# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997

Commission file number 333-11491

SIMON DeBARTOLO GROUP, L.P. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	34-1755769
(State or other jurisdiction	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
115 West Washington Street Indianapolis, Indiana	46204
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 636-1600

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

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	September 30, 1997	1996
ASSETS:		
Investment properties, at cost Less _ accumulated depreciation	\$ 5,521,523 396,341 	\$ 5,301,021 279,072
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Acquisition of The Retail Property Trust (Note 4)	1,086,526	5,021,949  64,309
Cash and cash equivalents	50,879	64,309
Restricted cash	14,939 177,563	6,110
Tenant receivables and accrued revenue, net Notes and advances receivable from Management Company and		
affiliate	96,142	75,452
Investment in partnerships and joint ventures, at equity	620,624	394,409
Other investments	58,803	400 400
Deferred costs and other assets	156, 319	138,492
Minority interest	27,383	29,070
Total assets		
Total assets	\$ 7,414,360 =======	==========
LIABILITIES:		
Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$ 4,720,885	\$ 3,681,984
Accrued acquisition costs		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	212,429 186,939	170,203
Cash distributions and losses in partnerships and joint	•	•
ventures, at equity	19,730	17,106
Investment in Management Company and affiliates	2,971	8,567
Other liabilities	68,793	72,876
Total liabilities	5,211,747	3,950,736
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 12)		
PARTNERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred units, 15,000,000 and 12,000,000 units		
outstanding, respectively	439,090	292,912
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General Partner, 103,663,845 and 96,880,415 units		
outstanding, respectively	1,119,493	1,017,333
Limited Partner, 61,009,648 and 60,974,050 units		
outstanding, respectively	658,859	640,283
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Unamortized restricted stock award	(14,829)	(5,354)
Total partners! equity	2 202 612	1 0/5 17/
Total partners' equity	2,202,013	1,945,174
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 7,414,360 ======	\$ 5,895,910
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statem		

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1996	1997	
REVENUE:				
Minimum rent Overage rent	\$152,320 8,650	\$117,375 6,987	\$449,693 26,214	\$277,313 17,738
Tenant reimbursements	81,413	63,512	231,444	157,738
Other income	17,400	14,562	26,214 231,444 39,901	32,851
Total revenue	259,783	202,436	747,252	485,640
EXPENSES: Property operating	46,203	35,002	130,228	85,608
Depreciation and amortization	40,785	37,606		
Real estate taxes	23,816 11,107	19,676	73,166	48,040
Repairs and maintenance Advertising and promotion	11,107 8 396	10,005 5.542	28,653 20,296	22,546 14 439
Merger integration costs				7,236
Provision for (recovery of) credit losses	(135)	1 116	2,690	2 867
Other	4,639	3,538	12,818	9,152
Total operating expenses	134,811	119,721	396,119	278,801
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OPERATING INCOME	124,972	82,715	351,133	206,839
INTEREST EXPENSE	68,940	56,212	203,934	135,346
INCOME BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST		26,503		
MINORITY INTEREST GAINS ON SALES OF ASSETS, NET	(1,423)	(1,219) 88	(3,648) 20	(2,394) 88
INCOME BEFORE UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES	54,609			69,187
INCOME FROM UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES	7,077	3,467	9,590	7,452
INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS			153,161	
THOUSE BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY TYPING	01,000	20,000	133,101	70,000
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	27,215	(2,530)	2,501	(2,795)
NET INCOME			155,662	
GENERAL PARTNER PREFERRED UNIT REQUIREMENT	(9,101)	(2,224)	(21,914)	(6,286)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	\$ 79.800	\$ 24.085	\$133.748	\$ 67.558
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NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO UNITHOLDERS ATTRIBUTABLE TO:				
General Partner Limited Partners	\$ 49,332 30,468	\$ 14,784 9,301	\$ 82,516 51,232	\$ 41,350 26,208
		\$ 24,085		\$ 67,558
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EARNINGS PER COMMON UNIT:				
Income before extraordinary items	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.65
Extraordinary items				
Net income	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.63

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	September 30,	
	1997	1996
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided	\$ 155,662	\$ 73,844
by operating activities- Extraordinary items Equity in income of unconsolidated entities Gains on sales of assets, net Minority interest Depreciation and amortization Straight-line rent	(2,501) (9,590) (20) 3,648 133,527 (6,378)	2,795 (7,452) (88) 2,394 94,976 1,754
Changes in assets and liabilities- Tenant receivables and accrued revenue Deferred costs and other assets Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(1,341) (18,906) 8,151	9,034 (4,200) (29,767)
Net cash provided by operating activities	262,252	143,290
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Acquisitions Capital expenditures Cash from consolidation of joint venture	(736,600) (219,672)	(43,941) (112,419)
Increase in restricted cash Proceeds from sale of assets Investments in and advances to unconsolidated entities Distributions from unconsolidated entities Loan repayment from Management Company Other investing activities	(55,400)	399 (54,442) 45,403 38,553
Net cash used in investing activities		(59,711)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Partnership contributions Minority interest distributions Partnership distributions Mortgage and other indebtedness proceeds, net of transaction costs Mortgage and other indebtedness principal payments Other refinancing transaction	(259,895)	195,205 (3,810) (171,346) 272,945 (346,719)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	785,677	(53,725)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS  CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	(13,430) 64,309	29,854
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 50,879	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.		=========
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For the Nine Months Ended

# SIMON DeBARTOLO GROUP, L.P.

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

(Dollars in thousands)

#### Note 1 - Organization

Simon DeBartolo Group, L.P. ("SDG, LP") is a subsidiary partnership of Simon DeBartolo Group, Inc. (the "Company"), a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). Simon Property Group, L.P. ("SPG, LP") is a subsidiary partnership of SDG, LP and of the Company. SDG, LP and SPG, LP are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Operating Partnership." On August 9, 1996 (the "Merger Date"), the Company acquired, through merger (the "Merger") the national shopping center business of DeBartolo Realty Corporation ("DRC") (See Note 3). Prior to the Merger Date, references to the Operating Partnership refer to SPG, LP only. The Operating Partnership is engaged primarily in the ownership, operation, management, leasing, acquisition, expansion and development of real estate properties, primarily regional malls and community shopping centers. As of September 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership owned or held an interest in 200 income-producing properties, consisting of 124 regional malls, 66 community shopping centers, four specialty retail centers, five mixed-use properties and one value-oriented super-regional mall in 33 states (the "Properties"). The Operating Partnership also owns interests in five properties under construction, seven parcels of land held for future development and substantially all of the economic interest in M.S. Management Associates, Inc. (the "Management Company" - See Note 8).

# Note 2 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements are unaudited; however, they have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, they do not include all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring matters) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated condensed financial statements for these interim periods have been included. The results for the interim period ended September 30, 1997 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be obtained for the full fiscal year. These unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 1996 audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Simon DeBartolo Group, L.P. Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements of SDG, LP include all accounts of all entities owned or controlled by SDG, LP. All significant intercompany amounts have been eliminated. The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the SDG, LP's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Properties which are wholly-owned or owned less than 100% and are controlled by the Operating Partnership have been consolidated. The Operating Partnership's equity interests in certain partnerships and joint ventures which represent noncontrolling 14.7% to 50.0% ownership interests and the investment in the Management Company are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. These investments are recorded initially at cost and subsequently adjusted for net equity in income (loss) and cash contributions and distributions.

Net operating results of the Operating Partnership are allocated after preferred distributions, based on its partners' ownership interests. The Company's weighted average ownership interest in the Operating Partnership, after preferred units, for the three-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 61.8% and 61.3%, respectively. The Company's weighted average ownership interest in the Operating Partnership for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 61.6% and 61.2%, respectively. The Company owned 63.0% and 61.4% of the Operating

Partnership as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, respectively.

On August 9, 1996, the Company acquired the national shopping center business of DRC for an aggregate value of approximately \$3.0 billion. The acquired portfolio consisted of 49 regional malls, 11 community centers and 1 mixed-use Property. These Properties included 47,052,267 square feet of retail space gross leasable area ("GLA") and 558,636 square feet of office GLA. The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Of these Properties, 40 regional malls, 10 community centers and the mixed-use Property are being accounted for using the consolidated method of accounting. The remaining Properties are being accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

Pro Forma

The following unaudited pro forma summary financial information combines the consolidated results of operations of the Operating Partnership as if the Merger had occurred as of January 1, 1996, and was carried forward through September 30, 1996. Preparation of the pro forma summary information was based upon assumptions deemed appropriate by the Operating Partnership. The pro forma summary information is not necessarily indicative of the results which actually would have occurred if the Merger had been consummated at January 1, 1996, nor does it purport to represent the future financial position and results of operations for future periods.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 1996
Revenue	\$ 694,343
Net Income available to unitholders	107,383
Net income per Unit	\$ 0.68
Weighted average number of units outstanding	156,886,150

Note 4 - Acquisition of The Retail Property Trust

On September 29, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed its cash tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of beneficial interests of The Retail Property Trust, a private Massachusetts business trust ("RPT"). RPT owns 98.8% of Shopping Center Associates, a New York general partnership ("SCA"). SCA owns or has interests in twelve regional malls and one community center, comprising approximately twelve million square feet of GLA in eight states. The Operating Partnership is negotiating the purchase of the remaining 50% interests in two of these properties owned by a third party and to sell its 50% interests in two of the other properties to such third party. The Operating Partnership also intends to acquire the remaining 50% partnership interest in another of these properties. The Operating Partnership is also in the process of finalizing an agreement to acquire the remaining 1.2% interest in SCA from its current managing general partner. The total cost for the acquisition of RPT is estimated at \$1.2 billion, which includes approximately \$315,000 of SCA's debt and approximately \$154,000 of SCA's pro rata share of joint venture debt. The Operating Partnership funded this acquisition with aggregate borrowings of \$730,000 under the Credit Facility and a new \$500,000 unsecured revolving credit facility (see Note 10), which includes a \$185,000 draw on October 1, 1997.

