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Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-25739
(Commission File Number)

58-2328421
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6200 The Corners Parkway, Norcross, Georgia 30092-3365

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (770) 449-7800

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Item 11 of the instructions to Form S-3 requires that financial information incorporated by reference contain updates for, among other things, material dispositions of assets outside the normal course of business, as mentioned below. When such events occur, the financial statements incorporated by reference into the registration statement must be revised to present the disposition as discontinued operations for all periods prior to the event in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* (FAS 144).

On April 13, 2005, Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. closed on the sale of 27 properties, which it owned directly or through unconsolidated joint ventures (the Portfolio Sale). Thus, in accordance with FAS 144, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets have been revised to reclassify the assets and liabilities sold in connection with the Portfolio Sale as real estate assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations. Further, the accompanying consolidated statements of income have been revised to reclassify the results of operations of the properties sold as income from discontinued operations for all periods presented. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements below for additional details regarding the Portfolio Sale and for other revisions to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Form 8-K of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (Wells REIT) other than historical facts may be considered 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. We intend for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as applicable by law. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, and prospects and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, as well as known and unknown risks, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated. Therefore, such statements are not intended to be a guarantee of our performance in future periods. Such forward-looking statements can generally be identified by our use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, believe, continue, or other similar. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date this report is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We make no representation or warranty (express or implied) about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements contained in this Form 8-K, and we do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Any such forward-looking statements are subject to unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors and are based on a number of assumptions involving judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately. To the extent that our assumptions differ from actual results, our ability to meet such forward-looking statements, including our ability to generate positive cash flow from operations, provide dividends to stockholders, and maintain the value of our real estate properties, may be significantly hindered. Following are some of the risks and uncertainties, although not all risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those presented in our forward-looking statements:

General economic risks

Adverse changes in general economic conditions or local conditions;

Adverse economic conditions affecting the particular industry of one or more of our tenants;

Enterprise risks

Our dependency on Wells Capital, Inc. (Wells Capital) and its affiliates and their key personnel for various administrative services;

Wells Capital's ability to attract and retain high-quality personnel who can provide acceptable service levels and generate economies of scale over time;

Real estate risks

Our ability to achieve appropriate occupancy levels resulting in sufficient rental amounts;

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Supply of or demand for similar or competing rentable space, which may impact our ability to retain or obtain new tenants at lease expiration at acceptable rental amounts;

Tenant ability or willingness to satisfy obligations relating to our lease agreements;

Higher than expected property operating expenses, including property taxes, insurance, property management fees, and other costs at our properties;

Our ability to secure adequate insurance at reasonable and appropriate rates to avoid uninsured losses or losses in excess of insured amounts;

Discovery of previously undetected environmentally hazardous or other defects or adverse conditions at our properties;

Our ability to invest stockholder proceeds to acquire properties at appropriate amounts that provide acceptable returns;

Our potential need to fund foreseen and unforeseen capital expenditures, including those related to tenant build-out projects, tenant improvements and lease-up costs, out of operating cash flow;

Our ability to sell a property when desirable at an acceptable return, including the ability of the purchaser to satisfy any continuing obligations to us;

Financing and equity risks

Our continued access to adequate credit facilities or other debt financing and refinancing as appropriate;

Our ability to pay amounts to our lenders before any distributions to our stockholders;

Increases in interest rates related to our variable rate debt;

Lender-required restrictive covenants relating to our operations, and our ability to satisfy such restrictions;

Possible limitations on our ability to borrow funds in the future that may result from our participation in the Section 1031 Exchange Program sponsored by affiliates of Wells Capital;

Future demand for our equity securities through our dividend reinvestment plan;

Potential changes to our share redemption program or dividend reinvestment plan;

The amount of redemptions or prices paid in future periods for redeemed shares under the share redemption program, as approved by our board of directors;

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Other operational risks

Our reliance on third parties to appropriately manage our properties;

Our ability to continue to qualify as a REIT for tax purposes;

Higher than expected administrative operating expenses, including expenses associated with operating as a public company;

Our ability to comply with any governmental, tax, real estate, environmental, and zoning laws and regulations, and the related costs of compliance; and

Our ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to be able to maintain our dividend yield as a percentage of our stockholders' invested capital at its current level.

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 is derived from the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements included in this Form 8-K filing, whereas the following selected financial data as of December 31, 2002, 2001, and 2000 and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 is derived from previously issued audited consolidated financial statements, which have been revised in order to classify certain assets and liabilities as assets or liabilities related to discontinued operations and certain revenues and expenses as income from discontinued operations (see Note 6 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements). Except for per share data, selected financial data is presented in thousands:

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Total assets	\$ 5,123,689	\$ 4,925,292	\$ 2,229,727	\$ 752,281	\$ 398,550
Total stockholders' equity	3,686,870	3,962,406	1,835,950	709,343	265,342
Outstanding debt	890,182	612,514	248,195	8,124	127,663
Outstanding long-term debt	888,622	500,167	152,038	469	26,191
Obligations under capital leases related to discontinued operations	64,500	64,500	54,500	22,000	
Total revenues (1)	\$ 554,746	\$ 322,073	\$ 93,965	\$ 37,579	\$ 13,256
Income from continuing operations (1)	\$ 163,576	\$ 94,088	\$ 43,890	\$ 15,570	\$ 4,104
Discontinued operations (1)	46,146	26,597	15,964	6,154	4,449
Net income	\$ 209,722	\$ 120,685	\$ 59,854	\$ 21,724	\$ 8,553
Funds from operations (2)	\$ 364,992	\$ 240,752	\$ 101,798	\$ 40,584	\$ 17,500
Cash flows from operations	\$ 329,178	\$ 239,648	\$ 111,960	\$ 46,588	\$ 10,849
Cash flows used in investing activities	(252,700)	(2,220,846)	(1,369,926)	(278,845)	(252,846)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	(89,548)	1,989,216	1,227,844	303,544	243,365
Dividends paid	(326,372)	(219,121)	(104,996)	(36,737)	(16,971)
Per common share data-basic and diluted:					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.19
Income from discontinued operations	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.21

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Net income	\$	0.45	\$	0.37	\$	0.41	\$	0.43	\$	0.40
Funds from operations per share	\$	0.78	\$	0.74	\$	0.70	\$	0.79	\$	0.81
Dividends declared	\$	0.70	\$	0.70	\$	0.76	\$	0.76	\$	0.73

- (1) Prior period amounts adjusted to conform with current income statement groupings, including the presentation of revenues and income from properties sold and properties related to discontinued operations as income from discontinued operations, for all periods presented.
- (2) Refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for information regarding why we present funds from operations and for a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to net income.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Selected Financial Data above, and the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, included in this Form 8-K filing.

Overview

We are a real estate investment company engaged in the investment and management of commercial real estate located throughout the United States. We operate as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes. We have no paid employees and are externally advised and managed by Wells Capital and Wells Management Company, Inc. (Wells Management).

During the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003, we were raising capital through the issuance of common stock and investing the proceeds in income producing commercial real estate properties. In 2002, we raised approximately \$1.3 billion and acquired 38 properties for approximately \$1.4 billion. In 2003, we raised approximately \$2.5 billion and acquired properties for approximately \$2.7 billion. Our public offering of common stock ended in December 2003; however, we continued to raise capital through the sale of shares pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan in 2004 and acquired six properties for approximately \$298.8 million and sold one property for net proceeds of \$30.6 million.

As of December 31, 2004, we owned and operated 112 properties directly or through joint ventures comprising approximately 25.4 million square feet located in 26 states and the District of Columbia. These properties were approximately 97.4% leased.

As of April 19, 2005, we owned and operated 81 properties directly or through joint ventures comprising approximately 20.5 million square feet located in 23 states and the District of Columbia. These properties were approximately 97.0% leased.

Our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 reflect growing revenues and expenses associated with the increase in the number of properties that we owned during those periods.

General Economic and Real Estate Market Commentary

Management reviews a number of economic forecasts and market commentaries in order to evaluate general economic conditions and formulate a view the current environment's effect on the real estate markets in which we operate.

Management believes that the U.S. economy is continuing on the path of slow, but steady recovery. Job growth is improving, with 2.2 million jobs created in 2004, and with another 2.4 to 2.8 million projected to be added in 2005. GDP growth and renewed business confidence are fueling the job growth. However, uncertainty still exists in the economy, primarily due to high oil prices, the war in Iraq, the trade deficit, and other global issues.

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The U.S. office real estate market has begun to show modest improvement. The strength of the overall economy is having a positive impact on office real estate fundamentals. Positive absorption of office space combined with a decline in new construction has contributed to the

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increase in office occupancy rates for three consecutive quarters. Although occupancy rates have increased, management does not expect that they will rise by more than 200 basis points annually. As a result, management anticipates that it could be a minimum of two to three years before vacancy rates reach the equilibrium level of ten to twelve percent. Average asking rates stabilized in the second half of 2004. Management believes that renewed employment growth should benefit the office market; however, the uncertainty that still exists in the economy is causing many firms to continue to be more cautious with their investment and hiring decisions. Importantly, management believes the pace and strength of the recovery for office real estate will vary by market. Market conditions vary widely by geographical region, metropolitan area, submarket, and property.

The real estate capital transaction market continues to be very active. Capitalization rates (cap rates) have continued to decline in spite of the fact that the Federal Reserve increased the Federal Funds Rate five times in 2004. Management believes that the decline in cap rates is predominately driven by increased capital flows into real estate. The spread between average cap rates and 10-year U.S. Treasuries narrowed in 2004; however, this was primarily due to a drop in cap rates rather than a rise in 10-year U.S. Treasuries. In management's opinion, absent a significant move in interest rates or a significant decrease in the number of parties interested in acquiring real estate, cap rates are not expected to increase significantly from their current levels in 2005.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

From the commencement of our initial public offering in January 1998 through December 31, 2003, we raised significant funds through the sale of our common stock in four public offerings. Proceeds from these sales of common stock, net of offering costs and expenses, were used primarily for the acquisition of real estate properties and for certain capital expenditures identified at the time of acquiring certain properties. We do not anticipate receiving significant proceeds in the future from the sale of our common stock as all remaining shares under the fourth and final offering were sold during the year ended December 31, 2003. We expect to continue to receive proceeds from the sale of shares issued under our dividend reinvestment plan; however, a significant portion of these funds may be used to fund redemptions of our shares of common stock.

We expect that our primary source of future cash flows will be cash provided by operating activities that are primarily generated from the operations of our properties and distributions from our unconsolidated joint ventures. Additionally, we expect to generate cash through the selective and strategic sale of certain operating properties, as evidenced by the sale of 27 properties owned directly or through unconsolidated joint ventures (the Portfolio Sale) completed on April 13, 2005 and further described in Note 6 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The amount of dividends we pay to our stockholders will be dependent upon the amount of cash we generate from operating activities and on our expectations of future cash flows and determination of near term cash needs for capital improvements, tenant re-leasing, share redemptions and debt repayments. However, special dividends will be paid to distribute some or all of the net proceeds from property sales to our stockholders (see Subsequent Events below).

Short Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

During the year ended December 31, 2004, we generated approximately \$329.2 million of cash flow from operating activities. This cash was generated primarily from revenues at our properties and cash flow distributions from our unconsolidated joint ventures net of cash paid for direct

property operating expenses, management and advisory fees, general administrative expenses, and interest expense. From cash flows from operating activities, we paid dividends to stockholders of approximately \$326.4 million. Other than dividends paid to stockholders, our most significant use of cash during the year ended December 31, 2004 was the purchase of six properties and capital expenditures at existing properties totaling approximately \$271.6 million. We funded the purchase of these properties with (1) proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our dividend reinvestment plan, net of commissions and selling expenses and net of amounts used to redeem shares under our share redemption program; (2) net new borrowings under lines of credit and notes payable; and (3) proceeds from the sale of assets.

With respect to the cash generated from issuance of common stock, we raised \$194.9 million from the dividend reinvestment plan and paid approximately \$32.9 million in commissions and offering costs, a portion of which relates to the payment of fees accrued at December 31, 2003. During the year ended December 31, 2004, we redeemed approximately \$96.8 million in shares under the terms of our share redemption program and paid approximately \$12.8 million to repurchase shares from an investor in settlement of a pending lawsuit. (See [Litigation](#) below.)

With respect to net new borrowings in 2004, we received approximately \$1.0 billion in gross proceeds from lines of credit and notes payable, and repaid approximately \$825.1 million. Included in the new borrowings were three secured loans. On April 20, 2004, we closed on a \$200 million 10-year term loan collateralized by the AON Center Chicago Building; on May 25, 2004, we obtained a \$350 million 10-year term loan facility with Morgan Stanley; and on December 9, 2004 we closed on a \$35.7 million term loan secured by the 3100 Clarendon Boulevard Building. The \$350 million 10-year term loan is non-recourse to Wells REIT and is secured by first priority mortgages against certain properties as discussed in Note 4 of the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements. In connection with these three new loans, we paid approximately \$10.2 million in fees and expenses associated therewith. We used a substantial portion of the proceeds from the \$200 million and \$350 million 10-year term loans to repay in full and terminate our existing \$500 million credit facility with Bank of America N.A. and reduce our exposure under other lines of credit.

During December 2004, we entered into a new \$85 million secured revolving credit facility with SouthTrust Bank, N.A. ([SouthTrust](#)) at LIBOR plus 1.5% maturing in December 2007. Our other existing secured revolving credit facility is a \$50 million facility with Bank of America, N.A. ([Bank of America](#)) at LIBOR plus 1.75% maturing in June 2005. Each facility is secured by a pool of properties and the combined capacity on the facilities should provide us with additional financial flexibility to meet future capital needs such as funding of capital expenditures at properties and financing future repurchases of shares under our share redemption program.

In addition, we generated \$30.6 million in proceeds from the sale of a four-story office building and 5.2 acres of adjacent land in Tampa, Florida in June 2004. This property was acquired in December 1998 for approximately \$21.2 million.

On February 23, 2005, we modified our share redemption program to increase the limitation on the dollar value of share redemptions in 2005 from 3% of the value of weighted average shares outstanding for the previous year to 5%. Of this amount, 15% will be reserved for redemptions upon the death of a stockholder and required minimum distributions under qualified defined contribution plans. Subject to these limitations, we fulfilled all outstanding redemption requests at the end of March 2005. We funded these redemption payments with the use of additional debt, which included obtaining two long-term loans secured by currently unencumbered properties (see more details in [Subsequent Events](#) below). As a result of (1) the successful completion of the potential property sale transaction described above, and (2) the use of additional debt to fund redemptions under our share redemption plan, our debt as a percentage of total assets has increased, interest expense will increase during 2005, but shares outstanding will decrease as a result of redemptions under our share redemption program, allowing cash available for dividends per share to increase as the interest expense on the additional debt incurred is expected to be less than the dividends that would have been payable on the redeemed shares.

In March 2005, we obtained debt facilities to repurchase shares pursuant to our share redemption program, as well as extending the maturity of our \$50 Million Secured Line of Credit. More detail on these transactions are in the [Subsequent Events](#) section below.

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On April 13, 2005, we sold 27 properties, some of which are owned jointly with affiliated entities, for a gross sales price of approximately \$786.0 million pursuant to a contract with a third-party purchaser. Our share of the \$786.0 in gross purchase price is approximately \$760.8 million. Subsequent to the transaction closing, the board of directors declared a

special distribution of substantially all of the net sales proceeds to stockholders in the form of a return of invested capital to stockholders of record on June 1, 2005 (see *Subsequent Events* at the end of this section for more detail). As a result of this sale, the amount of cash generated by properties will decrease and the amount available for quarterly dividends will also decrease. We, therefore, expect the gross dollar value of dividends declared per share to decrease in future quarterly periods as compared to the gross dollar value of dividends declared before the sale of properties noted above. However, we currently anticipate that our dividend yield, as a percentage of stockholders' remaining investment (after reduction by the amount of such special distribution, once made), will remain at 7% for the foreseeable future. Because we do not anticipate reducing debt with the proceeds of this sale and the amount of assets held will decrease as a result of the sale, our ratio of debt to total assets to increase from approximately 17% as of December 31, 2004 to approximately 24% following the closing of this sale and special distribution of net sales proceeds to our stockholders.

In 2005, we expect to use cash on hand or debt to fund capital expenditures at existing properties as we expect to pay substantially all of our cash generated from operating activities in dividends to stockholders.

Long Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

We expect that our future sources of capital will be derived from net cash flows from property operations, proceeds from secured or unsecured financings from banks and other lenders, shares issued under our dividend reinvestment plan, net of proceeds used for share redemptions, and the selective and strategic sale of properties.

We anticipate our future long-term liquidity requirements will include, but not be limited to, scheduled debt maturities, renovations, expansions and other significant capital improvements at our properties and property acquisitions and investments in real estate ventures.

We expect substantially all net cash from operations will be used to pay dividends. To the extent that capital expenditures at our existing properties exceed excess operating cash flow, we may borrow to fund these capital expenditures. We are currently projecting that capital expenditures necessary at our existing properties will total approximately \$304 million, including tenant improvements, leasing commissions, and building capital, over the next five years. To the degree that cash flows provided by operations are lower due to lower returns on properties, dividends paid may be lower. Proceeds raised from sales of shares under our dividend reinvestment plan in

excess of amounts used to fund share redemptions may be utilized for capital improvements or expansion at our properties or to fund or partially fund new property acquisitions. Our cash flow from operations depends significantly on market rents and the ability of tenants to make rental payments. We believe that the diversity of our tenant base and the focus placed on relatively high credit quality tenants helps mitigate the risk of tenant bankruptcies. Conversely, economic downturns in general or in one or more of our core markets could adversely impact the ability of our tenants to make lease payments and our ability to re-lease space on favorable terms when leases expire. In the event of either situation, our cash flow and consequently our ability to meet capital needs could adversely affect our ability to pay dividends at expected levels.

The following table summarizes the scheduled aggregate principal repayment obligations, for the five years subsequent to December 31, 2004 (in thousands):

	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$ 1,560
2006	14,593
2007	125,483
2008	34,627
2009	998
Thereafter	712,921
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Total	\$ 890,182
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With respect to maturing obligations, we will evaluate various alternatives and select the best available options based on market conditions at the time. There can be no assurance, however, that the debt or equity capital markets will be favorable in the future.

Results of Operations

As of December 31, 2004, we owned interests in 112 real estate properties that were approximately 97.4% leased. As of April 19, 2005, we owned interests in 81 real estate properties that were approximately 97.0% leased. Our results of continuing operations have changed significantly for each period presented primarily as a result of the additional properties acquired each year from 2001 forward. We expect virtually all components of the statement of income will decrease in future periods as a result of the disposition of properties noted above, offset partially by a full year's operations on assets acquired during the year ended December 31, 2004. However, we do not expect that the operating results of the remaining individual properties will change significantly in the near term as the rental revenues are generally based on long-term leases that do not allow for significant increases in rental income and the majority of our in-place leases do not expire in the near term. Additionally, we generally do not expect a significant increase in operating expenses at the remaining properties, but to the extent that operating expenses do increase, the majority of our in-place leases have clauses that require the tenant to bear the economic burden of such increases.

Comparison of the year ended December 31, 2004 vs. the year ended December 31, 2003

Rental income increased by \$177.0 million to \$425.7 million from \$248.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Of this increase, \$175.1 million relates to properties acquired or developed subsequent to December 31, 2002. Tenant reimbursements increased by \$48.7 million to \$121.1 million from \$72.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Substantially all of

this increase relates to properties acquired or developed subsequent to December 31, 2002. Rental income and tenant reimbursements in future periods as compared to historical periods are expected to decrease as a result of the disposition of properties noted above, offset slightly by a full year's benefit from our 2004 property acquisitions.

Lease termination income was \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 as compared to \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. The income for the year ended 2004 primarily relates to one transaction, the termination of a portion of the Metris Direct, Inc. lease at the 10900 Wayzata Boulevard Building (f/k/a the Metris Minnesota Building). At the time of the lease termination, a new long-term lease was executed with Siemens Real Estate, Inc. for all of the vacated space. Lease termination income for the year ended 2003 relates primarily to PricewaterhouseCooper's lease termination in the AON Center Chicago Building. Lease termination income for the year ended December 31, 2004 is not expected to be comparable to future periods as such income will be dependent upon the execution of such agreements that are deemed in the best interest of the portfolio over the long-term.

Property operating expenses were \$175.9 million and \$101.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Substantially all of the \$74.7 million increase relates to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2002. Property operating costs represented 32% of the sum of the rental income and tenant reimbursements revenue amounts for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. Property operating expenses in future periods as compared to historical periods are expected to decrease as a result of the disposition of properties noted above, offset slightly by a full year's effect from our 2004 property acquisitions.

Asset and property management fees increased by \$11.5 million to \$23.7 million from \$12.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Of this increase, \$9.9 million related to properties acquired or developed subsequent to December 31, 2002. The remaining increase was the result of our beginning to pay asset and management fees to Wells Management on buildings having government tenants and third-party management fees that were previously paid by Wells Management. These charges were pursuant to an agreement between Wells Management and us. Asset and property management fees represent approximately 4% of the sum of the rental income and tenant reimbursements revenue amounts in each year. Asset and property management fees in future periods as compared to historical periods are expected to decrease as a result of the disposition of properties noted above, offset slightly by a full year's effect from our 2004 property acquisitions.

