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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

PENNSYLVANIA REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of

23-6216339 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification Number)

200 South Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102-3803

(215) 875-0700

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,

including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed		
			Proposed	
		Maximum Offering		
	Amount to be	Price	Maximum Aggregate	Amount of
Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Registered	Per Unit	Offering Price (1)	Registration Fee
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$1.00	6,314,518(1)(2)	\$43.05(3)	\$271,839,999.90(3)	\$8,346
per share				

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, such number of common shares of beneficial interest registered hereby shall include an indeterminable number of common shares that may be issued in connection with a stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or similar event.
- (2) Represents the maximum number of common shares of beneficial interest issuable upon exchange of the 4.00% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2012 at an exchange rate corresponding to the maximum exchange rate of 21.9635 common shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes.
- (3) The proposed maximum offering price per share with respect to the 6,314,518 shares being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement is \$43.05, estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act, and, in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low reported sale prices of our common shares on the New York Stock Exchange on July 11, 2007.

PROSPECTUS

6,314,518 Shares

Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust

Common Shares of Beneficial Interest

Our operating partnership, PREIT Associates, L.P., issued and sold \$287,500,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.00% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2012 in private transactions on May 8 and 9, 2007. The notes are fully guaranteed by us. Under certain circumstances, we may issue our common shares of beneficial interest upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. In such circumstances, the recipients of such common shares, whom we refer to herein as the selling shareholders, may use this prospectus to resell from time to time the common shares that we may issue to them upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. Additional selling shareholders may be named by future prospectus supplements.

The registration of our common shares covered by this prospectus does not necessarily mean that any of the selling shareholders will exchange their notes for our common shares, that upon any exchange or redemption of the notes we will elect, in our sole and absolute discretion, to exchange or redeem some or all of the notes for our common shares rather than cash, or that any of our common shares received upon exchange or redemption of the notes will be offered or sold by the selling shareholders.

We will receive no proceeds from any issuance of our common shares to the selling shareholders or from any sale of such shares by the selling shareholders, but we have agreed to pay certain registration expenses relating to such common shares. See Selling Shareholders and Plan of Distribution. The selling shareholders from time to time may offer and sell the shares held by them directly or through agents or broker-dealers on terms to be determined at the time of sale, as described in more detail in this prospectus.

To assist us in complying with certain federal income tax requirements applicable to real estate investment trusts, or REITs, among other purposes, our charter contains certain restrictions relating to the ownership and transfer of our shares, including an ownership limit of 9.9% on our common shares. See Description of Common and Preferred Shares Restrictions on Ownership beginning on page 9 of this prospectus.

Our common shares currently trade on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol PEI. On July 13, 2007, the last reported sales price of our common shares on the NYSE was \$43.79 per share.

You should consider the risks that we have described in Risk Factors on page 2 of this prospectus and included in our periodic reports and other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission before investing in our securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is July 16, 2007

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References in this prospectus to we, our, us and our company refer to Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, a Pennsylvania business trust, PREIT Associates, L.P., and any of our other subsidiaries. PREIT Associates, L.P., is a Delaware limited partnership of which we are the sole general partner and to which we refer in this prospectus as our operating partnership. All references to common shares refer to Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust s common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$1.00 per share.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, in an accompanying prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference herein or therein. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information or make any representation that is different. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, and this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction where, or to any person to whom, it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is correct on any date after the respective dates of the prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements, as applicable, even though this prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements are delivered or shares are sold pursuant to the prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements at a later date. Since the respective dates of the prospectus contained in this registration statement and any accompanying prospectus supplement, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects might have changed.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer—as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, using a—shelf—registration process. Under this process, selling shareholders named in this prospectus may sell our common shares from time to time. This prospectus provides you with a general description of our common shares that any selling shareholders may offer. Each time any selling shareholder sells our common shares, the selling shareholder will provide a prospectus and any prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of the applicable offering, as required by law. Such prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the heading—Where You Can Find More Information—before you decide whether to invest in our common shares.

Selling shareholders may offer the shares directly, through agents, or to or through underwriters. A prospectus supplement may describe the terms of the plan of distribution and set forth the names of any underwriters involved in the sale of the shares. See Plan of Distribution for more information on this topic.

WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Copies of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement, may be examined without charge at the public reference room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information about the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of all or a portion of the documents we file with the SEC can be obtained from the public reference room of the SEC upon payment of prescribed fees. Our SEC filings are also available to you on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, you can inspect reports and other information we file at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference in this prospectus certain information we file with the SEC, which means that we may disclose important information in this prospectus by referring you to the document that contains the information. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and the information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information filed earlier. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the offering of the shares covered by this prospectus is completed; *provided*, *however*, that we are not incorporating by reference any additional documents or information furnished and not filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006;

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our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 2, 2007, February 22, 2007, February 27, 2007, May 10, 2007, May 22, 2007, June 8, 2007, June 22, 2007 and July 16, 2007; and

the description of our common shares contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated December 17, 1997, and all amendments or reports filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description.