The cost of the acquisition of RPT is temporarily included in the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements as an investment. Due to the close proximity of the acquisition to the end of the reporting period, the Operating Partnership is still gathering information necessary to allocate the purchase price to the fair value of the assets acquired. Management expects to finalize this allocation during the fourth quarter and to properly reflect the costs of acquiring RPT in the Operating Partnership's 1997 annual report on Form 10-K. Management believes the impact of not applying purchase accounting to the acquisition of RPT as of September 30, 1997 is immaterial to the financial statements as a whole.

Note 5 - Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized, during the nine

months ended September 30, 1997 was \$199,285, as compared to \$127,464 for the same period in 1996. All accrued distributions had been paid as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996. See Notes 4, 7 and 11 for information about non-cash transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 1997.

Per unit data is based on the weighted average number of units of ownership in the Operating Partnership ("Units") outstanding during the period. As used herein, the term Units does not include units of partnership interest entitled to preferential distribution of cash ("Preferred Units"). The weighted average number of Units used in the computation for the three months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 159,795,424 and 131,056,267, respectively. The weighted average number of Units used in the computation for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 158,752,289 and 107,607,202, respectively. Units of ownership in the Operating Partnership may be exchanged for shares of common stock of the Company on a one-for-one basis in certain circumstances. The outstanding stock options and the Preferred Units have not been included in the computations of per Unit data as they did not have a dilutive effect.

# Note 7 - Other Acquisitions and Development

#### West Town Mall

On July 10, 1997, the Operating Partnership acquired a 48% interest in West Town Mall in Knoxville, Tennessee for \$69,930 in cash and 35,598 Units valued at approximately \$1,100. This transaction, which increased the Operating Partnership's ownership of West Town Mall to 50%, was financed using a portion of the net proceeds, contributed by the Company in exchange for Units, from the sale of its Series C Preferred Stock described in Note 11. Effective July 10, 1997, the property is being accounted for using the equity method of accounting. It was previously accounted for using the cost method.

#### Dadeland Mall

On August 8, 1997, a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership acquired a 50% interest in a trust that owns Dadeland Mall, a 1.4 million square foot super-regional mall in Miami, Florida. Dadeland Mall is a dominant mall in its trade area with small shop sales of \$649 per square foot in 1996 and leased and committed occupancy of 94%. A portion of the \$128,000 purchase price was paid in the form of 658,707 shares of the Company's common stock, valued at approximately \$20,000. The remaining portion of the purchase price was financed using borrowings from the Credit Facility. This joint venture is being accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

# The Source

On September 5, 1997, the Operating Partnership opened The Source, a 730,000-square-foot value-oriented retail and entertainment development project in Westbury (Long Island), New York. This approximately \$150,000 joint venture project is 50%-owned by the Operating Partnership and is being accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

# Note 8 - Investment in Unconsolidated Entities

# Partnerships and Joint Ventures

Summary financial information of partnerships and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method of accounting, excluding the RPT acquisition (See Note 4), and a summary of the Operating Partnership's investment in and share of income from such partnerships and joint ventures follow:

BALANCE SHEETS		September 30 1997	1	L996
Assets: Investment properties at cost, Cash and cash equivalents Tenant receivables Other assets	net	\$ 2,343,78: 82,67: 72,97: 56,40	1 \$ 1 2 1 5	1,887,555 61,267 58,548 69,365
Total assets		\$ 2,555,82	 9 \$ 2 	2,076,735
Liabilities and Partners' Equity Mortgages and other indebtedne Accounts payable, accrued expe other liabilities	ess.	\$ 1,351,639 176,829	9 \$ 1 5	1,121,804 213,394
Total liabilities Partners' equity		1,528,46 1,027,36	4 1 5	1,335,198 741,537
Total liabilities and partners' equity		\$ 2,555,82		2,076,735 ======
The Operating Partnership's Shar Total assets	e of:			
Partners' equity Add: Excess Investment (See be	elow)	\$ 817,06 ====================================	9 \$ 5	144,376 232,927
Operating Partnership's net In in Joint Ventures		\$ 600,89	4 \$	
	months	ne three s ended nber 30,		s ended
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS		1996		1996
Revenue: Minimum rent Overage rent Tenant reimbursements Other income	\$62,613 2,319 27,913	\$37,295 2,057 18,487 2,903	\$168,817 5,633 77,491	\$91,334 3,746 46,000 9,061
Total revenue	98,229	60,742		
·	18,518		53,579	32,859
Total operating expenses  Operating Income		35,161  25,581		
Interest Expense Extraordinary Losses	21,577	14,555 	63,155 1,182	28,689
Net Income Third Party Investors' Share of Net Income		11,026 8,885		32,856
The Operating Partnership's Share of Net Income				
Amortization of Excess Investment (See below)	(2,823)		(8,792)	
Income from Unconsolidated Entities	\$3,681	\$2,141		\$5,275

As of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, the unamortized excess of the Operating Partnership's investment over its share of the equity in the underlying net assets of the partnerships and joint ventures ("Excess Investment") was \$310,675 and \$232,927, respectively. This Excess Investment, which resulted primarily from the Merger, is being amortized generally over the life of the related Properties. Amortization included in income from unconsolidated entities for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 was \$2,823 and \$8,792, respectively.

The net income or net loss for each partnership and joint venture is allocated in accordance with the provisions of the applicable partnership or joint venture agreement. The allocation provisions in these agreements are not always consistent with the ownership interest held by each general or limited partner or joint venturer, primarily due to partner preferences.

#### The Management Company

The Management Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, provides management, leasing, development, accounting, legal, marketing and management information systems services to 34 non-wholly owned Properties, Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc., and certain other nonowned properties. Certain subsidiaries of the Management Company provide architectural, design, construction, insurance and other services primarily to certain of the Properties. The Management Company also invests in other businesses to provide other synergistic services to the Properties. The Operating Partnership's share of consolidated net income of the Management Company, after intercompany profit eliminations, was \$3,396 and \$1,326 for the three-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively, and was \$4,532 and \$2,177 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

### Note 9 - Other Investment

On June 16, 1997, the Operating Partnership purchased 1,408,450 shares of common stock of Chelsea GCA Realty, Inc. ("Chelsea"), a publicly traded REIT, for \$50,000 using borrowings from the Operating Partnership's Credit Facility (See below). The shares purchased represent approximately 9.2% of Chelsea's outstanding common stock. In addition, the Operating Partnership and Chelsea announced that they have formed a strategic alliance to develop and acquire manufacturer's outlet shopping centers with 500,000 square feet or more of GLA in the United States. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115 "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities", the Operating Partnership's investment in Chelsea is being reflected at its market value of \$58,803, as of September 30, 1997, in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets in other investments. The unrealized gain of \$8,803 is reflected in partners' equity.

# Note 10 - Debt

On January 31, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a refinancing transaction involving debt on four wholly-owned Properties. The transaction consisted of the payoff of one loan totaling \$43,375, a restatement of the interest rate on the three remaining loans, the acquisition of the contingent interest feature on all four loans for \$21,000, and \$3,904 of principal reductions on two additional loans. This transaction, which was funded using the Credit Facility (See below), resulted in an extraordinary loss of \$23,247, including the write-off of deferred mortgage costs of \$2,247.

On April 14, 1997, the Operating Partnership obtained improvements to its \$750,000 unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), which has an initial maturity of September 1999, subject to an automatic one-year extension. The Credit Facility agreement was amended to reduce the interest rate from LIBOR plus 0.90% to LIBOR plus 0.75%. In addition, the Credit Facility's competitive bid feature, which has further reduced interest costs, was increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

On May 15, 1997, the Operating Partnership established a Medium-Term Note ("MTN") program. On June 24, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed the sale of \$100,000 of notes under the MTN program. The notes sold bear interest at 7.125% and have a stated maturity of June 24, 2005. The net proceeds of approximately \$99,000 from this sale were used primarily to pay down the Credit Facility.

Also on May 15, 1997, the Operating Partnership refinanced approximately \$140,000 in existing debt on The Forum Shops at Caesar's. The new debt consists of three classes of notes totaling \$180,000, with \$90,000 bearing interest at 7.125% and \$90,000 bearing interest at LIBOR plus 0.30%, all of which mature on May 15, 2004. Approximately \$40,000 of the borrowings were placed in escrow to pay for construction costs required in connection with the expansion of this project, which is scheduled to open on August 28, 1997. As of September 30, 1997, \$14,939 remains in escrow, which is reflected in restricted cash in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheet. This refinancing

resulted in an extraordinary loss of \$1,461.

On June 5, 1997, the Operating Partnership closed a \$115,000 construction loan for The Shops at Sunset Place. The loan initially bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.25% and matures on June 30, 2000, with two one-year extensions available, contingent upon certain conditions and subject to extension fees.

On June 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership closed an unsecured loan which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75% and matures on September 29, 1998. The proceeds were used to retire an existing \$55,000 mortgage on East Towne Mall, which bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.125%.

On July 17, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a \$250,000 public offering of two tranches of its seven-year and twelve-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities. The first tranche was for \$100,000, bears interest at 6 3/4%, and matures on July 15, 2004. The second tranche was for \$150,000, bears interest at 7%, and matures on July 15, 2009. The notes pay interest semi-annually, are guaranteed by SPG, LP, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") and unencumbered EBITDA ratios. The Operating Partnership used \$225,000 of the net proceeds to reduce the amount outstanding on the Credit Facility.

On September 2, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a refinancing of \$453,000 of commercial mortgage pass through certificates and a \$48,000 mortgage loan, resulting in releases of mortgages encumbering 18 of the Properties. The Operating Partnership funded this refinancing with the proceeds of a \$225,000 secured loan, which is secured by cross-collateralized mortgages encumbering seven of the Properties, and borrowings of \$294,000 under the Credit Facility, which were reduced with the proceeds from the sale of \$180,000 of notes issued on September 10, 1997, as described below. The Operating Partnership intends to refinance the \$225,000 secured loan. This refinancing resulted in a net extraordinary loss of \$3,462.

On September 4, 1997, the Operating Partnership transferred ownership of one Property and paid \$6,600 to its lender, fully satisfying the property's mortgage note payable of \$42,000. This property no longer met the Operating Partnership's criteria for its ongoing strategic plan. The Operating Partnership recognized an extraordinary gain on this transaction of approximately \$31,136 in the third guarter of 1997.

