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Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. Reports 2021 First Quarter Results

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San Diego, CA, April 27, 2021 - Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (NASDAQ:ROIC) announced today financial and operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS

- \$7.4 million of net income attributable to common stockholders (\$0.06 per diluted share)
- \$31.0 million in Funds From Operations⁽¹⁾ (\$0.24 per diluted share)
- 91.8% of total 1Q'21 billed base rent has been paid through 4/22/21
- 92.7% of April billed base rent has been paid through 4/26/21
- 96.9% portfolio lease rate at March 31, 2021 (positive net absorption since 12/31/20)
- 99.2% of total tenants are currently open, based on annualized base rent
- 293,441 square feet of leases executed (on par with pre-pandemic first quarter activity)
- 4.9% increase in same-space cash rents on new leases (3.2% increase on renewals)
- 5.6% decrease in same-center cash net operating income (10'21 vs. 10'20)
- \$34.2 million debt reduction (3/31/21 vs. 12/31/20)
- \$14.0 million outstanding balance on \$600 million unsecured credit line at 3/31/21
- \$25.8 million property disposition (sold in April 2021)
- \$0.11 per share cash dividend declared

Stuart A. Tanz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. stated, "During the first quarter, our grocery-anchored portfolio continued to perform well, as it has throughout the pandemic. We achieved positive net absorption, increasing our portfolio lease rate to 96.9%, and we again achieved rent growth with our leasing activity. Additionally, now that business restrictions are being lifted on the West Coast, our portfolio is steadily moving toward full, pre-pandemic operations again. Today, over 99% of our tenants are open and leasing activity across our portfolio is beginning to accelerate." Tanz added, "Given our performance to date, and how our business is progressing, we are on track thus far to achieve our previously stated objectives for 2021."

FINANCIAL RESULTS SUMMARY

For the three months ended March 31, 2021, GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders was \$7.4 million, or \$0.06 per diluted share, as compared to GAAP net income attributable to common stockholders of \$12.0 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, for the three months ended March 31, 2020.

FFO for the first quarter of 2021 was \$31.0 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, as compared to \$37.4 million in FFO, or \$0.29 per diluted share for the first quarter of 2020. ROIC reports FFO as a supplemental performance measure in

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

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 first quarter of 2021, same-center NOI decreased 5.6% as compared to same-center NOI for the first quarter of 2020. 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.

At March 31, 2021, ROIC had total real estate assets (before accumulated depreciation) of approximately \$3.2 billion and approximately \$1.3 billion of principal debt outstanding. As of March 31, 2021, 93.7% of ROIC's principal debt outstanding was unsecured, including \$14.0 million outstanding on its \$600 million unsecured revolving credit facility. Additionally, ROIC's interest coverage for the first quarter 2021 was 3.2 times and 94.5% of its portfolio was unencumbered at March 31, 2021, based on GLA.

DISPOSITION SUMMARY

In April 2021, ROIC sold Euclid Plaza, located in San Diego, California, for \$25.8 million, recognizing a gain on sale of approximately \$9.6 million. The Company utilized the proceeds to pay down borrowings outstanding on its unsecured revolving credit facility.

PROPERTY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

At March 31, 2021, ROIC's portfolio was 96.9% leased. During the first quarter of 2021, ROIC executed 107 leases, totaling 293,441 square feet, including 41 new leases, totaling 99,931 square feet, achieving a 4.9% increase in same-space comparative base rent, and 66 renewed leases, totaling 193,510 square feet, achieving a 3.2% increase in base rent. ROIC reports same-space comparative base rent on a cash basis.

CASH DIVIDEND

On April 9, 2021, ROIC distributed an \$0.11 per share cash dividend. On April 26, 2021, ROIC's board of directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.11 per share, payable on July 9, 2021 to stockholders of record on June 18, 2021.