You may obtain copies of any of these filings by contacting us at the address and phone number indicated below or by contacting the SEC or NYSE as described above. You may request a copy of these filings, and any exhibits we have specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this prospectus, at no cost, by writing or telephoning our General Counsel at:

Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust

200 South Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102-3803

(215) 875-0700

Attention: General Counsel

Readers should rely on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable supplement to this prospectus. Readers should not assume that the information in this prospectus and any applicable supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of the document.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements are based on assumptions and expectations which may not be realized and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which cannot be predicted with accuracy and some of which might not even be anticipated. Future events and actual results, performance, transactions or achievements, financial and otherwise, may differ materially from the results, performance, transactions or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Risks, uncertainties and other factors that might cause such differences, some of which could be material, include, but are not limited to:

general economic, financial and political conditions, including changes in interest rates or the possibility of war or terrorist attacks;

changes in local market conditions, such as the supply of or demand for retail space, or other competitive factors;

changes in the retail industry, including consolidation and store closings;

concentration of our properties in the Mid-Atlantic region;

risks relating to development and redevelopment activities, including construction and receipt of government and tenant approvals;

the ability to effectively manage several redevelopment and development projects simultaneously, including projects involving

mixed uses;

the ability to maintain and increase property occupancy and rental rates;

dependence on tenants—business operations and their financial stability;

increases in operating costs that cannot be passed on to tenants;

the ability to raise capital through public and private offerings of debt or equity securities and other financing risks, including the availability of adequate funds at a reasonable cost;

the ability to acquire additional properties and our ability to integrate acquired properties into our existing portfolio;

short-term and long-term liquidity position;

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possible environmental liabilities;

the ability to obtain insurance at a reasonable cost; and

existence of complex regulations, including those relating to our status as a REIT, and the adverse consequences if we were to fail to qualify as a REIT.

While forward-looking statements reflect our good faith beliefs, they are not guarantees of future performance. We do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact our future results, performance or transactions, see the section below entitled Risk Factors, including the risks incorporated therein from our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as updated by our future filings.

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THE COMPANY

We are a Pennsylvania business trust founded in 1960 and one of the first equity REITs in the United States, and we have a primary investment focus on retail shopping malls and power and strip centers located in the Mid-Atlantic region or in the eastern half of the United States. As of March 31, 2007, our operating portfolio consisted of a total of 57 properties. The retail portion of our portfolio contained 49 properties in 13 states and includes 38 shopping malls and 11 power and strip centers. The ground-up development portion of our portfolio contained eight properties in five states, with four classified as power centers, two classified as mixed use (a combination of retail and other uses) and two classified as other. The retail properties had a total of 33.8 million square feet, of which we and partnerships or tenancy in common arrangements, or collectively, partnerships, in which we own an interest owned 25.8 million square feet. The retail properties that we consolidate for financial reporting purposes had 29.4 million square feet, of which we owned 23.0 million square feet. Properties that are owned by unconsolidated partnerships with third parties had 4.4 million square feet, of which 2.8 million square feet were owned by such partnerships.

We are a fully integrated, self-managed and self-administered REIT that has elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. We are required each year to distribute to our shareholders at least 90% of our net taxable income (excluding net capital gain) and to meet certain other requirements in order to maintain the favorable tax treatment associated with qualifying as a REIT.

We hold our interests in our portfolio of properties through our operating partnership, PREIT Associates, L.P. We are the sole general partner of our operating partnership and, as of March 31, 2007, held an 89.6% controlling interest in our operating partnership. We consolidate our operating partnership for financial reporting purposes. We own our interests in our properties through various ownership structures, including partnerships or tenancy in common arrangements. We own interests in some of these properties directly and have pledged the entire economic benefit of ownership to our operating partnership.

We provide management, leasing and development services through our subsidiaries PREIT Services, LLC, or PREIT Services, which generally develops and manages properties that we consolidate for financial reporting purposes, and PREIT-RUBIN, Inc., or PRI, which generally develops and manages properties in which we own interests through partnerships with third parties and properties that are owned by third parties in which we do not own an interest. PRI is a taxable REIT subsidiary, as defined by federal tax laws, which means that it is able to offer an expanded menu of services to tenants without jeopardizing our continued qualification as a REIT under federal tax law.