General and administrative costs were \$16.4 million and \$8.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, representing approximately 3% of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. General and administrative expenses are expected to remain relatively consistent in future periods in total and increase as a percentage of total revenues as a result of the disposition of properties noted above.

Depreciation expense decreased by \$4.9 million to \$84.7 million from \$89.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The decrease is primarily due to that fact that we changed depreciable lives for building assets from 25 years to 40 years effective January 1, 2004, offset by a \$45.6 million increase in depreciation expense related to properties acquired or developed subsequent to December 31, 2002. The change in depreciable lives during the year ended December 31, 2004 resulted in approximately \$50.0 million less depreciation than if no change in depreciable lives had occurred, as disclosed in Note 3 of the consolidated financial statements. Depreciation expense in future periods as compared to historical periods is expected to decrease as a result of the disposition of properties noted above, offset slightly by a full year's effect from our 2004 property acquisitions. However, depreciation expense as a percentage of rental income should remain relatively consistent.

Amortization increased by \$49.9 million to \$58.5 million from \$8.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase is primarily due to acquiring additional properties during 2003 and 2004 after the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations* (FAS 141), resulting in more acquired assets being classified as intangible lease assets and lease origination assets compared to prior periods resulting in additional amortization expense, as well as the signing of second-generation leases at some of our properties and initial leases at recently developed properties. It is expected that amortization of deferred leasing costs and intangible lease assets will not be affected materially by the disposition of properties noted above, as the majority of the properties were purchased before the adoption of FAS 141. Therefore, we expect amortization of deferred lease costs and intangibles to increase in future periods as compared to the same periods in 2004 as a full period of amortization expense is recognized relating to our 2004 property acquisitions and as more second-generation leases are entered into in future periods.

Interest expense increased by \$25.8 million to \$38.2 million from \$12.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, due to significantly higher average amounts of borrowings outstanding during the two periods. Interest expense in the future will be dependent upon the amount of borrowings outstanding, current interest rates, and the deferred financing costs associated with obtaining debt facilities. However, interest expense on debt facilities existing at December 31, 2004 is expected to be comparable in future periods to the three months ended December 31, 2004 as we have entered into certain long-term debt facilities that have fixed interest rates, as compared to variable rate debt that was in place during the first quarter of the year under our lines of credit. Having only a small balance currently outstanding under our lines of credit mitigates our exposure to rising interest rates.

Interest and other income increased by \$1.2 million to \$2.3 million from \$1.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The income in each period primarily represents interest earned on cash generated from operations. The level of interest income in future periods will primarily be dependent upon the amount of operating cash on hand and is not expected to be significant or change significantly from the amount earned during the year ended December 31, 2004. In addition to interest income, during the year ended December 31, 2004, we earned approximately \$0.9 million of take-out fees related to our participation in the Advisor s 1031 Program which may not be indicative of amounts earned in future periods as such income is dependent upon the continuation and growth of the program and our continued involvement.

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures increased by \$1.8 million to \$6.6 million from \$4.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. This increase of \$1.8 million is primarily related to the disposition of two properties held in joint ventures. We would expect the equity in income of joint ventures to fluctuate in future periods as properties are sold, including four properties included in the Portfolio Sale, and proceeds are distributed as opposed to being reinvested in additional real estate assets.

Loss on extinguishment of debt increased by \$0.1 million to \$2.1 million from \$2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. In May 2004, we repaid in full and terminated our \$500 million credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. and charged \$1.7 million in associated unamortized financing costs to earnings. In addition, \$0.4 million of unamortized loan costs associated with the Nestle debt was charged to earnings as the debt was repaid in full. In April

2003, we terminated our \$110 million credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. and charged \$0.5 million in associated unamortized deferred financing costs to earnings. Additionally, we charged \$1.5 million in loan assumption fees acquired to earnings as part of the Leo Burnett Building debt refinancing in December 2003. Loss on extinguishment of debt for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 is not expected to be indicative of amounts in future periods as such costs are generally dependent upon altering our financing structure and we have no plans for significantly changing our current financing structure.

Income from discontinued operations was \$46.1 million and \$26.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and consisted of earnings generated from the operations and disposition of the 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard Building on June 3, 2004 and operations of the properties included in the Portfolio Sale. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144 Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (FAS 144), we reclassified the historical operating results of these properties as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for all periods presented. The increase in income from discontinued operations generated from operating activities in 2004, as compared to 2003, is primarily related to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2002. The gain recognized on the sale of the 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard Building in 2004 was approximately \$11.6 million, whereas there were no property dispositions during 2003.

Earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$0.45 compared to \$0.37 for the year ended December 31, 2003. This increase is primarily a result of the recognition of lease termination income related to the Metris lease termination, and the gain on sale of the 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard Building occurring during the second quarter 2004, which together generated approximately \$0.05 net income per share. The remaining increase is attributable to a full year's operations at properties acquired prior to December 31, 2003. Earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2004 reflects the change in depreciable lives of real estate assets from 25 years to 40 years which resulted in an increase in earnings of approximately \$0.12 per share, that was essentially offset by the impact of the increased amortization during the year ended December 31, 2004 as a result of additional property acquisitions after the adoption of FAS 141. Other than these items, our operations remained relatively consistent on a per share basis. However, we expect our earnings per share to decrease in future periods as a result of the disposition of properties noted above.

Comparison of the year ended December 31, 2003 vs. the year ended December 31, 2002

Rental income increased by \$171.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2003 to \$248.7 million, from \$77.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Tenant reimbursements were \$72.4 million and \$14.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, for an increase of \$57.6 million. These increases were primarily due to the rental income and tenant reimbursements for properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2001, which totaled \$201.5 million and \$58.8 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2003 and \$29.3 million and \$3.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Tenant reimbursements were equivalent to 71% of the property operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Property operating expenses were \$101.2 million and \$20.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The \$80.4 million increase in property operating costs was primarily due to the property operating costs associated with the properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2001, which totaled \$83.0 million and \$4.9 million for the years ended

December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Property operating costs represented 32% and 23% of the sum of the rental income and tenant reimbursements revenue amounts for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increase in property operating costs as a percentage of the sum of rental income and tenant reimbursements was primarily due to the acquisition of certain full service multi-tenant properties in 2003 that have a significantly higher ratio of property operating costs to revenues.

Asset and property management fees expenses were \$12.2 million and \$4.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, and 2002, respectively, representing approximately 4% and 5%, respectively, of the sum of rental income and tenant reimbursements revenue amounts in each year. The increase in the asset and property management fees was primarily due to the fees associated with properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2001, which totaled \$9.6 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

General and administrative costs were \$8.7 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing approximately 3% and 4% of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. General and administrative expenses are expected to remain relatively consistent in future periods as a percentage of total revenues.

Depreciation expense was \$89.6 million and \$28.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increase of \$61.5 million in depreciation expense was primarily due to the acquisition of properties since December 31, 2001. Depreciation expense related to assets acquired after December 31, 2001, was \$74.0 million and \$12.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Depreciation expense represented 36% of rental income for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Amortization was \$8.6 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increase was primarily due to the adoption of FAS 141 in 2002, which caused more acquired assets to be classified as intangible lease assets, as compared to prior periods, and resulted in additional amortization expense, as well as the signing of second-generation leases at some of our properties during the year ended December 31, 2003. In 2004, Wells REIT changed the presentation of the amortization of the fair values of in-place leases, including opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring in-place leases and tenant relationships as amortization expense, as opposed to an adjustment to rental income, in the consolidated statements of income. As such, we reclassified such amortization from rental income to amortization expense for all periods presented.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, was \$12.4 million and \$1.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Interest expense paid to third parties for the year ended December 31, 2003 increased, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2002, due to higher average amounts of borrowings outstanding during 2003 and comparable interest rates during the two years.

Interest and other income was \$1.1 million and \$4.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Any funds received from stockholders that have not yet been invested in real estate asset investments and cash generated from operations between distribution payments were invested in short-term investments resulting in interest income. At certain times during the year ended December 31, 2002, we held a significant amount of cash on hand that had not been invested in real estate asset investments resulting in a higher amount of interest income.

Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures was \$4.8 million and \$4.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. This change was primarily due to the additional investments in the Fund XIII-REIT joint venture in December 2002 and September 2003. These additional investments were partially offset by the sale of one property in September 2003.

Loss on extinguishment of debt was \$2.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. In April 2003, we terminated our \$110 million credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. and charged \$0.5 million in associated unamortized deferred financing costs to earnings. Additionally, we charged \$1.5 million in loan assumption fees acquired to earnings as part of the Leo Burnett Building debt refinancing in December 2003.

Income from discontinued operations was \$26.6 million and \$16.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and consisted of earnings generated from the operations and disposition of the 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard Building on June 3, 2004 and operations of the properties included in the Portfolio Sale. In accordance with FAS 144, we reclassified the historical operating results of these properties as discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for all periods presented. The increase in income from discontinued operations generated from operating activities in 2003, as compared to 2002, is primarily related to properties acquired subsequent to December 31, 2001.

Earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$0.37 compared to \$0.41 for the year ended December 31, 2002. This decrease was primarily a result of the higher cost of investments in the real estate assets we acquired relative to returns on those investments and allocation of purchase consideration to shorter-lived intangible assets, due to the implementation of FAS 141, resulting in lower per share earnings in 2003, as compared to 2002.

Portfolio Information

As of December 31, 2004, we own interests in 112 properties. Of these properties, 93 are wholly-owned and three properties are owned through consolidated joint ventures. All of these properties are included in our consolidated financial statements. The remaining 16 properties are owned through joint ventures with affiliates of Wells Capital. While we have limited industrial warehouse assets in our portfolio, the majority of our assets are commercial office buildings located in 26 states and the District of Columbia. At December 31, 2004, our properties were approximately 97.4% leased with an average lease term remaining of approximately 7.1 years. See **Subsequent Events** below for more details on portfolio data as of April 13, 2005.

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As of December 31, 2004, our five largest geographic concentrations were as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>2004 Annualized Gross Base Rents</u> (in thousands)	<u>Rentable Square Feet</u> (in thousands)	<u>Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross Base Rents</u>
Chicago	\$ 130,610	4,640	22%
Washington, D.C.	79,059	2,208	14%
N. New Jersey	38,704	1,617	7%
Minneapolis	33,083	1,230	6%
Detroit	26,257	1,097	5%
	<u>\$ 307,713</u>	<u>10,792</u>	<u>54%</u>

As of December 31, 2004, our five largest industry concentrations were as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>2004 Annualized Gross Base Rents</u> (in thousands)	<u>Rentable Square Feet</u> (in thousands)	<u>Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross Base Rents</u>
Business Services	\$ 71,454	3,301	12%
Depository Institutions	48,423	1,851	8%
Nondepository Institutions	37,603	1,979	6%
Insurance Carriers	35,399	1,661	6%
Legal Services	34,277	1,068	6%
	<u>\$ 227,156</u>	<u>9,860</u>	<u>38%</u>

As of December 31, 2004, our five largest tenants were as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>2004 Annualized Gross</u>	
	<u>Base Rents</u> (in thousands)	<u>Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross Base Rents</u>
BP Corporation	\$ 28,890	5%
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	21,685	4%
Leo Burnett USA, Inc.	19,742	3%
US Bancorp Piper Jaffray Companies, Inc.	19,348	3%
Nestle USA, Inc.	15,921	3%
	<u>\$ 105,586</u>	<u>18%</u>

Funds from Operations

We believe that funds from operations (FFO) is a beneficial indicator of the performance of any equity REIT. Because FFO calculations exclude such factors as depreciation and amortization of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets (which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful-life estimates), they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs. Our management believes that accounting for real estate assets in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictability over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves. As a result, we believe that the use of FFO, together with the required GAAP presentations, provide a more complete understanding of our performance relative to our competitors and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing, and investing activities. Other REITs may not define FFO in accordance with the current National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust s (NAREIT) definition (as we do) or may interpret the current NAREIT definition differently than we do.

We believe that net income, as defined by GAAP, is the most relevant measure of our operating performance. Conversely, we do not believe that FFO should not be viewed as an alternative measurement of our operating performance to net income, as FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure, which includes adjustments that may be deemed subjective by investors.

As presented below, non-cash items such as depreciation, amortization, and gains on the sale of real estate assets are excluded from our calculation of FFO. Income from discontinued operations is included in FFO except for the components of income from discontinued operations resulting from the non-cash items aforementioned. Thus, a portion of the depreciation of real estate assets and amortization of deferred leasing costs adjustments below are classified as income from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated financial statements (see Note 6 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements). FFO is not adjusted to reflect the cost of capital improvements or any related capitalized interest, and is presented in the following table, in thousands, for the years ended:

	2004	2003	2002
Net income	\$ 209,722	\$ 120,685	\$ 59,854
Add:			
Depreciation of real estate assets	97,425	107,012	38,780
Amortization of deferred leasing costs	65,314	9,325	303
Depreciation and amortization unconsolidated partnerships	4,160	3,730	2,861
Gain on sale of real estate assets	(11,629)		
FFO	\$ 364,992	\$ 240,752	\$ 101,798
Weighted average shares outstanding	466,061	324,092	145,633

Through 2003, Wells REIT and its unconsolidated joint ventures reported the amortization of the fair values of in-place leases, including opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring in-place leases and tenant relationships, as an adjustment to rental income in the consolidated statements of income. In 2004, Wells REIT began presenting this amortization as amortization expense in the consolidated statements of income, and have reclassified such amortization from rental income to amortization expense for all periods previously presented. The period of amortization continues to be the term of the respective lease and results in no change in previously reported net income, but does result in an increase in FFO of approximately \$40.2 million and \$5.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The primary purpose of this change is to more closely align our presentation of such costs with similar costs as classified by other companies in the real estate industry.

Set forth below is additional information (often considered in conjunction with FFO) that may be helpful in assessing our operating results:

In accordance with GAAP, we recognized straight-line rental revenue of \$28.0 million, \$16.2 million and \$7.6 million during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

The amortization of deferred financing costs totaled approximately \$4.6 million, \$4.6 million and \$0.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. Additionally, the loss on extinguishment of debt in the accompanying consolidated statements of income totaled approximately \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. No loss on extinguishment of debt was incurred during the year ended December 31, 2002.

The amortization of intangible lease assets and intangible lease liabilities recorded as a net increase in revenues totaled approximately \$2.8 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. No amortization of intangible assets or intangible lease liabilities was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2002.

Election as a REIT

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and have operated as such beginning with our taxable year ended December 31, 1998. To qualify as a REIT, we must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary taxable income to our stockholders. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on taxable income that we distribute to our stockholders. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income taxes on our taxable income for four years following the year during which qualification is lost, unless the Internal Revenue Service grants us relief under certain statutory provisions. Such an event could materially adversely affect our net income and net cash available for distribution to stockholders. However, we believe that we are organized and operate in such a manner as to qualify for treatment as a REIT and intend to continue to operate in the foreseeable future in such a manner that we will remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. No provision for federal income taxes has been made in our accompanying consolidated financial statements, as we made distributions in excess of taxable income for the periods presented. We are subject to certain state and local taxes related to the operations of properties in certain locations, which have been provided for in our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Inflation

We are exposed to inflation risk as income from long-term leases is the primary source of our cash flows from operations. There are provisions in the majority of our tenant leases that would protect us from the impact of inflation. These provisions include rent steps, reimbursement billings for operating expense pass-through charges, real estate tax and insurance reimbursements on a per square-foot basis, or in some cases, annual reimbursement of operating expenses above a certain per square-foot allowance. However, due to the long-term nature of the leases, the leases may not readjust their reimbursement rates frequently enough to cover inflation.

Application of Critical Accounting Policies

Our accounting policies have been established to conform with GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to use judgment in the application of accounting policies, including making estimates and assumptions. These judgments affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. If our judgment or interpretation of the facts and circumstances relating to various transactions had been different, it is possible that different accounting policies would have been applied; thus, resulting in a different presentation of the financial statements. Additionally, other companies may utilize different estimates that may impact comparability of our results of operations to those of companies in similar businesses.

The critical accounting policies outlined below have been discussed with members of the audit committee of the board of directors.

Investment in Real Estate Assets

We are required to make subjective assessments as to the useful lives of our depreciable assets. We consider the period of future benefit of the asset to determine the appropriate useful lives. These assessments have a direct impact on net income. All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis. The estimated useful lives of our assets by class are as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	5-25 years
Land improvements	20-25 years
Tenant improvements	Lease term
Intangible lease assets	Lease term

In the first quarter of 2004, Wells REIT completed a review of its real estate depreciation by performing an analysis of the components of each property type in an effort to determine weighted average composite useful lives of its real estate assets. As a result of this review, Wells REIT changed its estimate of the weighted average composite useful lives for building assets. Effective January 1, 2004, for all building assets, Wells REIT extended the weighted average composite useful life to 40 years from 25 years. The change resulted in an increase to net income of approximately \$56.8 million or \$0.12 per share for the year ended December 31, 2004. Wells REIT believes the change more appropriately reflects the estimated useful lives of the building assets and is consistent with prevailing industry practice.

In the event that inappropriate useful lives or methods are used for depreciation and amortization, our net income would be misstated.

Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Assets

Upon the acquisition of real properties, it is our policy to allocate the purchase price of properties to acquired tangible assets, consisting of land and building, and identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of the value of above-market and below-market leases, other value of in-place leases and value of tenant relationships, based in each case on their fair values.

The fair values of the tangible assets of an acquired property (which includes land and building) are determined by valuing the property as if it were vacant, and the as-if-vacant value is then allocated to land and building based on our determination of the relative fair value of these assets. We determine the as-if-vacant fair value of a property using methods similar to those used by independent appraisers. Factors considered by us in performing these analyses include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up periods considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating carrying costs, we include real estate taxes, insurance, and other operating expenses and estimates of lost rental revenue during the expected lease-up periods based on current market demand. We also estimate the cost to execute similar leases including leasing commissions, legal and other related costs.

The fair values of above-market and below-market in-place lease values is recorded based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and (ii) our estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, measured

over a period equal to the remaining non-cancelable term of the lease. The above-market and below-market lease values are capitalized as intangible lease assets and liabilities and amortized as an adjustment of rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases.

The fair values of in-place leases include direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant, opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring an in-place lease, and tenant relationships. Direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant include commissions, tenant improvements and other direct costs and are estimated based on management's consideration of current market costs to execute a similar lease. These direct costs are included in deferred lease costs in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized to expense over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The value of opportunity costs is calculated using the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases over a market absorption period for a similar lease. Customer relationships are valued based on expected renewal of a lease or the likelihood of obtaining a particular tenant for other locations. These lease intangibles are included in intangible lease assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized to expense over the remaining terms of the respective leases. Prior to the nine months ended December 31, 2004, these lease intangibles were amortized as an adjustment to rental income rather than to expense. As such, the related amortization has been reclassified from an adjustment to rental income to expense in the consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Estimates of the fair values of the tangible and intangible assets require us to estimate market lease rates, property operating expenses, carrying costs during lease-up periods, discount rates, market absorption periods and the number of years the property is held for investment. The use of inappropriate estimates would result in an incorrect assessment of our purchase price allocations, which could impact the amount of our reported net income.

Valuation of Real Estate Assets

We continually monitor events and changes in circumstances that could indicate that the carrying amounts of the real estate and related intangible assets, both operating properties and properties under construction, in which we have an ownership interest, either directly or through investments in joint ventures, may not be recoverable. When indicators of potential impairment are present which indicate that the carrying amounts of real estate and related intangible assets may not be recoverable, we assess the recoverability of these assets by determining whether the carrying value will be recovered through the undiscounted future operating cash flows expected from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. In the event that such expected undiscounted future cash flows do not exceed the carrying value, we adjust the real estate and related intangible assets to the fair value and recognize an impairment loss.

Projections of expected future cash flows require that we estimate future market rental income amounts subsequent to the expiration of current lease agreements, property operating expenses, discount rates, the number of months it takes to re-lease the property and the number of years the property is held for investment, among other factors. The use of inappropriate assumptions in the future cash flow analysis would result in an incorrect assessment of the property's future cash flows and fair value, and could result in the misstatement of the carrying value of our real estate and related intangible assets and our net income.

Contractual Commitments and Contingencies

Our contractual obligations (in thousands) as of December 31, 2004 are as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Outstanding debt	\$ 890,182	\$ 1,560	\$ 140,076	\$ 35,625	\$ 712,921
Capital lease obligations (1)	133,608	4,523	9,046	9,046	110,993
Operating lease obligations (2)	79,837	535	1,070	1,070	77,162
Total	\$ 1,103,627	\$ 6,618	\$ 150,192	\$ 45,741	\$ 901,076

- (1) As discussed in Note 7 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, these capital lease obligations are related to properties included in the Portfolio Sale. Therefore, such obligations are classified as liabilities related to discontinued operations, net, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and were relinquished on April 13, 2005 in connection with the Portfolio Sale.
- (2) These operating lease obligations are exclusive of properties included in the Portfolio Sale.

