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Saul Centers, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2021 Earnings

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Saul Centers, Inc. (NYSE: BFS), an equity real estate investment trust ("REIT"), announced its operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 ("2021 Quarter"). Total revenue for the 2021 Quarter increased to \$58.7 million from \$56.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 ("2020 Quarter"). Net income decreased to \$12.8 million for the 2021 Quarter from \$16.8 million for the 2020 Quarter. The Waycroft mixed-use development opened in April 2020 and, as of May 4, 2021, applications have been received for 485 residential leases, approximately 99% of the available units, and 478 units were occupied. Concurrent with the opening in April 2020, interest, real estate taxes and all other costs associated with the residential portion of the property, including depreciation, began to be charged to expense, while revenue continues to grow as occupancy increases. As a result, compared to the 2020 Quarter, net income for the 2021 Quarter was adversely impacted by \$2.0 million due to the initial operations of The Waycroft. Net income also decreased from the 2020 Quarter due to higher credit losses on operating lease receivables and corresponding reserves (collectively, \$1.0 million) and lower lease termination fees (\$0.3 million). Net income available to common stockholders decreased to \$7.5 million (\$0.32 per diluted share) for the 2021 Quarter from \$10.5 million (\$0.45 per diluted share) for the 2020 Quarter.

Same property revenue decreased \$1.4 million (2.4%) and same property operating income decreased \$2.2 million (5.2%) for the 2021 Quarter compared to the 2020 Quarter. We define same property revenue as total revenue minus the revenue of properties not in operation for the entirety of the comparable reporting periods. We define same property operating income as net income plus (a) interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs, (b) depreciation and amortization of lease costs, (c) general and administrative expenses and (d) change in fair value of derivatives minus (e) gains on sale of property and (f) the results of properties which were not in operation for the entirety of the comparable periods. Shopping Center same property operating income for the 2021 Quarter totaled \$32.4 million, a \$0.3 million decrease from the 2020 Quarter. Mixed-Use same property operating income totaled \$8.2 million, a \$1.9 million decrease from the 2020 Quarter. The decrease in Shopping Center same property operating income was primarily the result of (a) higher credit losses on operating lease receivables and corresponding reserves (collectively, \$0.6 million), (b) lower lease termination fees (\$0.2 million) and (c) lower other property revenues (\$0.1 million), partially offset by (d) higher base rent (\$0.7 million), (b) higher credit losses on operating lease receivables and corresponding reserves (collectively, \$0.4 million) and (c) lower lease termination fees (\$0.2 million). Reconciliations of (a) property revenue to same property revenue and (b) net income to same property income are attached to this press release.

As of March 31, 2021, 92.2% of the commercial portfolio was leased, compared to 95.3% at March 31, 2020. On a same property basis, 92.2% of the commercial portfolio was leased as of March 31, 2021, compared to 96.3% at March 31, 2020. As of March 31, 2021, the residential portfolio was 96.9% leased compared to 96.7% at March 31, 2020.

Funds from operations ("FFO") available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests (after deducting preferred stock dividends) was \$22.7 million (\$0.72 and \$0.71 per basic and diluted share, respectively) in the 2021 Quarter compared to \$25.3 million (\$0.81 per basic and diluted share) in the 2020 Quarter. FFO is a non-GAAP supplemental earnings measure which the Company considers meaningful in measuring its operating performance. A reconciliation of net income to FFO is attached to this press release. The decrease in FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests was primarily the result of (a) higher credit losses on operating lease receivables and corresponding reserves (collectively, \$1.0 million), (b) lower base rent, exclusive of The Waycroft (\$0.6 million), (c) lower lease termination fees (\$0.3 million) and (d) initial operations of The Waycroft (\$0.3 million).

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the United States declared a national emergency with respect to COVID-19. As a result, the COVID-19 pandemic is negatively affecting almost every industry directly or indirectly.

The actions taken by federal, state and local governments to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by ordering closure of nonessential businesses and ordering residents to generally stay at home, and subsequent phased re-openings, have resulted in many of

our tenants announcing mandated or temporary closures of their operations and/or requesting adjustments to their lease terms. Experts predict that the COVID-19 pandemic will trigger a period of global economic slowdown or a global recession. COVID-19 could have a material and adverse effect on or cause disruption to our business or financial condition, results from operations, cash flows and the market value and trading price of our securities.