Our primary objective is to maximize long term value for our shareholders. To that end, our business goals are to maximize rental income, tenant sales and occupancy at our properties in order to maximize cash flows, funds from operations, funds available for distribution to shareholders, and other operating measures and results, and ultimately to maximize the values of our properties.

Our principal corporate offices are located at The Bellevue, 200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-3803, and our telephone number is (215) 875-0700. We maintain a web site that contains information about us at *www.preit.com*. The information included on the web site is not, and should not considered to be, a part of this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Investment in the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated into this prospectus by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in any applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of the events described in these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities. Please also refer to the section above entitled Forward-Looking Statements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We are filing the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part pursuant to our contractual obligation to the holders of the notes named in the section entitled Selling Shareholders. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the resale of our common shares by such selling shareholders.

The selling shareholders will pay any underwriting discounts and commissions and expenses they incur for brokerage, accounting or tax or legal services or any other expenses they incur in disposing of the shares. We will bear all other costs, fees and expenses incurred in effecting the registration of the shares covered by this prospectus. These may include, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, NYSE listing fees, fees and expenses of our counsel and accountants, and blue sky fees and expenses.

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

The 4.00% Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2012, or the notes, were originally issued by PREIT Associates, L.P., our operating partnership, and sold by the initial purchasers of the notes in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act to persons reasonably believed by the initial purchasers to be qualified institutional buyers as defined by Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Under certain circumstances, we may issue common shares upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. In such circumstances, the selling shareholders may use this prospectus to resell from time to time the common shares that we may issue to them upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. Information about selling shareholders is set forth herein, and information about additional selling shareholders may be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment, or in filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Selling shareholders, including their transferees, pledgees or donees or their successors, may from time to time offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement any or all of the common shares which we may issue upon the exchange or redemption of the notes.

The following table sets forth information, as of July 13, 2007, with respect to the selling shareholders and the number of common shares that would become beneficially owned by each selling shareholder should we issue our common shares to such selling shareholder and that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. The information is based on information provided by or on behalf of the selling shareholders. The selling shareholders may offer all, some or none of the common shares which we may issue upon the exchange or redemption of the notes. Because the selling shareholders may offer all or some portion of such common shares, we cannot estimate the number of common shares that will be held by the selling shareholders upon termination of any of these sales. In addition, since the date on which they provided the information regarding their notes, the selling shareholders identified below may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or a portion of their notes or common shares in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The number of common shares issuable upon the exchange or redemption of the notes shown in the table below assumes exchange of the full amount of notes held by each selling shareholder at the maximum exchange rate of 21.9635 common shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes and a cash payment in lieu of any fractional share. This exchange rate is subject to adjustment in certain events. Accordingly, the number of common shares issued upon the exchange or redemption of the notes may increase or decrease from time to time. The number of common shares owned by the other selling shareholders or any future transferee from any such holder assumes that they do not beneficially own any common shares other than the common shares that we may issue to them upon the exchange or redemption of the notes.

Based upon information provided by the selling shareholders, none of the selling shareholders nor any of their affiliates, officers, directors or principal equity holders has held any positions or office or has had any material relationship with us within the past three years.

To the extent any of the selling shareholders identified below are broker-dealers, they may be deemed to be, under interpretations of the staff of the SEC, underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act. To our knowledge, except as described below, the selling shareholders have sole voting and investment power with respect to all of the common shares shown as beneficially owned by them.

Name	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering	Number of Shares Offered Hereby	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering (2)	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering
Brookline Avenue Master Fund, LP(3)	21,963	*	21,963	8 \ /	*
CQS Convertible and Quantitative Strategies					
Master Fund Limited(4)	109,817	*	109,817		*
Highbridge Convertible Arbitrage Master Fund,					
L.P.(5)	98,835	*	98,835		*
Highbridge International LLC(6)	505,160	1.3%	505,160		*
JMG Triton Offshore Fund, Ltd.(7)	131,781	*	131,781		*
KBC Financial Products USA Inc. (8)	38,436	*	38,436		*
LDG Limited(9)	6,501	*	6,501		*
Millennium Partners, L.P. (10)	164,726	*	164,726		*
Polygon Global Opportunities Master Fund(11)	109,817	*	109,817		*
TQA Master Fund Ltd.(12)	43,795	*	43,795		*
TQA Master Plus Fund Ltd.(13)	23,852	*	23,852		*
Vicis Capital Master Fund(14)	65,890	*	65,890		*
Zurich Institutional Benchmarks Master Fund					
Ltd.(15)	13,705	*	13,705		*
Any other holder of common shares issuable					
upon exchange of the notes or future transferee,					
pledge, donee or successor of any holder	4,980,240	11.4%	4,980,240		*
TOTAL(16)	6,314,518	14.0%	6,314,518		*