We are subject to certain contingent liabilities with regard to certain transactions as discussed in the following paragraphs.

Take-Out Purchase and Escrow Agreement

Wells Capital and its affiliates have developed a program (the Wells Section 1031 Program) involving the acquisition by a subsidiary of Wells Management (Wells Exchange) of income-producing commercial properties and the formation of a series of single member limited liability companies for the purpose of facilitating the resale of co-tenancy interests in such real estate properties to be owned in co-tenancy arrangements with persons (1031 Participants) who are seeking to invest the proceeds from a sale of real estate held for investment in another real estate investment for purposes of qualifying for like-kind exchange treatment under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The acquisition of each of the properties acquired by Wells Exchange is generally financed by a combination of permanent first mortgage financing and interim loan financing obtained from institutional lenders.

Following the acquisition of each property, Wells Exchange attempts to sell co-tenancy interests to 1031 Participants, the proceeds of which are used to repay a pro-rata portion of the interim financing. In consideration for the payment of a take-out fee to us and following approval of the potential property acquisition by our board of directors, it is anticipated that we may enter into a take-out purchase and escrow agreement or similar contract providing that, if Wells Exchange is unable to sell all of the co-tenancy interests in that particular property to 1031 Participants, we would be obligated to purchase, at Wells Exchange's cost, any co-tenancy interests remaining unsold at the end of the offering period.

As of December 31, 2004, co-tenancy interests in three programs with which we have previously been involved are still yet to be sold, all with expiration dates in February 2005. If these interests are not sold, or if the programs are not extended, we may have to purchase the unsold co-tenancy interests in the future.

On February 14, 2005, we agreed to an extension of these offering periods through May 2005, in consideration for additional take-out fees of approximately \$188,000.

Letters of Credit

At December 31, 2004, Wells REIT had two unused letters of credit totaling approximately \$28.4 million from financial institutions. One of these letters of credit in the amount of approximately \$400,000 expires in February 2005, and the other letter of credit expired in December 2005. These letters of credit were required by unrelated third parties to ensure completion of Wells REIT's obligations under certain earn-out and related construction agreements.

Commitments Under Existing Lease Agreements

Certain lease agreements include provisions that, at the option of the tenant, may obligate Wells REIT to expand an existing property, construct on adjacent property or provide other expenditures for the benefit of the tenant, in favor of additional rental revenue. At December 31, 2004, no tenants have exercised such options, which have not been fully satisfied as of that date.

Additionally, Wells REIT executed one lease extension with a tenant for the acquisition of an adjacent land parcel and subsequent construction of a surface parking lot. The lease extension provides for additional rental revenue related to the expanded parking. Construction of the parking expansion has not yet begun; however, the land parcel was purchased as of December 31, 2004.

Earn-out Agreements

As part of the acquisition of the 60 Broad Street New York Building, Wells REIT entered into an agreement to pay to the seller an amount for securing a qualifying lease agreement or renewal relating to specified space, which is currently occupied. In the event that the seller is successful in securing a qualifying lease for the specified space, Wells REIT will be required to pay the seller an amount based on the net present value of the rental income over the term of the lease. As of December 31, 2004, no amounts are due under this agreement.

Litigation

Wells REIT is from time to time a party to other legal proceedings which arise in the ordinary course of its business. Wells REIT is not currently involved in any litigation the outcome of which would, in management's judgment based on information currently available, have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or financial condition of Wells REIT, nor is management aware of any such litigation threatened against the Wells REIT.

On October 9, 2003, Stephen L. Flood, the Luzerne County Controller, and the Luzerne County Retirement Board (Luzerne Board) on behalf of the Luzerne County Employee Retirement System (Plan) filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania against 26 separate defendants, including Wells REIT, Wells Investment Securities, Inc., and Wells Real Estate Funds, Inc., (collectively, the Wells

Defendants).

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On October 27, 2004, this lawsuit against the Wells Defendants was dismissed with prejudice. The dismissal was the result of a settlement agreement and release between the plaintiffs and the Wells Defendants where the Wells REIT agreed to repurchase from the Plan all of the 1,346,754 shares of its common stock held by the Plan for approximately \$12.8 million, the price originally paid for such stock, in exchange for a release by the plaintiffs of all claims and counts against the Wells Defendants. These shares were not repurchased pursuant to Wells REIT's existing share redemption program.

Related Party Transactions and Agreements

We have entered into agreements with Wells Capital, Wells Management and their affiliates, whereby we pay certain fees or reimbursements to Wells Capital, Wells Management and their affiliates for acquisition and advisory fees and acquisition expenses, sales commissions, asset and property management fees, and reimbursement of operating costs. See Notes 11 and 12 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report for a discussion of the various related party transactions, agreements and fees.

Conflicts of Interest

Wells Capital is also a general partner in or advisor to Wells Real Estate Investment Trust II, Inc. (Wells REIT II) and various public real estate limited partnerships sponsored by Wells Capital. As such, there are conflicts of interest where Wells Capital, while serving in the capacity as general partner or advisor for another Wells-sponsored program, may be in competition with us in connection with property acquisitions or for tenants in similar geographic markets. The compensation arrangements between Wells Capital and these other Wells Real Estate Funds could influence its advice to us.

Additionally, certain members of our board of directors also serve on the board of Wells REIT II and may encounter certain conflicts of interest regarding investment and operations decisions.

Subsequent Events

Sale of Portfolio of Real Estate Assets

On April 13, 2005, the Portfolio Sale closed for a gross sales price of \$786.0 million, excluding closing costs and brokerage fees, of which approximately \$760.8 million is allocable to us. We received net sales proceeds and recognized a gain of approximately \$756.2 million and \$188.9 million, respectively, as a result of the Portfolio Sale, which are subject to change as additional information becomes available in subsequent periods.

In accordance with the terms of the current Asset Management Advisory Agreement with Wells Management, our Asset Advisor, in the event that Wells Management provides substantial services in connection with the sale of properties, as determined and approved by our board of directors, we may be required to pay Wells Management a subordinated disposition fee equal to the lesser of one-half of the market-based real estate commission or 3.0% of the sale price of such properties, contingent upon our stockholders having first received total dividends in an amount equal to the sum of all of the capital the stockholders have invested in Wells REIT (reduced by prior dividends attributable to net sales proceeds) plus an amount sufficient to provide the stockholders with an annualized, noncumulative return of 8.0% (the Subordinated Conditions). While this fee may be in addition to real estate commissions paid to third parties, the total real estate commissions (including such

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disposition fee) may not exceed the lesser of (i) 6.0% of the sales price of the properties or (ii) the level of real estate commissions customarily charged in light of the size, type, and location of the properties.

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On February 21, 2005, our board of directors approved a subordinated disposition fee of 0.33% of the gross sale price of the properties sold to be paid to Wells Management as a result of the closing of this transaction. Since the Subordinated Conditions have not been met at this time, this fee will not be paid at closing but will be paid only in the event and at the time that the Subordinated Conditions are satisfied in accordance with the terms of the Asset Management Advisory Agreement.

Properties Involved in Sale

The Portfolio Sale includes 23 wholly-owned properties. Of the \$786.0 million gross sale price, approximately \$714.9 million relates to these 23 properties, which we originally purchased for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$555.1 million. The names and locations of the properties are listed below.

<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Property Location</i>	<i>Building Square Footage</i>
Bank of America Orange County	Brea, CA	637,503
Capital One Richmond	Glen Allen, VA	225,220
Daimler Chrysler Dallas	Westlake, TX	130,290
Allstate Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	89,956
EDS Des Moines	Des Moines, IA	405,000
Kraft Atlanta	Suwanee, GA	87,219
Kerr-McGee	Houston, TX	101,111
PacifiCare San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	142,500
ISS Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	289,000
Experian/TRW	Allen, TX	292,700
Travelers Express Denver	Lakewood, CO	68,165
Dana Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, MI	150,945
Dana Detroit	Farmington Hills, MI	112,480
Transocean Houston	Houston, TX	155,991
Lucent	Cary, NC	120,000
Ingram Micro	Millington, TN	701,819
Nissan	Irving, TX	268,445
IKON	Houston, TX	157,790
ASML	Tempe, AZ	95,133
Dial	Scottsdale, AZ	129,689
Metris Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	101,100
Alstom Power Richmond	Midlothian, VA	99,057
AT&T Pennsylvania	Harrisburg, PA	81,859

In addition, the Portfolio Sale includes four properties that are owned through joint ventures with affiliates. Approximately \$71.1 million of the \$786.0 million gross sale price relates to these four properties, which were originally purchased for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$54.6 million. Our share of the approximately \$71.1 million of gross sale price attributable to these four properties is approximately \$45.4 million. Our share of the approximately \$54.6 million original purchase price for these four properties was approximately \$32.0 million. The names and locations of these four properties, along with the name of the joint venture affiliate and the percentage ownership of Wells REIT in each of these properties are listed below.

<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Property Location</i>	<i>% Owned</i>	<i>Joint Venture Affiliate</i>	<i>Building Square Footage</i>
John Wiley Indianapolis	Fishers, IN	71.9%	Wells Real Estate Fund XIII, L.P.	141,047
AmeriCredit	Orange Park, FL	71.9%	Wells Real Estate Fund XIII, L.P.	85,000
AT&T Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, OK	55.0%	Wells Real Estate Fund XII, L.P.	128,500
Gartner	Ft. Myers, FL	56.8%	Wells Real Estate Fund XI, L.P. Wells Real Estate Fund XII, L.P.	62,400

Effects of the Property Sale on the Diversification of our Portfolio

The following information discloses the effects of the potential property sale on the diversification of our portfolio.

As of December 31, 2004, we owned interests in 112 buildings either directly or through joint ventures. Of these buildings, 93 buildings are wholly owned and 19 buildings are owned through joint ventures with affiliates and others. While we have limited industrial warehouse assets in our portfolio, the majority of assets are commercial office buildings located in 26 states and the District of Columbia. As of April 19, 2005, we will own interests in 82 buildings either directly or through joint ventures. Of these buildings, 67 buildings are wholly owned, and 15 buildings are owned through joint ventures with affiliates and others.

As of December 31, 2004, our properties are approximately 97% leased with an average lease term remaining of approximately 7.1 years. As of April 19, 2005, our properties will be approximately 97% leased with an average lease term remaining of approximately 6.9 years.

Lease Expirations Portfolio as of December 31, 2004

The following table shows the lease expirations of our current portfolio as of December 31, 2004, during each of the next ten years and thereafter, assuming no exercise of renewal options or termination rights.

Year of Lease	2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent	Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross	Rentable Square Feet Expiring
Expiration	(in thousands)	Base Rent	(in thousands)
Vacant	\$ 0	0%	675
2005	17,179	3%	655
2006	30,643	5%	942
2007	31,169	5%	1,117
2008	27,810	5%	1,124
2009	45,210	8%	1,688
2010	84,112	14%	3,776
2011	83,698	14%	4,839
2012	89,860	15%	3,686
2013	71,568	12%	2,724
2014	31,910	5%	1,230
Thereafter	67,859	14%	2,916
	\$ 581,018	100%	25,372

Lease Expirations Post-Closing of the Portfolio Sale as of April 13, 2005

The following table shows lease expirations of our remaining portfolio following the completed sale transaction, during each of the next ten years and thereafter, assuming no exercise of renewal options or termination rights.

Year of Lease Expiration	2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent	Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross	Rentable Square Feet Expiring
(in thousands)	Base Rent	(in thousands)	
Vacant	\$ 0	0%	675
2005	16,889	3%	642
2006	29,186	6%	865
2007	31,169	6%	1,117
2008	24,734	5%	898
2009	42,357	8%	1,546
2010	73,168	14%	3,034
2011	73,036	14%	3,722
2012	75,495	15%	2,412
2013	55,027	11%	1,878
2014	27,604	5%	1,029
Thereafter	63,484	13%	2,642
	\$ 512,149	100%	20,460

Geographic Diversification Current Portfolio as of December 31, 2004

The following table shows the geographic diversification of our current portfolio as of December 31, 2004.

Location	2004 Annualized	Percentage of 2004	Rentable Square
	Gross Base Rents (in thousands)	Annualized Gross Base Rents	Feet (in thousands)
Chicago	\$ 130,610	22%	4,640
Washington, D.C.	79,059	14%	2,208
N. New Jersey	38,704	7%	1,617
Minneapolis	33,083	6%	1,230
Detroit	26,257	5%	1,097
Dallas	25,967	4%	1,450
New York	25,424	4%	986
Boston	23,964	4%	586
Atlanta	23,767	4%	992
Los Angeles	20,822	4%	682
Orange Co.	18,039	3%	1,089
Other*	135,322	23%	8,795
	\$ 581,018	100%	25,372

* None more than 3%

Geographic Diversification Post-Closing of the Portfolio Sale as of April 13, 2005

The following table shows geographic diversification of our remaining portfolio following the completed sale transaction.

Location	2004 Annualized	Percentage of 2004	Rentable Square
	Gross Base Rents (in thousands)	Annualized Gross Base Rents	Feet (in thousands)
Chicago	\$ 130,610	26%	4,640
Washington, D.C.	79,059	15%	2,208
N. New Jersey	38,704	8%	1,617
Minneapolis	33,083	6%	1,230
New York	25,424	5%	986
Boston	23,964	5%	586
Detroit	23,927	5%	984
Los Angeles	20,822	4%	682
Dallas	18,196	4%	889
Atlanta	15,552	3%	616
Other*	102,808	19%	6,022

	\$ 512,149	100%	20,460
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* None more than 3%

Tenant Industry Diversification Current Portfolio as of December 31, 2004

The following table shows the tenant industry diversification of our current portfolio as of December 31, 2004.

Industry	2004 Annualized		
	Gross Base Rent	Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross	Rentable Square Feet
	(in thousands)	Base Rent	(in thousands)
Business Services	\$ 71,454	12%	3,301
Depository Institutions	48,423	8%	1,851
Nondepository Institutions	37,603	6%	1,979
Insurance Carriers	35,399	6%	1,661
Legal Services	34,277	6%	1,068
Electronic & Other Electric Equipment	28,174	5%	1,599
Communication	26,995	5%	1,058
Transportation Equipment	22,205	4%	1,011
Administration of Economic Programs	21,879	4%	599
Insurance Agents, Brokers, & Service	21,656	4%	610
Finance, Taxation, & Monetary Policy	20,410	4%	548
Food and Kindred Products	19,065	3%	631
Other*	193,478	33%	9,456
	\$ 581,018	100%	25,372

* None more than 3%

Tenant Industry Diversification Post-Closing of the Portfolio Sale as of April 13, 2005

The following table shows tenant industry diversification of our remaining portfolio following the completed sale transaction.

Industry	2004		
	Annualized Gross Base Rent	Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross	Rentable Square Feet
	(in thousands)	Base Rent	Feet (in thousands)
Business Services	\$ 56,456	11%	2,195
Depository Institutions	48,423	9%	1,851
Legal Services	34,277	7%	1,068
Insurance Carriers	31,329	6%	1,429
Electronic & Other Electric Equipment	26,250	5%	1,479
Communication	24,621	5%	920

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Administration of Economic Programs	21,879	4%	599
Insurance Agents, Brokers, & Service	21,656	4%	610
Finance, Taxation, & Monetary Policy	20,410	4%	548
Nondepository Institutions	20,162	4%	814
Transportation Equipment	18,032	4%	747
Food and Kindred Products	17,751	3%	558
Other*	170,903	34%	7,642
	<u>512,149</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>20,460</u>

* None more than 3%

Top 20 Tenants Current Portfolio as of December 31, 2004

The following table shows the top 20 tenants by percentage of annual gross revenues of our current portfolio as of December 31, 2004.

<u>Location</u>	2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent (in thousands)	Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent
BP Amoco	\$ 28,890	5%
NASA	21,685	4%
Leo Burnett	19,742	3%
US Bancorp	19,348	3%
Nestle	15,921	3%
OCC	14,547	3%
Independence Blue Cross	12,904	2%
Winston & Strawn	12,761	2%
Kirkland & Ellis	12,304	2%
Nokia	12,243	2%
State of New York	11,041	2%
Aventis	10,299	2%
Zurich	9,693	2%
Cingular	9,208	2%
DDB Needham	8,909	2%
State Street Bank	8,264	1%
US National Park Service	8,236	1%
Caterpillar Financial	8,219	1%
Bank of America	7,574	1%
Lockheed Martin	7,422	1%
Other	321,808	56%
	\$ 581,018	100%

Top 20 Tenants Post-Closing of the Portfolio Sale as of April 13, 2005

The following table shows the top 20 tenants by percentage of annual gross revenues of our remaining portfolio following the completed sale transaction.

<u>Location</u>	<u>2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent (in thousands)</u>	<u>Percentage of 2004 Annualized Gross Base Rent</u>
BP Amoco	\$ 28,890	6%
NASA	21,685	4%
Leo Burnett	19,742	4%
US Bancorp	19,348	4%
Nestle	15,921	3%
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Cingular	9,208	2%
DDB Needham	8,909	2%
State Street Bank	8,264	2%
US National Park Service	8,236	2%
Caterpillar Financial	8,219	2%
Lockheed Martin	7,422	1%
Department of Defense	7,028	1%
Other	\$ 253,485	49%
	<u>\$ 512,149</u>	<u>100%</u>

Revisions to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

On February 21, 2005, our board of directors approved an amendment to the dividend reinvestment plan effective for dividends declared and paid after March 10, 2005, to clarify that distributions attributable to net sales proceeds will be excluded from dividends which may be reinvested in shares under the dividend reinvestment plan. Accordingly, proceeds attributable to the Portfolio Sale transaction described above which are distributed to stockholders as a special distribution may not be reinvested in shares of Wells REIT pursuant to its dividend reinvestment plan.

On April 19, 2005, our board of directors elected to amend our dividend reinvestment plan effective for shares acquired with dividends declared and paid beginning in June 2005 to lower the purchase price of shares purchased pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan to \$8.00 per share.

Revisions to the Share Redemption Program

On February 23, 2005, our board of directors approved the following revisions to the current share redemption program effective for redemptions of shares beginning in March 2005: (i) an increase to the limit of the number of shares that can be redeemed in 2005 from 3.0% of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year to 5.0% of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year; (ii) a decrease in the percentage of funds to be reserved in calendar year 2005 for (a) redemptions upon the death of a stockholder, and (b) redemptions for certain stockholders to satisfy required minimum distribution requirements as set forth under Sections 401(a)(9), 403(b)(10), 408(a)(6), 408(b)(3),

and 408(A)(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code from 20% to 15% of the amount available for redemption; and (iii) the price at which shares will be redeemed will be reduced by any amounts previously distributed to stockholders which were attributable to net sales proceeds from the sale of our properties.

Extension of Line of Credit

On March 4, 2005, we extended our \$50 Million Secured Line of Credit, originally maturing in June 2005, through June 2006. In addition to extending the maturity of the facility, the borrowing base properties (Experian/TRW Building, Kraft Atlanta Building, and IKON Building) were replaced by the Cingular Atlanta Building. All other material terms of the facility, such as interest rate and covenant restrictions, remain unchanged from the terms of the facility at December 31, 2004.

Dividend Declaration

On March 9, 2005, our board of directors declared dividends for the first quarter of 2005 in the amount of \$0.175 (17.5 cents) per share on our outstanding common stock to all stockholders of record of such shares as shown on our books at the close of business on March 15, 2005.

Debt Facilities used for Share Repurchases pursuant to Share Redemption Program

On March 28, 2005, we entered into a \$105.0 Million Promissory Note (the "\$105.0 Million Promissory Note") with Wachovia Bank, N.A. secured by a property at 800 Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minn. (the "US Bancorp Building"). Borrowings under the loan bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for a 30-day period plus 0.75% (3.62% at March 31, 2005). The loan requires monthly payments of interest only and matures on June 1, 2005. We may prepay the outstanding principal balance, or any part thereof, at any time without penalty, and may extend the term of the loan for up to an additional 30 days by providing written notice to the lender.

On March 30, 2005, we entered into a \$45.0 Million Term Loan Agreement (the "\$45.0 Million Term Loan") with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Under the terms of the loan agreement, the lender agrees to make a single disbursement of the loan, consisting of one or more LIBOR Advances and/or one or more Alternative Base Rate Advances, as elected by us. LIBOR Advances under the loan will bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the sum of (a) LIBOR for the relevant one-, two-, or three-month LIBOR interest period, divided by (b) one minus the reserve requirement, plus 0.75%. The reserve requirement means the maximum aggregate reserve requirement that is imposed under Regulation D on Eurocurrency liabilities. Alternative Base Rate Advances under the loan will bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the higher of (i) the prime rate or (ii) the sum of the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%. The prime rate means the prime rate of interest announced from time to time by lending institutions. The federal funds effective rate means the interest rate equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System. The loan matures on July 29, 2005. We may extend the term of the loan for up to two additional 30-day periods by providing written notice to the lender. Interest only payments on each LIBOR Advance are payable on the last day of the applicable interest period. Interest only payments on each Alternative Base Rate Advance are payable on the first day of each calendar month. The \$45.0 million draw under the loan in March 2005 was a 30-day LIBOR Advance; therefore, the interest rate is calculated using the 30-day LIBOR rate divided by one minus the reserve requirement, plus 0.75% (3.625% at March 31, 2005). The proceeds of the \$45.0 Million Term Loan and the \$105.0 Million Promissory Note (mentioned above) were used to redeem shares pursuant to the share redemption program.

