

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. Reports 2020 Second Quarter Results & Provides COVID-19 Update

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SAN DIEGO, July 29, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (NASDAQ:ROIC) announced today financial and operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020, and provided information regarding financial and operational activities in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

SECOND QUARTER 2020

- \$4.6 million of net income attributable to common stockholders (\$0.04 per diluted share)
- \$29.2 million of Funds From Operations (FFO)⁽¹⁾ (\$0.23 per diluted share)
- 81.9% of total 2Q 2020 billed base rent has been paid to date
- 97.0% portfolio lease rate at June 30, 2020
- 8.4% increase in same-space comparative cash rents on new leases (7.2% on renewals)
- 9.3% decrease in same-center cash net operating income (2Q'20 vs. 2Q'19)
- 3.1% decrease in same-center cash net operating income (first 6 months of '20 vs. '19)

COVID-19 UPDATE (as of July 27, 2020)

- · All 88 shopping centers are open and operating
- 98% of total portfolio (86 out of 88 shopping centers) are grocery and/or drug-store anchored
- 87.5% of total tenants are open, based on annualized base rent (ABR)
- 84.9% of July 2020 billed monthly base rent has been paid to date
- \$161.3 million in cash & cash equivalents (\$27.8 million increase since April)
- · Quarterly dividend remains temporarily suspended

Stuart A. Tanz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. stated, "Notwithstanding the West Coast having been under strict stay-at-home orders for a good portion of the second quarter, our portfolio, given our grocery and daily-necessity focus, continued to perform remarkably well. Our portfolio lease rate held reasonably steady during the quarter and we continued to achieve rent growth with our leasing activity." Tanz added, "Over the past several months, we have been implementing a number of initiatives aimed at adapting our shopping centers and supporting tenants during this unprecedented time, as well as strategically positioning our business for a strong return going forward."

SECOND QUARTER 2020 SUMMARY

For the three months ended June 30, 2020, GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders was \$4.6 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, as compared to GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders of \$7.6 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2019. For the six months ended June 30, 2020, GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders was \$16.6 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, as compared to GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders of \$20.8 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2019

FFO for the second quarter of 2020 was \$29.2 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, as compared to \$32.6 million in FFO, or \$0.26 per diluted share for the second quarter of 2019. FFO for the first six months of 2020 was \$66.6 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, as compared to \$69.3 million in FFO, or \$0.55 per diluted share for the first six months of 2019. ROIC reports FFO as a supplemental performance measure in accordance with the definition set forth by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. A reconciliation of GAAP net income to FFO is provided at the end of this press release.

For the second quarter of 2020, same-center net operating income (NOI) was \$44.5 million, as compared to \$49.0 million in same-center NOI for the second quarter of 2019, representing a 9.3% decrease. For the first six months of 2020, same-center NOI decreased 3.1% as compared to same-center NOI for the first six months of 2019. ROIC reports same-center comparative NOI on a cash basis. A reconciliation of GAAP operating income to same-center comparative NOI is provided at the end of this press release.

2020 financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020, as compared to 2019, reflect \$62.6 million in net property dispositions completed during 2019, and the impact to date in 2020 from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including \$5.9 million of bad debt in the second quarter of 2020.

During the second quarter of 2020, ROIC executed 51 leases, totaling 175,458 square feet, including 19 new leases, totaling 53,952 square feet, achieving an 8.4% increase in same-space comparative base rent, and 32 renewed leases, totaling 121,506 square feet, achieving a 7.2% increase in base rent. ROIC reports same-space comparative base rent on a cash basis.

⁽¹⁾ A reconciliation of GAAP net income to FFO is provided at the end of this press release.

At June 30, 2020, ROIC had total real estate assets (before accumulated depreciation) of approximately \$3.1 billion and approximately \$1.4 billion of principal debt outstanding (net of cash and cash equivalents). As of June 30, 2020, 94.5% of ROIC's principal debt outstanding was unsecured, and 85.1% was effectively fixed-rate. Additionally, ROIC's interest coverage for the second quarter 2020 was 3.0 times and 94.5% of its portfolio was unencumbered at June 30, 2020, based on GLA.