While the Company's grocery store, pharmacy, bank and home improvement store tenants generally remain open, restaurants are operating with limited indoor seating, supplemented with delivery and curbside pick-up, and most health, beauty supply and services, fitness centers, and other non-essential businesses are re-opening with limited customer capacity depending on location. As of May 4, 2021, payments by tenants of contractual base rent and operating expense and real estate tax recoveries totaled approximately 96% for the 2021 Quarter. The Company is generally not charging late fees or delinquent interest on past due payments and, in many cases, rent deferral agreements have been negotiated to allow tenants temporary relief where needed. For additional discussion of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Company's business, please see Part 1, Item 2 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

The following is a summary of the Company's consolidated total collections of first quarter and April 2021 rent billings, including minimum rent, operating expense recoveries, and real estate tax reimbursements as of May 4, 2021:

2021 first quarter

- 96% of 2021 first quarter total billings has been paid by our tenants.
 - 95% of retail
 - 97% of office
 - 99% of residential
 - Additionally, rent deferral agreements comprising approximately 0.2% of 2021 first quarter total billings have been executed (or 5% of the total unpaid balance) none of which are with anchor/national tenants. The executed deferrals typically cover three months of rent and are generally scheduled to be paid during 2021 and 2022. As a condition to granted rent deferrals, we have sought, and in some cases received, extended lease terms, or waivers of certain adjacent use or common area restrictions.

April 2021

- 93% of April 2021 total billings has been paid by our tenants.
 - 91% of retail
 - 94% of office
 - 99% of residential
 - Additionally, rent deferral agreements comprising less than 0.1% of April total billings have been executed, none of which are with anchor/national tenants. These deferrals are structured similarly to the first quarter deferrals.

Although we are and will continue to be actively engaged in rent collection efforts related to uncollected rent, and we continue to work with certain tenants who have requested rent deferrals, we can provide no assurance that such efforts or our efforts in future periods will be successful, particularly in the event that the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions intended to prevent its spread continue for a prolonged period. As of May 4, 2021, of the deferred rents that have come due, approximately 92% has been paid.

With cash balances of over \$10.0 million and borrowing capacity of approximately \$212.8 million on April 30, 2021, the Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity and flexibility to meet the needs of the Company's operations as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve.

Saul Centers, Inc. is a self-managed, self-administered equity REIT headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, which currently operates and manages a real estate portfolio of 61 properties which includes (a) 50 community and neighborhood shopping centers and seven mixed-use properties with approximately 9.8 million square feet of leasable area and (b) four land and development properties. Approximately 85% of the Saul Centers' property operating income is generated by properties in the metropolitan Washington, DC/Baltimore area.

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Safe Harbor Statement

Certain matters discussed within this press release may be deemed to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. These factors include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described in our Annual Report on (i) Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and (ii) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-O for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 and include the following: (i) general adverse economic and local real estate conditions, (ii) the inability of major tenants to continue paying their rent obligations due to bankruptcy, insolvency or a general downturn in their business, (iii) financing risks, such as the inability to obtain equity, debt or other sources of financing or refinancing on favorable terms to the Company, (iv) the Company's ability to raise capital by selling its assets, (v) changes in governmental laws and regulations and management's ability to estimate the impact of such changes, (vi) the level and volatility of interest rates and management's ability to estimate the impact thereof, (vii) the availability of suitable acquisition, disposition, development and redevelopment opportunities, and risks related to acquisitions not performing in accordance with our expectations, (viii) increases in operating costs, (ix) changes in the dividend policy for the Company's common and preferred stock and the Company's ability to pay dividends at current levels, (x) the reduction in the Company's income in the event of multiple lease terminations by tenants or a failure by multiple tenants to occupy their premises in a shopping center, (xi) impairment charges, (xii) unanticipated changes in the Company's intention or ability to prepay certain debt prior to maturity and (xiii) an epidemic or pandemic (such as the outbreak and worldwide spread of COVID-19), and the measures that international, federal, state and local governments, agencies, law enforcement and/or health authorities implement to address it, which may (as with COVID-19) precipitate or exacerbate one or more of the above-mentioned and/or other risks, and significantly disrupt or prevent us from operating our business in the ordinary course for an extended period. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements that we make, including those in this press release. Except as may be required by law, we make no promise to update any of the forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You should carefully review the risks and risk factors included in (i) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and (ii) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

Saul Centers, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	March 31, 2021		 December 31, 2020	
Assets				
Real estate investments				
Land	\$	513,074	\$ 511,482	
Buildings and equipment		1,555,731	1,543,837	
Construction in progress		151,699	69,477	
		2,220,504	2,124,796	
Accumulated depreciation		(617,984)	 (607,706)	
		1,602,520	1,517,090	
Cash and cash equivalents		14,554	26,856	
Accounts receivable and accrued income, net		62,645	64,917	
Deferred leasing costs, net		26,169	26,872	
Finance lease right-of-use asset		19,362	_	
Other assets		9,006	9,837	
Total assets	\$	1,734,256	\$ 1,645,572	
Liabilities				
Notes payable	\$	814,268	\$ 827,603	
Construction loan payable		146,551	144,607	
Revolving credit facility payable		103,548	103,913	
Term loan facility payable		74,816	74,791	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities		27,464	24,384	
Deferred income		24,812	23,293	
Dividends and distributions payable		19,510	19,448	
Finance lease liability		19,425	 	
Total liabilities		1,230,394	1,218,039	
Equity				
Preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares authorized:				
Series D Cumulative Redeemable, 30,000 shares issued and outstanding		75,000	75,000	
Series E Cumulative Redeemable, 44,000 shares issued and outstanding		110,000	110,000	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized, 23,573,804 and 23,476,626 shares issued and outstanding. respectively		236	235	
Additional paid-in capital		423,787	420,625	
Partnership units in escrow		79,300	_	
Distributions in excess of accumulated net income		(246,559)	(241,535)	
Total Saul Centers, Inc. equity		441,764	364,325	
Noncontrolling interests		62,098	63,208	
Total equity		503,862	427,533	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,734,256	\$ 1,645,572	