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On May 5, 2005, we refinanced the amount outstanding under the \$105.0 Million Promissory Note (mentioned above) by obtaining a \$105.0 Million long-term, fixed-rate loan from the same lender, Wachovia Bank, N.A. (the \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan). At closing, we obtained the full principal amount of this loan. The \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan matures on May 11, 2015, and requires payments of interest only each month at a rate of 5.29% per annum, with all principal and any unpaid interest due on the maturity date. The \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan may not be prepaid before maturity without incurring a prepayment penalty. If we prepay the \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan prior to maturity, the lender is entitled to a prepayment penalty in an amount equal to the greater of (A) two percent (2.0%) of the principal amount being prepaid, or (B) the present value of a series of payments payable on each payment date from the prepayment date until the maturity date, such payments will be equal to 5.29% per annum minus the lesser of (i) the yield on the U.S. Treasury issue (primary issue) with a maturity date closest to the maturity date, or (ii) the yield on the U.S. Treasury issue (primary issue) with a term equal to the remaining average life of the indebtedness; divided by twelve and multiplied by the principal due after application of the constant monthly payment due under the note on the date of such prepayment. In addition to the amounts described in the preceding sentence, in the event of a prepayment occurring on or prior to the first anniversary of the date of the \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan, an additional prepayment fee equal to three percent (3%) of the principal balance will also be immediately due and payable. The fixed-rate loan is secured by the US Bancorp Building, a 32-story office building containing approximately 930,000 rentable square feet located at 800 Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota. By obtaining the \$105.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan, we fully repaid and satisfied the \$105.0 Million Promissory Note outstanding at March 31, 2005.

On May 4, 2005, we refinanced the amount outstanding under the unsecured \$45.0 Million Term Loan Agreement (mentioned above) by obtaining a long-term, fixed-rate loan from the same lender, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan). The \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan matures on June 1, 2012, and requires payments of interest only each month at a rate of 5.195% per annum, with all principal and any unpaid interest due on the maturity date. The \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan may not be prepaid before maturity without incurring a prepayment penalty. If we prepay the \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan prior to maturity, the lender is entitled to a prepayment penalty equal to the greater of (A) one percent (1%) of the outstanding principal balance of the loan at the time such payment is received, or (B) the present value as of the date such payment is received of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date such payment is received through the maturity date, less the payment received. The \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan is secured by the 4250 N. Fairfax Building, a 14-story office building containing approximately 304,000 aggregate rentable square feet located at 4250 North Fairfax Street in Arlington, Virginia. By obtaining the \$45.0 Million Fixed-Rate Loan, we fully repaid and satisfied the \$45.0 Million Term Loan agreement outstanding at March 31, 2005.

Declaration of Special Distribution

On April 19, 2005, our board of directors declared a special distribution of \$1.62 per share to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2005, representing substantially all of the net sales proceeds received from the disposition mentioned above. Net sales proceeds is defined as total proceeds received from the sale less closing costs associated with the sale. This special distribution will be considered a return of a portion of the stockholders' invested capital and, as such, will reduce their remaining investment in our common stock by \$1.62 per share.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004. Our audits also included the accompanying financial statement schedules. These financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. at December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 10, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

In 2002, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, Business Combinations and No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets .

/S/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia

April 19, 2005

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	December 31,	
	2004	2003
Assets:		
Real estate assets, at cost:		
Land	\$ 619,319	\$ 580,045
Buildings and improvements, less accumulated depreciation of \$219,718 and \$133,424 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	3,156,291	3,030,244
Intangible lease assets, less accumulated amortization of \$56,922 and \$9,736 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	287,481	267,108
Construction in progress	27,916	2,568
Assets related to discontinued operations, net	517,222	553,436
Total real estate assets	4,608,229	4,433,401
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	93,979	102,832
Cash and cash equivalents	40,412	53,482
Tenant receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,043 and \$444 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	83,895	49,235
Due from affiliates	1,479	3,072
Prepaid expenses and other assets	13,503	16,673
Deferred financing costs, less accumulated amortization of \$3,317 and \$3,475 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	11,077	5,472
Deferred lease costs, less accumulated amortization of \$26,541 and \$3,695 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	184,260	175,055
Other assets related to discontinued operations, net	86,855	86,070
Total assets	\$ 5,123,689	\$ 4,925,292
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity:		
Lines of credit and notes payable	\$ 890,182	\$ 612,514
Intangible lease liabilities, less accumulated amortization of \$20,474 and \$5,998 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	120,171	132,134
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	82,298	74,375
Due to affiliates	3,274	32,645
Dividends payable	12,730	13,562
Deferred rental income	32,468	28,025
Liabilities related to discontinued operations, net	64,780	64,830
Total liabilities	1,205,903	958,085
Commitments and Contingencies		
Minority Interest	4,961	4,801
Redeemable common shares	225,955	
Stockholders Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 900,000,000 shares authorized; 473,486,397 and 465,049,864 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively	4,735	4,650

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Additional paid-in capital	4,203,918	4,138,017
Cumulative distributions in excess of earnings	(295,914)	(180,261)
Redeemable common shares	(225,955)	
Other comprehensive loss	86	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total stockholders' equity	3,686,870	3,962,406
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 5,123,689	\$ 4,925,292
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See accompanying notes

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WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Revenues:			
Rental income	\$ 425,703	\$ 248,740	\$ 77,745
Tenant reimbursements	121,102	72,352	14,811
Lease termination income	7,941	981	1,409
	<u>554,746</u>	<u>322,073</u>	<u>93,965</u>
Expenses:			
Property operating costs	175,936	101,219	20,837
Asset and property management fees:			
Related party	18,759	8,830	3,522
Other	4,925	3,396	837
General and administrative expense	16,426	8,718	3,629
Depreciation	84,736	89,552	28,072
Amortization	58,471	8,649	167
	<u>359,253</u>	<u>220,364</u>	<u>57,064</u>
Real estate operating income	195,493	101,709	36,901
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(38,155)	(12,390)	(1,748)
Interest and other income	2,277	1,132	4,037
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures	6,634	4,751	4,700
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(2,101)	(1,956)	
	<u>(31,345)</u>	<u>(8,463)</u>	<u>6,989</u>
Income from continuing operations before minority interest	164,148	93,246	43,890
Minority interest in earnings of consolidated entities	(572)	842	
Income from continuing operations	163,576	94,088	43,890
Discontinued operations:			
Income from operations	34,517	26,597	15,964
Gain on sale	11,629		
	<u>46,146</u>	<u>26,597</u>	<u>15,964</u>
Income from discontinued operations	46,146	26,597	15,964
Net income	\$ 209,722	\$ 120,685	\$ 59,854
Per common share data-basic and diluted			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.30
Income from discontinued operations	0.10	0.08	0.11

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Net income	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.41
Weighted-average shares outstanding-basic and diluted	466,061	324,092	145,633

See accompanying notes.

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WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Cumulative Distributions in Excess of Earnings	Redeemable Common Shares	Other Comprehensive Income	Total Stockholders Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance, December 31, 2001	83,206	\$ 832	\$ 732,692	\$ (24,181)	\$	\$	\$ 709,343
Issuance of common stock	134,030	1,340	1,338,953				1,340,293
Redemptions of common stock	(1,536)	(15)	(15,347)				(15,362)
Dividends (\$0.76 per share)				(109,983)			(109,983)
Commissions on stock sales and related dealer manager fees			(127,332)				(127,332)
Other offering costs			(20,476)				(20,476)
Components of comprehensive income:							
Net income				59,854			59,854
Change in value of interest rate swap						(387)	(387)
Comprehensive income							59,467
Balance, December 31, 2002	215,700	2,157	1,908,490	(74,310)		(387)	1,835,950
Issuance of common stock	253,719	2,537	2,534,655				2,537,192
Redemptions of common stock	(4,369)	(44)	(43,646)				(43,690)
Dividends (\$0.70 per share)				(226,636)			(226,636)
Commissions on stock sales and related dealer manager fees			(239,949)				(239,949)
Other offering costs			(21,533)				(21,533)
Components of comprehensive income:							
Net income				120,685			120,685
Change in value of interest rate swap						387	387
Comprehensive income							121,072
Balance, December 31, 2003	465,050	4,650	4,138,017	(180,261)			3,962,406
Issuance of common stock	19,494	195	194,747				194,942
Redemptions of common stock	(9,711)	(97)	(97,018)				(97,115)
Dividends (\$0.70 per share)				(325,375)			(325,375)
Commissions on stock sales and related dealer manager fees			(17,617)				(17,617)
Other offering costs			(757)				(757)
Redeemable common shares					(225,955)		(225,955)
Shares repurchased upon settlement	(1,347)	(13)	(13,454)				(13,467)
Components of comprehensive income:							
Net income				209,722			209,722
Change in value of interest rate swap						86	86
Comprehensive income							209,808
Balance, December 31, 2004	473,486	\$ 4,735	\$ 4,203,918	\$ (295,914)	\$ (225,955)	\$ 86	\$ 3,686,870



See accompanying notes.

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WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 163,576	\$ 94,088	\$ 43,890
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures	(6,634)	(4,751)	(4,700)
Minority interest in earnings of consolidated entities	572	(842)	
Depreciation	84,736	89,552	28,072
Amortization	57,179	9,695	1,003
Loss on extinguishment of debt	2,101	1,956	
Land received in lease termination			(430)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Tenant receivables, net	(34,765)	(17,919)	(10,003)
Due to/from affiliates	409	(484)	(289)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,729	(9,725)	(3,624)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,769)	10,510	12,708
Deferred rental income	7,750	16,441	10,922
Distributions received from unconsolidated joint ventures	9,586	10,096	7,388
Total adjustments	114,894	104,529	41,047
Net cash provided by continuing operations	278,470	198,617	84,937
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	50,708	41,031	27,023
Net cash provided by operating activities	329,178	239,648	111,960
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Investment in real estate and related assets	(271,568)	(2,094,772)	(1,321,219)
Investment in tenant improvement escrows	(33)	(3,404)	
Contributions to unconsolidated joint ventures	(395)	(24,059)	(8,910)
Other assets acquired upon business acquisition		(12,811)	
Acquisition and advisory fees paid	(21,210)	(75,800)	(39,797)
Proceeds from sale	40,506		
Investment in bonds		(10,000)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(252,700)	(2,220,846)	(1,369,926)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Proceeds from lines of credit and notes payable	1,019,952	915,601	212,906
Repayments of lines of credit and notes payable	(825,072)	(941,647)	(62,835)
Issuance of bonds		10,000	
Dividends paid to stockholders	(326,372)	(219,121)	(104,996)
Issuance of common stock	194,942	2,537,192	1,340,293
Redemptions of common stock	(96,806)	(43,690)	(15,362)
Sales commissions and dealer manager fees paid	(18,795)	(244,310)	(127,332)
Other offering costs paid	(14,082)	(16,463)	(13,156)
Repurchase of shares upon settlement	(12,842)		
Deferred financing costs paid	(10,227)	(8,346)	(1,674)

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Other	(246)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(89,548)	1,989,216	1,227,844
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(13,070)	8,018	(30,122)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	53,482	45,464	75,586
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 40,412	\$ 53,482	\$ 45,464

See accompanying notes.

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2004, 2003 AND 2002

1. REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

On April 13, 2005, Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (Wells REIT) closed on the sale of 27 properties, which it owned directly or through unconsolidated joint ventures (the Portfolio Sale). In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (FAS 144), the accompanying consolidated balance sheets have been revised to reclassify the assets and liabilities sold in connection with the Portfolio Sale as real estate assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations. Further, the accompanying consolidated statements of income have been revised to reclassify the results of operations of the properties sold as income from discontinued operations for all periods presented. See Note 6 for additional details regarding the Portfolio Sale and revisions to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

2. ORGANIZATION

Wells REIT is a Maryland corporation that engages in the acquisition and ownership of commercial real estate properties throughout the United States, including properties that are under construction, are newly constructed, or have operating histories. Wells REIT was incorporated in 1997, commenced operations on June 5, 1998, and qualifies as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes. Wells REIT conducts business primarily through Wells Operating Partnership, L.P. (Wells OP), a Delaware limited partnership, or through Wells OP 's subsidiaries. Wells REIT is the sole general partner of Wells OP and Wells Capital, Inc. (Wells Capital) is the sole limited partner of Wells OP. See Note 11 included herein for a further discussion of Wells Capital. Wells OP owns properties directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries and has also entered into certain joint ventures with real estate limited partnerships sponsored by Wells Capital, as well as certain joint ventures with parties not otherwise affiliated with Wells REIT or Wells Capital. References to Wells REIT herein include all subsidiaries of Wells REIT, including Wells OP, its subsidiaries and any consolidated joint ventures.

Since its inception, Wells REIT has completed four public offerings of common stock at \$10 per share. Combined with the dividend reinvestment program, such offerings have provided approximately \$4.9 billion in total offering proceeds. Out of these proceeds, Wells REIT incurred costs associated with the offerings of (1) approximately \$166.5 million in acquisition and advisory fees and acquisition expenses, (2) approximately \$463.9 million in selling commissions and dealer manager fees, and (3) approximately \$62.3 million in organization and other offering costs. In addition, Wells REIT used approximately \$175.2 million to redeem shares pursuant to Wells REIT 's share redemption program. The remaining offering proceeds of approximately \$4.0 billion were primarily used to fund the purchase of real estate assets. As of July 25, 2004, no additional shares will be sold under these four prior public offerings.

Wells REIT registered 100 million shares of common stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for issuances pursuant to its dividend reinvestment plan under a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Commission File No. 333-114212), which was filed and became effective with the SEC on April 5, 2004.

Wells REIT's stock is not listed on a national exchange. Wells REIT's articles of incorporation currently require Wells REIT to begin the process of liquidating its investments and distributing the resulting proceeds to its stockholders if its shares are not listed on a national exchange by January 30, 2008. Wells REIT's articles of incorporation can only be amended by a proxy vote of Wells REIT's stockholders.

At December 31, 2004, Wells REIT owned interests in 112 properties either directly or through joint ventures comprising approximately 25.4 million square feet of commercial office and industrial space located in 26 states and the District of Columbia. At December 31, 2004, these properties were approximately 97.4% leased.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Wells REIT, Wells OP and any other entities for which Wells REIT or Wells OP has a controlling financial interest or is deemed to be the primary beneficiary. In determining whether a controlling financial interest exists, Wells REIT considers ownership of voting interests, protective rights and participatory rights of the investors. Any intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation. Financial statements of consolidated entities are prepared using accounting policies consistent with Wells REIT.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures

Wells REIT accounts for its investments in joint ventures in which it exercises significant influence, but not control, using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method of accounting, original investments are recorded at cost, and are subsequently adjusted for contributions, distributions, and the investor's share of income or losses of the joint ventures. Allocations of income and loss and distributions by the joint ventures are made in accordance with the terms of the individual joint venture agreements. These items are allocated in proportion to the partners' respective ownership interests, which approximates economic ownership. Generally, cash distributions are made from the joint ventures to the investor on a quarterly basis.

Real Estate Assets

Real estate assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Amounts capitalized to real estate assets consist of the cost of acquisition or construction, application of acquisition and advisory fees incurred, and any tenant improvements or major improvements and betterments,

which extend the useful life of the related asset. All repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Additionally, Wells REIT capitalizes interest when development of a real estate asset is in progress. Approximately \$89,000, \$728,000, and \$809,000 of interest was capitalized for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Wells REIT's real estate assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets by class as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	5-25 years
Land improvements	20-25 years
Tenant improvements	Lease term
Intangible lease assets	Lease term

The related depreciation and amortization is recorded in the consolidated statements of income, including the depreciation related to assets subject to capital lease obligations.

Management continually monitors events and changes in circumstances that could indicate that carrying amounts of real estate and related intangible assets may not be recoverable. When indicators of potential impairment are present, management assesses the recoverability of the assets by determining whether the carrying value of the real estate and related intangible assets will be recovered through the undiscounted future cash flows expected from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. In the event the expected undiscounted future cash flows do not exceed the carrying value, management adjusts the real estate and intangible assets to the fair value and recognizes an impairment loss. Management has determined that there has been no impairment in the carrying value of real estate assets held by Wells REIT or any unconsolidated joint ventures during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002.

In the first quarter of 2004, Wells REIT completed a review of its real estate depreciation by performing an analysis of the components of each property type in an effort to determine weighted average composite useful lives of its real estate assets. As a result of this review, Wells REIT changed its estimate of the weighted average composite useful lives for building assets. Effective January 1, 2004, for all building assets, Wells REIT extended the weighted average composite useful life to 40 years from 25 years. The change resulted in an increase to net income of approximately \$56.8 million or \$0.12 per share for the year ended December 31, 2004. Wells REIT believes the change more appropriately reflects the estimated useful lives of the building assets and is consistent with prevailing industry practice.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Wells REIT considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments. Short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value, and consist of investments in money market accounts.

Tenant Receivables

Tenant accounts receivable are recognized and carried at original amount earned less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts, which approximates fair value. The allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted based upon management's judgment about the collectibility of individual account balances. Wells REIT recorded a provision for bad debts of \$658,000 and \$383,000 for the years ended December 31, 2004

and 2003, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations.

Tenant receivables also includes notes receivable from tenants to fund certain expenditures related to the property and are recorded at the face amount, less any principal payments through the date of the consolidated balance sheet. These notes bear interest at rates comparable to tenants with similar borrowing characteristics; therefore, the carrying amount approximates the fair value of the notes as of the date of the consolidated balance sheets.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Prepaid expenses and other assets are primarily comprised of prepaid taxes, insurance and operating costs, escrow accounts held by lenders to pay future real estate taxes, insurance and tenant improvements, earnest money paid in connection with future acquisitions, and capitalized acquisition fees that have not yet been applied to investments in real estate assets. Prepaid expenses and other assets will be expensed as incurred or reclassified to other asset accounts upon being placed into service in future periods. Balances without a future economic benefit are written off as they are identified.

Deferred Financing Costs

Deferred financing costs are capitalized and amortized to interest expense on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related financing arrangement. Amortization of deferred financing costs for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was approximately \$2.5 million, \$2.6 million and \$845,000, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations. Amortization of deferred financing costs is recorded in interest expense on the consolidated statements of income.

Deferred Lease Costs

Costs incurred to acquire operating leases, including those identified as part of the purchase price allocation process, are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related lease. Amortization of deferred lease costs was approximately \$24.9 million, \$3.9 million, and \$303,000 for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations (Note 6).

Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Assets

Upon the acquisition of real properties, Wells REIT allocates the purchase price of properties to acquired tangible assets, consisting of land and building, and identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of the value of above-market and below-market leases and the value of in-place leases, based in each case on their estimated fair values.

The fair values of the tangible assets of an acquired property (which includes land and building) are determined by valuing the property as if it were vacant, and the as-if-vacant value is then allocated to land and building based on management's determination of the relative fair value of these assets. Management determines the as-if-vacant fair value of a property using methods similar to those used by independent appraisers. Factors considered by management in performing these analyses include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up periods considering current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases, including leasing commissions and other related costs. In estimating carrying costs, management includes real estate taxes, insurance, and other operating expenses during the expected lease-up periods based on current market demand.

The fair values of above-market and below-market in-place leases are recorded based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and (ii) management's estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, measured over a period equal to the remaining terms of the leases. The capitalized above-market and below-market lease values are recorded as intangible lease assets or liabilities and amortized as an adjustment to rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases.

The fair values of in-place leases include direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant, opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring an in-place lease, and tenant relationships. Direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant include commissions, tenant improvements and other direct costs and are estimated based on management's consideration of current market costs to execute a similar lease. These direct costs are included in deferred lease costs in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized to expense over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The value of opportunity costs is calculated using the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases over a market absorption period for a similar lease. Customer relationships are valued based on expected renewal of a lease or the likelihood of obtaining a particular tenant for other locations. These lease intangibles are included in intangible lease assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized to expense over the remaining terms of the respective leases. Prior to the nine months ended December 31, 2004, these lease intangibles were amortized as an adjustment to rental income rather than to expense. As such, the related amortization has been reclassified from an adjustment to rental income to expense in the consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately \$81.2 million and approximately \$263.2 million was recognized as the gross value of above-market in-place leases and intangible absorption period costs for properties related to continuing operations, respectively, and are included in real estate assets in the consolidated balance sheets as intangible lease assets, net. As of December 31, 2004, approximately \$140.6 million was recognized as the gross value of below-market in-place leases for properties related to continuing operations and are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as intangible lease liabilities, net, and approximately \$194.4 million was recognized as the gross value of intangible lease origination costs for properties related to continuing operations and are included in deferred lease costs in the consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately \$4.6 million and approximately \$27.2 million was recognized as the gross value of above-market in-place leases and intangible absorption period costs related to properties included in the Portfolio Sale, respectively, and are included in real estate assets related to discontinued operations, net, in the consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2004, approximately \$0.3 million was recognized as the gross value of below-market in-place leases related to properties included in the Portfolio Sale, and are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as liabilities related to discontinued operations, net, and approximately \$6.8 million was recognized as the gross value of intangible lease origination costs and included in other assets related to discontinued operations, net, in the consolidated balance sheets.

