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Strategic Reasons for the Transaction

o Unique opportunity to acquire a large portfolio of assets in PREIT's core

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- Completes transformation of the Company initiated with the acquisition of a portfolio of malls from The Rouse Company and the pending sale of the multifamily portfolio
- Significant long-term growth potential through redevelopment and re-tenanting of properties
- Positions PREIT as a leading shopping mall REIT in the Mid-Atlantic
- o Value creation opportunities result from PREIT's operating strengths
 - Proven track record with middle market malls
 - Established franchise within retail community
 - Long-standing relationships with expanding mall retailers
 - Leasing team experienced with large format and value oriented retailers
- o Operating leverage with tenants and efficiencies associated with greater scale and market penetration
- o Demonstrated ability of PREIT personnel to integrate corporate acquisitions, including Strouse Greenberg (1992), Equity Retail (1996) and The Rubin Organization (1997)
- o Elevates the Company to next tier of major regional retail REITs
 - Combined company will have a total market capitalization of \$2.7 billion and a total equity capitalization of \$924 million, a 107% and 70% increase, respectively (1)
 - Improved access to capital and acquisition currency

 (1) Percentage change calculated pro forma for the completion of the Rouse Portfolio acquisition and the Multifamily Sale.

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Transaction Structure

- o PREIT will acquire Crown in a stock for stock transaction valued at \$1.3 billion
 - PREIT will exchange 11,512,780 common shares and 2,044,511 OP units for Crown's outstanding common shares and the assets owned by Crown's Operating Partnership, respectively

Total	Fixed Exchange Ratio	PREIT Currency Issued	PREIT Stock Pri
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Common Shares	32,077,961	0.3589x	11,512,780	\$
OP units (2)	9,956,398	0.2053x	2,044,511	\$
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Total/Wtd.Avg.	42,034,359	0.3225x	13,557,291	\$

- Fixed exchange ratio; no "collar" or other adjustment mechanism
 - o Crown common shareholders will receive 0.3589 PREIT common shares for each Crown common share owned
 - o Crown OP unitholders will receive 0.2053 PREIT OP units for each Crown OP unit owned
 - All Crown OP units are owned by affiliates of Mark Pasquerilla
 - Separate OP unit exchange ratio reflects the settlement of the Cash Flow Support Agreement and the sale of Oak Ridge Mall to an affiliate of Mark Pasquerilla
 - o Weighted Average Exchange Ratio of 0.3225x (3)
- PREIT will exchange 522,797 stock options having a weighted average exercise price of \$19.92 for Crown's outstanding stock options
- o PREIT will declare an increase in its annual dividend per share to \$2.16 from \$2.04 at the announcement of the transaction, effective upon the first quarterly distribution date following the closing of the transaction
- o PREIT's Board of Trustees will be increased by 2 Trustees
- o PREIT senior management will remain unchanged

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- (1) Based on PREIT's closing price of \$28.00 on 5/13/03.
 - (2) In connection with the transaction, the Cash Flow Support Agreement between Crown and Crown Investments Trust (CIT) will be completely terminated. As a result, CIT's percentage ownership in the Crown Operating Partnership will be reduced by an amount equivalent to 500,000 operating partnership units thus reducing CIT's ownership interest in the Operating Partnership to 15.1% from 16.2% while increasing Crown American Realty's percentage ownership interest in the Operating Partnership to 84.9% from 83.8%.
 - (3) Based upon the respective ownership interests of the common shareholders and OP unitholders.

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Transaction Pricing

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- o Overview of assets
 - 20 core assets acquired with 2002 average sales \$285 PSF
 - o Excludes one 50% owned joint venture property, Palmer Park Mall, which PREIT manages and owns the other 50% interest
 - 6 non-core assets acquired with 2002 average sales PSF of \$218; assets

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- intended to be repositioned and sold over the next 1 to 3 years
 - o 2 non-core assets (Oak Ridge Mall and Carlisle Plaza Mall) previously sold
 - Crown's headquarters building in Johnstown, PA not acquired
 - PREIT will receive 16 unimproved land parcels (92 acres) adjacent to three acquired assets
- o Cap rate(1)
 - 10.2% overall cap rate
 - 9.9% cap rate on core assets
 - 12.8% cap rate on 6 non-core assets

(1) Cap rate reflects property NOI forecast for 2003, including management revenue, but excluding straight-line rent. The purchase price used to calculate the cap rate excludes the mark-to-market premium on above-market-rate debt and preferred stock.