COVID-19 UPDATE SUMMARY

The following portfolio and tenant statistics are as of July 27, 2020, to the best of ROIC's knowledge. ROIC expects that the following statistics will change going forward.

All of ROIC's 88 shopping centers are open and are operating in compliance with federal, state and local COVID-19 guidelines and mandates. All of ROIC's shopping centers feature necessity-based tenants, with 86 of its 88 properties being grocery and/or drug-anchored. In terms of ROIC's tenant base, 87.5% (based on ABR) are currently open and operating. To date, ROIC has received 81.9% of total second quarter 2020 billed base rent, and thus far has received 84.9% of July 2020 monthly billed base rent.

Region	Percentage of	Percentage of Base Rent Paid Date			
	by GLA	by ABR	Second Quarter 2020	July 2020	
Southern California	86.5%	86.4%	80.9%	83.5%	
Northern California	85.8%	84.2%	83.9%	88.4%	
Pacific Northwest	90.7%	90.5%	82.4%	85.3%	
Total Portfolio	88.0%	87.5%	81.9%	84.9%	

ROIC currently has \$161.3 million in cash and cash equivalents, representing a \$27.8 million increase since it reported first quarter results on April 22, 2020. Additionally, ROIC currently has \$366.5 million available on its unsecured credit facility. In terms of future debt maturities, ROIC has no unsecured debt maturing for the next three years, through late 2023. Additionally, ROIC has no secured debt maturing in 2020 and 2021, \$23.1 million maturing in mid-2022, and no secured debt maturing in 2023.

Given the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic's near and potential long term impact on ROIC's business, ROIC's quarterly dividend remains temporarily suspended. Going forward, ROIC's board of directors will continue to evaluate dividend declarations each quarter. ROIC intends to maintain compliance with REIT taxable income distribution requirements.

CONFERENCE CALL

ROIC will conduct a conference call and audio webcast to discuss its results on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time / 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Those interested in participating in the conference call should dial (877) 312-8783 (domestic), or (408) 940-3874 (international) at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call. When prompted, provide the Conference ID: 9546307. A live webcast will also be available in listen-only mode at http://www.roireit.net/. The conference call will be recorded and available for replay beginning at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 30, 2020 and will be available until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 6, 2020. To access the conference call recording, dial (855) 859-2056 (domestic) or (404) 537-3406 (international) and use the Conference ID: 9546307. The conference call will also be archived on http://www.roireit.net/ for approximately 90 days.

ABOUT RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (NASDAQ: ROIC), is a fully-integrated, self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) that specializes in the acquisition, ownership and management of grocery-anchored shopping centers located in densely-populated, metropolitan markets across the West Coast. As of June 30, 2020, ROIC owned 88 shopping centers encompassing approximately 10.1 million square feet. ROIC is the largest publicly-traded, grocery-anchored shopping center REIT focused exclusively on the West Coast. ROIC is a member of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index and has investment-grade corporate debt ratings from Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's. Additional information is available at: www.roireit.net.

When used herein, the words "believes," "anticipates," "projects," "should," "estimates," "expects," "guidance" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements with the meaning of that term in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and in Section 21F of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Certain statements contained herein may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results of ROIC to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Information regarding such risks and factors is described in ROIC's filings with the SEC, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is available at: www.roireit.net.

RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share data)

		June 30, 2020 (unaudited)					
ASSETS				_			
Real Estate Investments:							
Land	\$	881,657	\$	879,540			
Building and improvements	<u></u>	2,262,445		2,252,301			
		3,144,102		3,131,841			

Less: accumulated depreciation		425,009		390,916
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Mortgage note receivable		5,000		13,000
Real Estate Investments, net		2,724,093		2,753,925
Cash and cash equivalents		151,372		3,800
Restricted cash		1,686		1,658
Tenant and other receivables, net		52,805		45,821
Acquired lease intangible assets, net		55,419		59,701
Prepaid expenses		1,642		3,169
Deferred charges, net		25,410		27,652
Other assets		17,706		18,031
Total assets	\$	3,030,133	\$	2,913,757
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Term loan	\$	298,495	\$	298,330
Credit facility		230,633		80,743
Senior Notes		943,564		942,850
Mortgage notes payable		87,020		87,523
Acquired lease intangible liabilities, net		136,889		144,757
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		12,333		17,562
Tenants' security deposits		6,970		7,177
Other liabilities		47,408		42,987
Total liabilities		1,763,312		1,621,929
Commitments and contingencies				
Equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value 50,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		_		_
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized;				
117,640,038 and 116,496,016 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively		12		12
		1,488,780		1,481,466
Additional paid-in capital Dividends in excess of earnings		(304,678)		(297,998)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(304,678)		(4,132)
Total Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. stockholders' equity		1,172,466		1,179,348
Non-controlling interests		94,355		1,179,346
		1,266,821		1,291,828
Total equity	\$	3,030,133	\$	2,913,757
Total liabilities and equity	Φ	3,030,133	Φ	2,913,737

RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	7	Three Months	Ended	Six Months Ended June 30,					
		2020		2019	2020			2019	
Revenues									
Rental revenue	\$	65,734	\$	71,821	\$	139,931	\$	147,188	
Other income		818		1,109		1,493		1,795	
Total revenues		66,552		72,930		141,424		148,983	
Operating expenses									
Property operating		9,286		10,710		19,890		21,771	
Property taxes		8,766		7,832		16,755		16,070	
Depreciation and amortization		24,114		24,443		48,392		49,204	
General and administrative expenses		3,929		4,950		7,873		9,226	

Other expense	 296	 1,224	 360	 1,317
Total operating expenses	 46,391	49,159	 93,270	 97,588
Gain on sale of real estate	_	180	_	2,818
Operating income	 20,161	 23,951	 48,154	 54,213
Non-operating expenses		_		
Interest expense and other finance expenses	 (15,125)	 (15,605)	 (29,982)	 (31,284)
Net income	5,036	8,346	18,172	22,929
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	 (389)	 (761)	 (1,523)	 (2,094)
Net Income Attributable to Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	\$ 4,647	\$ 7,585	\$ 16,649	\$ 20,835
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.18
Dividends per common share	\$ 	\$ 0.1970	\$ 0.2000	\$ 0.3940

CALCULATION OF FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2020			2019		2020		2019			
Net income attributable to ROIC	\$	4,647	\$	7,585	\$	16,649	\$	20,835			
Plus: Depreciation and amortization		24,114		24,443		48,392		49,204			
Less: Gain on sale of real estate		_		(180)		_		(2,818)			
Funds from operations – basic		28,761		31,848		65,041		67,221			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		389		761		1,523		2,094			
Funds from operations – diluted	\$	29,150	\$	32,609	\$	66,564	\$	69,315			

SAME-CENTER CASH NET OPERATING INCOME ANALYSIS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except number of shopping centers and percentages)