During the year ended December 31, 2004, Wells REIT recorded approximately \$63.6 million in amortization related to intangible lease origination costs and intangible absorption period costs as

amortization expense, and approximately \$2.8 million of amortization relating to above-market and below-market in-place leases as a net increase in rental revenues in the consolidated statement of operations, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations (Note 6).

The remaining unamortized balance for these intangible assets will be amortized as follows (in thousands):

	Intangible Lease Asset Amortization	Intangible Lease Liability Amortization	Intangible Lease Origination Costs Amortization	Intangible Lease Absorption Period Amortization
For the year ending December 31:				
2005	\$ 12,354	\$ 14,081	\$ 24,670	\$ 44,339
2006	11,081	12,817	24,297	42,245
2007	10,170	12,139	23,650	37,949
2008	8,099	12,050	20,342	31,077
2009	7,594	11,960	18,029	24,409
Thereafter	19,971	57,404	64,742	64,515
Total Amortization	69,269	120,451	175,730	244,534
Amortization of assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations	4,040	280	5,616	22,282
Amortization of assets and liabilities related to continuing operations	\$ 65,229	\$ 120,171	\$ 170,114	\$ 222,252
Weighted-Average Amortization Period for assets and liabilities related to continuing operations	7 years	11 years	9 years	8 years

Investments in Bonds and Obligations Under Capital Leases

Wells REIT acquired investments in bonds and certain obligations under capital leases in connection with acquiring certain real estate assets, all of which were included in the Portfolio Sale further described in Note 6. Wells REIT records the bonds and obligations under capital leases at the amounts Wells REIT expects to pay and receive. Because Wells REIT is obligated to pay the indebtedness evidenced by the bonds, Wells REIT has recorded these obligations as liabilities; however, since Wells REIT is also the owner of the bonds, the bonds are carried on Wells REIT's books as assets. In each occurrence that Wells REIT has acquired certain obligations under capital leases, Wells REIT has also acquired an offsetting investment in bonds. The related amounts of interest income and expense are recognized in the period that the amounts accrue. In connection with accounting for the Portfolio Sale as described in Note 1, investments in bonds are classified in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as other assets related to discontinued operations, net, and obligations under capital leases are classified as liabilities related to discontinued operations, net. Further, the corresponding interest income and interest expense is classified in the consolidated statements of income as income from discontinued operations (Note 6).

Dividends

As a REIT, Wells REIT is required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), to make distributions to stockholders each taxable year equal to at least 90% of its taxable income excluding capital gains.

Dividends to be distributed to the stockholders are determined by the board of directors of Wells REIT and are dependent upon a number of factors relating to Wells REIT, including funds available for payment of dividends, financial condition, the timing of property acquisitions, capital expenditure requirements and annual distribution requirements in order to maintain Wells REIT's status as a REIT under the Code.

Offering and Related Costs

Costs associated with the issuance of common stock, including legal and accounting fees, printing costs, sales and promotional costs and expenses, and sales commissions, are accounted for as a reduction of equity.

Minority Interest

Minority interest in earnings of consolidated entities in the consolidated statements of income represents earnings allocated to minority interests of the consolidated partnerships held by third parties throughout the year. Minority interest in the consolidated balance sheets represents the economic equity interests of consolidated partnerships that are not owned by Wells REIT.

Redeemable Common Shares

Wells REIT records redeemable common shares pursuant to Accounting Series Release No. 268, *Presentation in Financial Statements Redeemable Preferred Stock* (ASR 268). Under ASR 268, redeemable shares whose redemptions are outside the control of the issuer are required to be classified as mezzanine or temporary equity. During 2004, the Wells REIT share redemption program was amended and as of December 31, 2004 had no discretionary feature for the approval of redemption requests; however, aggregate redemptions are limited to, among other things, aggregate proceeds received from Wells REIT's dividend reinvestment plan. Therefore, as of December 31, 2004, Wells REIT has recorded redeemable common shares on the consolidated balance sheet equal to the difference between the aggregate proceeds received from the dividend reinvestment plan in excess of aggregate payments made to redeem shares pursuant to the share redemption program.

Revenue Recognition

All leases on real estate assets held by Wells REIT are classified as operating leases, and the related base rental income is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective leases. Tenant reimbursements are recognized as revenue in the period that the related operating cost is incurred. Rents collected in advance are deferred to future periods.

Lease termination income is recognized at the time the tenant loses the right to lease the space and when Wells REIT has satisfied all obligations under the related lease or lease termination agreement.

Wells REIT records the sale of real estate assets pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 66, *Accounting for Sales of Real Estate* (Statement 66). Accordingly, gains are recognized upon completing the sale and, among other things, determining the sale price and transferring all of the risks and rewards of ownership without significant continuing involvement with the seller. Recognition of all or a portion of the gain would be deferred until both of these conditions are met. Losses are recognized in full as of the sale date.

Stock-Based Compensation

As permitted by the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 *Accounting and Disclosure for Stock-Based Compensation* (Statement 123), Wells REIT applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB 25) and the related interpretations in accounting for its stock options accordingly. Wells REIT does not recognize compensation cost in the consolidated statements of income based upon the fair value of stock based compensation but instead provides pro forma disclosure of the compensation expense in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, stock option grants did not have any impact on the consolidated statements of income as the fair value at the date of issue for each grant is estimated at \$0.

Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share are calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Outstanding stock options and warrants have been excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation as their impact would be anti-dilutive using the treasury stock method, because the exercise price of the options and warrants exceed the fair value of the stock.

Financial Instruments

Wells REIT considers its cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, bonds, obligations under capital leases, and notes payable to meet the definition of financial instruments. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the carrying value of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, bonds, and obligations under capital leases approximated their fair value. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the estimated fair value of lines of credit and notes payable was \$881.7 million and \$612.5 million, respectively.

Interest Rate Swap Agreements

Wells REIT has entered into interest rate swap agreements to hedge its exposure to changing interest rates on certain variable rate notes payable. Wells REIT accounts for its interest rate swap agreements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (Statement 133). Accordingly, Wells REIT records the fair value of the interest rate swap agreements on its balance sheet in either prepaid expenses and other assets or accounts payable and accrued expenses and records any changes in fair value in other comprehensive income. Net amounts received or paid under interest rate swap agreements are recorded as adjustments to interest expense each period.

Income Taxes

Wells REIT has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Code, and has operated as such beginning with its taxable year ended December 31, 1998. To qualify as a REIT, Wells REIT must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of its annual REIT taxable income (excluding capital gains) to its stockholders. As a REIT, Wells REIT is generally not subject to federal income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Wells REIT is subject to certain state and local taxes related to the operations of properties in certain locations, which has been provided for in the accompanying financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts, as reported, have been reclassified to conform to the current period financial statement presentation.

Through 2003, Wells REIT and its unconsolidated joint ventures reported the amortization of the fair values of in-place leases, including opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring in-place leases and tenant relationships, as an adjustment to rental income in the consolidated statements of income. In 2004, Wells REIT began presenting this amortization as amortization expense in the consolidated statements of income, and has reclassified such amortization from rental income to amortization expense for all periods previously presented. The period of amortization continues to be the term of the respective lease and results in no change in previously reported net income. Additionally, in the consolidated balance sheets, the intangible lease liabilities have historically been netted with the intangible lease assets. In 2004, Wells REIT began presenting below-market leases separately in the consolidated balance sheets as intangible lease liabilities and reclassified these liabilities for all prior periods.

Recent Accounting Pronouncement

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 123-R, which replaces SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. SFAS No. 123-R applies to all transactions involving the issuance of equity securities, including, among others, common stock and stock options, in exchange for goods and services, including services provided by employees. SFAS No. 123-R requires Wells REIT to recognize expenses for all stock options awarded to employees over the respective vesting periods. SFAS No. 123-R will become applicable to Wells REIT effective January 1, 2006. To date, the fair value of options granted by Wells REIT is \$0. The adoption of this statement is not expected to have a material effect on Wells REIT's financial position or results of operations.

4. INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURES

At December 31, 2004 and 2003, Wells REIT owned interests in certain unconsolidated joint ventures with affiliates of Wells Capital as outlined below (in thousands):

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	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fund XIII and REIT Joint Venture	\$ 48,099	\$ 50,560
Fund XII and REIT Joint Venture	27,548	28,320
Fund XI, XII and REIT Joint Venture	11,260	15,667
Wells/Freemont Associates	5,884	6,087
Fund IX, X, XI and REIT Joint Venture	1,183	1,191
Fund VIII, IX and REIT Joint Venture	5	990
Wells/Orange County Associates		17
	<u>\$ 93,979</u>	<u>\$ 102,832</u>

Fund XIII and REIT Joint Venture is a joint venture between Wells OP and Wells Real Estate Fund XIII, L.P., in which Wells OP owns a 72% interest. As of December 31, 2004, this joint venture owned four office buildings totaling approximately 568,000 square feet. These properties are located in Orange Park, Florida; Parker, Colorado; Fishers, Indiana; and Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Fund XII and REIT Joint Venture is a joint venture between Wells OP and Wells Real Estate Fund XII, L.P. in which Wells OP owns a 55% interest. As of December 31, 2004, this joint venture owned three office buildings totaling approximately 407,000 square feet. These properties are located in Troy, Michigan; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Brentwood, Tennessee.

Fund XI, XII and REIT Joint Venture is a joint venture among Wells OP, Wells Real Estate Fund XI, L.P., and Wells Real Estate Fund XII, L.P. in which Wells OP owns a 57% interest. As of December 31, 2004, this joint venture owned two office buildings totaling approximately 132,000 square feet in Leawood, Kansas and Ft. Myers, Florida. This joint venture also owns a manufacturing and office building totaling approximately 170,000 square feet in Greenville, South Carolina. During 2004, this joint venture sold a warehouse and office building, totaling approximately 130,000 square feet, in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Wells/Fremont Associates is a joint venture between Wells OP and Fund X-XI Joint Venture in which Wells OP owns a 78% interest. As of December 31, 2004, this joint venture owned one warehouse and office building totaling approximately 58,000 square feet located in Fremont, California.

Fund IX, X, XI and REIT Joint Venture is a joint venture among Wells OP, Wells Real Estate Fund IX, L.P., Wells Real Estate Fund X, L.P. and Wells Real Estate Fund XI, L.P. in which Wells OP owns a 4% interest. As of December 31, 2004, this joint venture owned five properties totaling approximately 409,000 square feet. The properties are located in Knoxville, Tennessee; Broomfield, Colorado; Ogden, Utah; Louisville, Colorado; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Fund VIII, IX and REIT Joint Venture is a joint venture between Wells OP and Fund VIII-IX Joint Venture in which Wells OP owns a 16% interest. During 2004, this joint venture sold its only property and, as of December 31, 2004, holds approximately \$95,800 in cash.

Wells/Orange County Associates is a joint venture between Wells OP and Fund X-XI Joint Venture in which Wells OP owns a 44% interest. During 2003, this joint venture sold its only property and, as of December 31, 2004, holds no assets.

5. LINES OF CREDIT AND NOTES PAYABLE

As of December 31, 2004, and 2003, Wells REIT had lines of credit and notes payable outstanding as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2004	2003
Secured Pooled Facility	\$ 350,000	\$
AON Center Chicago Mortgage Note	200,000	
Leo Burnett Building Mortgage Note	120,000	120,000
WDC Mortgage Note	115,167	115,167
3100 Clarendon Boulevard Building Mortgage Note	35,716	
One Brattle Square Building Mortgage Note	30,143	
1075 West Entrance Building Mortgage Note	16,672	
Merck Construction Loan	12,984	
\$85 Million Secured Line of Credit	9,500	
\$500 Million Unsecured Line of Credit		175,000
\$81.6 Million Secured Line of Credit		
\$50 Million Secured Line of Credit		
Nestle Building Mortgage Note		90,000
AON Center Purchase Mortgage Note		112,347
	\$ 890,182	\$ 612,514

The Secured Pooled Facility represents a non-recourse mortgage note secured by nine properties with a net book value of approximately \$783.1 million. The note requires monthly payments of interest at a fixed rate of 4.84% per annum and payment of principal at maturity (June 2014). All properties securing the note are held in a bankruptcy remote, special purpose entity.

The AON Center Chicago, Leo Burnett Building and WDC Mortgage Notes represent non-recourse loans secured by specific assets. The aggregate book value of properties securing these loans is approximately \$1.0 billion. All of these mortgage notes require monthly payment of interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.4% to 5.1% per annum and principal is due upon maturity. The AON Center Chicago and Leo Burnett Building mortgage loans mature in 2014. The WDC Mortgage loan matures in 2007.

The One Brattle Square, 1075 West Entrance and 3100 Clarendon Boulevard Building Mortgage Notes were assumed in 2004 in connection with the purchase of the respective properties and are secured by the assets purchased. The aggregate book value of properties securing these loans is approximately \$185.6 million. These loans require monthly payment of principal and interest through maturity (2028 for Brattle Square, 2012 for 1075 West Entrance and 2008 for 3100 Clarendon). Upon assumption, Wells REIT recorded these loans at fair value and the average effective fixed rate of these loans is 4.59% per annum.

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The Merck Construction Loan represents a construction loan to fund up to \$21.1 million of the costs to build an office building in Lebanon, New Jersey. The loan accrues interest at LIBOR plus 0.85% per annum (3.26% at December 31, 2004) and matures in 2006, at which time all

principal and interest are due. Wells REIT entered into an interest rate swap to hedge the term loan, resulting in Wells REIT paying a fixed rate of 2.75% per annum of the balance outstanding at each payment date. The interest rate swap expires in July 2005.

The \$85 Million Secured Line of Credit represents a revolving credit facility secured by a pool of borrowing base properties. Under the terms of the facility, Wells REIT may borrow the lesser of (1) an amount equal to 75% of the aggregate appraised value of lender approved borrowing base properties or (2) \$85 million. As of December 31, 2004, the borrowing base properties included three properties with an aggregate book value of \$116.7 million; and based on the value of these properties, Wells REIT was able to borrow up to the full \$85 million. Interest on the \$85 Million Secured Line of Credit accrues at a per annum rate of LIBOR plus 1.5% per annum (3.91% at December 31, 2004). The \$85 Million Secured Line of Credit matures in December 2007.

The \$50 Million Secured Line of Credit represents a revolving credit facility secured by a pool of borrowing base properties. Under the terms of the facility, Wells REIT may borrow the lesser of (1) an amount equal to 75% of the aggregate appraised value of lender approved borrowing base properties or (2) \$50 million. As of December 31, 2004, the borrowing base properties included three properties with an aggregate book value of \$65.0 million; and based on the value of these properties, Wells REIT was able to borrow up to the full \$50 million. Interest on the \$50 million Secured Line of Credit accrues at a per annum rate of LIBOR plus 1.75% per annum (4.16% at December 31, 2004). This facility contains covenants that, among other things, restrict Wells REIT's debt to total assets to 50%. The \$50 Million Secured Line of Credit matures in June 2005.

During 2004, the \$81.6 Million Secured Line of Credit and the AON Center Purchase Mortgage Note matured. In addition, Wells REIT terminated and paid in full amounts outstanding under the \$500 Million Unsecured Line of Credit and the Nestle Building Mortgage Note. In connection with the termination of the \$500 Million Unsecured Line of Credit, Wells REIT charged \$1.7 million in unamortized deferred financing costs to earnings.

Wells REIT's weighted average interest rate at December 31, 2004 and 2003 for the aforementioned borrowings was approximately 5.02% and 4.05%, respectively. Cash paid for interest, including amounts capitalized was \$39.9 million and \$12.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The following table summarizes the scheduled aggregate principal repayments, for the five years subsequent to December 31, 2004 (in thousands):

	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$ 1,560
2006	14,593
2007	125,483
2008	34,627
2009	998
Thereafter	712,921
Total	\$ 890,182

6. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On June 3, 2004, Wells REIT sold a four-story office building and 5.2 acres of adjacent land in Tampa, Florida, for gross sales proceeds of approximately \$31.2 million. The property, 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard, was acquired in December 1998 for approximately \$21.2 million. The carrying value at the time of disposition was approximately \$19.0 million. The transaction resulted in a gain of approximately \$11.6 million.

In accordance with FAS 144, the results of operations of 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard are classified as income from discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income for all periods presented, and assets and liabilities related to 5104 Eisenhower Boulevard are classified as assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets for all periods presented.

On April 13, 2005, Wells REIT, along with various Wells-affiliated entities, effected the Portfolio Sale in which 27 properties were sold to an unaffiliated third party for a gross sales price of \$786.0 million, excluding closing costs and brokerage fees, of which approximately \$760.8 million is allocable to Wells REIT. Wells REIT received net sales proceeds and recognized a gain of approximately \$756.2 million and \$188.9 million, respectively, as a result of the Portfolio Sale, which are subject to change as additional information becomes available in subsequent periods. See Note 1 above for more detail.

As described in Note 1, in accordance with FAS 144, the results of operations of the properties included in the Portfolio Sale are classified as income from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for all periods presented, and assets and liabilities related to properties included in the Portfolio Sale are classified as assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets for all periods presented.

The detail comprising assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations as presented in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets is as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Assets related to discontinued operations		
Land	\$ 68,131	\$ 69,742
Building and improvements, net	422,768	453,166
Intangible lease asset, net	26,323	30,487
Construction in progress		41
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Real estate assets related to discontinued operations	\$ 517,222	\$ 553,436
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other assets related to discontinued operations		
Investment in bonds	\$ 64,500	\$ 64,500
Tenant receivables, net	9,374	6,940
Deferred lease acquisition costs, net	7,365	8,089
Intangible lease origination costs, net	5,616	6,541
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total other assets related to discontinued operations	\$ 86,855	\$ 86,070
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Liabilities related to discontinued operations		
Obligations under capital leases	\$ 64,500	\$ 64,500
Intangible lease liabilities, net	280	330
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities related to discontinued operations	\$ 64,780	\$ 64,830
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The detail comprising income from discontinued operations as presented in the accompanying consolidated statements of income is as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
Revenues:			
Rental income	\$ 60,324	\$ 49,419	\$ 29,781
Tenant reimbursements	8,290	9,222	4,181
Lease termination income	148	83	
	<u>68,762</u>	<u>58,724</u>	<u>33,962</u>
Expenses:			
Property operating costs	10,676	10,108	5,112
Asset and property management fees			
Related party	2,778	2,226	1,330
Other	479	477	164
General and administrative expenses	779	907	610
Depreciation	12,690	17,460	10,707
Amortization	6,843	676	136
	<u>34,245</u>	<u>31,854</u>	<u>18,059</u>
Real estate operating income	34,517	26,870	15,903
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(4,522)	(4,142)	(2,755)
Interest and other income	4,522	3,869	2,816
Gain on sale	11,629		
	<u>11,629</u>	<u>(273)</u>	<u>61</u>
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 46,146	\$ 26,597	\$ 15,964

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Take-out Purchase and Escrow Agreement

As of December 31, 2004, Wells REIT had commitments outstanding under three Take-out Purchase and Escrow Agreements (the "Take-out Agreements"). Under the terms of the Take-out Agreements, Wells REIT has committed to purchase any unsold co-tenancy interests in properties acquired by subsidiaries of Wells Management Company, Inc. ("Wells Management"), an affiliate of Wells Capital (see Note 11 below), by the Offering Period End Date, as defined (see table below). Wells Management acquired these properties with the intent of selling co-tenancy interests in each property to persons seeking qualified replacement property pursuant to Section 1031 of the Code.

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Information on the Take-out Agreements at December 31, 2004 is as follows (in thousands):

Location of Property	Property Acquisition Date	Offering Period End Date	Initial Maximum Exposure	Remaining Exposure		Fee Earned
				at December 31, 2004		
Orlando, FL	May 19, 2004	February 19, 2005 (1)	\$ 12,650	\$ 6,240	\$ 158	
Vernon Hills, IL	August 19, 2004	February 19, 2005 (1)	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	\$ 289	
Livermore, CA	August 20, 2004	February 20, 2005 (2)	\$ 19,600	\$ 19,600	\$ 245	

- (1) On February 14, 2005, Wells REIT agreed to an extension of this offering period through May 19, 2005, in consideration for an additional take-out fee of approximately \$105.
- (2) On February 14, 2005, Wells REIT agreed to an extension of this offering period through May 20, 2005, in consideration for an additional take-out fee of approximately \$83.

Letters of Credit

At December 31, 2004, Wells REIT had two unused letters of credit totaling approximately \$28.4 million from financial institutions. One of these letters of credit in the amount of approximately \$383,000 expires in February 2005, and the other letter of credit expires in December 2005. These letters of credit were required by unrelated third parties to ensure completion of Wells REIT's obligations under certain earn-out and related construction agreements.