CONFERENCE CALL

ROIC will conduct a conference call and audio webcast to discuss its results on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 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: 4453698. 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 April 28, 2021 and will be available until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 5, 2021. To access the conference call recording, dial (855) 859-2056 (domestic) or (404) 537-3406 (international) and use the Conference ID: 4453698. 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 March 31, 2021, 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, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. 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)

		arch 31, 2021 unaudited)	December 31, 2020			
ASSETS						
Real Estate Investments:						
Land	\$	881,914	\$	881,872		
Building and improvements		2,275,816		2,274,680		
		3,157,730		3,156,552		
Less: accumulated depreciation		474,801		460,165		
		2,682,929		2,696,387		
Mortgage note receivable		4,939		4,959		
Real Estate Investments, net		2,687,868		2,701,346		
Cash and cash equivalents		4,843		4,822		
Restricted cash		2,149		1,814		
Tenant and other receivables, net		59,269		58,756		
Acquired lease intangible assets, net		48,340		50,110		
Prepaid expenses		3,305		4,811		
Deferred charges, net		21,928		22,893		
Other assets		17,069		17,296		
Total assets	\$	2,844,771	\$	2,861,848		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Term loan	\$	298,615	\$	298,524		
Credit facility	Ф	11,458	Φ	45,238		
Senior Notes		944,045		943,655		
Mortgage notes payable		86,247		86,509		
Acquired lease intangible liabilities, net		123,056		125,796		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		42,497		17,687		
Tenants' security deposits		6,781		6,854		
Other liabilities Total liabilities		44,882 1,557,581		46,426 1,570,689		
Commitments and contingencies		, ,		, ,		
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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; 118,577,713 and 118,085,155 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively		12		12		
Additional paid-in capital		1,499,420		1,497,662		
Dividends in excess of earnings		(294,983)		(289,309		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(7,358)		(8,812		
Total Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. stockholders' equity		1,197,091		1,199,553		
Non-controlling interests		90,099		91,606		
Total equity		1,287,190		1,291,159		
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Total liabilities and equity	\$	2,844,771	\$	2,861,848		

RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)

	Thi	Three Months Ended March 31,					
		2021	2020				
Revenues							
Rental revenue	\$	68,904	\$	74,197			
Other income		283		675			
Total revenues		69,187		74,872			
Operating expenses							
Property operating		10,559		10,604			
Property taxes		8,606		7,989			
Depreciation and amortization		23,040		24,278			
General and administrative expenses		4,375		3,944			
Other expense		153		64			
Total operating expenses		46,733		46,879			
Operating income		22,454		27,993			
Non-operating expenses							
Interest expense and other finance expenses		(14,480)		(14,857)			
Net income		7,974		13,136			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(559)		(1,134)			
Net Income Attributable to Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	\$	7,415	\$	12,002			
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Earnings per share – basic and diluted	\$	0.06	\$	0.10			
Dividends per common share	\$	0.11	\$	0.20			

CALCULATION OF FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Thi	Three Months Ended March 31,				
		2021		2020		
Net income attributable to ROIC	\$	7,415	\$	12,002		
Plus: Depreciation and amortization		23,040		24,278		
Funds from operations – basic		30,455		36,280		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		559		1,134		
Funds from operations – diluted	\$	31,014	\$	37,414		

SAME-CENTER CASH NET OPERATING INCOME ANALYSIS

(Unaudited)

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

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
		2021		2020		\$ Change	% Change
Number of shopping centers included in same-center analysis		88		88			
Same-center occupancy		96.9 % 97.7		97.7 %	%		(0.8)%
Revenues:							
Base rents	\$	50,710	\$	51,945	\$	(1,235)	(2.4)%
Percentage rent		182		93		89	95.7 %
Recoveries from tenants		17,083		17,278		(195)	(1.1)%
Other property income		109		388		(279)	(71.9)%
Bad debt		(1,505)		(486)		(1,019)	209.7 %
Total Revenues		66,579		69,218		(2,639)	(3.8)%
Operating Expenses							
Property operating expenses		10,809		11,162		(353)	(3.2)%
Property taxes		8,562		8,042		520	6.5 %
Total Operating Expenses		19,371		19,204		167	0.9 %
Same-Center Cash Net Operating Income	\$	47,208	\$	50,014	\$	(2,806)	(5.6)%

SAME-CENTER CASH NET OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2021			2020	
GAAP operating income	\$	22,454	\$	27,993	
Depreciation and amortization		23,040		24,278	
General and administrative expenses		4,375		3,944	
Other expense		153		64	
Straight-line rent		(18)		89	
Amortization of above- and below-market rent		(2,232)		(5,478)	
Property revenues and other expenses (1)		(129)		(150)	
Total Company cash NOI		47,643		50,740	
Non same-center cash NOI		(435)		(726)	
Same-center cash NOI	\$	47,208	\$	50,014	

⁽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 methodologies for calculating cash NOI, and accordingly, the Company's cash NOI may not be comparable to other REITs.

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