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Strategy Regarding 'Non-Core' Assets

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- o Structure & Business Plan
 - PREIT will pursue non-recourse mortgage financing for the 6 non-core assets
 - o Reviewing application from an institutional lender for non-recourse financing
 - o Total non-recourse financing required for non-core assets of approximately \$95 million
 - Certain assets will be placed in a Special Purpose Entity to facilitate their financing and ultimate disposition
 - PREIT will work to reposition and / or re-merchandise the 6 non-core assets
 - Anticipate liquidation of 6 non-core assets over 3 year period

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Summary Pro Forma Capitalization

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Summary of PREIT Pro Forma Capitalization

	PREIT Stand Alone (4)	Rouse Transaction (5)	Multifamily Sale (6)	PREIT Pro Forma Rouse and Multifamil
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Common Shares	16,754	--	--	16,75
OP Units	1,763	934	--	2,69
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Total Shares / Units (1)	18,517	934	--	19,45
Stock Price @ 5/13/03	\$28.00	\$29.29	--	\$28.0
Equity Market Capitalization	\$518,474	\$27,346	--	\$544,62
Preferred Stock	--	--	--	--
Debt: (2)				
Mark-to-Market Adjustment	--	\$17,809	--	\$17,80
Secured Debt	478,218	373,146	(199,330)	652,03
Bridge Loan (3)	--	196,760	(196,760)	--
Line of Credit	146,900	(42,000)	(17,610)	87,29
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Total Debt	\$625,118	\$545,715	(\$413,700)	\$757,13
Total Debt & Preferred Stock	\$625,118	\$545,715	(\$413,700)	\$757,13
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Total Market Capitalization	\$1,143,592	\$573,061	(\$413,700)	\$1,301,75
Debt / Total Market Cap.	54.7%			58.2
(Debt + Preferred) / Total Market Cap.	54.7%			58.2

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- (1) PREIT Shares / OP units outstanding as of 3/31/03; Crown Shares / OP units outstanding as of 4/30/03.
 - (2) Debt balances as of 3/31/03 and included pro rata share of joint venture debt.
 - (3) Bridge loan of \$196.8 million reflects total purchase price of \$555.3 million less \$277.1 million of assumed Rouse mortgage debt, \$54.0 million of new mortgage debt and \$27.3 million of OP units issued (assumes all 0.9 million OP units issued at closing of the Rouse Transaction).
 - (4) As of 3/31/03; prior to the closing of the Rouse Transaction.
 - (5) Includes Cherry Hill Mall exchange. Based on 6 assets at a purchase price of \$548.0 million plus transaction costs of \$7.3 million and the \$17.8 million write-up of the assumed above-market rate mortgage debt. Secured debt includes \$277.1 million of assumed mortgage debt and \$54.0 million of net financing proceeds on Moorestown Mall and Dartmouth Mall. Assumes all 0.9 million OP units issued at closing of the Rouse Transaction.
 - (6) Based on a \$420.0 purchase price less \$6.3 million in transaction costs. Assumes that the existing mortgage balance on the multifamily portfolio of \$199.3 million is either assumed by purchaser or repaid upon closing of disposition. Transaction conditioned upon receipt of consents and other items, matters and conditions.
 - (7) Includes pro rata share of JV debt.
Excludes Pasquerilla Plaza mortgage, \$49.3 million write-up of

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above-market-rate debt and \$66.5 million of transaction costs financed on the company's line of credit. Pro forma for the equivalent reduction of 4.3 million OP units in connection with the settlement by Crown of the transactions with its principal shareholder.