^{*} Less than 1%

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The selling shareholders identified with a crosshatch have indicated that they are, or are affiliates of, registered broker-dealers. These selling shareholders have represented that they acquired their securities in the ordinary course of business, and, at the time of the acquisition of the securities, had no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the securities. To the extent that we become aware that any such selling shareholder did not acquire its securities in the ordinary course of business or did have such an agreement or understanding, we will file a post-effective amendment to registration statement of which this prospectus is a part to designate such person as an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

- (1) Based on a total of 38,713,857 common shares outstanding as of June 30, 2007.
- (2) Assumes the selling shareholder sells all of its common shares offered pursuant to this prospectus.
- (3) Brookline Avenue Partners, LP is the investment manager of Brookline Avenue Master Fund, LP. Richard M Morano II and Charles B. Slotnik are the sole members of Kenmore Square, LLC, the general partner of Brookline Avenue Partners, LP.
- (4) Karla Bodden, Jane Fleming, Dennis Hunter, Alan Smith and Gary Trehiou are the directors of CQS Convertible and Quantitative Strategies Master Fund Limited and exercise voting and investment control over securities owned by CQS Convertible and Quantitative Strategies Master Fund Limited.
- (5) Highbridge Capital Management, LLC is the trading manager of Highbridge Convertible Arbitrage Master Fund, L.P. and has voting control and investment discretion over the securities held by Highbridge Convertible Arbitrage Master Fund, L.P. Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca control Highbridge Capital Management, LLC and have voting control and investment discretion over the securities held by Highbridge Convertible Arbitrage Master Fund, L.P. Each of Highbridge Capital Management, LLC, Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Highbridge Convertible Arbitrage Master Fund, L.P.
- (6) Highbridge Capital Management, LLC is the trading manager of Highbridge International LLC and has voting control and investment discretion over the securities held by Highbridge International LLC. Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca control Highbridge Capital Management, LLC and have voting control and investment discretion over the securities held by Highbridge International LLC. Each of Highbridge Capital Management, LLC, Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Highbridge International LLC.
- (7) JMG Triton Offshore Fund, Ltd. s investment manager is Pacific Assets Management LLC, which has voting and dispositive power over JMG Triton Offshore Fund, Ltd. s investments. The equity interests of Pacific Assets Management LLC are owned by Pacific Capital Management, Inc. and Asset Alliance Holding Corp. The equity interests of Pacific Capital Management, Inc. are owned by Messrs. Roger Richter, Jonathan M. Glaser and Daniel A. David. Messrs. Glaser and Richter have sole investment discretion over JMG Triton Offshore Fund, Ltd. s portfolio holdings.
- (8) KBC Financial Products USA Inc. is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KBC Financial Holdings, Inc., which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KBC Bank N.V., which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KBC Group N.V., a publicly traded entity.
- (9) TQA Investors LLC has sole investment power and voting power with respect to securities owned by LDG Limited. Paul Bucci, Darren Langis, Andrew Anderson and Steven Potamis are the members of TQA Investors LLC.
- (10) Millennium Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of Millennium Partners, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, and consequently may be deemed to have voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Millennium Partners, L.P. Israel A. Englander is the managing member of Millennium Management, L.L.C. As a result, Mr. Englander may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of any shares deemed to be beneficially owned by Millennium Management, L.L.C. The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by either Millennium Management, L.L.C. or Mr. Englander as to beneficial ownership of the common shares owned by Millennium Partners, L.P.
- (11) Polygon Investment Partner LLP, Polygon Investment Partners LP, Polygon Investments Ltd., Alexander E. Jackson, Reade E. Griffith and Patrick G. G. Dear share voting and dispositive power of the securities held by Polygon Global Opportunities Master Fund. Polygon Investment Partner LLP, Polygon Investments Ltd., Alexander E. Jackson, Reade E. Griffith and Patrick G. G. Dear disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities held by Polygon Global Opportunities Master Fund.
- (12) TQA Investors, LLC is the investment advisor of TQA Master Fund Ltd. Robert Butman, Paul Bucci and Andrew Anderson are the principals of TQA Investors, LLC and exercise investment and voting control over securities owned by TQA Master Fund Ltd.
- (13) TQA Investors, LLC is the investment advisor of TQA Master Plus Fund Ltd. Robert Butman, Paul Bucci and Andrew Anderson are the principals of TQA Investors, LLC and exercise investment and voting control over securities owned by TQA Master Plus Fund Ltd.
- (14) Vicis Capital LLC is the investment manager of Vicis Capital Master Fund. Shad Stastney, John Succo and Sky Lucas exercise equal control over Vicis Capital LLC, but disclaim individual ownership of the securities owned by Vicis Capital Master Fund.
- (15) TQA Investors, LLC is the investment advisor of Zurich Institutional Benchmarks Master Fund Ltd. Robert Butman, Paul Bucci and Andrew Anderson are the principals of TQA Investors, LLC and exercise investment and voting control over securities owned by Zurich Institutional Benchmarks Master Fund Ltd.
- (16) Additional selling shareholders not named in this prospectus will not be able to use this prospectus for resales until they are named in the selling shareholder table by prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment. Transferees, successors and