		ee Months	nded June	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,							
	\$								\$	%		
	2020		2019		Change	% Change	2020		2019		Change	Change
Number of shopping centers included in												
same-center analysis	87		87				87		87			
Same-center occupancy	97.0	%	97.9	%		(0.9) %	97.0	%	97.9	%		(0.9) %
Revenues:												
Base rents	\$ 51,497		\$ 50,737		\$ 760	1.5 %	\$103,275		\$100,955		\$ 2,320	2.3 %
Percentage rent	120		46		74	160.9 %	213		133		80	60.2 %
Recoveries from tenants	16,677		16,421		256	1.6 %	33,909		33,188		721	2.2 %
Other property income	354		846		(492)	(58.2) %	682		1,439		(757)	(52.6) %
Bad debt	(5,692)		(297)		(5,395)	1,816.5 %	(6,177)		(902)		(5,275)	584.8 %
Total Revenues	62,956		67,753		(4,797)	(7.1) %	131,902		134,813		(2,911)	(2.2) %
Operating Expenses												
Property operating expenses	9,839		11,056		(1,217)	(11.0) %	20,964		21,883		(919)	(4.2) %
Property taxes	8,648		7,666		982	12.8 %	16,679		15,683		996	6.4 %
Total Operating Expenses	18,487		18,722		(235)	(1.3) %	37,643		37,566		77	0.2 %
Same-Center Cash Net Operating Income	\$ 44,469	_	\$ 49,031		\$ (4,562)	(9.3) %	\$ 94,259	_	\$ 97,247	_	\$ (2,988)	(3.1) %

SAME-CENTER CASH NET OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2020		2019		2020			2019			
GAAP operating income	\$	20,161	\$	23,951	\$	48,154	\$	54,213			
Depreciation and amortization		24,114		24,443		48,392		49,204			
General and administrative expenses		3,929		4,950		7,873		9,226			
Other expense		296		1,224		360		1,317			
Gain on sale of real estate		_		(180)		_		(2,818)			
Straight-line rent		(319)		(546)		(230)		(1,726)			
Amortization of above- and below-market rent		(2,522)		(3,460)		(8,000)		(9,938)			
Property revenues and other expenses (1)		(99)		43		(248)		296			
Total Company cash NOI		45,560		50,425		96,301		99,774			
Non same-center cash NOI		(1,091)		(1,394)		(2,042)		(2,527)			
Same-center cash NOI	\$	44,469	\$	49,031	\$	94,259	\$	97,247			

⁽¹⁾ Includes anchor lease termination fees, net of contractual amounts, if any, expense and recovery adjustments related to prior periods and other miscellaneous adjustments.

NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES

Funds from operations ("FFO"), is a widely recognized non-GAAP financial measure for REITs that the Company believes when considered with financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, provides additional and useful means to assess its financial performance. FFO is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate the performance of REITs, most of which present FFO along with net income as calculated in accordance with GAAP. The Company computes FFO in accordance with the "White Paper" on FFO published by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), which defines FFO as net income attributable to common stockholders (determined in accordance with GAAP) excluding gains or losses from debt restructuring, sales of depreciable property and impairments, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for partnerships and unconsolidated joint ventures.

The Company uses cash net operating income ("NOI") internally to evaluate and compare the operating performance of the Company's properties. The Company believes cash NOI provides useful information to investors regarding the Company's financial condition and results of operations because it reflects only those income and expense items that are incurred at the property level, and when compared across periods, can be used to determine trends in earnings of the Company's properties as this measure is not affected by the non-cash revenue and expense recognition items, the cost of the Company's funding, the impact of depreciation and amortization expenses, gains or losses from the acquisition and sale of operating real estate assets, general and administrative expenses or other gains and losses that relate to the Company's ownership of properties. The Company believes the exclusion of these items from operating income is useful because the resulting measure captures the actual revenue generated and actual expenses incurred in operating the Company's properties as well as trends in occupancy rates, rental rates and operating costs. Cash NOI is a measure of the operating performance of the Company's properties but does not measure the Company's performance as a whole and is therefore not a substitute for net income or operating income as computed in accordance with GAAP. The Company defines cash NOI as operating revenues (base rent and recoveries from tenants), less property and related expenses (property operating expenses and property taxes), adjusted for non-cash revenue and operating expense items such as straight-line rent and amortization of lease intangibles, debt-related expenses and other adjustments. Cash NOI also excludes general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, acquisition transaction costs, other expense, interest expense, gains and losses from property acquisitions and dispositions, extraordinary items, tenant improvements and leasing commissions. Other REITs may use different

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