- (8) Reflects a common share exchange ratio of 0.3589x and an OP unit exchange ratio of 0.2053x to account for the reduced ownership interest of OP unitholders due to settlement of insider transactions. Debt balances are pro forma for the transaction adjustments.

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Summary of Accretion / (Dilution)

	Accretion / (Dilution)	
	2003(1)	
	FFO per Share	Leverage(2)
Base Case(3)	\$3.39 - \$3.51	58.2%
Pro Forma Crown Transaction(4) Accretion (mid-point) (5)	\$3.34 - \$3.46 -\$0.05 / -1.4%	65.5%

(1) Operating results assume the following closing dates for the respective transactions: 4 Rouse Assets (5/1/03); 2 Rouse Assets (6/1/03); Sale of Multifamily (7/1/03); Crown Transaction (10/1/03).

(2) Leverage is calculated as (Total Debt + Preferred) / (Total Market Capitalization).

(3) Pro forma for the completion of the Rouse Portfolio acquisition and the Multifamily Sale; includes the amortization of the debt premium on the assumed above-market-rate mortgage debt in the acquisition of the Rouse Portfolio effectively reducing interest expense.

(4) Includes the amortization of the debt premium on the assumed above-market-rate mortgage debt in the Crown Transaction effectively reducing interest expense.

(5) Accretion is based on PREIT base case FFO per share in the respective time period.

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Comparative Valuation

Valuation Statistics

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Current Price (5/13/03)	
Total Common Equity Value (\$ in thousands) (2)	\$
Total Market Capitalization (\$ in thousands) (2)	\$1,
Current Dividend / Dividend Yield	\$0.85 /
2002 FFO per Share / FFO Multiple	\$1.36 /
2003E FFO per Share / FFO Multiple(3)	\$1.46 /
2002E FFO per Share / FFO Multiple(3)	\$1.48 /
Debt / Total Market Capitalization(4) (5)	
(Debt + Preferred) / Total Market Capitalization(4) (5)	
Total Common Shares Outstanding(6)	32,0
Total Common Shares and Units Outstanding(5) (6)	37,7
Average Daily Volume(7)	1

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- (1) Pro forma the acquisition of the Rouse Portfolio and the sale of the Multifamily Portfolio.
 - (2) Includes both common shares and OP units outstanding. Crown's equity value based on 37.8 million common shares and OP units outstanding.
 - (3) Source: First Call as of 5/13/03.
 - (4) Debt balances include pro rata share of joint venture debt.
 - (5) PREIT's Total Market Capitalization and OP units outstanding include 0.9 million OP units issued in connection with the acquisition of the Rouse Portfolio (assumes all 0.9 million OP units issued at closing). Crown's OP units outstanding reflect CIT's reduced ownership interest in the Operating Partnership due to the elimination of the equivalent of 4.3 million OP units in connection with CIT's purchase of Oak Ridge Mall and the termination of the Cash Flow Support Agreement.
 - (6) Crown share and OP unit count as of 4/30/03. PREIT share and OP unit count as of 3/31/03.
 - (7) Trailing twelve month average as of 5/13/03. Source: Bloomberg.

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Crown American Portfolio

	20 Malls Retained Assets	6 Malls Non-Core Assets	26 Malls Total (1)
Total Square Footage	12.2 M	3.5 M	15.8 M
In-line Occupancy (2)	90.5%	72.6%	89.1%
In-line Sales Volume	\$285/sf	\$218/sf	\$274/sf

Note: Figures as of 12/31/02. Data excludes Palmer Park Mall asset owned in a joint venture with PREIT.

(1) Figures exclude Crown's weakest performing assets, Oak Ridge Mall and Carlisle Plaza Mall, due to sale.

(2) In-line occupancy includes temporary and seasonal tenants.