Properties Under Construction

As of December 31, 2004, Wells REIT had three executed construction agreements with unrelated third parties for the purpose of constructing two buildings (Merck New Jersey) and (Citigroup Fort Mill), and one building expansion (TRW Denver). As of December 31, 2004, Wells REIT had approximately \$32.6 million in costs remaining to be incurred under these contracts.

Commitments Under Existing Lease Agreements

Certain lease agreements include provisions that, at the option of the tenant, may obligate Wells REIT to expand an existing property, construct on adjacent property or provide other expenditures for the benefit of the tenant, in favor of additional rental revenue. At December 31, 2004, no tenants have exercised such options, which have not been fully satisfied as of that date.

Additionally, Wells REIT executed one lease extension with a tenant which requires Wells REIT to acquire an adjacent land parcel and construct a surface parking lot. The lease extension provides for additional rental revenue related to the expanded parking. Construction of the parking expansion has not yet begun; however, the land parcel was purchased as of December 31, 2004.

Earn-out Agreement

As part of the acquisition of the 60 Broad Street New York Building, Wells REIT entered into an agreement to pay to the seller an amount for securing a qualifying lease agreement or renewal relating to specified space, which is currently occupied. In the event that the seller is successful in securing a qualifying lease for the specified space, Wells REIT will be required to pay the seller an amount based on the net present value of the rental income over the term of the lease. As of December 31, 2004, no amounts are due under this agreement.

Operating Lease Obligations

Certain properties related to continuing operations are subject to certain ground leases with expiration dates ranging between 2049 and 2083. Required payments, under the terms of these operating leases are as follows at December 31, 2004 (in thousands):

	Amount
2005	\$ 535
2006	535
2007	535
2008	535
2009	535
Thereafter	77,162
Total	\$ 79,837

Ground rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was approximately \$754,000, \$758,000 and \$722,000, respectively, portions of which are included in income from discontinued operations. The net book value of the related real estate subject to operating leases mentioned above is approximately \$111.8 million at December 31, 2004.

Capital Lease Obligations

Certain properties are subject to leases meeting the qualifications as a capital lease. All of these properties are included in the Portfolio Sale (Note 6). Therefore, the investment in bonds is included in the consolidated balance sheets as other assets related to discontinued operations, net. The corresponding capital lease obligation liability is recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as liabilities related to discontinued operations, net. Each obligation requires interest only payments and payment of the obligations under capital leases in full at maturity, which range from 2015 until 2026 with certain prepayment options. Required payments under the terms of the leases are as follows as of December 31, 2004 (in thousands):

	Amount
2005	\$ 4,523
2006	4,523

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2007	4,523
2008	4,523
2009	4,523
Thereafter	<u>110,993</u>
Total	133,608
Amounts representing interest	<u>(69,108)</u>
	<u>\$ 64,500</u>

Interest expense incurred related to the capital lease obligations totaled \$4.5 million, \$3.9 million and \$2.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, which also equals the interest income related to the bonds on the same properties resulting in no net cash outflow as a result of these capital lease obligations. These revenues and expenses are included in the consolidated statements of income as income from discontinued operations. The net book value of the related assets subject to capital lease obligations is \$66.8 million at December 31, 2004.

Litigation

Wells REIT is from time to time a party to other legal proceedings, which arise in the ordinary course of its business. Wells REIT is not currently involved in any litigation the outcome of which would, in management's judgment based on information currently available, have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or financial condition of Wells REIT, nor is management aware of any such litigation threatened against the Wells REIT.

On October 9, 2003, Stephen L. Flood, the Luzerne County Controller, and the Luzerne County Retirement Board (Luzerne Board) on behalf of the Luzerne County Employee Retirement System (Plan) filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania against 26 separate defendants, including Wells REIT, Wells Investment Securities, Inc. (WIS), and Wells Real Estate Funds, Inc, (collectively, the Wells Defendants).

On October 27, 2004, this lawsuit against the Wells Defendants was dismissed with prejudice. The dismissal was the result of a settlement agreement and release between the plaintiffs and the Wells Defendants where the Wells REIT agreed to repurchase from the Plan all of the 1,346,754 shares of its common stock held by the Plan for approximately \$12.8 million, the price originally paid for such stock, in exchange for a release by the plaintiffs of all claims and counts against the Wells Defendants. These shares were not repurchased pursuant to Wells REIT's existing share redemption program.

8. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

2000 Employee Stock Option Plan

On June 28, 2000, the stockholders approved the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan of Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Employee Option Plan"), which provides for grants of non-qualified stock options to be made to selected employees of Wells Capital and Wells Management, subject to the discretion of the compensation committee and the limitations of the Employee Option Plan. A total of 750,000 shares have been authorized and reserved for issuance under the Employee Option Plan. At December 31, 2004, no stock options have been granted or exercised under the Employee Option Plan.

Under the Employee Option Plan, the exercise price for options shall be the greater of (1) \$11.00 per share, or (2) the Fair Market Value, as defined in the Employee Option Plan, of the shares on the date the option is granted. The compensation committee has the authority to set the term and vesting period of the stock option except that no option shall have a term greater than five years from the later of (1) the date Wells REIT's shares are listed on a national securities exchange, or (2) the date the stock option is granted. In the event that the compensation committee determines that the potential benefits of the stock options may be inappropriately diluted or enlarged as a result of a certain corporate transaction or event, the compensation committee may adjust the number and kind of shares or the exercise price with respect to any option. Upon exercise, the employee agrees to remain in the employment of Wells Capital or Wells Management for a period of one year after the date of grant. No stock option may be exercised if such exercise would jeopardize Wells REIT's status as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code. No option may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred by an employee in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent or distribution.

Independent Director Stock Option Plan

On June 16, 1999, the stockholders approved the Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Independent Director Stock Option Plan (the "Independent Director Plan"), which provides for grants of stock to be made to independent non-employee directors of Wells REIT. A total of 100,000 shares have been authorized and reserved for issuance under the Independent Director Plan.

Under the Independent Director Plan, options to purchase 2,500 shares of common stock at the greater of (1) \$12 per share or (2) the Fair Market Value, as defined, are granted upon initially becoming an independent director of Wells REIT. Of these shares, 20% are exercisable immediately on the date of grant. An additional 20% of these shares become exercisable on each anniversary following the date of grant for a period of four years. Additionally, effective on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders of Wells REIT, each independent director will be granted an option to purchase 1,000 additional shares of common stock. These options are 100% exercisable at the completion of two years of service after the date of grant. All options granted under the Independent Director Plan expire no later than the date immediately following the tenth anniversary of the date of grant and may expire sooner in the event of the disability or death of the independent director or if the independent director ceases to serve as a director. In the event that the potential benefits of the stock options may be inappropriately diluted or enlarged as a result of a certain corporate transaction or event, a corresponding adjustment to the consideration payable with respect to all stock options shall be made. No option may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred by an independent director in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent or distribution.

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A summary of Wells REIT's stock option activity under its Independent Director Plan during for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 is as follows:

	Exercise		
	Number	Price	Exercisable
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	31,500	\$ 12	10,500
Granted in 2002	9,500	12	
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Outstanding at December 31, 2002	41,000	12	21,500
Forfeited in 2003	(6,500)	12	
Granted in 2003	10,500	12	
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Outstanding at December 31, 2003	45,000	12	28,500
Granted in 2004	8,000	12	
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Outstanding at December 31, 2004	53,000	\$ 12	35,500

As of December 31, 2004, 40,500 shares are available for grant under the Independent Director Plan. In accordance with Statement 123, the fair value of each stock option for 2004, 2003, and 2002 has been estimated as of the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes minimum value method. The weighted average risk-free interest rates assumed for 2004, 2003 and 2002 were 4.26%, 3.98% and 4.57%, respectively. Projected future dividend yields of 7.0% were estimated for the options granted in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. The expected life of an option was assumed to be six years for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. Based on these assumptions, the fair value of the options granted during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 is \$0. The weighted average contractual remaining life for options that are exercisable at December 31, 2004 was approximately 6 years.

Independent Director Warrant Plan

The Independent Director Warrant Plan (the "Independent Director Warrant Plan"), was approved by the stockholders on June 28, 2000, providing for the issuance of one warrant to purchase common stock for every 25 shares of common stock purchased by the independent director. A total of 500,000 warrants have been authorized and reserved for issuance under the Independent Director Warrant Plan. The exercise price of the warrants is \$12 per share. The warrants are exercisable until the dissolution, liquidation, or merger or consolidation of Wells REIT where Wells REIT is not the surviving corporation. No warrant may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred by an independent director in any manner other than by the laws of descent or distribution. At December 31, 2004, approximately 6,000 warrants have been earned and issued under the Independent Director Warrant Plan. As the warrants have an exercise price of \$12 per share, the warrants have no fair value as of December 31, 2004.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Wells REIT's board of directors authorized a dividend reinvestment plan (the "DRP"), pursuant to which common stockholders may elect to reinvest an amount equal to the dividends declared on their common shares into additional shares of Wells REIT's common stock in lieu of receiving

cash dividends. The shares may be purchased at a fixed price per share and participants in the DRP may purchase fractional shares so that 100% of the dividends will be used to acquire shares of Wells REIT's stock. With respect to such shares, Wells REIT currently pays selling commissions of 5%, acquisition and advisory fees and acquisition expenses of 3.5% of the DRP proceeds, except to the extent such proceeds are used to fund share repurchases under Wells REIT's share redemption program, which is consistent with the costs paid in connection with the most recent public offering of shares of Wells REIT's common stock. The board of directors, by majority vote, may amend or terminate the DRP for any reason upon 10 days' notice to the participants of the DRP.

On February 21, 2005, the board of directors amended the Dividend Reinvestment Program to clarify that distributions attributable to net sales proceeds paid after March 10, 2005 will be excluded from dividends which may be reinvested in shares under the dividend reinvestment plan. (See "Subsequent Events" below).

Share Redemption Program

As Wells REIT's stock is currently not listed on a national exchange, there is no market for Wells REIT's stock. As a result, there is risk that a stockholder may not be able to sell Wells REIT's stock at a time or price acceptable to the stockholder. During 2000, Wells REIT's board of directors authorized a common stock redemption program, as amended, for investors who held the shares for more than one year, subject to the limitation that (i) during any calendar year, Wells REIT may not redeem in excess of 3% of the weighted average common shares outstanding during the prior calendar year, and (ii) in no event shall the aggregate amount of redemptions under the Wells REIT share redemption program exceed aggregate proceeds received from the sale of shares pursuant to the Wells REIT dividend reinvestment plan. The one-year period may be waived by the board of directors in certain circumstances including death or bankruptcy of the stockholder. Wells REIT purchases shares redeemed under the share redemption program at the amount contributed by the stockholder, including any commissions paid at issuance. During 2004, 2003 and 2002, Wells REIT redeemed 9.7 million, 4.4 million and 1.5 million, respectively, of its own common shares at an aggregate cost of \$97.1 million, \$43.7 million and \$15.3 million, respectively. The board of directors, by majority vote, may amend or terminate Wells REIT's share redemption program at any time upon 30 days' notice.

On December 29, 2004, the board of directors temporarily suspended the Share Redemption Program until March 31, 2005. (See "Subsequent Events" below).

Dealer Warrant Plan

Under the terms of each offering of Wells REIT's stock, warrants to purchase shares of Wells REIT's stock were delivered to WIS. Currently such warrants are issued in book form only and warrant certificates are not issued. For each warrant, the warrant-holder has the right to purchase one share of Wells REIT's common stock at a price of \$12 during the time period beginning one year from the effective date of the respective offering and ending on the date five years after the effective date. Warrants outstanding as of December 31, 2004 for the third and fourth offerings are approximately 4.8 million and 5.8 million, respectively, which have expiration dates of December 20, 2005 and July 26, 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2004, all warrants related to the first and second offering have expired, and no warrants have been exercised under the plan.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH ACTIVITIES

Outlined below are significant non-cash investing and financing transactions for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 (in thousands):

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Acquisition and advisory fees applied to investments	\$ 3,370	\$ 88,771	\$ 47,873
Acquisition and advisory fees due to affiliate	\$ 1,408	\$ 19,185	\$ 7,708
Other offering expenses due to affiliate	\$	\$ 13,334	\$ 8,263
Assumption of obligation under capital lease and related bonds	\$	\$	\$ 32,500
Assumption of loan upon acquisition of property	\$ 83,815	\$ 390,364	\$ 90,000
Other liabilities assumed at property acquisition	\$	\$ 38,688	\$
Acquisition of intangible lease liability	\$ 2,782	\$ 33,477	\$ 32,697
Dividends payable	\$ 12,730	\$ 13,562	\$ 6,046
Due from affiliates	\$ 1,479	\$ 2,531	\$ 1,774
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 11,429	\$ 5,617	\$
Redeemable common shares	\$ 225,955	\$	\$

10. INCOME TAX BASIS NET INCOME

Wells REIT's income tax basis net income for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 is calculated as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
GAAP basis financial statement net income	\$ 209,722	\$ 120,685	\$ 59,854
Increase (decrease) in net income resulting from:			
Depreciation and amortization expense for financial reporting purposes in excess of amounts for income tax purposes	40,386	43,817	17,160
Rental income accrued for income tax purposes in excess of (less than) amounts for financial reporting purposes	(22,038)	(3,946)	3,578
FAS 141 expense accrued for financial reporting purposes in excess of amounts for income tax purposes	1,131	6,410	
Expenses for financial reporting purposes, in excess of (less than) amounts for income tax purposes	273	(13,466)	(71)
Gain on sale of property for financial reporting purposes in excess of amounts for income tax purposes	(4,140)		
Income for Wells Washington Properties, Inc. in excess of amount for financial reporting purposes	5,336	11	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income tax basis net income, prior to dividends paid deduction	<u>\$ 230,670</u>	<u>\$ 153,511</u>	<u>\$ 80,521</u>

For income tax purposes, dividends to common stockholders are characterized as ordinary income, capital gains, or as a return of a stockholder's invested capital. Wells REIT's distributions per common share are summarized as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Ordinary income	70%	70%	77%
Capital gains	3%		
Return of capital	27%	30%	23%
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

At December 31, 2004, the tax basis carrying value of Wells REIT's total assets was approximately \$5.02 billion.

11. AGREEMENTS WITH WELLS CAPITAL AND WELLS MANAGEMENT

On December 30, 2004, Wells REIT entered into three agreements with certain affiliates, effective January 1, 2005: (1) Asset Management Advisory Agreement (the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement), (2) Acquisition Advisory Agreement (the 2005 Acquisition Advisory Agreement), and (3) Master Property Management, Leasing and Construction Management

Agreement (the 2005 Property Management Agreement). These agreements replaced an existing Advisory Agreement, covering the period from January 30, 2004 though December 31, 2004 and an existing Asset/Property Management Agreement dated June 17, 2003 (the 2004 Asset/Property Management Agreement).

The 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement is an agreement between Wells REIT and Wells Management. Under the terms of the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement, Wells REIT will pay asset advisory fees to Wells Management for, among other things: (i) serving as Wells REIT's investment and financial advisor; (ii) managing the day-to-day operations of Wells REIT; (iii) formulating and implementing strategies to administer, promote, manage, operate, maintain, improve, finance and refinance, market, lease, and dispose of properties; and (iv) providing certain accounting, SEC compliance and other administrative services for Wells REIT. The fee for these services will be payable monthly in an amount equal to one-twelfth of 0.5% of the fair market value of all properties owned by Wells REIT plus its interest in properties held through joint ventures. This fee is reduced by (i) tenant reimbursed property management fees paid to Wells Management, and (ii) in the event that Wells Management retains an independent third-party property manager to manage one or more properties currently being managed by Wells Management, the amount of property management fees paid to such third-party property managers. At the option of Wells Management, up to ten percent of such monthly fee may be paid in shares of common stock of Wells REIT.

Additionally, per the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement, Wells Management is entitled to earn the following disposition and incentive fees, which are similar in nature to previous agreements:

For any property sold by Wells REIT, a disposition fee of the lesser of 50% of a competitive real estate commission or 3.0% of the sales price of the property, subordinated to the payment of dividends to stockholders equal to the sum of the stockholders' invested capital plus an 8% return on invested capital;

Incentive fee of 10% of net sales proceeds remaining after stockholders have received distributions equal to the sum of the stockholders' invested capital plus an 8% return of invested capital; and

Listing fee of 10% of the excess by which the market value of the stock plus dividends paid prior to listing exceeds the sum of 100% of the invested capital plus an 8% return on invested capital.

The 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement has a one-year term and automatically renews unless either side gives notice of its intent not to renew. In addition, either party may terminate the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement upon 60 days written notice. If the Wells REIT terminates the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement, the Wells REIT will be required to pay Wells Management a subordinated performance fee. The subordinated performance fee will be equal to (i) 10% of the amount, if any, by which (a) the appraised value of the properties at the termination date, less the amount of all indebtedness secured by such properties, plus total dividends distributed to the stockholders through the termination date, exceeds the sum of (b) all of the capital the stockholders have invested plus the amount that would be required to be paid to the stockholders to provide an annualized, non-cumulative return of 8.0% from inception through the termination date, less (ii) any prior payments to Wells Management of its subordinated share of net sales proceeds.

The 2005 Acquisition Advisory Agreement is an agreement between Wells REIT and Wells Capital. Under the terms of the Acquisition Advisory Agreement, Wells REIT will pay a fee to

Wells Capital for services relating to, among other things, capital raising functions; the investigation, selection and acquisition of properties; and certain transfer agent and stockholder communication functions. The fee payable to Wells Capital under the Acquisition Advisory Agreement will be 3.5% of aggregate gross proceeds raised from the sale of shares of Wells REIT, exclusive of proceeds received from the Wells REIT's dividend reinvestment plan which are used to fund repurchases of shares of common stock pursuant to the Wells REIT's share redemption program.

The 2005 Acquisition Advisory Agreement commences on January 1, 2005, has a one-year term and automatically renews unless either side gives notice of its intent not to renew. In addition, either party may terminate the 2005 Acquisition Advisory Agreement upon 60 days written notice.

The 2005 Property Management Agreement is an agreement between Wells REIT and Wells Management. The 2005 Property Management Agreement retains Wells Management to manage, coordinate the leasing of, and manage construction activities related to certain properties of Wells REIT. Any amounts paid under the 2005 Property Management Agreement for properties being managed by Wells Management on December 31, 2004 under the 2004 Asset/Property Management Agreement (the Existing Portfolio Properties) will have the economic effect of reducing amounts payable for asset advisory services with respect to such properties under the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement. Management and leasing fees payable to Wells Management for properties to be acquired in the future shall be specified in an amendment to the 2005 Property Management Agreement, which must be approved by Wells REIT's board of directors and will be payable in addition to fees payable pursuant to the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement. Wells REIT anticipates that fees for the management and leasing of properties other than Existing Portfolio Properties will be generally consistent with the descriptions set forth below:

For properties for which Wells Management will provide property management services, it is anticipated that Wells REIT will pay Wells Management a market-based property management fee generally based on gross monthly income of the property.

For properties for which Wells Management provides leasing agent services, it is anticipated that Wells REIT will pay (i) a one-time initial lease-up fee in an amount not to exceed one-month's rent for the initial rent-up of a newly-constructed building, (ii) a market-based commission based on the net rent payable during the term of a new lease (not to exceed ten years), (iii) a market-based commission based on the net rent payable during the term of any renewal or extension of any tenant lease, and (iv) a market-based commission based on the net rent payable with respect to expansion space for the remaining portion of the initial lease term.

For properties for which Wells Management provides construction management services, it is anticipated that Wells REIT will pay (i) for planning and coordinating the construction of tenant directed improvements, that portion of lease concessions for tenant directed improvements as is specified in the lease or lease renewal, subject to a limit of 5% of such lease concessions, and (ii) for other construction management services, a construction management fee to be determined and agreed to in an appropriate contract amendment.

The 2005 Property Management Agreement has a one-year term and automatically renews unless either side gives notice of its intent not to renew. In addition, either party may terminate the 2005 Property Management Agreement upon 60 days written notice.

Under the 2005 Asset Advisory Agreement, the 2005 Acquisition Advisory Agreement and the 2005 Property Management Agreement, Wells REIT is required to reimburse each service provider for various costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its duties under such agreements, including reasonable wages and salaries and other employee related expenses such as taxes, insurance, and benefits of employees of the service provider who are directly engaged in providing services for or on behalf of Wells REIT. Under these agreements, reimbursements for such employee related expenses may not exceed \$8,240,000 in the aggregate during any fiscal year.

Economic Dependency

Wells REIT has engaged Wells Management and Wells Capital to provide asset management and advisory services, to supervise the management and leasing of properties owned by Wells REIT, and to assume various other administrative responsibilities for Wells REIT including accounting services, shareholder communications, and investor relations. As a result of these relationships, Wells REIT is dependent upon Wells Management, Wells Capital and other affiliates of Wells Capital to provide certain services which are essential to Wells REIT including certain asset management and property management services, asset acquisition and disposition services and other administrative responsibilities under agreements, all of which have terms of one year.