On September 10, 1997, the Operating Partnership issued \$180,000 principal amount of notes under its MTN program. These notes mature on September 20, 2007 and bear interest at 7.125% per annum. The Operating Partnership used the net proceeds of this offering to pay down the borrowings made under the Credit Facility in connection with the September 2, 1997 refinancing described above.

On September 17, 1997, the Operating Partnership retired a \$63,000 mortgage loan secured by Lincolnwood Towne Center with a new unsecured loan, which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75% and has an initial maturity of January 31, 1998. The retired \$63,000 mortgage bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.25%, and had an initial maturity of January 31, 1998.

On September 26, 1997, the Operating Partnership obtained an additional unsecured revolving credit facility in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the cost of acquiring RPT. This new credit facility has terms similar to the existing Credit Facility, including an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.75% and an initial maturity of September 1999, with an automatic one-year extension.

At September 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership had consolidated debt of \$4,720,885, of which \$3,194,731 was fixed-rate debt and \$1,526,154 was variable-rate debt. The Operating Partnership's pro rata share of indebtedness of the unconsolidated joint venture Properties as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996 was \$681,671 and \$448,218, respectively. The Operating Partnership's pro rata share of the September 30, 1997 joint-venture indebtedness includes \$154,250 of SCA's pro rata share of its joint venture debt. As of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, the Operating Partnership had interest-rate protection agreements related to \$523,348 and \$524,561 of its pro rata share of indebtedness, respectively. The agreements are generally in effect until the related variable-rate debt matures. As a result of the various interest rate protection agreements, interest savings were \$285 and \$654 for the three months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively, and \$1,371 and \$1,935 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

# Note 11 - Partners' Equity

The following table summarizes the change in the Operating Partnership's partners' equity since December 31, 1996.

	Preferred	General	Unamortize Limited	d Total Restricted	Partners'
			Partner	Stock Award	
Balance at December 31, 1996	\$292,912	\$1,017,333	\$640,283	\$(5,354)	\$1,945,174
Units issued in connection with stock incentive program (458,884 Units)		14,339		(14,339)	
Series C Preferred Units (3,000,000 Units)	146,178				146,178
Other Units issuances (6,360,144 Units)		200,726	1,101		201,827
Amortization of stock incentive				4,864	4,864
Unrealized gain on investment		5,542	3,261		8,803
Adjustment to allocate net equity of the Operating					
Partnership		(54,614)	54,614		
Net income	21,914	82,516	51,232		155,662
Distributions	(21,914)	(146,349)	(91,632)		(259,895)
Balance at September 30, 1997	•	\$1,119,493 =======	. ,	\$(14,829) =======	\$2,202,613 =======

# Stock Incentive Programs

Under the terms of the Company's Stock Incentive Programs (the "Plans"), eligible executives receive restricted stock, subject to performance standards, vesting requirements and other terms of the Plans. On March 26, 1997, the compensation committee of the board of directors of the Company approved the issuance of 458,884 shares, as adjusted, under the Plans. As of September 30, 1997, there were a total of 802,225 shares issued under the Plans, with 440,535 shares remaining available for issuance, subject to applicable performance standards and other terms of the Plans. The value of shares issued under the Plans is being amortized pro-rata over their respective vesting periods, generally four years. Approximately \$4,110 and \$1,563 have been amortized for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

# Series C Preferred Shares

On July 9, 1997 the Company sold 3,000,000 shares of 7.89% Series C Cumulative Step-Up Premium RateSM Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Shares") in a public offering at \$50.00 per share. Beginning October 1, 2012, the rate increases to 9.89% per annum. The Series C Preferred Shares are not redeemable prior to September 30, 2007. Beginning September 30, 2007, the Series C Preferred Shares may be redeemed at the option of the Company in whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$50.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid distributions, if any, thereon. The redemption price of the Series C Preferred Shares may only be paid from the sale proceeds of other capital stock of the Company, which may include other classes or series of preferred stock. Additionally, the Series C Preferred Shares have no stated maturity and are not subject to any mandatory redemption provisions, nor are they convertible into any other securities of the Company. The Company contributed the net proceeds of this offering of approximately \$146,000 to the Operating Partnership in exchange for preferred units, the economic terms of which are substantially identical to the Series C Preferred Shares. The Operating Partnership used the proceeds to increase its ownership interest in West Town Mall (See Note 7), to pay down the Credit Facility and for general working capital purposes.

On September 16, 1997, the Company issued 747,000 shares of its Common Stock in a public offering. The Company contributed the net proceeds of approximately \$23,685 to the Operating Partnership in exchange for an equal number of Units. The Operating Partnership combined the net proceeds with approximately \$4,200 of working capital to retire an existing mortgage on O'Hare International Center.

On September 19, 1997, the Company issued 4,500,000 shares of its Common Stock in a public offering. The Company contributed the net proceeds of approximately \$146,790 to the Operating Partnership in exchange for an equal number of Units. The Operating Partnership used the net proceeds to retire a portion of the outstanding balance on the Credit Facility.

# Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies

# Litigation

Carlo Angostinelli et al. v. DeBartolo Realty Corp. et al. On October 16, 1996, a complaint was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Mahoning County, Ohio, captioned Carlo Angostinelli et al. v. DeBartolo Realty Corp. et al. The named defendants are SD Property Group, Inc., a 99%-owned subsidiary of the Company, and DeBartolo Properties Management, Inc., and the plaintiffs are 27 former employees of the defendants. In the complaint, the plaintiffs allege that they were recipients of deferred stock grants under the DRC stock incentive plan (the "DRC Plan") and that these grants immediately vested under the DRC Plan's "change in control" provision as a result of the Merger. Plaintiffs assert that the defendants' refusal to issue them approximately 661,000 shares of DRC common stock, which is equivalent to approximately 450,000 shares of common stock of the Company computed at the 0.68 Exchange Ratio used in the Merger, constitutes a breach of contract and a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing under Ohio law. Plaintiffs seek damages equal to such number of shares of DRC common stock, or cash in lieu thereof, equal to all deferred stock ever granted to them under the DRC Plan, dividends on such stock from the time of the grants, compensatory damages for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and punitive damages. The complaint was served on the defendants on October 28, 1996. The plaintiffs and the Company each filed motions for summary judgment. On October 31, 1997, the Court entered a judgment in favor of the Company granting the Company's motion for summary judgment. The plaintiffs may appeal this judgment. While it is difficult to predict the ultimate outcome of this action, based on the information known to date, management does not expect this action will have a material adverse effect on the Operating Partnership.

Roel Vento et al v. Tom Taylor et al. An affiliate of the Operating Partnership is a defendant in litigation entitled Roel Vento et al v. Tom Taylor et al, in the District Court of Cameron County, Texas, in which a judgment in the amount of \$7,800 has been entered against all defendants. This judgment includes approximately \$6,500 of punitive damages and is based upon a jury's findings on four separate theories of liability including fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress, tortuous interference with contract and civil conspiracy arising out of the sale of a business operating under a temporary license agreement at Valle Vista Mall in Harlingen, Texas. The Operating Partnership is seeking to overturn the award and has appealed the verdict. The Operating Partnership's appeal is pending. Although the Operating Partnership is optimistic that it may be able to reverse or reduce the verdict, there can be no assurance thereof. Management, based upon the advice of counsel, believes that the ultimate outcome of this action will not have a material adverse effect on the Operating Partnership.

The Operating Partnership currently is not subject to any other material litigation other than routine litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. On the basis of consultation with counsel, management believes that these items will not have a material adverse impact on the Operating Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

# Note 13 - Subsequent Events

On October 15, 1997, the SEC declared effective a registration statement filed by the Operating Partnership, which provides for the offering, from time to time, of up to \$1,000,000 aggregate public offering price of unsecured debt securities of the Operating

Partnership. The net proceeds of such offerings may be used to fund property acquisition or development activity, retire existing debt or for any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Operating Partnership. Securities issued under this registration statement are guaranteed by SPG, LP.

On October 22, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a \$150,000 public offering of eight-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities. The notes bear interest at 6 7/8%, and mature on October 27, 2005. The notes pay interest semi-annually, are guaranteed by SPG, LP, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, EBITDA and unencumbered EBITDA ratios. The Operating Partnership used \$114,750 of the net proceeds of approximately \$147,000, along with an escrow refund of

approximately \$4,000 to retire existing mortgages on Miller Hill Mall, Muncie Mall, and Towne West Square, with the remaining proceeds used to reduce the amount outstanding on the Credit Facility.

On November 4, 1997, the Company announced the formation of a strategic partnership with DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, L.P., ("DLJ") to acquire and develop entertainment-oriented real estate properties, such as theaters and restaurants. Each entity expects to contribute equity capital to the partnership.