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Combined Retail Portfolio

	PREIT	Rouse Portfolio (1)	Crown (2)	Combined
Malls				
Owned & Managed	6.9 M sf	5.6 M sf	15.8 M sf	28.2 M sf
Third Party Mgmt. (3)	4.2 M sf	0.0 M sf	0.7 M sf	4.9 M sf
Subtotal	11.1 M sf	5.6 M sf	16.5 M sf	33.1 M sf
Power & Strip				
Owned & Managed	5.2 M sf	0 sf	0 sf	5.2 M sf
Third Party Mgmt.	0.5 M sf	0 sf	0 sf	0.5 M sf
Subtotal	5.7 M sf	0 sf	0 sf	5.7 M sf
Total	16.8 M sf	5.6 M sf	16.5 M sf	38.8 M sf
In-Line Occupancy (4)	93.0%	90.0%	89.1%	90.6%
Sales Volume (5)	\$358	\$328	\$274	\$303

(1) Reflects square footage of all 6 assets acquired, or to be acquired, by PREIT. Rouse information per PREIT's March 6, 2003 press release.

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- (2) Crown square footage excludes its interest in Palmer Park Mall (it is reflected in the PREIT numbers) and includes non-core assets.
- (3) Adjusted to reflect the termination of the Christiana Mall management agreement.
- (4) PREIT: In-line Weighted Average Occupancy (Entire Retail Portfolio excluding redevelopment properties) at 12/31/02; Crown: includes temporary and seasonal tenants at 12/31/02.
- (5) PREIT: Enclosed Malls Weighted Average Comparable Sales; Crown: Comparable Store In-line Sales -data as of 12/31/02.

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Significant Presence in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic

Combined Portfolio by Total Square Footage (1) (2)

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[Pie chart showing percentage of total square footage by state.]

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- (1) Data based on total square footage. Information for PREIT excludes properties under construction, as well as multifamily and industrial assets. Pro forma for the acquisition of all 6 Rouse assets.
 - (2) Crown and PREIT data as of the December 31, 2002 Form 10K. Rouse information per PREIT's March 6, 2003 press release.

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Significant Presence in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic

Pro Forma Retail Holdings (1)

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[Listing of each of the properties and corresponding square footage by state in the Mid-Atlantic region.]

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- * Denotes joint venture properties.
- (1) Pro forma for the acquisition of all 6 Rouse assets. Crown and PREIT data as of the December 31, 2002 Form 10K. Rouse information per PREIT's March 6, 2003 press release.
 - (2) Assets considered to be non-core assets.

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Combined Retail Portfolio

PREIT, Crown (1) and Rouse Top 20 Tenants

Tenant	Number of Stores	Total SF Occupied	Revenues	
			Amount	% of Tot
Gap Stores, Inc.	57	612,715	\$11,417,004	4.7
Limited Stores, Inc.	123	608,916	11,184,677	4.6
JCPenney	34	2,866,803	7,177,682	3.0
Sears Roebuck and Co.	32	3,931,627	6,196,146	2.6
Footlocker Inc.	67	342,612	5,343,351	2.2
Hallmark	45	155,057	4,141,541	1.7
Sterling Jewelers	43	56,850	3,519,476	1.5
Zales	73	49,297	3,489,451	1.4
Best Buy Corp	27	169,263	3,352,870	1.4
Boarders Group	35	154,044	3,349,209	1.4
Transworld Entertainment	38	191,705	3,301,336	1.4
Bon Ton	14	1,176,578	3,087,096	1.3
Kay Bee Toys	41	149,485	2,942,762	1.2
Boscov's	8	1,214,594	2,839,972	1.2
Shoe Show of Rocky Mtn.	35	183,100	2,655,250	1.1
American Eagle Outfitters	29	121,158	2,638,698	1.1
Dick's Sporting Goods	4	147,340	2,135,594	0.9
The Finish Line	21	107,229	1,993,678	0.8
Lenscrafters	32	66,407	1,990,569	0.8
Hermes & Muritz	3	64,385	1,516,451	0.6
Electronics Boutique	36	41,845	1,412,157	0.6
Circuit City	4	100,582	1,406,335	0.6
Bed, Bath & Beyond	5	112,116	1,393,058	0.6
Costco	2	289,447	1,300,588	0.5
Home Depot	1	136,633	1,250,000	0.5
Total	809	13,049,787	\$91,034,951	37.8

* Note: Data as of 12/31/02.