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donees of identified selling shareholders will not be able to use this prospectus for resales until they are named in the selling shareholders table by prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment. If required, we will add transferees, successors and donees by prospectus supplement in instances where the transferee, successor or donee has acquired its shares from holders named in this prospectus after the effective date of this prospectus.

Information about the selling shareholders may change over time. Any changed information given to us by the selling shareholders will be set forth in prospectus supplements if and when necessary.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON AND PREFERRED SHARES

The following summary of the material terms of our common shares does not include all of the terms of the shares and should be read together with our trust agreement and by-laws and with applicable Pennsylvania law. In addition, this summary includes a description of our 11% Non-Convertible Senior Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$50.00 per share, or the 11% preferred shares. Accordingly, you should read the form of the designating amendment to our trust agreement for those preferred shares. Our trust agreement and by-laws and the form of designating amendment are incorporated by reference herein.

Authorized Common and Preferred Shares

Under our trust agreement, we have the authority to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of beneficial interest, \$1.00 par value per share, and up to 25,000,000 preferred shares, \$0.01 par value per share.

Common Shares

Voting, Dividend and Other Rights. Subject to the provisions of our trust agreement regarding excess shares, (1) the holders of our shares are entitled to one vote per share on all matters voted on by shareholders, including elections of trustees, and (2) subject to the rights of holders of any preferred shares, including the 11% preferred shares, the holders of our shares are entitled to a pro rata portion of any distributions declared from time to time by our board of trustees from funds available for those distributions, and upon liquidation are entitled to receive pro rata all of the assets available for distribution to those holders. See 11% Preferred Shares Dividends and Liquidation Rights. The majority of shares voting on a matter at a meeting at which at least a majority of the outstanding shares are present in person or by proxy constitutes the act of the shareholders, except with respect to the election of trustees (see below). Our trust agreement permits the holders of securities of our affiliates to vote with our shareholders on specified matters, and the partnership agreement of PREIT Associates, L.P. grants that right to certain holders of currently outstanding partnership units of PREIT Associates, L.P., with respect to fundamental changes in us (i.e., mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets). Shareholders do not have any pre-emptive rights to purchase our securities.

Our trust agreement provides that our board of trustees may authorize the issuance of multiple classes and series of shares of beneficial interest and, subject to the rights of the holders of the 11% preferred shares, classes and series of preferred shares having preferences to the existing shares in any matter, including rights in liquidation or to dividends and conversion rights (including shareholder rights plans), and other securities having conversion rights, and may authorize the creation and issuance by our subsidiaries and affiliates of securities having conversion rights in respect of shares. Accordingly, the rights of holders of our existing common shares are subject and junior to preferred rights, including the rights of holders of the 11% preferred shares, as to dividends and in liquidation (and other such matters) and to the extent set forth in any subsequently authorized preferred shares or class of preferred shares.

Board of Trustees. Our board of trustees is divided into three classes serving staggered three-year terms. Our trust agreement does not provide for cumulative voting in the election of trustees, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected to the office of trustee, subject to the majority voting provisions contained in our corporate governance guidelines.

Trustee Nomination Process. Our trust agreement provides that nominations for election to the office of trustee at any annual or special meeting of shareholders shall be made by the trustees, or by petition in writing delivered to the secretary not fewer than 35 days before the meeting signed by the holders of at least two percent of the shares outstanding on the date of the petition. Nominations not made in accordance with these procedures will not be considered unless the number of persons nominated is fewer than the number of persons to be elected to the office of trustee at the meeting. In this latter event, any person entitled to vote in the election of trustees may make nominations at the meeting for the trustee positions that would not otherwise be filled.

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11% Preferred Shares

In connection with our 2003 merger with Crown American Realty Trust, or Crown, we issued 2,475,000 non-convertible preferred shares, par value \$0.01 per share, to the former holders of Crown s 11% preferred shares that are identical in all material respects to the former Crown 11% preferred shares. The number of 11% preferred shares may be decreased by our board of trustees from time to time, though not below the number of 11% preferred shares then outstanding.

Rank. With respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the 11% preferred shares rank senior to all classes or series of our equity securities, except that the 11% preferred shares will rank on a parity with additional preferred shares that we may issue with terms specifically providing that the new preferred shares rank on a parity with the 11% preferred shares with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if the aggregate liquidation preference of the additional preferred shares and the 11% preferred shares together do not exceed \$123,750,000.