	September 30, 1997	December 31, 1996
ASSETS:		
Investment properties, at cost Less _ accumulated depreciation	\$ 2,561,205 295,994	238,167
Cash and cash equivalents	2,265,211	2,229,612 50,009
Restricted cash Tenant receivables and accrued revenue, net Notes and advances receivable from Management	14,939	
Company Investment in partnerships and joint ventures,	84,668 153,522	139,711
at equity Deferred costs and other assets	154,491	
Minority interest Advances to Simon DeBartolo Group, L.P.	10,093 53,644	
Total assets		\$ 2,769,683
LIABILITIES: Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$ 2,527,807	
Advances from Simon DeBartolo Group, L.P. Accounts payable and accrued expenses Cash distributions and losses in partnerships	124,977	259,382 123,527
and joint ventures, at equity Investment in Management Company and	19,519	17,106
affiliates	12,923	
Minority interest held by affiliates Other liabilities	70,110 35,616	
Other flabilities	35,616	
Total liabilities		2,515,055
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)		
PARTNERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred units, 4,000,000 units authorized, issued and outstanding	99,923	99,923
General Partner, 958,429 units outstanding	(32)	1,601
Special Limited Partner, 95,356,834 units outstanding	(3,123)	158,458
Unamortized restricted stock award	(3,791)	(5,354)
Total partners' equity	92,977	254,628
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 2,907,740 =======	\$ 2,759,183 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	For the Th	ree Months ember 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	1997	1996	1997		
REVENUE: Minimum rent Overage rent Tenant reimbursements Other income	\$90,147 4,637 52,436 7,625	\$83,109 5,169 49,368 8,750	\$264,157 15,997 154,574 21,500	15,920 143,594 27,039	
Total revenue	154,845	146,396			
EXPENSES: Property operating Depreciation and amortization Real estate taxes Repairs and maintenance Advertising and promotion Provision for credit losses Other	82	26,606 14,662 5,724 4,367 845 2,785	2,274	77,913 43,026 18,265 13,264 2,596 8,399	
Total operating expenses		83,395			
OPERATING INCOME	66,513	63,001	202,881	187,125	
INTEREST EXPENSE	44,657	41,236	130,531		
INCOME BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST			72,350		
MINORITY INTEREST GAIN ON SALE OF ASSETS, NET	(5,436) 	(709) 88	(11,829) 20	(1,884) 088	
INCOME BEFORE UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES	16,420	21,144	60,541	64,959	
INCOME FROM UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES	5,451	1,284	8,612	5,270	
INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	21,871	22,428	69,153	70,229	
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	(459)	(2,530)	(25,173)	(2,795)	
NET INCOME	21,412	19,898	43,980	67,434	
PREFERRED UNIT REQUIREMENT	(2,031)	(2,032)	(6,094)		
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		\$17,866 ======			
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO UNITHOLDERS ATTRIBUTABLE TO: General Partner Limited Partners		\$4,559 13,307	\$379 37,507	<b>\$</b> 31 125	
EARNINGS PER UNIT: Income before extraordinary	\$19,381 =======	=======	=======	=======	
items Extraordinary items	(0.00)	\$0.23 (0.02)	(0.26)	(0.03)	
Net income	\$0.20			\$0.70	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	Ended Sept	tember 30,
	1997	1996
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income	\$43,980	\$67,434
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities_		
Depreciation and amortization	87,378	83,976
Loss on extinguishments of debt		2,795
Gain on sale of assets, net	(20)	(88)
Straight-line rent	(1,311)	534
Minority interest	11,829	1,884 (5,270)
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities Changes in assets and liabilities_		
Tenant receivables and accrued revenue	12,710	4,954
Deferred costs and other assets	(27,978)	(4,381)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	(070)	(5.407)
liabilities	(972)	(5,197)
Net cash provided by operating activities	142,177	146,641
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition		
Capital expenditures	(145, 726)	(95,741)
Cash from consolidation of joint venture Increase in restricted cash	(14,939)	1,695
Proceeds from sale of assets	(14,939) 599	
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated	333	333
entities	(45,879)	(51,907)
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	16,177	34,493
Loan repayment from Management Company	,	34, 493 38, 553
Other investing activity	(5,400)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(195,168)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Minority interest distributions, net	(20,066)	(3,610)
Partnership distributions	(150,807)	(161,644)
Mortgage and other indebtedness proceeds, net of transaction costs	94E 267	77 150
Mortgage and other indebtedness principal	045,201	77,153
payments	(323 455)	266 048
Advances to affiliate, net	(313,026)	266,048 (226,225)
Other refinancing transaction	(21,000)	
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Net cash provided by (used in) financing		
activities	16,913	(48,278)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(36,078)	(18,086)
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	50 000	62,721
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$13,931 ======	\$44,635 ======
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the		

For the Nine Months

#### SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, L.P.

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

(Dollars in thousands)

# Note 1 - Organization

Simon DeBartolo Group, L.P. ("SDG, LP") is a subsidiary partnership of Simon DeBartolo Group, Inc. (the "Company"), a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). Simon Property Group, L.P. ("SPG, LP" or the "Simon Operating Partnership") is a subsidiary partnership of SDG, LP and of the Company. On August 9, 1996 (the "Merger Date"), the Company acquired, through merger (the "Merger") the national shopping center business of DeBartolo Realty Corporation ("DRC") (See Note 4). The Simon Operating Partnership, is engaged primarily in the ownership, operation, management, leasing, acquisition, expansion and development of real estate properties, primarily regional malls and community shopping centers. As of September 30, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership owned or held an interest in 122 income-producing properties, consisting of 62 regional malls, 53 community shopping centers, three specialty retail centers, three mixed-use properties and one value-oriented super-regional mall in 30 states (the "Properties"). The Simon Operating Partnership also holds substantially all of the economic interest in M.S. Management Associates, Inc. (the "Management Company") - (See Note 7.)

#### Note 2 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements are unaudited; however, they have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring matters) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated condensed financial statements for these interim periods have been included. The results for the interim period ended September 30, 1997 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be obtained for the full fiscal year. These unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 1996 audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Simon Property Group, L.P. Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements of the Simon Operating Partnership include all accounts of the entities owned or controlled by the Simon Operating Partnership. All significant intercompany amounts have been eliminated. The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the Simon Operating Partnership's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Properties which are wholly-owned or owned less than 100% and are controlled by the Simon Operating Partnership have been consolidated. The Simon Operating Partnership's equity interests in certain partnerships and joint ventures which represent noncontrolling 14.7% to 50.0% ownership interests and the investment in the Management Company are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. These investments are recorded initially at cost and subsequently adjusted for net equity in income (loss) and cash contributions and distributions.

Net operating results of the Simon Operating Partnership are allocated after preferred distributions, based on its partners' remaining ownership interests. The Company's remaining weighted average ownership interest in the Simon Operating Partnership for the three-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 60.8% and 61.1%, respectively. The Company's remaining weighted average ownership interest in the Simon Operating Partnership for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 60.8% and 61.1%, respectively. The Company indirectly owned 60.8% of the Simon Operating Partnership as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996.

# Note 3 - Reclassifications

On August 9, 1996, the Company acquired the national shopping center business of DRC for an aggregate value of \$3.0 billion. The acquired portfolio consisted of 49 regional malls, 11 community centers and 1 mixed-use Property. These Properties included 47,052,267 square feet of retail gross leasable area ("GLA") and 558,636 of office GLA. The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Of these Properties, 40 regional malls, 10 community centers and the mixed-use Property are being accounted for using the consolidated method of accounting. The remaining Properties are being accounted for using the equity method of accounting. As a result of the merger, the Simon Operating Partnership became a subsidiary of SDG, LP with 99% of the profits allocable to SDG, LP and 1% of the profits allocable to the Company. Cash flow allocable to the Company's 1% profit interest in SPG, LP is absorbed by public company costs and related expenses incurred by the Company.

It is currently expected that subsequent to the first anniversary of the date of the Merger, reorganizational transactions will be effected so that SDG, LP will directly own all of the assets and partnership interests now owned by the Simon Operating Partnership. In connection therewith, the Simon Operating Partnership transferred partnership interests in certain properties ranging from 1.0% to 49.5% in the form of a distribution to the partners of the Simon Operating Partnership, SDG, LP and the Company. The distribution of the partnership interests in the certain properties has been reflected for financial reporting purposes as of January 1, 1997. The distribution was determined based on the historical cost value of the partnership interests transferred, which aggregated \$65,603. The interest in the properties now held directly by SDG, LP and the Company was \$70,110 as of September 30, 1997, and is reflected as minority interest held by affiliates in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets. Earnings related to these minority interests held by SDG, LP and the Company for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 were \$4,894 and \$10,254, respectively.

In September 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership distributed its interest in a wholly-owned Property to its partners, SDG,LP and the Company. The non-cash distribution was determined based upon the historical cost of the interst in the Property distributed.

# Note 5 - Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized, during the nine months ended September 30, 1997 was \$117,456, as compared to \$114,811 for the same period in 1996. All accrued distributions had been paid as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996.

### Note 6 - Per Unit Data

Per unit data is based on the weighted average number of units of partnership interest in the Simon Operating Partnership ("Units") outstanding during the period. As used herein, the term Units does not include units of partnership interest entitled to preferential distribution of cash ("Preferred Units"). The weighted average number of units used in the computation for the three months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 96,315,263 and 95,842,853, respectively. The weighted average number of Units used in the computation for the nine months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 was 96,315,263 and 95,783,720, respectively. Additionally, Preferred Units may be converted into common stock of the Company. The outstanding stock options and Preferred Units have not been included in the computations of per Unit data as they did not have a dilutive effect.

# Note 7 - Investment in Unconsolidated Entities

# Partnerships and Joint Ventures

Summary financial information of partnerships and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method of accounting and a summary of the Simon Operating Partnership's investment in and share of income from such partnerships and joint ventures follow:

September 30,

BALANCE SHEETS		otember 30, 1997	1996			
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Assets: Investment properties at cost, r Cash and cash equivalents	net	\$1,501,674 51,965	28,600 41,270			
Tenant receivables		46,285	3	37,067		
Other assets		38,818	5	54,981		
Total assets	\$1,638,742 =======	\$1,461,918				
Liabilities and Partners' Equity: Mortgages and other indebtedness Accounts payable, accrued expens		\$771,558	\$569,433			
other liabilities		105,207 161,552				
Total liabilities		070 705				
Total liabilities		876,765				
Partners' equity		761,977				
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partners' equity		\$1,638,742 =======		61,918 =====		
The Simon Operating Partnership's of:	Share	=======				
Total assets		\$ 408,421	\$ 34	10 449		
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Investment in partnerships and j	ioint					
ventures, at equity	JOHNE	\$153,522	\$13	39,711		
Cash distributions and losses in	1	Ψ100,022	Ψ±0	55,711		
partnerships and joint ventures, a						
equity		(10 510)	(17	7 106)		
equity		(19,519)				
Partners' equity		\$ 134,003 \$ 122,605				
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The net income or net loss for each partnership and joint venture is allocated in accordance with the provisions of the applicable partnership or joint venture agreement. The allocation provisions in these agreements are not always consistent with the ownership interest held by each general or limited partner or joint venturer, primarily due to partner preferences.