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

Saul Centers, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2021			2020	
Revenue		(una	d)		
Rental revenue	\$	57,756	\$	55,415	
Other		968		1,528	
Total revenue		58,724		56,943	
Expenses					
Property operating expenses		8,686		7,036	
Real estate taxes		7,829		7,153	
Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs		11,988		9,594	
Depreciation and amortization of lease costs		12,748		11,281	
General and administrative		4,678		5,050	
Total expenses		45,929		40,114	
Net Income		12,795		16,829	
Noncontrolling interests					
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(2,533)		(3,565)	
Net income attributable to Saul Centers, Inc.		10,262		13,264	
Preferred stock dividends		(2,798)		(2,798)	
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	7,464	\$	10,466	
Per share net income available to common stockholders	=	-			
Basic and diluted	\$	0.32	\$	0.45	

Reconciliation of net income to FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests (1)

	Three Months Ended March 31			
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2021			2020
Net income	\$	12,795	\$	16,829
Add:				
Real estate depreciation and amortization		12,748		11,281
FFO		25,543		28,110
Subtract:				
Preferred stock dividends		(2,798)		(2,798)
FFO available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests	\$	22,745	\$	25,312
Weighted average chares and units:	_	_	_	_
Basic		31,493		31,192
Diluted (2)		31,965		31,196
Basic FFO per share available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests	\$	0.72	\$	0.81
Diluted FFO per share available to common stockholders and noncontrolling interests	\$	0.71	\$	0.81

- (1) The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) developed FFO as a relative non-GAAP financial measure of performance of an equity REIT in order to recognize that income-producing real estate historically has not depreciated on the basis determined under GAAP. FFO is defined by NAREIT as net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and excluding impairment charges on real estate assets and gains or losses from real estate dispositions. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs, which is disclosed in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the applicable periods. There are no material legal or functional restrictions on the use of FFO. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income, its most directly comparable GAAP measure, as an indicator of the Company's operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. Management considers FFO a meaningful supplemental measure of operating performance because it primarily excludes the assumption that the value of the real estate assets diminishes predictably over time (i.e. depreciation), which is contrary to what the Company believes occurs with its assets, and because industry analysts have accepted it as a performance measure. FFO may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other REITs
- (2) Beginning March 5, 2021, fully diluted shares and units includes 1,416,071 limited partnership units that are currently held in escrow related to the contribution of Twinbrook Quarter to the Company by the B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust. The units will remain in escrow until the conditions of the Contribution Agreement, as amended, are satisfied.

Reconciliation of revenue to same property revenue (3)

(in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,			
		2021		2020
		(unaı	ıdited))
Total revenue	\$	58,724	\$	56,943
Less: Acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		(3,173)		
Total same property revenue	\$	55,551	\$	56,943
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Shopping Centers	\$	42,444	\$	41,571
Mixed-Use properties		13,107		15,372
Total same property revenue	\$	55,551	\$	56,943
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Total Shopping Center revenue	\$	42,444	\$	41,571
Less: Shopping Center acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		_		
Total same Shopping Center revenue	\$	42,444	\$	41,571
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Total Mixed-Use property revenue	\$	16,280	\$	15,372
Less: Mixed-Use acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		(3,173)		
Total same Mixed-Use property revenue	\$	13,107	\$	15,372

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Reconciliation of net income to same property operating income (4)

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
(In thousands)	2021		2020	
		(unaı	idited))
Net income	\$	12,795	\$	16,829
Add: Interest expense, net and amortization of deferred debt costs		11,988		9,594
Add: Depreciation and amortization of lease costs		12,748		11,281
Add: General and administrative		4,678		5,050
Property operating income		42,209		42,754
Less: Acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		(1,676)		
Total same property operating income	\$	40,533	\$	42,754
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Shopping Centers	\$	32,367	\$	32,649
Mixed-Use properties		8,166		10,105
Total same property operating income	\$	40,533	\$	42,754
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Shopping Center operating income	\$	32,367	\$	32,649
Less: Shopping Center acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		_		<u> </u>
Total same Shopping Center operating income	\$	32,367	\$	32,649
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Mixed-Use property operating income	\$	9,842	\$	10,105
Less: Mixed-Use acquisitions, dispositions and development properties		(1,676)		
Total same Mixed-Use property operating income	\$	8,166		10,105

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