Dividends. Holders of the 11% preferred shares will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of trustees, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative, preferential cash dividends in an amount per share equal to \$5.50 per annum. Each dividend will be payable to holders of record as they appear on our transfer books on the record date as provided below.

In addition, holders of the 11% preferred shares may be eligible to receive additional dividends, or Additional Dividends, from time to time if our Total Debt (as defined in the designating amendment) exceeds the product of 6.5 times EBITDA (as defined in the designating amendment), or the Leverage Ratio, without the consent of the holders of at least 50% of the 11% preferred shares outstanding at that time. Holders who consent to a waiver of this restriction will be paid a consent fee. If required to be paid, Additional Dividends will be for an amount per share equal to 0.25% of the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount (as defined below) on an annualized basis for the first quarter with respect to which an Additional Dividend is due. For each quarter after that initial due date that we continue to exceed the permitted Leverage Ratio, the Additional Dividend will increase by an amount per share equal to an additional 0.25% of the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount on an annualized basis. However, the maximum total dividend on the 11% preferred shares, including any Additional Dividends, will not at any time exceed 13% of the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount per annum.

If any 11% preferred shares are outstanding, we will not declare, pay, or set apart for payment dividends on our common shares or any other series ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with or junior to the 11% preferred shares for any period unless we contemporaneously declare and pay, or declare and set apart funds sufficient to pay, full cumulative dividends (including any Additional Dividends) on the 11% preferred shares for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period. If we do not pay dividends in full or set apart a sum sufficient for full payment on the 11% preferred shares and the shares of any series of preferred shares ranking on a parity as to dividends with the 11% preferred shares, we will declare, pro rata, all dividends on the 11% preferred shares and any series of preferred shares ranking on a parity as to dividends with the 11% preferred shares so that the amount of dividends that we declare per share on the 11% preferred shares and such other series of preferred shares will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued and unpaid dividends per 11% preferred share and such other series of preferred shares bear to each other. We will not pay any interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the 11% preferred shares that may be in arrears.

Except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless we contemporaneously have declared and paid, or declared and set apart funds sufficient to pay, full cumulative dividends (including any Additional Dividends) on the 11% preferred shares for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period, we will not declare and pay, or declare and set apart for payment, any dividends on our capital shares ranking junior to or on a parity with the 11% preferred shares as to dividends, other than distributions payable in our common shares or other capital shares ranking junior to the 11% preferred shares as to dividends and upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up. In that event, we also will not redeem, purchase, or otherwise acquire for any consideration any of our common shares or any other capital shares ranking junior to or on a parity with the 11% preferred shares as to dividends or upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, nor will we pay any moneys to or make moneys available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares, except by conversion into or exchange for other of our capital shares ranking junior to the 11% preferred shares as to dividends and upon our liquidation, dissolution and winding up.

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Any dividend that we pay on the 11% preferred shares will first be credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid dividend due with respect to the 11% preferred shares that remains payable.

Liquidation Rights. If our company is liquidated or dissolved, or if our operations are wound up, the holders of the 11% preferred shares will be entitled to be paid out of our assets legally available for distribution to our shareholders a liquidation preference equal to the sum of \$50.00 per share plus an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends on the 11% preferred shares, including any Additional Dividends, whether or not earned or declared to the date of payment, or the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount, before we distribute any assets to holders of our common shares or any other capital shares that rank junior to the 11% preferred shares as to liquidation rights. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of the 11% preferred shares will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets.

If we have made liquidating distributions in full to all holders of the 11% preferred shares, our remaining assets will be distributed among the holders of any other classes or series of capital shares ranking junior to the 11% preferred shares upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up according to their respective rights and preferences and in each case according to their respective number of shares.

Our consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, or the sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, will not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up for purposes of liquidation rights.

Redemption. We may not redeem the 11% preferred shares before July 31, 2007, except under certain limited circumstances to preserve our status as a REIT. On and after July 31, 2007, we, to the extent we have legally available funds, and upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days written notice, may redeem the 11% preferred shares, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, during the periods and at the redemption prices shown below plus any accrued and unpaid dividends to the date of redemption:

Redemption Period	Redemption Price Per 11% Preferred Share
July 31, 2007 through July 30, 2009	\$52.50
July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2010	\$51.50
On or after July 31, 2010	\$50.00

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless we contemporaneously have declared and paid, or declared and set aside a sum sufficient for the payment of, full cumulative dividends on all outstanding 11% preferred shares for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period, (1) we will not redeem any 11% preferred shares unless we redeem all outstanding 11% preferred shares simultaneously and (2) we will not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly through a subsidiary or otherwise, any 11% preferred shares; except that we may purchase or otherwise acquire 11% preferred shares through a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding 11% preferred shares.