#### The Management Company

The Management Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, provides management, leasing, development, accounting, legal, marketing and management information systems services to 33 non-wholly owned Properties, Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc., and certain other nonowned properties. Certain subsidiaries of the Management Company provide architectural, design, construction, insurance and other services primarily to certain of the Properties. The Management Company also invests in other businesses to provide other synergistic services to the Properties. The Simon Operating Partnership's share of consolidated net income of the Management Company, after intercompany profit eliminations, was \$3,396 and \$1,326 for the three-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively, and was \$4,532 and \$2,177 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

#### Note 8 - Debt

On January 31, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership completed a refinancing transaction involving debt on four consolidated Properties. The transaction consisted of the payoff of one loan totaling \$43,375, a restatement of the interest rate on the three remaining loans, the financing transaction which included the acquisition of the contingent interest feature on all four loans for \$21,000, and \$3,904 of principal reductions on two additional loans. This transaction, which was funded using the Credit Facility (as defined below), resulted in an extraordinary loss of \$23,247, including the write-off of deferred mortgage costs of \$2,247.

On April 14, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership, as co-borrower with SDG, LP, obtained improvements to its unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility agreement was amended to reduce the interest rate from LIBOR plus 0.90% to LIBOR plus 0.75%. In addition, the Credit Facility's competitive bid feature, which can further reduce interest costs, was increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

On May 15, 1997, SDG, LP established a Medium-Term Note ("MTN") program. On June 24, 1997, SDG, LP completed the sale of \$100,000 of notes under the MTN program. The notes sold bear interest at 7.125% and have a stated maturity of June 24, 2005. The net proceeds of approximately \$99,000 from this sale were used primarily to pay down the Credit Facility. These notes are guaranteed by the Simon Operating Partnership.

Also on May 15, 1997, approximately \$140,000 in existing debt on The Forum Shops at Caesar's was refinanced. The new debt consists of three classes of notes totaling \$180,000, with \$90,000 bearing interest at 7.125% and \$90,000 bearing interest at LIBOR plus 0.30%, all of which mature on May 15, 2004. Approximately \$40,000 of the borrowings were placed in escrow to pay for construction costs required in connection with the expansion of this project, which is scheduled to open on August 28, 1997. As of September 30, 1997, \$14,939 remains in escrow, which is reflected in restricted cash in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheet.

On June 30, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership, as co-borrower with SDG, LP, closed an \$70,000 unsecured loan which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75% and matures on September 29, 1998. The proceeds were used by SPG, LP to retire an existing \$55,000 mortgage on East Towne Mall, which bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.125%, and to fund an expansion of that mall.

On July 17, 1997, SDG, LP completed a \$250,000 public offering of two tranches of its seven-year and twelve-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities (the "Notes"). The first tranche was for \$100,000 at 6 3/4% with a maturity of July 15, 2004. The second tranche was for \$150,000 at 7% with a maturity of July 15, 2009. The Notes, which are guaranteed by SPG, LP, pay interest semi-annually, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, EBITDA and unencumbered EBITDA ratios. SDG, LP used \$225,000 of the net proceeds to reduce the amount outstanding on the Credit Facility.

On September 10, 1997, SDG, LP issued \$180,000 principal amount of notes under its MTN program. These notes mature on September 20, 2007 and bear interest at 7.125% per annum. SDG, LP used the net proceeds of this offering to pay down borrowings made under the Credit Facility. These notes are guaranteed by the Simon Operating Partnership.

On September 17, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership, as coborrower with SDG, LP, closed on a new unsecured loan, which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75% and has an initial maturity of January 31, 1998. The proceeds were used to retire a \$63,000 mortgage loan secured by Lincolnwood Towne Center, which bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.25%, and had an initial maturity of January 31, 1998.

On September 26, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership, as coborrower with SDG, LP obtained an additional unsecured revolving credit facility in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of funding an acquisition by SDG, LP. As of September 30, 1997, a total of \$525,000 had been borrowed on this new credit facility and the original Credit Facility related to this acquisition. This new credit facility has terms similar to the existing Credit Facility, including an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.75% and an initial maturity of September 1999, with an automatic one-year extension.

At September 30, 1997, the Simon Operating Partnership had consolidated debt of \$2,527,807 of which \$1,290,979 was fixed-rate debt and \$1,236,828 was variable-rate debt. As of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, the Simon Operating Partnership had interest-rate protection agreements related to \$294,848 and \$306,879 principal amount of debt, respectively. The agreements are generally in effect until the related variable-rate debt matures. As a result of the various interest rate protection agreements, interest savings were \$285 and \$415 for the three months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively, and \$591 and \$1,227 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively. The Simon Operating Partnership's pro rata share of indebtedness of the unconsolidated joint venture Properties as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996 was \$262,448 and \$193,310, respectively.

Net advances due from SDG, LP of \$53,644 result primarily from amounts borrowed on the Credit Facility advanced to SDG, LP primarily to fund acquisition and development activity, partially offset by debt and equity instruments issued by SDG, LP for which a portion of the proceeds were advanced to the Simon Operating Partnership to retire mortgages and other indebtedness and amounts under the Credit Facility. The Simon Operating Partnership has recognized interest benefits and costs based on the terms of the Credit Facility and respective instruments issued by SDG, LP.

#### Note 9 - Partners' Equity

The following table summarizes the change in the Simon Operating Partnership's partners' equity since December 31, 1996.

	Preferred Units				Special Limited Partner		Unamortized Restricted Stock Award		Total Partners' Equity	
Balance at December 31, 1996	\$	99,923	\$	1,601	\$	158,458	\$	(5,354)	\$	254,628
Amortization of stock incentive								1,563		1,563
Adjustment to allocate net equity of the Simon Operating Partnership				(8)		8				
Net income		6,094		379						42 000
Net Income		0,094		3/9		37,507				43,980
Distributions		(6,094)	(2,004)		(199,096)				(207,194)	
Balance at September 30, 1997	\$	99,923	\$ ==	(32)	\$	(3,123)	\$	(3,791)	\$	92,977

Note 10 - Commitments and Contingencies

# Litigation

Roel Vento et al v. Tom Taylor et al. An affiliate of the Simon Operating Partnership is a defendant in litigation entitled Roel Vento et al v. Tom Taylor et al, in the District Court of Cameron County, Texas, in which a judgment in the amount of \$7,800 has been entered against all defendants. This judgment includes approximately \$6,500 of punitive damages and is based upon a jury's findings on four separate theories of liability including fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress, tortuous interference with contract and civil conspiracy arising out of the sale of a business operating under a temporary license agreement at Valle Vista Mall in Harlingen, Texas. The Simon Operating Partnership is seeking to overturn the award and has appealed the verdict. Although the Simon Operating Partnership is optimistic that it may be able to reverse or reduce the verdict, there can be no assurance thereof. Management, based upon the advice of counsel, believes that the ultimate outcome of this action will not have a material adverse effect on the Company or the Simon Operating Partnership.

The Company or the Simon Operating Partnership currently are not subject to any other material litigation other than routine litigation

and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. On the basis of consultation with counsel, management believes that these items will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's or the Simon Operating Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

# Note 11 - Significant Subsequent Events

On October 15, 1997, the SEC declared effective SDG, LP's \$1,000,000 debt shelf registration, which provides for the offering, from time to time, of up to \$1,000,000 aggregate public offering price of unsecured debt securities of SDG, LP. The net proceeds of such offerings may be used to fund property acquisition or development activity, retire existing debt or for any other purpose deemed appropriate by SDG, LP. Securities issued under this registration are guaranteed by the Simon Operating Partnership.

On October 22, 1997, SDG, LP completed a \$150,000 public offering of eight-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities. The notes bear interest at 6 7/8%, and mature on October 27, 2005. The notes pay interest semi-annually, are guaranteed by the Simon Operating Partnership, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, EBITDA and unencumbered EBITDA ratios. SDG, LP used \$114,750 of the net proceeds of approximately \$147,000, along with an escrow refund of approximately \$4,000 to retire existing mortgages on Miller Hill Mall, Muncie Mall, and Towne West Square, with the remaining proceeds used to reduce the amount outstanding on the Credit Facility.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of  $\,$  Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Certain statements made in this report may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Operating Partnership to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions, which will, among other things, affect demand for retail space or retail goods, availability and creditworthiness of prospective tenants, lease rents and the terms and availability of financing; changes in the real estate and retailing markets including, among other things, competition with other companies and technology; risks of real estate development and acquisition; governmental actions and initiatives; and environmental/safety requirements.

#### **Overview**

The financial results reported subsequent to August 9, 1996 reflect the Merger of the Company and DRC, in accordance with the purchase method of accounting utilized to record the transaction, valued at approximately \$3.0 billion. The Merger resulted in the addition of 49 regional malls, 11 community centers and 1 mixed-use Property. These Properties included 47,052,267 square feet of retail space GLA and 558,636 of office GLA. Of these Properties, 40 regional malls, 10 community centers and the mixed-use Property are being accounted for using the consolidated method of accounting. The remaining Properties are being accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

On September 29, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed its cash tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of beneficial interests of The Retail Property Trust, a Massachusetts business trust ("RPT"). RPT owns 98.8% of Shopping Center Associates, a New York general partnership ("SCA"). SCA owns or has interests in twelve regional malls and one community center, comprising approximately 12.0 million square feet of GLA in eight states. The Operating Partnership is in negotiations to purchase the interests in two SCA properties owned by a third party and sell its interests in two other SCA properties to such third party. The Operating Partnership is finalizing an agreement to acquire the remaining 1.2% interest in SCA from its current managing general partner. As this acquisition occurred at the end of the third quarter of 1997, it has not had a significant impact on the Operating Partnership's Statements of Operations in the comparative periods. However, presently seven of the SCA properties are being accounted for using the consolidated method of accounting, which will have a significant impact in future periods. The total cost for the acquisition of RPT is estimated at \$1.2 billion, which includes approximately \$315 million of SCA's debt and approximately \$154 million of SCA's pro rata share of joint venture debt.

In addition, the following Property opening and ownership acquisitions (the "Property Transactions"), collectively, had a significant impact on the Operating Partnership's Statements of Operations in the comparative periods. On April 11, 1996, the Operating Partnership acquired the remaining 50% economic ownership interest in Ross Park Mall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and subsequently began accounting for the Property using the consolidated method of accounting. On July 31, 1996, the Operating Partnership opened Cottonwood Mall in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Operating Partnership owns 100% of this regional mall and accounts for it using the consolidated method of accounting. On October 4, 1996, the Operating Partnership acquired the remaining interest in North East Mall and subsequently began accounting for the Property using the consolidated method of accounting.

