief Executive Officer
<u>May 12, 2006</u>	/s/ MONTY A. HOUDESHELL Monty A. Houdeshell, Senior Vice President Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Secretary (Principal Financial Officer)
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