- (1) Excludes 50% ownership interest in Palmer Park Mall as 100% ownership interest is credited to PREIT.
- (2) Retail revenues equals minimum rent.

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Value Creation Opportunities in Crown American Portfolio

- o Capitalize on geographic presence to attract new mall tenants to expanded portfolio

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- o Utilize relationships with value-oriented tenants such as Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond and Michael's to increase occupancy and traffic
- o Introduce Boscov's and Target into Crown assets
- o Leverage premier assets and geographic strength to drive occupancy at underperforming properties
- o Implement enhanced buying economies program to take advantage of increased scale
- o Accelerate lease and sale program for outparcels
- o Utilize geographic concentration to enhance ancillary and seasonal revenue opportunities

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PREIT Portfolio - Value Creation Examples

	Dartmouth Mall		Prince Georges Plaza	
	Base Year (1)	2002	Base Year (1)	2002
Comp Sales (psf)	\$237	\$400	\$273	\$369
In-Line Occupancy	77.3%	87.8%	84.4%	93.5%
NOI	\$4.7M	\$7.4M	\$7.4M	\$8.8M
Investment	\$36.1M	\$49.7M	\$66.0M	\$76.8M
ROI	13.0%	14.9%	11.2%	11.5%

(1) Sales and occupancy data based on first full quarter of PREIT's ownership of the respective asset. NOI, Investment and ROI figures based on first twelve month period after PREIT's purchase of the respective asset.

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Integration Strategy

- o PREIT retained Generative Leadership Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to develop integration methodology

- o Establish integration structure to transition people and properties
- o Allocate acquired assets and personnel in new regional structure
- o Evaluate personnel from Crown
- o Determine leadership appointments from PREIT and Crown staff
- o Implement Workforce Integration Project Plan
 - Communicate vision and culture
 - Perform human resource due diligence including compensation and benefits strategy
 - Identify technology and business process issues
 - Establish process for determining best practices
 - Formulate interim and long term operating strategy

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Arrangement with Mark Pasquerilla

- o Nominated to join PREIT's Board of Trustees
 - Agreement to include in Board's slate of nominees for up to 8 years or longer subject to maintenance of 70% of his share ownership at closing
- o Mr. Pasquerilla will have the following ownership interests in PREIT
 - 1.1 million PREIT common shares
 - o 4.1% of PREIT common shares outstanding pro forma the transaction
 - 3.2 million PREIT common shares and OP units
 - o 9.7% of PREIT common shares and OP units outstanding pro forma the transaction(1)
- o Sale of stock received in the transaction
 - During the period from two weeks after the closing of the transaction until the nine month anniversary of the closing:
 - o Permitted to sell up to \$16 million less Oak Ridge net proceeds of sale, if any
 - o May resell shares in accordance with Rule 144 (e)(1) quarterly volume limitations
 - o Will be entitled to a one-time 'piggyback' right to participate in an underwritten public equity offering of primary shares initiated by PREIT
 - 90 day lock-up following completion of offering
 - After the nine month anniversary of the closing
 - o Subject to annual and quarterly volume limitations

(1) Reflects issuance of 0.9 million PREIT OP units in connection with the acquisition of the Rouse Portfolio (assumes all 0.9 million OP units issued at closing).

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Arrangement with Mark Pasquerilla

- o PREIT will purchase 16 undeveloped outparcels adjacent to acquired malls from Crown Investments Trust in exchange for Pasquerilla Plaza

- o Other
 - 8 year tax protection by PREIT on asset sales (does not apply to assets characterized as non-core assets)
 - 8 year non-compete agreement
 - 8 year minimum standstill provision
 - Indemnification of PREIT by entities affiliated with Mr. Pasquerilla, subject to a \$6 million, two year cap, against claims for related party transactions with Crown entered into since January 1, 2000
 - Participation right in net proceeds received by Mr. Pasquerilla upon resale of Oak Ridge (90%) and Pasquerilla Plaza (50%) prior to the 6th anniversary of merger

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Forward-Looking Statements

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