## Results of Operations

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 1997 vs. the Three Months Ended September 30, 1996  $\,$ 

Total revenue increased \$57.3 million or 28.3% for the three months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This

increase is primarily the result of the Merger (\$48.3 million) and the Property Transactions (\$3.3 million). Excluding these transactions, total revenues increased \$5.8 million, primarily due to a \$4.5 million increase in minimum rent resulting from increased occupancy levels and the replacement of expiring tenant leases with renewal leases at higher minimum base rents.

Total operating expenses increased \$15.1 million, or 12.6%, for the three months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily the result of the Merger (\$10.1 million) and the Property Transactions (\$2.3 million).

Interest expense increased \$12.7 million, or 22.6% for the three months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily as a result of the Merger (\$9.8 million) and the Property Transactions (\$1.2 million).

Income from unconsolidated entities increased \$3.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily due to an increase in the Operating Partnership's share of income from unconsolidated joint-venture Properties (\$4.4 million) and from the Management Company (\$2.1 million), partially offset by the amortization of the Operating Partnership's excess investment in unconsolidated joint ventures acquired in the Merger (\$2.8 million). The increased income from unconsolidated joint-venture Properties includes \$1.3 million from West Town Mall and \$1.3 million Dadeland Mall, each of which the Operating Partnership acquired ownership interest in during third quarter of 1997.

The three months ended September 30, 1997 included a net extraordinary gain of \$27.2 million, as compared to an extraordinary loss of \$2.5 million for the same period in 1996. The 1997 gain is the result of gains realized on the forgiveness of debt (\$31.1 million) and the write-off of net unamortized debt premium (\$8.4 million), partially offset by losses on the early extinguishment of debt (\$12.3 million). The \$2.5 million loss in 1996 is the result of early extinguishments of debt.

Net Income was \$88.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to \$26.3 million for the same period in 1996, reflecting an increase of \$62.6 million, for the reasons discussed above, and was allocated to the Company based on the Units and Preferred Units owned by the Company during the period, and to the remaining Unitholders based upon their respective ownership interests.

Preferred distributions increased by \$6.9 million to \$9.1 million in 1997 as a result of the Company's issuance of \$200 million of 8 3/4% Series B cumulative redeemable preferred stock on September 27, 1996 and \$150 million of 7.89% Series C Cumulative Step-Up Premium RateSM Preferred Stock on July 9, 1997. The proceeds of each of the Series B and Series C Preferred Stock issuances were contributed to the Operating Partnership in exchange for Preferred Units with economic terms substantially identical to the Series B Series C Preferred Stock issued by the Company, respectively.

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 1997 vs. the Nine Months Ended September 30, 1996  $\,$ 

Total revenue increased \$261.6 million or 53.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily the result of the Merger (\$234.1 million) and the Property Transactions (\$22.0 million). Excluding these transactions, total revenues increased \$5.5 million, which includes a \$7.8 million increase in minimum rent and a \$3.6 million increase in tenant reimbursements, partially offset by a \$6.2 million decrease in other income. The \$7.8 million increase in minimum rents results from increased occupancy levels, the replacement of expiring tenant leases with renewal leases at higher minimum base rents, and a \$2.1 million increase in rents from tenants operating under license agreements. The \$6.1 million decrease in other income is primarily the result of decreases in lease settlement income (\$2.3 million), gains from sales of peripheral properties (\$2.1 million) and interest income (\$1.5 million).

Total operating expenses increased \$117.3 million, or 42.1%, for the nine months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily the result of the Merger (\$106.1 million) and the Property Transactions (\$12.0 million).

Interest expense increased \$68.6 million, or 50.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to the same period in 1996. This increase is primarily as a result of the Merger (\$61.5 million) and the Property Transactions (\$7.0 million).

The \$2.5 million gain from extraordinary items in 1997 is the result of gains realized on the forgiveness of debt (\$31.1 million) and the write-off of net unamortized debt premium (\$8.4 million), partially offset by the acquisition of the contingent interest feature on four loans (\$21.0 million) and prepayment penalties and write-offs of mortgage costs associated with early extinguishments of debt (\$16.0 million). The \$2.8 million loss in 1996 is the result of early extinguishments of debt.

Net Income was \$155.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1997, as compared to \$73.8 million for the same period in 1996, reflecting an increase of \$81.9 million, for the reasons discussed above, and was allocated to the Company based on the Units and Preferred Units owned by the Company during the period, and to the remaining Unitholders based upon their respective ownership interests.

Preferred distributions increased by \$15.6 million to \$21.9 million in 1997 as a result of the Company's issuance of \$200 million of 8 3/4% Series B cumulative redeemable preferred stock on September 27, 1996 and \$150 million of 7.89% Series C Cumulative Step-Up Premium RateSM Preferred Stock on July 9, 1997. The proceeds of each of the Series B and Series C Preferred Stock issuances were contributed to the Operating Partnership in exchange for Preferred Units with economic terms substantially identical to the Series B Series C Preferred Stock issued by the Company, respectively.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership's balance of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents was \$50.9 million. In addition to its cash balance, the Operating Partnership has a \$750 million unsecured revolving credit facility and a \$500 million unsecured revolving credit facility with approximately \$269 million and \$225 million available on September 30, 1997 after outstanding borrowings and letters of credit, respectively. Subsequent to September 30, 1997, combined net borrowings of \$110 million have been made on these credit facilities, including a borrowing for acquisition of additional interests in The Retail Property Trust (\$185 million), partially offset by a \$40 million paydown primarily from the Operating Partnership's pro rata share of the net proceeds of a mortgage obtained on West Town Mall in October of 1997 and a \$35 million paydown primarily from the net proceeds from the sale of \$150 million of unsecured notes (See Below). Consequently, as of November 1, 1997, the amount of borrowing availability under the Operating Partnership's unsecured revolving credit facilities was approximately \$384 million.

The Company and the Operating Partnership also have access to public equity and debt markets through various shelf registrations. The Company has a \$750 million equity shelf registration statement currently effective under which \$226.7 million in equity securities may be issued. The Operating Partnership has a \$1 billion debt shelf registration statement currently effective, under which \$850 million in debt securities may be issued.

Investment and Acquisitions. On June 16, 1997, the Operating Partnership purchased 1,408,450 shares of common stock of Chelsea GCA Realty, Inc. ("Chelsea"), a publicly traded REIT, for approximately \$50 million using borrowings from the Credit Facility. The shares purchased represent approximately 9.2% of Chelsea's outstanding common stock, and had a market value of \$58.8 million at September 30, 1997. In addition, the Operating Partnership and Chelsea have formed a strategic alliance to develop and acquire manufacturer's outlet shopping centers with 500,000 square feet or more of GLA in the United States.

On July 10, 1997, the Operating Partnership acquired a 48% interest in West Town Mall in Knoxville, Tennessee for \$69.9 million in cash and 35,598 Units valued at approximately \$1.1 million. This transaction increased the Operating Partnership's ownership of West Town Mall to 50%. Effective July 10, 1997, the property is being accounted for using the equity method of accounting. It was previously accounted for using the cost method.

On August 8, 1997, a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership acquired a 50% interest in a trust that owns Dadeland Mall, a 1.4 million square foot super-regional mall in Miami, Florida for approximately \$128 million. Dadeland Mall is a dominant mall in its trade area with small shop sales of \$649 per square foot in 1996 and leased and committed occupancy of 94%. A portion of the purchase price was paid in the form of 658,707 shares of the Company's common stock, valued at approximately \$20 million. The remaining portion of the purchase price was financed using borrowings from the Credit Facility. This joint venture is being accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

In addition, as described previously, on September 29, 1997, the Operating Partnership recently acquired RPT. RPT owns 98.8% of SCA, which owns or has interests in twelve regional malls and one community center, comprising approximately twelve million square feet of GLA in eight states. The Operating Partnership is negotiating a purchase of the remaining 50% interests in two SCA properties owned by a third party and sale of its 50% interests in two other SCA properties to such third party. In addition, the Operating Partnership is finalizing an agreement to acquire the remaining 1.2% interest in SCA from its current managing general partner. The total cost of the acquisition of RPT is estimated at \$1.2 billion, which includes approximately \$315 million of

SCA's debt and approximately \$154 million of SCA's pro rata share of joint venture debt.

Financing and Debt. The Operating Partnership's ratio of consolidated debt-to-market capitalization was 44.5% at September 30, 1997

At September 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership had consolidated debt of \$4,721 million, of which \$3,195 million was fixed-rate debt and \$1,526 million was variable-rate debt. The Operating Partnership's pro rata share of indebtedness of the unconsolidated joint venture Properties as of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996 was \$682 million and \$448 million, respectively. The Operating Partnership's pro rata share of the September 30, 1997 joint-venture indebtedness includes \$154 million of SCA's pro rata share of its joint venture debt. As of September 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, the Operating Partnership had interest-rate protection agreements related to \$523 million and \$525 million of its pro rata share of indebtedness, respectively. The agreements are generally in effect until the related variable-rate debt matures.

On January 31, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a refinancing transaction involving debt on four wholly-owned Properties. The transaction consisted of the payoff of one loan totaling \$43.4 million, a restatement of the interest rate on the three remaining loans, the acquisition of the contingent interest feature on all four loans for \$21.0 million, and \$3.9 million of principal reductions on two additional loans. This transaction, which was funded using the Credit Facility, resulted in an extraordinary loss of \$23.2 million, including the write-off of deferred mortgage costs of \$2.2 million.

On April 14, 1997, the Operating Partnership obtained improvements to its Credit Facility. The Credit Facility agreement was amended to reduce the interest rate from LIBOR plus 0.90% to LIBOR plus 0.75%. In addition, the Credit Facility's competitive bid feature, which has further reduced interest costs, was increased from \$150 million to \$300 million.

On May 15, 1997, the Operating Partnership established a Medium-Term Note ("MTN") program. On June 24, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed the sale of \$100 million of notes under the MTN program. The notes sold bear interest at 7.125% and have a stated maturity of June 24, 2005. The net proceeds of this sale were used primarily to pay down the Credit Facility.