If we redeem fewer than all of the outstanding 11% preferred shares, then we will determine the number of shares to be redeemed and those shares may be redeemed pro rata from their record holders either in proportion to the number of shares held by those holders (as nearly as may be practicable without creating fractional 11% preferred shares) or under any other equitable method that we determine to use.

In June 2007, we gave notice that we called for redemption all of our outstanding 11% preferred shares. On July 31, 2007, we intend to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to our redemption and paying agent, \$52.50 per 11% preferred share plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to, but not including, July 31, 2007. From and after July 31, 2007, all 11% preferred shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, dividends thereon shall cease to accrue, and all rights with respect to the 11% preferred shares shall terminate, except only the right of the holders thereof to receive the redemption price plus accrued and unpaid dividends on the 11% preferred shares, but without interest thereon, upon surrender of such 11% preferred shares.

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We will retire and restore to the status of authorized and unissued preferred shares, without designation as to series, all 11% preferred shares that we redeem. After doing so, we may reissue them as any series of preferred shares.

Voting Rights. Holders of the 11% preferred shares do not have any voting rights, except as described below or as otherwise required by law. Subject to the provisions of our trust agreement regarding excess shares, in any matter in which the holders of the 11% preferred shares may vote, including any action by written consent, each holder will be entitled to one vote per share. The holders of each share may separately designate a proxy for the vote to which that share is entitled.

Whenever dividends on any 11% preferred shares have been in arrears for six or more quarterly dividend periods regardless of whether the periods are consecutive the holders of 11% preferred shares (voting separately as a class with all other series of preferred shares upon which rights to vote on such matter with the 11% preferred shares have been conferred and are then exercisable) will be entitled to vote for the election of two additional members of our board of trustees. This vote may occur at a special meeting called by the holders of record of at least 10% of the 11% preferred shares and any other preferred shares, if any (unless the request is received less than 45 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of the shareholders). In addition, this vote may occur at the next annual meeting of shareholders, and at each annual meeting after that annual meeting. These voting rights expire when we have paid, or declared and set aside a sum sufficient for the payment of, all dividends accumulated on the 11% preferred shares for past dividend periods and the then current dividend period. In this event, the entire board will be increased by two trustees, each of whom will be elected to serve until the earlier of (1) the election and qualification of the trustee s successor or (2) payment of the dividend arrearage for the 11% preferred shares.

If any trustee elected by the holders of the 11% preferred shares ceases to serve as a trustee before the trustee s term expires, the holders of the 11% preferred shares and any other series of preferred shares, if any, entitled to vote on such matter, as described above then outstanding may, at a special meeting of the holders called as provided above, elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term of the trustee whose place is vacant.

While any 11% preferred shares remain outstanding, we will not (1) without the affirmative vote of, or consent of the holders of all of, the 11% preferred shares outstanding at the time (such series voting separately as a class), authorize, create or issue, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital shares ranking senior to the 11% preferred shares with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (2) without the affirmative vote, or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the 11% preferred shares outstanding at the time (such series voting separately as a class), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our trust agreement, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the 11% preferred shares or the holders thereof. Any increase in the authorized preferred shares, or the creation or issuance of any other series of preferred shares, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of preferred shares or any other series of preferred shares, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the 11% preferred shares with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect the rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers of the 11% preferred shares.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or before the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required is effected, we have redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice all outstanding 11% preferred shares and we have deposited in trust an amount of funds sufficient to effect the redemption.

Restrictions on Ownership

Among the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code, are (1) not more than 50% in value of our outstanding shares, including the common share and the 11% preferred shares (after taking into account options to acquire shares), may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities) during the last half of a taxable year, (2) the shares must be beneficially owned by 100 or more persons during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year, and (3) certain percentages of our gross income

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must be from particular activities. In order to continue to qualify as a REIT under the Code, our board of trustees has adopted, and our shareholders have approved, provisions of our trust agreement that restrict the ownership and transfer of shares, or the Ownership Limit Provisions.

The Ownership Limit Provisions provide that no person may beneficially own, or be deemed to own by virtue of the attribution provisions of the Code, more than 9.9% of any separate class of our shares. For this purpose, the common shares and the 11% preferred shares are treated as separate classes. The trustees may exempt a person from the Ownership Limit Provisions with a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel or our tax accountants to the effect that such ownership will not jeopardize our status as a REIT.

Issuance or transfers of shares in violation of the Ownership Limit Provisions or which would cause us to be beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons are void ab initio and the intended transferee acquires no rights to the shares.