Wells Capital and Wells Management are both owned and controlled by Wells Real Estate Funds (WREF). The operations of Wells Capital, Wells Management and WIS represent substantially all of the business of WREF. In light of their common ownership and their importance to WREF, Wells REIT focuses on the financial condition of WREF when assessing the financial condition of Wells Capital and Wells Management. In the event that WREF were to become unable to meet its obligations as they become due, Wells REIT might be required to find alternative service providers.

For the six months ended December 31, 2004, operating revenues for WREF on a consolidated basis exceeded operating expenses by approximately \$5.8 million, and WREF is also expecting revenues to exceed expenses during 2005. For the year ended December 31, 2004, operating expenses for WREF exceeded operating revenues by \$11.6 million. WREF believes it has adequate cash availability from funds on hand and in order to meet its obligations. In the first two quarters of 2004, WREF incurred net losses primarily as a result of revenues from acquisition, advisory, asset management services and property management services being less than the costs to provide such services. In planning for 2004, WREF anticipated it would incur short-term losses and reserved adequate funds to cover any shortfall in revenues due to the fact that Wells Real Estate Investment Trust II, Inc. (Wells REIT II), another sponsored product of WREF, was a new product that would generate revenues to WREF significantly less than those realized in 2003.

Litigation Against Related Parties

During early 2004, a putative class action complaint was filed against, among others, Leo. F. Wells, III, the president and a director of Wells REIT, Wells Capital, and Wells Management. The Court granted the plaintiffs motion to permit voluntary dismissal of this suit, and it was

dismissed without prejudice. In November 2004, the same plaintiffs filed a second putative class action complaint against, among others, Mr. Wells, Wells Capital, and Wells Management. On January 28, 2005, the defendants filed motions to dismiss the plaintiffs' claims. The Court has not yet ruled on those motions. The details of both complaints are outlined below.

As a matter of background, on or about March 12, 2004, a putative class action complaint (the Original Complaint) was filed by four individuals (the plaintiffs) against Wells Real Estate Fund I (Wells Fund I), and Wells Fund I's general partners, Wells Capital and Leo F. Wells, III, who is the president and a director of Wells REIT, as well as Wells Management and WIS (*Hendry et al. v. Leo F. Wells, III et al.*, Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Civil Action No. 04-A-2791 2). Wells Fund I is a public limited partnership. The plaintiffs filed the Original Complaint purportedly on behalf of all limited partners holding B units of Wells Fund I as of January 15, 2003. The Original Complaint alleged, among other things, that (a) the general partners, WIS, and Wells Fund I negligently and fraudulently made false statements and material omissions in connection with the initial sale (September 6, 1984 - September 5, 1986) of the B units to investors of Wells Fund I by making false statements and omissions in sales literature relating to the distribution of net sale proceeds to holders of B units, among other things; (b) the general partners and Wells Fund I negligently and fraudulently misrepresented and concealed disclosure of, among other things, alleged discrepancies between such statements and provisions in the partnership agreement for a period of time in order to delay such investors from taking any legal, equitable or other action to protect their investments in Wells Fund I, among other reasons; (c) Mr. Wells and Wells Management breached an alleged contract arising out of a June 2000 consent solicitation to the limited partners; and (d) the general partners and Wells Fund I breached fiduciary duties to the limited partners. On June 3, 2004, the Court granted the plaintiffs' motion to permit voluntary dismissal, and the Original Complaint was dismissed without prejudice.

On or about November 24, 2004, the plaintiffs filed a second putative class action complaint (the Complaint) against Mr. Wells, Wells Capital, Wells Management, and Wells Fund I (*Hendry et al. v. Leo F. Wells, III et al.*, Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Civil Action No. 04A-13051 6). The plaintiffs filed the Complaint purportedly on behalf of all limited partners holding B units of Wells Fund I as of January 9, 2002. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that the general partners breached their fiduciary duties to the limited partners by, among other things, (a) failing to timely disclose alleged inconsistencies between sales literature and the partnership agreement relating to the distribution of net sale proceeds; (b) engaging in a scheme to fraudulently conceal alleged inconsistencies between sales literature and the partnership agreement relating to the distribution of net sale proceeds; and (c) not accepting a settlement offer proposed by a holder of A units and a holder of A and B units in other litigation naming Wells Fund I as a defendant, in which other litigation the court subsequently granted summary judgment in favor of Wells Fund I. The Complaint also alleges that misrepresentations and omissions in an April 2002 consent solicitation to the limited partners caused that consent solicitation to be materially misleading. In addition, the Complaint alleges, among other things, that the general partners and Wells Management breached an alleged contract arising out of a June 2000 consent solicitation to the limited partners relating to an alleged waiver of deferred management fees.

The plaintiffs seek, among other remedies, the following: judgment against the general partners of Wells Fund I, jointly and severally, in an amount to be proven at trial; punitive damages; disgorgement of fees earned by the general partners directly or through their affiliates; a declaration that the consent obtained as a result of an April 2002 consent solicitation is null and void; enforcement of an alleged contract arising out of the June 2000 consent solicitation to waive Wells Management's deferred management fees; and an award to plaintiffs of their attorneys

fees, costs and expenses. The Complaint states that Wells Fund I is named only as a necessary party defendant and that the plaintiffs seek no money from or relief at the expense of Wells Fund I. On January 28, 2005, the defendants filed motions to dismiss the plaintiffs' claims. The Court has not yet ruled on those motions. Due to the uncertainties inherent in the litigation process, it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of this matter at this time. However, an adverse outcome could adversely affect the ability of Wells Capital, Wells Management, WIS, and Mr. Wells to fulfill their duties under the agreements and relationships they have with us.

12. TRANSACTIONS WITH WELLS CAPITAL, WELLS MANAGEMENT

Advisory Agreement

During the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, Wells REIT maintained an Advisory Agreement with Wells Capital, which entitled Wells Capital to specified fees in consideration for certain services with regard to the offering of shares to the public and investment of funds in real estate projects.

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, Wells REIT was required to pay Wells Capital the following for services rendered:

Acquisition and advisory fees and acquisition expenses of 3.5% of gross offering proceeds, subject to certain limitations;

Reimbursement of organization and offering costs paid by Wells Capital on behalf of Wells REIT, not to exceed 3% of gross offering proceeds;

For any property sold by Wells REIT, a disposition fee of the lesser of 50% of a competitive real estate commission or 3.0% of the sales price of the property, subordinated to the payment of dividends to stockholders equal to the sum of the stockholders' invested capital plus an 8% return on invested capital;

Incentive fee of 10% of net sales proceeds remaining after stockholders have received distributions equal to the sum of the stockholders' invested capital plus an 8% return of invested capital; and

Listing fee of 10% of the excess by which the market value of the stock plus dividends paid prior to listing exceeds the sum of 100% of the invested capital plus an 8% return on invested capital.

Acquisition and advisory fees and acquisition expenses, as well as organizational and offering costs are shown below for the periods presented (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Acquisition and advisory fees & acquisition expenses	\$ 6,759	\$ 87,300	\$ 46,400
Organizational and offering costs	\$ 757	\$ 21,500	\$ 20,500

Wells REIT incurred no disposition, incentive or listing fees during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 or 2002.

Wells Capital agreed to reduce acquisition and advisory fees by the amounts attributable to shares redeemed pursuant to the share redemption program, as shown below for the periods presented (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Redemptions	\$ 97,115	\$ 43,690	\$ 15,362
Reduction of acquisition & advisory fee	\$ 3,388	\$ 1,529	\$ 538

Administrative Services Reimbursement

Wells REIT has no direct employees. Under the terms of various agreements with Wells REIT, Wells Capital and Wells Management billed Wells REIT for their services based on time spent by administrative personnel to perform a variety of services outlined in the various agreements. These expenses are included in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income. These expenses totaled \$8.4 million, \$3.9 million, and \$2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Asset and Property Management Agreement

During the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, Wells REIT entered into various agreements with Wells Management related to asset and property management services. Over this period, Wells REIT generally paid fees to Wells Management an amount equal to 4.5% of gross revenues on properties owned by Wells REIT. These expenses totaled \$23.1 million, \$13.3 million, and \$4.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

Dealer Manager Agreement

During the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, Wells REIT maintained a dealer manager agreement with WIS, whereby WIS performed dealer manager services for offerings of Wells REIT during its four public offerings. For these services, WIS earned selling commissions of approximately 7% of the gross proceeds from the sale of the shares of Wells REIT, the majority of which were reallocated to participating broker-dealers. Once the fourth offering was closed, Wells REIT lowered the selling commissions paid to WIS to 5% of gross dividend reinvestment proceeds raised. The amount of such commissions is shown below for the periods presented (in thousands):

	2004	2003	2002
Commissions	\$ 10,947	\$ 177,600	\$ 94,200
Portion of commissions reallocated	In excess of 99%	In excess of 99%	In excess of 99%

Additionally, WIS earned a dealer manager fee of 2.5% of the gross offering proceeds at the time the shares were sold under the four public offerings. Once the fourth offering closed, Wells REIT eliminated the 2.5% dealer manager fee. Under the dealer manager agreement, up to 1.5% of gross offering proceeds was potentially reallocated to participating broker-dealers. In addition, until the fourth offering closed, WIS refunded the 2.5% dealer manager fee for shares redeemed under the Share Redemption Program. The amount of these fees, reductions, and reallocations is shown below for the periods presented (in thousands):

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Dealer manager fees	\$ 2,322	\$ 63,400	\$ 33,500
Reallowance of fees to broker dealers	\$ 1,259	\$ 29,600	\$ 14,600
Fees refunded related to share redemption	\$ 0	\$ 1,100	\$ 400

13. DUE FROM AFFILIATES

Substantially all of the amounts due from affiliates included in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2004 and 2003 represent Wells REIT's share of the cash to be distributed from its unconsolidated joint venture investments. Amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 were as follows (in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Fund XII and REIT Joint Venture	\$ 704	\$ 684
Fund XIII and REIT Joint Venture	596	1,146
Wells/Fremont Associates	130	170
Fund IX, X, XI and REIT Joint Venture	28	35
Affiliates of Wells Capital	21	541
Fund XI, XII and REIT Joint Venture		452
Fund VIII, IX and REIT Joint Venture		44
Wells/Orange County Associates		
	<u>\$ 1,479</u>	<u>\$ 3,072</u>

14. OPERATING LEASES

Virtually all of Wells REIT's real estate assets are leased to tenants under operating leases for which the terms and expirations vary. The leases frequently have provisions to extend the lease

term, options for early termination after paying a specified penalty, and other terms and conditions as negotiated. Wells REIT retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of the real estate assets leased to tenants. Amounts required as security deposits vary depending upon the terms of the respective leases and the creditworthiness of the tenant, but generally are not significant amounts. Therefore, exposure to credit risk is limited to the extent that the receivables exceed this amount. Security deposits related to tenant leases are included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated balance sheets.

Wells REIT's tenants are generally of investment grade quality and there are no significant concentrations of credit risk within any particular tenant or any industry. Wells REIT's properties are located in 26 states and the District of Columbia. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 18.4% and 17.5% of Wells REIT's total real estate assets are located in metropolitan Chicago and metropolitan Washington, D.C., respectively.

The future minimum rental income from Wells REIT's investment in real estate assets under non-cancelable operating leases, excluding leases at properties related to discontinued operations and leases at properties under development, at December 31, 2004 is as follows (in thousands):

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2005	\$ 399,054
2006	389,885
2007	375,865
2008	355,870
2009	335,964
Thereafter	1,042,898
Total	\$ 2,899,536

15. QUARTERLY RESULTS (unaudited)

Presented below is a summary of the unaudited quarterly financial information for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, in thousands, except per share data:

	2004			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Revenues (1)	\$ 134,983	\$ 144,001	\$ 136,410	\$ 139,351
Discontinued operations	\$ 9,002	\$ 20,217	8,534	8,393
Net income	\$ 52,624	\$ 65,045	\$ 44,066	\$ 47,987
Basic and diluted earnings per share:(2)				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.02
Net income	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.10
Dividends per share (2)	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18
	2003			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Revenues (1)	\$ 50,208	\$ 66,998	\$ 91,230	\$ 110,636
Discontinued operations	5,623	7,107	7,351	6,517
Net income	\$ 24,364	\$ 27,985	\$ 33,820	\$ 34,516
Basic and diluted earnings per share (2)				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.07
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01
Net income	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08
Dividends per share (2)	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18

- (1) Through the first quarter 2004, Wells REIT reported the amortization of the fair values of in-place leases, including opportunity costs associated with lost rentals that are avoided by acquiring in-place leases and tenant relationships, as an adjustment to rental income in the consolidated statement of operations. In the second quarter 2004, Wells REIT began presenting this amortization as amortization expense in its consolidated statements of operations, and has reclassified such amortization from rental income to amortization expense for all periods previously presented. The period of amortization continues to be the term of the respective lease and results in no change in net income as previously reported.
- (2) The totals of the four quarterly amounts for the years ended December 31, 2004, and 2003, do not equal the totals for the years then ended. This difference results from rounding differences between quarters.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Sale of Portfolio of Real Estate Assets

On April 13, 2005, Wells REIT, along with various Wells-affiliated entities, effected the Portfolio Sale in which 27 properties were sold to an unaffiliated third party for a gross sales price of \$786.0 million, excluding closing costs and brokerage fees, of which approximately \$760.8 million is allocable to Wells REIT. Wells REIT received net sales proceeds and recognized a gain of approximately \$756.2 million and \$188.9 million, respectively, as a result of the Portfolio Sale, which are subject to change as additional information becomes available in subsequent periods.

In accordance with the terms of the current Asset Management Advisory Agreement with Wells Management, Wells REIT's Asset Advisor, in the event that Wells Management provides substantial services in connection with the sale of properties, as determined and approved by Wells REIT's board of directors, Wells REIT may be required to pay Wells Management a subordinated disposition fee equal to the lesser of one-half of the market-based real estate commission or 3.0% of the sale price of such properties, contingent upon our stockholders having first received total dividends in an amount equal to the sum of all of the capital the stockholders have invested in Wells REIT (reduced by prior dividends attributable to net sales proceeds) plus an amount sufficient to provide the stockholders with an annualized, noncumulative return of 8.0% (the Subordinated Conditions). While this fee may be in addition to real estate commissions paid to third parties, the total real estate commissions (including such disposition fee) may not exceed the lesser of (i) 6.0% of the sales price of the properties or (ii) the level of real estate commissions customarily charged in light of the size, type, and location of the properties.

On February 21, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT approved a subordinated disposition fee of 0.33% of the gross sale price of the properties sold to be paid to Wells Management as a result of the closing of this transaction. Since the Subordinated Conditions have not been met at this time, this fee will not be paid at closing but will be paid only in the event and at the time that the Subordinated Conditions are satisfied in accordance with the terms of the Asset Management Advisory Agreement.

Revisions to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

On February 21, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT approved an amendment to the dividend reinvestment plan effective for dividends declared and paid after March 10, 2005, to clarify that distributions attributable to net sales proceeds will be excluded from dividends which may be reinvested in shares under the dividend reinvestment plan. Accordingly, proceeds attributable to the Portfolio Sale transaction described above which are distributed to stockholders as a special distribution may not be reinvested in shares of Wells REIT pursuant to its dividend reinvestment plan.

On April 19, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT elected to amend Wells REIT's dividend reinvestment plan effective for shares acquired with dividends declared and paid beginning in June 2005 to lower the purchase price of shares purchased pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan to \$8.00 per share.

Revisions to the Share Redemption Program

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On February 23, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT approved the following revisions to the current share redemption program effective for redemptions of shares beginning in March 2005: (i) an increase to the limit of the number of shares that can be redeemed in 2005 from 3.0% of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year to 5.0% of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year; (ii) a decrease

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in the percentage of funds to be reserved in calendar year 2005 for (a) redemptions upon the death of a stockholder, and (b) redemptions for certain stockholders to satisfy required minimum distribution requirements as set forth under Sections 401(a)(9), 403(b)(10), 408(a)(6), 408(b)(3), and 408(A)(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code from 20% to 15% of the amount available for redemption; and (iii) the price at which shares will be redeemed will be reduced by any amounts previously distributed to stockholders which were attributable to net sales proceeds from the sale of Wells REIT's properties.

Extension of Line of Credit

On March 4, 2005, Wells REIT extended its \$50 Million Secured Line of Credit, originally maturing in June 2005, through June 2006. In addition to extending the maturity of the facility, the borrowing base properties (Experian/TRW Building, Kraft Atlanta Building, and IKON Building) were replaced by the Cingular Atlanta Building. All other material terms of the facility, such as interest rate and covenant restrictions, remain unchanged from the terms of the facility at December 31, 2004.

Dividend Declaration

On March 9, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT declared dividends for the first quarter of 2005 in the amount of \$0.175 (17.5 cents) per share on our outstanding common stock to all stockholders of record of such shares as shown on our books at the close of business on March 15, 2005.

Debt Facilities used for Share Repurchases pursuant to Share Redemption Program

On March 28, 2005, Wells REIT entered into a \$105.0 Million Promissory Note with Wachovia Bank, N.A. secured by a property at 800 Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minn. (the US Bancorp Building). Borrowings under the loan bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for a 30-day period plus 0.75% (3.62% at March 31, 2005). The loan requires monthly payments of interest only and matures on June 1, 2005. Wells REIT may prepay the outstanding principal balance, or any part thereof, at any time without penalty, and may extend the term of the loan for up to an additional 30 days by providing written notice to the lender.

On March 30, 2005, Wells REIT entered into a \$45.0 Million Term Loan Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Under the terms of the loan agreement, the lender agrees to make a single disbursement of the loan, consisting of one or more LIBOR Advances and/or one or more Alternative Base Rate Advances, as elected by Wells REIT. LIBOR Advances under the loan will bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the sum of (a) LIBOR for the relevant one-, two-, or three-month LIBOR interest period, divided by (b) one minus the reserve requirement, plus 0.75%. The reserve requirement means the maximum aggregate reserve requirement that is imposed under Regulation D on Eurocurrency liabilities. Alternative Base Rate Advances under the loan will bear interest at a variable per annum rate equal to the higher of (i) the prime rate or (ii) the sum of the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%. The prime rate means the prime rate of interest announced from time to time by lending institutions. The federal funds effective rate means the interest rate equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System. The loan matures on July 29, 2005. Wells REIT may extend the term of the loan for up to two additional 30-day periods by providing written notice to the lender. Interest only payments on each LIBOR Advance are payable on the last day of the applicable interest period. Interest only payments on each Alternative Base Rate Advance are payable on the first day of each calendar month. The \$45.0 million draw under the loan in March 2005 was a 30-day LIBOR Advance; therefore, the interest rate is calculated using the 30-day LIBOR rate divided by one minus the reserve requirement, plus 0.75% (3.625% at March 31, 2005). The proceeds of the \$45.0 Million Term Loan and the \$105.0 Million Promissory Note (mentioned above) were used to redeem shares pursuant to the share redemption program.

Declaration of Special Distribution

On April 19, 2005, the board of directors of Wells REIT declared a special distribution of \$1.62 per share to stockholders of record of Wells REIT as of June 1, 2005, representing substantially all of the net sales proceeds received from the disposition mentioned above. Net sales proceeds is defined as total proceeds received from the sale less closing costs associated with the sale. This special distribution will be considered a return of a portion of the stockholders' invested capital and, as such, will reduce their remaining investment in Wells REIT by \$1.62 per share.

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WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

SCHEDULE II

VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004, 2003 AND 2002

(Thousands of dollars)

	Balance at	Additions		Deductions	Balance
		Charged to	Charged to	Write-Offs and	
	Beginning of	Costs and	Other	Reclassifications	At End
	Period	Expenses	Accounts		Of Period
December 31, 2004					
Allowances deducted from assets to which they apply					
Allowances for doubtful accounts	\$ 444	600*			\$ 1,044
December 31, 2003					
Allowances deducted from assets to which they apply					
Allowances for doubtful accounts	\$ 0	444			\$ 444
December 31, 2002					
Allowances deducted from assets to which they apply					
Allowances for doubtful accounts	\$ 0				\$ 0

* Includes approximately \$1,000 of bad debt expense pertaining to assets related to discontinued operations, net.