Additionally, on May 15, 1997, the Operating Partnership refinanced approximately \$140 million in existing debt on The Forum Shops at Caesar's. The new debt consists of three classes of notes totaling \$180 million, with \$90 million bearing interest at 7.125% and the other \$90 million bearing interest at LIBOR plus 0.30%, all of which will mature on May 15, 2004. Approximately \$40 million of the borrowings were placed in escrow to pay for construction costs required in connection with the development of the expansion of this project, which is scheduled to open on August 28, 1997. As of September 30, 1997, \$14.9 million remains in escrow.

On June 5, 1997, the Operating Partnership closed a \$115 million construction loan for The Shops at Sunset Place. The loan initially bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.25% and matures on June 30, 2000, with two one-year extensions available.

On June 30, 1997, the Operating Partnership closed an unsecured loan which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75% and matures on September 29, 1998. The proceeds were used to retire an existing \$55 million mortgage on East Towne Mall, which bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.125%.

On July 9, 1997 the Company sold 3,000,000 shares of 7.89% Series C Cumulative Step-Up Premium RateSM Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Shares") in a public offering at \$50.00 per share. Beginning October 1, 2012, the rate increases to 9.89% per annum. The Series C Preferred Shares are not redeemable prior to September 30, 2007. Beginning September 30, 2007, the Series C Preferred Shares may be redeemed at the option of the Company in whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$50.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid distributions, if any, thereon. The redemption price of the Series C Preferred Shares may only be paid from the sale proceeds of other capital stock of the Company, which may include other classes or series of preferred stock. Additionally, the Series C Preferred Share have no stated maturity and are not subject to any mandatory redemption provisions, nor are they convertible into any other securities of the Company. The Company contributed the net proceeds of this offering of approximately \$146 million to the Operating Partnership in exchange for preferred units, the economic terms of which are substantially identical to the Series C Preferred Shares. The Operating Partnership used the net proceeds for the purchase of additional ownership interest in West Town Mall, to pay down the Credit Facility and for general working capital purposes.

On July 17, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a \$250 million public offering, of two tranches of its seven-year and twelve-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities. The first tranche was for \$100 million at 6 3/4% with a maturity of July 15, 2004. The second tranche was for \$150 million at 7% with a maturity of July 15, 2009. The notes pay interest semi-annually, are guaranteed by SPG, LP, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, EBITDA and unencumbered EBITDA ratios.

On September 2, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a refinancing of \$453 million of commercial mortgage pass through certificates and a \$48 million mortgage loan, resulting in releases of

mortgages encumbering 18 of the Properties. The Operating Partnership funded this refinancing with the proceeds of a \$225 million secured loan, which is secured by cross-collateralized mortgages encumbering seven of the Properties, and borrowings of \$294 million under the Credit Facility, which were reduced with the proceeds from the sale of \$180 million of notes issued on September 10, 1997, as described below. The Operating Partnership intends to refinance the \$225 million secured loan.

On September 4, 1997, the Operating Partnership transferred ownership of one Property and paid \$6.6 million to its lender, fully satisfying the property's mortgage note payable of \$42 million. This property no longer met the Operating Partnership's criteria for its ongoing strategic plan. The Operating Partnership recognized a gain on this transaction of approximately \$31.1 million in the third quarter of 1997.

On September 10, 1997, the Operating Partnership issued \$180 million principal amount of notes under its MTN program. These notes mature on September 20, 2007 and bear interest at 7.125% per annum. The Operating Partnership used the net proceeds of this offering to pay down the borrowings made under the Credit Facility in connection with the September 2, 1997 refinancing described above.

On September 16, 1997, the Company issued 747,000 shares of its Common Stock in a public offering. The Company contributed the net proceeds of approximately \$23.7 million to the Operating Partnership in exchange for an equal number of Units. The Operating Partnership subsequently combined the net proceeds with approximately \$4.2 million of working capital to retire an existing mortgage on O'Hare International Center.

On September 17, 1997, the Operating Partnership retired a \$63 million mortgage loan secured by Lincolnwood Towne Center with a new unsecured loan, which bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.75%. The retired \$63 million mortgage bore interest at LIBOR plus 1.25%, and had an initial maturity of January 31, 1998.

On September 19, 1997, the Company issued 4,500,000 shares of its Common Stock in a public offering. The Company contributed the net proceeds of approximately \$146.8 million to the Operating Partnership in exchange for an equal number of Units. The Operating Partnership used the net proceeds to retire a portion of the outstanding balance on the Credit Facility.

On September 26, 1997, the Operating Partnership obtained an additional unsecured revolving credit facility in the amount of \$500 million. This new credit facility has terms similar to the existing Credit Facility, including an interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.75% and an initial maturity of September 1999, with an automatic one-year extension. The primary reason for obtaining this facility was to fund a portion of the cost of the acquisition of RPT. This facility may, however, be used to fund real estate acquisition, development and general working capital requirements.

On October 15, 1997, the SEC declared effective the Operating Partnership's registration statement, which provides for the offering, from time to time, of up to \$1 billion aggregate public offering price of unsecured debt securities of the Operating Partnership. The net proceeds of such offerings may be used to fund property acquisition or development activity, retire existing debt or for any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Operating Partnership. Securities issued under this registration statement are guaranteed by SPG, LP.

On October 22, 1997, the Operating Partnership completed a \$150 million public offering of its eight-year non-convertible senior unsecured debt securities under its new \$1 billion debt shelf registration. The notes bear interest at 6 7/8%, and mature on October 27, 2005. The notes pay interest semi-annually, are guaranteed by SPG, LP, and contain covenants relating to minimum leverage, EBITDA and unencumbered EBITDA ratios. The Operating Partnership used \$114.8 million of the net proceeds of approximately \$147 million, along with an escrow refund of approximately \$4 million to retire existing mortgages on Miller Hill Mall, Muncie Mall, and Towne West Square, with the remaining proceeds going to reduce the amount outstanding on the Credit Facility.

Development, Expansions and Renovations. The Operating Partnership is involved in several development, expansion and renovation efforts.

In March 1997, the Operating Partnership opened Indian River Commons, a 265,000 square foot community shopping center in Vero Beach, Florida. This 50%-owned joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

On August 29, 1997, the Operating Partnership opened the \$89 million phase II expansion of The Forum Shops at Caesar's ("Forum") comprising an additional 235,000 square feet of GLA. This expansion nearly doubled the size of the existing center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Operating Partnership has a 60% ownership interest in the original phase of Forum and a 55% ownership interest in this new expansion, and accounts for both phases using the consolidated method of accounting.

On September 5, 1997, the Operating Partnership opened The Source, an approximately \$150 million value-oriented retail and entertainment

development project containing 730,000 square feet of GLA in Westbury (Long Island), New York. This 50%-owned joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

On October 31, 1997 the Operating Partnership opened Grapevine Mills, an approximately \$200 million retail development project containing approximately 1.4 million square feet of GLA in Grapevine (Dallas/Fort Worth), Texas. This 38%-owned joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

Construction also continues on the following development projects: Arizona Mills, an approximately \$190 million retail development project containing 1.2 million square feet of GLA, is expected to open in November 1997 in Tempe, Arizona; The Shops at Sunset Place, an approximately \$150 million destination-oriented retail and entertainment project containing approximately 500,000 square feet of GLA, and is scheduled to open in 1998 in South Miami, Florida; Muncie Plaza, an approximately \$14 million, wholly-owned project, is scheduled to open in April of 1998 in Muncie, Indiana; and Lakeline Plaza, an approximately \$34 million, 50%-owned joint venture project, is scheduled to open in two phases in May and November of 1998 in Austin, Texas. Muncie Plaza and Lakeline Plaza are both immediately adjacent to existing regional mall Properties.

A key objective of the Operating Partnership is to increase the profitability and market share of its Properties through the completion of strategic renovations and expansions. The Operating Partnership currently has a number of expansion projects under construction and in the preconstruction development stage. The Operating Partnership's share of the projected costs to fund these projects for the year 1997 is approximately \$300 million. It is anticipated that the cost of these projects will be financed principally with the Credit Facility, project-specific indebtedness, access to debt and equity markets, and cash flows from operations. Included in consolidated investment properties at September 30, 1997 is approximately \$185 million of construction in progress, with another \$346 million in the unconsolidated joint venture investment properties.

Distributions. During the first quarter of 1997, the Operating Partnership paid a distribution of \$0.4925 per Unit to Unitholders of record on February 7, 1997. On each of May 6, 1997, July 28, 1997 and October 23, 1997, the Operating Partnership declared distributions of \$0.505 per Unit. Future distributions will be determined based on actual results of operations and cash available for distribution. In addition, Preferred Unit distributions of \$1.5234 per Series A Preferred Unit, \$1.6406 per Series B Preferred Unit and \$0.8986 per Series C Preferred Unit were paid during the first nine months of 1997. Distributions on the Series C Preferred Units were pro-rated due to the Units being issued during the third quarter of 1997. Quarterly distributions on the Series C Preferred Units through September 30, 2012 are set at \$0.9863 per Unit.

Capital Resources. Management anticipates that cash generated from operating performance will provide the necessary funds on a short- and long-term basis for its operating expenses, interest expense on outstanding indebtedness, recurring capital expenditures, and distributions to Unitholders in accordance with tax requirements applicable to REITs. Sources of capital for nonrecurring capital expenditures, such as major building renovations and expansions, as well as for scheduled principal payments, including balloon payments, on outstanding indebtedness are expected to be obtained from: (i) excess cash generated from operating performance; (ii) working capital reserves; (iii) additional debt financing; and (iv) additional equity sold in the public markets.

Management continues to actively review and evaluate a number of individual property and portfolio acquisition opportunities. Management believes that funds on hand, amounts available under the Credit Facility, and securities which may be issued under existing debt and equity shelf registrations are sufficient to finance likely acquisitions. No assurance can be given that the Operating Partnership will not be required to, or will not elect to, even if not required to, obtain funds from outside sources, including through the sale of debt or equity securities, to finance significant acquisitions, if any.