In the event of a purported transfer or other event that would, if effective, result in the ownership of shares in violation of the Ownership Limit Provisions, such transfer or other event with respect to that number of shares that would be owned by the transferee in excess of the Ownership Limit Provisions are automatically exchanged for an equal number of excess shares, or the Excess Shares, authorized by our trust agreement, according to the rules set forth therein, to the extent necessary to insure that the purported transfer or other event does not result in the ownership of shares in violation of the Ownership Limit Provisions. Any purported transferee or other purported holder of Excess Shares is required to give written notice to us of a purported transfer or other event that would result in the issuance of Excess Shares.

Excess Shares are not treasury shares but rather continue as issued and outstanding shares of beneficial interest. While outstanding, Excess Shares will be held in trust. The trustee of such trust shall be our company. The beneficiary of such trust shall be designated by the purported holder of the Excess Shares. Excess Shares are not entitled to any dividends or distributions. If, after the purported transfer or other event resulting in an exchange of shares of beneficial interest for Excess Shares and prior to our discovery of such exchange, dividends or distributions are paid with respect to the shares that were exchanged for Excess Shares, then such dividends or distributions are to be repaid to us upon demand. Excess Shares participate ratably (based on the total number of shares and Excess Shares) in any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company. Except as required by law, holders of Excess Shares are not entitled to vote such shares on any matter. While Excess Shares are held in trust, any interest in that trust may be transferred by the trustee only to a person whose ownership of shares will not violate the Ownership Limit Provisions, at which time the Excess Shares will be automatically exchanged for the same number of shares of the same type and class as the shares for which the Excess Shares were originally exchanged. Prior to any transfer of any interest in the Excess Shares held in trust, the purported transferee or other purported holder, as the case may be, must give advance notice to us of the intended transfer and we must waive in writing its purchase rights. Our trust agreement contains provisions that are designed to insure that the purported transferee or other purported holder of Excess Shares does not receive in return for such a transfer an amount that reflects any appreciation in the shares for which Excess Shares were exchanged during the period that such Excess Shares were outstanding. Any amount received by a purported transferee or other purported holder in excess of the amount permitted to be received must be paid to our company. If the foregoing restrictions are determined to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the intended transferee or holder of any Excess Shares may be deemed, at our option, to have acted as an agent on our behalf in acquiring such Excess Shares and to hold such Excess Shares on our behalf.

Our trust agreement further provides that Excess Shares shall be deemed to have been offered for sale to our company at the lesser of (1) the price paid for the shares by the purported transferee or, in the case of a gift, devise or other transaction, the market price for such shares at the time of such gift, devise or other transaction or (2) the market price for the shares on the date we or our designee exercises its option to purchase the Excess Shares. We may purchase such Excess Shares during a 90-day period, beginning on the date of the violative transfer if the original transferee-shareholder gives notice to us of the transfer or, if no notice is given, the date the board of trustees determines that a violative transfer or other event resulting in an exchange of shares for the Excess Shares has occurred.

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Each shareholder upon demand is required to disclose to us in writing such information with respect to the direct, indirect and constructive ownership of shares as the board of trustees deems necessary to comply with the provisions of our trust agreement or the Code applicable to a REIT or to comply with the requirements of any taxing authority or governmental agency. Certificates representing shares of any class or series issued after September 29, 1997 will bear a legend referring to the restrictions described above.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

The registrar and transfer agent for the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust common shares and for the 11% preferred shares is Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OF PREIT ASSOCIATES, L.P.

The following is a summary of material provisions in the partnership agreement of PREIT Associates, L.P., our operating partnership. For more detail, you should refer to the partnership agreement itself, a copy of which is filed with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference herein.

General

We are the sole general partner of our operating partnership. When our company was organized on September 30, 1997, we contributed to our operating partnership, or to entities wholly owned by our operating partnership, the real estate interests that we owned, directly or indirectly, or the economic benefits of those real estate interests, in exchange for a general partnership interest in our operating partnership and a number of partnership units that equaled, in the aggregate, the number of common shares issued and outstanding on September 30, 1997. In addition, as part of our merger with Crown American Realty Trust, our operating partnership issued to us a number of 11% senior preferred partnership units, representing another class of partnership units, equal to the number of 11% preferred shares that we issued in the merger. The number of our 11% senior preferred partnership units issued will at any time always equal the number of 11% preferred shares outstanding at that time.

Management

Under the partnership agreement, we, as the sole general partner, have the authority, to the exclusion of the limited partners, to make all management decisions on our operating partnership is behalf. In addition, we, as general partner, may cause our operating partnership to create and issue additional classes of limited or preferred partner interests with terms different from the limited partner and general partner interests currently outstanding. We have agreed in the partnership a