Wells Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

Schedule III - Real Estate Assets and Accumulated Depreciation

December 31, 2004

(in thousands)

Description	Location	Ownership Percentage	Encumbrances	Gross Amount at Which Carried at December 31, 2004									Date of Construction	Date Acquired	Life on which Depreciation Computed	
				Initial Cost			Costs Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition			Buildings and Improvements Total						Accumulated Depreciation
				Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total				
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Harrisburg, PA	100	None	\$ 662	\$ 11,836	\$ 12,498	\$ 676	\$ 690	\$ 12,484	\$ 13,174	\$ 2,698	1998	2/4/1999	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Lake Forest, CA	100	None	4,577	0	4,577	13,965	4,768	13,774	18,542	5,014	1999	3/15/1999	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Midlothian, VA	100	None	948	0	948	9,963	988	9,923	10,911	2,667	1999	7/22/1999	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Wood Dale, IL	100	None	5,000	28,162	33,162	1,381	5,208	29,335	34,543	5,765	1991	9/10/1999	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Plano, TX	100	None	1,456	20,377	21,833	908	1,517	21,224	22,741	3,961	1999	12/21/1999	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Tulsa, OK	100	None	1,150	11,570	12,720	541	1,198	12,063	13,261	2,169	2000	2/11/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Scottsdale, AZ	100	None	3,500	10,785	14,285	602	3,646	11,241	14,887	1,984	1997	3/29/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Tempe, AZ	100	(j)	0	17,393	17,393	731	0	18,124	18,124	3,189	1995	3/29/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Tempe, AZ	100	(j)	0	16,036	16,036	679	0	16,715	16,715	2,947	1998	3/29/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Tempe, AZ	100	(j)	0	13,272	13,272	551	0	13,823	13,823	2,299	2000	6/12/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Troy, MI	100	None	2,160	16,776	18,936	1,811	2,250	18,497	20,747	3,491	2000	6/29/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	South Plainfield, NJ	100	None	9,653	20,495	30,148	5,857	10,055	25,950	36,005	5,690	2000	11/1/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Houston, TX	100	None	7,100	37,915	45,015	1,905	7,396	39,524	46,920	5,782	1994	12/21/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Minnnetonka, MN	100	None	7,700	45,154	52,854	6,374	8,021	51,207	59,228	7,016	2000	12/21/2000	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Quincy, MA	100	20,200	11,042	40,666	51,708	2,176	11,042	42,842	53,884	5,529	1990	7/30/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Houston, TX	100	(b)	2,847	18,793	21,640	0	2,847	18,793	21,640	2,206	2000	9/7/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Irving, TX	100	None	5,546	0	5,546	32,973	5,795	32,724	38,519	2,568	2002	9/19/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Millington, TN	100	22,000 (c)	333	21,590	21,923	0	333	21,590	21,923	2,539	1997	9/26/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Cary, NC	100	None	7,276	11,485	18,760	0	7,276	11,485	18,760	1,348	2000	9/28/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Tamarac, FL	100	None	3,642	10,404	14,047	0	3,642	10,404	14,047	1,119	2001	12/21/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Schaumburg, IL	100	None	4,537	31,847	36,384	0	4,537	31,847	36,384	3,420	1999	12/31/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Schaumburg, IL	100	None	3,746	55,026	58,772	0	3,746	55,026	58,772	5,913	2001	12/31/2001	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Sarasota, FL	100	None	1,767	20,533	22,301	1,224	2,203	21,321	23,525	2,192	1999	1/11/2002	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Houston, TX	100	None	879	22,049	22,928	0	879	22,049	22,928	2,154	1999	3/15/2002	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Duluth, GA	100	None	2,080	13,572	15,653	0	2,080	13,572	15,653	1,325	2001	3/28/2002	0 to 40 years		
WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	Farmington Hills, MI	100	None	2,298	22,583	24,881	3	2,298	22,586	24,884	2,205	1999	3/29/2002	0 to 40 years		

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ANA KALAMAZOO LAVELERS	Kalamazoo, MI	100	None	1,002	18,250	19,253	3	1,002	18,253	19,256	1,949	1999	3/29/002	0 to 40 years
MPRESS DENVER	Lakewood, CO	100	None	1,548	9,446	10,993	0	1,548	9,446	10,993	891	2002	4/10/2002	0 to 40 years
GILENT ATLANTA	Alpharetta, GA	100	None	1,561	14,207	15,768	0	1,561	14,207	15,768	1,339	2001	4/18/2002	0 to 40 years
LLSOUTH FT. LAUDERDALE	Lauderdale, FL	100	(j)	0	7,172	7,172	0	0	7,172	7,172	676	2001	4/18/2002	0 to 40 years
PERIAN/TRW GILENT	Allen, TX	100	(b)	4,163	32,985	37,147	0	4,163	32,985	37,147	3,002	1982	5/1/2002	0 to 40 years
OSTON W DENVER	Boxborough, MA	100	None	3,642	29,497	33,140	3,378	3,642	32,875	36,518	3,432	2002	5/3/2002	0 to 40 years
S PHOENIX	Aurora, CO	100	None	1,397	20,568	21,964	5,078	1,397	25,646	27,042	3,963	1997	5/29/2002	0 to 40 years
S ATLANTA	Phoenix, AZ	100	None	2,602	24,333	26,935	11	2,602	24,344	26,945	2,134	2001	6/4/2002	0 to 40 years
CIFICARE	Atlanta, GA	100	32,500 (d)	2,810	39,614	42,424	0	2,810	39,614	42,424	3,344	2001	7/1/2002	0 to 40 years
N ANTONIO	San Antonio, TX	100	None	2,550	12,738	15,288	0	2,550	12,738	15,288	1,075	2000	7/12/2002	0 to 40 years
RR MCGEE	Houston, TX	100	None	1,738	0	1,738	12,344	2,205	11,877	14,082	739	2003	7/29/2002	0 to 40 years
IG DIRECT REENVILLE	Duncan, SC	100	None	1,002	15,709	16,711	9	1,002	15,718	16,720	1,327	1987	7/31/2002	0 to 40 years
IG MUSIC REENVILLE	Duncan, SC	100	None	663	10,914	11,577	0	663	10,914	11,577	912	1987	7/31/2002	0 to 40 years
RAFT LANTA	Suwanee, GA	100	(b)	2,810	9,341	12,151	0	2,810	9,341	12,151	758	2001	7/31/2002	0 to 40 years
OKIA DALLAS OKIA DALLAS	Irving, TX	100	None	3,157	38,447	41,604	4	3,157	38,451	41,608	3,119	1999	8/15/2002	0 to 40 years
OKIA DALLAS OKIA DALLAS	Irving, TX	100	None	3,157	38,447	41,604	4	3,157	38,451	41,608	3,119	1999	8/15/2002	0 to 40 years
OKIA DALLAS OKIA DALLAS	Irving, TX	100	None	3,157	38,447	41,604	4	3,157	38,451	41,608	3,119	1999	8/15/2002	0 to 40 years
ARCOURT USTIN	Austin, TX	100	16,500	6,098	34,492	40,591	0	6,098	34,492	40,591	2,798	2001	8/15/2002	0 to 40 years
ERICREDIT OENIX	Chandler, AZ	100	None	2,632	0	2,632	22,573	2,779	22,426	25,205	1,583	2003	9/12/2002	0 to 40 years
S LONG LAND	Holtsville, NY	100	None	4,375	48,213	52,587	1,027	4,376	49,238	53,614	6,963	2000	9/16/2002	0 to 40 years
YBANK RSIPPANY	Parsippany, NJ	100	42,700	9,054	96,722	105,776	20	9,054	96,743	105,796	7,531	1985	9/27/2002	0 to 40 years
DEX OLORADO RINGS	Colorado Springs, CO	100	None	2,185	24,964	27,149	5	2,185	24,969	27,154	1,943	2001	9/27/2002	0 to 40 years
S DES DINES	Des Moines, IA	100	None	885	26,774	27,659	0	885	26,774	27,659	2,083	2002	9/27/2002	0 to 40 years
TUIT DALLAS LSTATE	Plano, TX	100	None	3,153	24,602	27,755	4	3,153	24,606	27,759	1,915	2001	9/27/2002	0 to 40 years
DIANAPOLIS AIMLER	Indianapolis, IN	100	None	1,327	10,071	11,398	0	1,327	10,071	11,398	784	2001	9/27/2002	0 to 40 years
RYSLER ALLAS	Westlake, TX	100	None	2,689	23,494	26,183	24	2,689	23,518	26,207	1,829	2001	9/30/2002	0 to 40 years
ASA ASA	Washington, DC	100	105,800	52,711	202,702	255,412	2,294	52,711	204,996	257,706	14,429	1991	11/22/2002	0 to 40 years
CC ATERPILLAR	Washington, DC	100	57,800	29,765	104,815	134,580	1,278	30,562	105,296	135,858	7,467	1991	11/22/2002	0 to 40 years
ASHVILLE PITAL ONE	Nashville, TN	100	26,800	4,908	59,010	63,918	2,430	5,101	61,247	66,348	4,331	2000	11/26/2002	0 to 40 years
CHMOND I CHMOND II	Glen Allen, VA	100	None	460	8,342	8,802	188	479	8,511	8,990	636	1999	11/26/2002	0 to 40 years
CHMOND III CHMOND III	Glen Allen, VA	100	None	1,305	8,620	9,925	540	1,358	9,107	10,465	745	1999	11/26/2002	0 to 40 years
CHMOND III CHESTLE LOS	Glen Allen, VA	100	None	1,090	8,838	9,928	446	1,135	9,240	10,374	695	1999	11/26/2002	0 to 40 years
ANGELES STPOINT	Glendale, CA	100	None	23,605	136,284	159,889	300	23,608	136,582	160,189	9,289	1990	12/20/2002	0 to 40 years
DIANAPOLIS O WEST	Mayfield Heights, OH	100	(a)	2,720	20,263	22,983	1,826	2,720	22,090	24,810	1,640	2000	1/9/2003	0 to 40 years
FFERSON	Detroit, MI	100	None	9,759	88,364	98,123	2,150	9,759	91,350	100,273	5,714	1989	3/31/2003	0 to 40 years

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Schedule III - Real Estate Assets and Accumulated Depreciation

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(in thousands)

Name	Location	Ownership		Gross Amount at Which Carried									Date of Construction	Date Acquired	Cost
		Percentage	Encumbrances	Initial Cost			Costs Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	at December 31, 2004			Accumulated Depreciation				
				Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total		Land	Buildings and Improvements	Total					
WOOD	Englewood Cliffs, NJ	100	29,300	\$ 10,424	\$ 61,319	\$ 71,744	\$ 2,045	\$ 10,803	\$ 62,986	\$ 73,789	\$ 3,446	1953	4/30/2003	0	
ORP	Minneapolis, MN	100	None	11,138	175,628	186,766	577	11,138	176,205	187,343	9,133	2000	5/1/2003	0	
OLIS	Chicago, IL	100	200,000	23,267	472,489	495,756	27,455	23,966	499,246	523,211	26,024	1972	5/9/2003	0	
FER	Auburn Hills, MI	100	None	1,978	16,570	18,548	1,279	1,978	17,849	19,827	863	2001	5/9/2003	0	
TROIT	Reston, VA	100	None	2,711	17,890	20,601	521	2,711	18,411	21,122	1,271	1985	6/27/2003	0	
ON I	Reston, VA	100	None	1,218	8,038	9,256	269	1,218	8,307	9,525	798	1984	6/27/2003	0	
NTA III	Atlanta, GA	100	10,000(e)	989	7,830	8,819	0	989	7,830	8,819	477	2003	7/1/2003	0	
D	Rockville, MD	100	None	3,019	21,984	25,002	(435)	3,019	21,548	24,567	1,997	1985	7/30/2003	0	
LE I	Rockville, MD	100	None	3,019	21,984	25,002	(435)	3,019	21,548	24,567	1,997	1985	7/30/2003	0	
D	Atlanta, GA	100	None	6,662	69,031	75,693	242	6,662	69,272	75,934	7,290	2000	8/1/2003	0	
LE II	Bridgewater, NJ	100	40,200	8,182	84,160	92,342	1,773	8,328	85,787	94,115	6,650	2002	8/14/2003	0	
R	Pasadena, CA	100	None	6,495	30,265	36,760	1,009	6,495	31,274	37,770	3,136	2001	8/22/2003	0	
NTAL	Brea, CA	100	10,700	7,110	15,600	22,710	397	7,110	15,997	23,107	1,173	2003	8/29/2003	0	
Y	Lyndhurst, NJ	100	None	6,974	38,714	45,689	495	6,974	39,210	46,184	4,306	1986	9/5/2003	0	
PH	Irvine, CA	100	None	6,246	36,455	42,700	17	6,246	36,471	42,717	3,024	2001	9/17/2003	0	
Q	Beaverton, OR	100	None	1,015	6,425	7,440	99	1,015	6,524	7,539	424	1988	10/9/2003	0	
R	Beaverton, OR	100	None	1,072	6,361	7,433	114	1,072	6,474	7,546	504	1989	10/9/2003	0	
S	Beaverton, OR	100	None	1,085	6,211	7,296	100	1,085	6,311	7,396	600	1990	10/9/2003	0	
T	Beaverton, OR	100	None	1,546	7,630	9,176	2,130	1,546	9,760	11,306	267	1999	10/9/2003	0	
U	OR														

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	Beaverton, OR	100	None	499	427	925	0	499	427	925	15	1979	10/9/2003	0
LAND	Beaverton, OR	100	None	5,522	0	5,522	(2,287)	3,235	0	3,235	0	N/A	10/9/2003	0
CELLS														
NETT														
(f)	Chicago, IL	95	120,000	54,949	218,757	273,706	27,199	55,116	245,788	300,905	15,198	1989	11/6/2003	0
RFAX	Arlington, VA	100	None	13,636	70,918	84,554	4,310	13,636	75,227	88,864	2,950	1998	11/19/2003	0
ON														
NIA	Washington, DC	100	None	22,146	49,739	71,886	1,545	22,146	51,284	73,431	3,165	1985	11/19/2003	0
	Washington, DC	50	67,561	31,985	63,140	95,124	7,120	31,985	70,259	102,244	3,331	2001	11/19/2003	0
(g)														
STREET	Washington, DC	50	47,607	21,959	47,601	69,560	1,664	21,959	49,265	71,224	2,815	1985	11/19/2003	0
	Issaquah, WA	100	None	4,351	25,899	30,250	41	4,351	25,940	30,291	4,063	2001	12/10/2003	0
SEATTLE														
	Brea, CA	100	None	9,785	82,945	92,730	199	15,302	77,627	92,929	6,172	1983	12/18/2003	0
CKET														
	Philadelphia, PA	100	160,000	13,584	166,682	180,267	137	20,829	159,575	180,404	5,268	1990	12/18/2003	0
PHIA														
	New York, NY	100	None	32,522	168,986	201,508	4,704	60,708	145,504	206,213	8,118	1962	12/31/2003	0
EW														
	Cambridge, MA	100	(a)	4,210	35,821	40,031	1,757	4,365	37,423	41,788	1,386	1873	1/8/2004	0
USSETS														
	Tacoma, WA	100	(a)	2,600	42,683	45,283	1,342	2,664	43,960	46,625	1,504	1988	1/9/2004	0
USSELL														
	Cambridge, MA	100	26,906	6,974	64,939	71,913	356	6,974	65,295	72,269	5,140	1991	2/26/2004	0
TTLE														
	Lebanon, NJ	100	12,984	3,934	0	3,934	9,966	3,934	9,966	13,899	0	2004	3/16/2004	0
EW														
	Auburn Hills, MI	100	14,413	5,200	22,957	28,157	0	5,200	22,957	28,157	429	2001	7/7/2004	0
E														
	Ft. Myers, FL	100	None	933	0	933	0	933	0	933	0	2004	9/30/2004	0
DECK														
P FORT														
	Fort Mill, SC	100	None	2,994	0	2,994	638	2,994	638	3,632	0	2004	10/28/2004	0
RENDON														
RD	Arlington, VA	100	33,500	11,700	69,705	81,405	0	11,700	69,705	81,405	122	1986	12/9/2004	0
ROVE V														
	Rockville, MD	100	None	3,730	16,608	20,338	0	3,730	16,608	20,338	28	1982	12/29/2004	0
				\$ 642,939	\$ 4,057,398	\$ 4,700,337	\$ 234,600	\$ 687,451	\$ 4,248,322	\$ 4,935,773	327,544			
IT														
	Knoxville, TN	4	None	583	744	1,327	6,990	608	7,709	8,317	3,005	1997	3/26/1997	0
POWER														
LE	Oklahoma City, OK	4	None	1,003	4,386	5,389	242	1,051	4,580	5,631	1,166	1998	6/24/1998	0
	Louisville, CO	4	None	2,614	7,762	10,376	528	2,747	8,158	10,904	2,184	1998	2/13/1998	0
CKEN														
	Broomfield, CO	4	None	1,570	6,734	8,304	948	1,650	7,601	9,251	1,947	1996	3/20/1998	0
	Ogden, UT	4	None	597	4,675	5,272	876	642	5,506	6,148	1,360	1998	7/1/1998	0
D														
	Fremont, CA	78	None	2,130	6,853	8,983	374	2,219	7,138	9,357	1,793	1998	7/21/1998	0
H														
VD	Fountain Inn, SC	57	None	330	4,792	5,122	228	344	5,006	5,350	1,094	1998	5/18/1999	0
	Leawood, KS	57	None	1,696	7,851	9,547	411	1,767	8,191	9,958	1,729	1998	7/2/1999	0
	Ft. Myers, FL	57	None	896	7,452	8,348	816	933	8,230	9,163	1,604	1998	9/20/1999	0
	Troy, MI	55	None	2,144	9,984	12,128	2,760	2,233	12,655	14,888	2,782	2000	5/10/2000	0
	Oklahoma City, OK	55	None	2,100	13,233	15,333	640	2,188	13,786	15,973	2,138	1998	12/28/2000	0
MA														
A	Brentwood, TN	55	None	4,300	20,702	25,002	1,200	4,479	21,723	26,202	2,987	1986	5/15/2001	0

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EDIT	Orange Park, FL	72	None	1,610	10,931	12,541	522	1,677	11,386	13,063	1,502	2001	7/16/2001	0 to
	Parker, CO	72	None	1,954	11,216	13,170	542	2,048	11,664	13,712	1,345	2001	12/21/2001	0 to
EY	Fishers, IN	72	None	1,300	15,042	16,342	1,968	1,354	16,957	18,310	1,853	1999	12/12/2002	0 to
POLIS	Hoffman													
AGO	Estate, IL	72	None	600	22,682	23,282	1,471	624	24,129	24,753	2,147	1999	9/19/2003	0 to
				<u>25,426</u>	<u>155,039</u>	<u>180,465</u>	<u>20,518</u>	<u>26,563</u>	<u>174,420</u>	<u>200,983</u>	<u>30,637</u>			
				<u>\$ 668,365</u>	<u>\$ 4,212,437</u>	<u>\$ 4,880,802</u>	<u>\$ 255,118</u>	<u>\$ 714,014</u>	<u>\$ 4,422,742</u>	<u>\$ 5,136,756</u>	<u>\$ 358,181</u>			

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- (a) These properties collateralize the \$85.0 million SouthTrust Bank line of credit that accrues interest at LIBOR plus 150 basis points (3.91% at December 31,2004). \$9.5 million was outstanding as of 12/31/2004.
- (b) These properties collateralize the \$50 million Bank of America line of credit that accrues interest at LIBOR plus 175 basis points (4.16% at December 31,2004). \$0 was outstanding as of 12/31/2004.
- (c) As a result of the acquisition of Ingram Micro, Wells REIT I acquired investments in bonds and certain obligations under capital leases in the amount of \$22.0 million.
- (d) As a result of the acquisition of ISS Atlanta, Wells REIT I acquired investments in bonds and certain obligations under capital leases in the amount of \$32.5 million.
- (e) As a result of the acquisition of ISS Atlanta III, Wells REIT I acquired investments in bonds and certain obligations under capital leases in the amount of \$10.0 million.
- (f) Wells REIT I acquired an approximate 95.01% interest in the Leo Burnett Chicago Building through two joint ventures. As the general partner, Wells REIT I is deemed to have control of the partnerships and, as such, consolidates the joint ventures.
- (g) Wells REIT I purchased all of the membership interest in 1201 Equity, LLC, which own a 49.5% membership interest in 1201 Eye Street, N.W. Associates, which owns the US Park Service Building. As a result of its ownership of 1201 Equity, LLC, Wells owns an approximate 49.5% in the US Park Service Building. As the controlling member, Wells REIT I is deemed to have control of the entities and, as such, consolidates the joint ventures.
- (h) Wells REIT I purchased all of the membership interest in 1225 Equity, LLC, which own a 49.5% membership interest in 1225 Eye Street, N.W. Associates, which owns the 1225 Eye Street Building. As a result of its ownership of 1225 Equity, LLC, Wells owns an approximate 49.5% in the 1225 Eye Street Building. As the controlling member, Wells REIT I is deemed to have control of the entities and, as such, consolidates the joint ventures.
- (i) Wells REIT I assets are depreciated or amortized using the straight-lined method over the useful lives of the assets by class. Generally, Tenant Improvements and Lease Intangibles are amortized over the respective lease term, Building Improvements are depreciated over 5 - 25 years, Land Improvements are depreciated over 20 - 25 years and Buildings are depreciated over 40 years.
- (j) Property is owned subject to a long-term ground lease.
- (k) These properties collateralize the \$350.0 million secured pooled debt facility with Morgan Stanley that accrues interest at 4.84% and matures in June 2014.
- (l) These properties were sold to an unaffiliated third party on April 13, 2005.

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Schedule III Real Estate Assets and Accumulated Depreciation

December 31, 2004

(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ 768,308	\$ 37,785
2002 Additions	1,497,206	45,290
Balance at December 31, 2002	2,265,514	83,075
2003 Additions	2,500,389	125,778
2003 Dispositions	(6,852)	(915)
Balance at December 31, 2003	4,759,051	207,938
2004 Additions	417,556	157,074
2004 Dispositions	(39,851)	(6,831)
Balance at December 31, 2004	\$ 5,136,756	\$ 358,181

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Douglas P. Williams

Douglas P. Williams
Executive Vice President

Date: June 10, 2005