Investing and Financing Activities

Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1997 of \$1,061 million is primarily the result of acquisitions of \$736.6 million, \$219.7 million of capital expenditures, net investments in and advances to unconsolidated entities of \$41.5 million and other investing activities including \$50.0 million for the purchase of Chelsea stock. Acquisitions includes \$558.9 million for the

RPT tender offer, \$108.0 million for ownership interests in Dadeland Mall and \$69.9 million for ownership interests in West Town Mall. Capital expenditures includes construction costs of \$54.2 million, including \$23.6 million at The Shops at Sunset Place and \$9.2 million for the acquisition of the land for the construction of North East Plaza. Also included in capital expenditures is renovation and expansion costs of approximately \$129.6 million, including \$34.7 million for the phase II expansion of Forum Shops at Caesar's, and tenant costs and other operational capital expenditures of approximately \$35.9 million. Investments in and advances to unconsolidated entities includes \$22.6 million, \$14.3 million and \$8.6 million to the Management Company, Grapevine Mills and The Source, respectively.

Cash flows from financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1997 includes net proceeds from the sales of the Company's common stock and Series C preferred stock of \$327.1 million, distributions of \$259.9 million, net borrowings of \$742.3 million primarily used to fund acquisition, development and investment activity, and \$21.0 million for the retirement of a contingent interest feature on four mortgage loans.

EBITDA-Earnings from Operating Results before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

Management believes that there are several important factors that contribute to the ability of the Operating Partnership to increase rent and improve profitability of its shopping centers, including aggregate tenant sales volume, sales per square foot, occupancy levels and tenant costs. Each of these factors has a significant effect on EBITDA. Management believes that EBITDA is an effective measure of shopping center operating performance because: (i) it is industry practice to evaluate real estate properties based on operating income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which is generally equivalent to EBITDA; and (ii) EBITDA is unaffected by the debt and equity structure of the property owner. EBITDA: (i) does not represent cash flow from operations as defined by generally accepted accounting principles; (ii) should not be considered as an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance; (iii) is not indicative of cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities; and (iv) is not an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity.

Total EBITDA for the Properties increased from \$390.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 to \$649.5 million for the same period in 1997, representing a growth rate of 66.5%. This increase is primarily attributable to the Merger (\$212.9 million) and the Properties opened or acquired during 1996 and 1997 (\$43.7 million). During this period, operating profit margin increased from 61.4% to 64.2%.

# FFO-Funds from Operations

FFO, as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), means the consolidated net income of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries without giving effect to depreciation and amortization, gains or losses from extraordinary items, gains or losses on sales of real estate, gains or losses on investments in marketable securities and any provision/benefit for income taxes for such period, plus the allocable portion, based on the Operating Partnership's ownership interest, of funds from operations of unconsolidated joint ventures, all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management believes that FFO is an important and widely used measure of the operating performance of REITs which provides a relevant basis for comparison among REITs. FFO is presented to assist investors in analyzing the performance. FFO: (i) does not represent cash flow from operations as defined by generally accepted accounting principles; (ii) should not be considered as an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance or to cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities; and (iii) is not an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity.

The following summarizes FFO of the Operating Partnership and reconciles net income to FFO for the periods presented:

For the Three Months

For the Nine Months

	Ended September 30,		Ended September 30,	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
(In thousands) FFO	\$102,189 ======	\$74,270 =====	\$283,413 ======	\$173,482 ======
Reconciliation: Income before extraordinary items Plus: Depreciation and amortization	\$61,686	\$28,839	\$153,161	\$76,639
from consolidated Properties	40,581	37,469	127,667	88,507
The Operating Partnership's share of depreciation and amortization from				
unconsolidated affiliates Merger integration costs Less:	9,995 N/A	,	28,005 N/A	,
Gain on the sale of real estate Minority interest portion of		(88)	(20)	(88)
depreciation, amortization and extraordinary items Preferred distributions	(972) (9,101)		(3,486) (21,914)	

Operating statistics give effect to the Merger and are based upon the business and Properties of the Operating Partnership and DRC on a combined basis for all periods presented. The purpose of this presentation is to provide a more comparable set of statistics on the portfolio as a whole. The following statistics exclude the Properties owned by SCA (the "SCA Properties"), which the Operating Partnership acquired a 98.8% ownership interest in, through the acquisition of RPT. Due to the close proximity of the RPT acquisition to the end of the third quarter, the Operating Partnership has not been able to compile the information necessary to include the effects of the SCA Properties in the following statistics. The Operating Partnership intends to present statistical information, which includes the SCA Properties in its 1997 annual report. Also excluded are Ontario Mills and Charles Towne Square. Ontario Mills is a new value-oriented super-regional mall which management believes is not comparable to the remaining Properties. The Operating Partnership intends to create a separate reporting category for its Mills Properties in 1997, following the expected openings of Grapevine Mills and Arizona Mills. The Operating Partnership is converting Charles Towne Square into a community center.

Aggregate Tenant Sales Volume. For the nine months ended September 30, 1997 compared to the same period in 1996, total reported retail sales for mall and freestanding stores at the regional malls for GLA owned by the Operating Partnership ("Owned GLA") increased 5.6% from \$4,302 million to \$4,541 million. Total reported sales for all stores at the community shopping centers for Owned GLA decreased 1.9% from \$1,009 million to \$990 million. Retail sales at Owned GLA affect revenue and profitability levels because they determine the amount of minimum rent that can be charged, the percentage rent realized, and the recoverable expenses (common area maintenance, real estate taxes, etc.) the tenants can afford to pay.

Occupancy Levels. Occupancy levels for regional malls increased 1.7% to 86.0% at September 30, 1997 as compared to 84.3% at September 30, 1996. Occupancy levels for community shopping centers increased from 92.1% at September 30, 1996 to 93.1% at September 30, 1997. Total GLA has increased 3.7 million square feet from September 30, 1996 to September 30, 1997, primarily as a result of the openings of Ontario Mills, the Tower Shops, The Source, Indian River Mall and Indian River Commons and the expansion of The Forum Shops at Caesar's, and the acquisition of Dadeland Mall, partially offset by the sale of Bristol Plaza and the transfer of Mall of the Mainland back to the lender.

Average Base Rents. Average base rents per square foot of mall and freestanding stores at regional mall Owned GLA increased 8.1%, from \$20.18 at September 30, 1996 to \$21.82 as of September 30, 1997. In community shopping centers, average base rents per square foot of Owned GLA increased 3.9%, from \$7.49 to \$7.78 during this same period.

#### Inflation

Inflation has remained relatively low during the past three years and has had a minimal impact on the operating performance of the Properties. Nonetheless, substantially all of the tenants' leases contain provisions designed to lessen the impact of inflation. Such provisions include clauses enabling the Operating Partnership to receive percentage rentals based on tenants' gross sales, which generally increase as prices rise, and/or escalation clauses, which generally increase rental rates during the terms of the leases. In addition, many of the leases are for terms of less than ten years, which may enable the Operating Partnership to replace existing leases with new leases at higher base and/or percentage rentals if rents of the existing leases are below the then-existing market rate. Substantially all of the leases, other than those for anchors, require the tenants to pay a proportionate share of operating expenses, including common area maintenance, real estate taxes and insurance, thereby reducing the Operating Partnership's exposure to increases in costs and operating expenses resulting from inflation.

However, inflation may have a negative impact on some of the Operating Partnership's other operating items. Interest and general and administrative expenses may be adversely affected by inflation as these specified costs could increase at a rate higher than rents. Also, for tenant leases with stated rent increases, inflation may have a negative effect as the stated rent increases in these leases could be lower than the increase in inflation at any given time.

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The shopping center industry is seasonal in nature, particularly in the fourth quarter during the holiday season, when tenant occupancy and retail sales are typically at their highest levels. In addition, shopping malls achieve most of their temporary tenant rents during the holiday season. As a result of the above, earnings are generally highest in the fourth quarter of each year.

Item 1: Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 6: Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

None.

### (b) Reports on Form 8-K

Four Forms 8-K were filed during the current period.

On July 22, 1997, as amended on July 23, 1997, under Item 5 - Other Events, the Operating Partnership reported the offering and sale of \$100 million aggregate principal amount of its 6 3/4% Notes due 2004 and \$150 million aggregate principal amount of its 7% Notes due 2009.

In addition, under Item 7 - Financial

In addition, under Item 7 - Financial Statements and Exhibits, the Operating Partnership made available, in the form of exhibits, certain documents relating to the issuance of these notes.

On August 14, 1997 under Item 5 - Other Events, the Operating Partnership reported that its Board of Directors authorized the sale of up to \$280 million aggregate principal amount of Medium-Term Notes Due Nine Months or more from the Date of Issue. The Board of Directors had previously authorized the sale of only \$100 million aggregate principal amount of such notes. In addition, under Item 7 - Financial Statements and Exhibits, the Operating Partnership made available, in the form of exhibits, the opinion of its special counsel as to the legality of the Medium-Term Notes.

On September 3, 1997 under Item 5 - Other Events, the Operating Partnership reported that it had commenced a tender offer to purchase all of the outstanding beneficial interest in The Retail Property Trust. In addition, under Item 7 - Financial Statements and Exhibits, the Operating Partnership made available, in the form of exhibits, certain documents relating to its tender offer.

On September 12, 1997 under Item 5 - Other Events, the Operating Partnership reported that it amended its tender offer to purchase all of the outstanding beneficial interest in The Retail Property Trust. In addition, under Item 7 - Financial Statements and Exhibits, the Operating Partnership made available, in the form of exhibits, certain documents relating to its tender offer.

## SIGNATURES

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

SIMON DEBARTOLO GROUP, L.P. By: Simon DeBartolo Group, Inc. General Partner

Principal Financial Officers:

Date: November 14, 1997 /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett /s/James R.Giuliano, III

Stephen E. Sterrett, James R. Giuliano, III, Senior Vice President Senior Vice President

and Treasurer

Principal Accounting Officer:

Date: November 14, 1997 /s/ John Dahl

John Dahl,

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from SEC Form 10-Q and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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Receivables are stated net of allowances and also include accrued revenues. The Registrant does not report using a classified balance sheet.