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Hartman Commercial Properties REIT Maximum Offering of 11,000,000 Common Shares of Beneficial Interest Minimum Offering of 200,000 Common Shares of Beneficial Interest Minimum Purchase of 100 Shares (\$1,000) in Most States

Hartman Commercial Properties REIT is a Maryland real estate investment trust that was originally organized in 1998 as a Texas real estate investment trust under the name Hartman Commercial Properties REIT. We invest in and operate retail, industrial and office properties located primarily in the Houston and San Antonio, Texas metropolitan areas. We intend to expand our investments to retail, industrial and office properties located in major metropolitan cities in the United States, principally in the Southern United States. As of June 1, 2005, we owned 35 real estate properties.

This prospectus supersedes and replaces our prospectus dated September 15, 2004, as supplemented by Supplements No. 1 through 4 thereto, for this offering. We are offering up to 10,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest and a minimum of 200,000 common shares of beneficial interest on a best efforts basis at a price of \$10.00 per share. We also are offering up to 1,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest to be issued under our dividend reinvestment plan at a purchase price of \$9.50 per share. The shares will be offered to investors on a best efforts basis. This offering will terminate on or before September 15, 2006.

		Per		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total</u>
	Š	<u>Share</u>	1	<u>Minimum</u>		<u>Maximum</u>
Primary Offering						
Price to Public	\$	10.00	\$	2,000,000	\$	100,000,000
Selling						
Commissions*		.35		70,000		3,500,000
Dealer Manager Fee		.25		50,000		2,500,000
Proceeds to Us	\$	9.40	\$	1,880,000	\$	94,000,000
Dividend						
<u>Reinvestment Plan</u>						
Price to Public	\$	9.50		-	\$	9,500,000
Selling						
Commissions*				-		
Dealer Manager Fee		-		-		
Proceeds to Us	\$	9.50		-	-\$	9,500,000

* Selling commissions of up to 7.0% of gross offering proceeds will be paid for sales through participating broker-dealers; however, no selling commissions will be paid to D.H. Hill Securities, LLP, our dealer manager, with respect to shares sold by registered representatives or principals of D.H. Hill Securities, LLP who are affiliated with our company, and no selling commissions will be paid in connection with the purchases pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan. We anticipate that approximately 50% of the shares sold pursuant to this offering will not be subject to selling commissions. A reduction in selling commissions will increase the amount of proceeds of this offering available for us to invest in real property.

Investing in our common shares involves a high degree of risk. You should purchase common shares only if you can afford a complete loss. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 17. The most significant risks relating to your investment include the following:

No public market currently exists for our common shares. Our shares cannot be readily sold, and if you are able to sell your shares, you will likely have to sell them at a substantial discount. We intend to either liquidate our assets or list our shares for trading on an exchange within twelve years of the termination of this offering.

All of our properties are located in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas. Our operations may be adversely impacted by an economic downturn in Houston and/or San Antonio. If we raise substantially less than the maximum offering, we may not be able to invest in a geographically diverse portfolio of properties.

We will rely on Hartman Management, L.P., our advisor, to select properties and other investments and conduct our operations. We are obligated to pay substantial fees to our advisor and its affiliates, some of which are payable based upon factors other than the quality of services provided to us. Our advisor and its affiliates will face conflicts of interest, such as competing demands upon their time, their involvement with other entities and the allocation of opportunities among affiliated entities and us.

We may incur substantial debt, which could hinder our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders or could decrease the value of your investment in the event that income on, or the value of, the property securing such debt falls. The amount of dividends we may make is uncertain.

We may not qualify as a REIT in a given taxable year. If we were to fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we would be subject to federal income tax (including any applicable

alternative minimum tax) on our taxable income at regular corporate rates, and we would be disqualified from being taxed as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which qualification was lost, unless entitled to relief under certain statutory provisions.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Attorney General of the State of New York nor any other state securities regulator has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

No one is authorized to make any statement about this offering different from those that appear in this prospectus. The use of projections or forecasts in this offering is prohibited. Any representation to the contrary and any predictions, written or oral, as to the amount or certainty of any present or future cash benefit or tax consequence that may flow from an investment in this offering is not permitted.

The dealer manager of this offering is D.H. Hill Securities, LLP. The dealer manager is not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of our common shares but will use its best efforts to sell the shares offered hereby. Your subscription payments will be placed in an account held by the escrow agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and will be held in trust for your benefit, pending release to us.

The date of this prospectus is June 27, 2005

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efforts" basis. Because of the "best efforts" nature of this offering, there is no guarantee that we will be able to raise substantially more than the minimum offering amount. If we are unable to raise substantially more than the minimum offering amount, we will be limited in the number and type of investments we may make and the value of your investment in us will fluctuate with the performance of the specific investments we make. 18 Because of the lack of geographic diversification of our portfolio, an economic downturn in the Houston and San Antonio, Texas metropolitan areas could adversely impact our operations and ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. 18 This is the first publicly offered REIT sponsored by Mr. Hartman, and the prior performance of private real estate investment programs sponsored by affiliates of Mr. Hartman may not be an indication 19 of our future results. If we lose or are unable to obtain key personnel, our ability to implement our 19 investment strategies could be delayed or hindered. Our rights, and the rights of our shareholders, to recover claims 19 against our officers, trustees and our advisor are limited. We may need to incur borrowings to meet REIT 19 minimum distribution requirements. An increase in market interest rates may have an 20 adverse effect on our ability to sell shares in this offering.

We expect to acquire or
develop several propertieswith the proceeds of this
offering that, if unsuccessful,
could adversely impact our
ability to pay dividends to
our shareholders.Our use of borrowings to
fund acquisitions and
improvements on properties
could result in foreclosures
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SUITABILITY STANDARDS

An investment in our company involves significant risk and is only suitable for persons who have adequate financial means, desire a relatively long-term investment and who will not need immediate liquidity from their investment.

In consideration of these factors, we have established suitability standards for investors in this offering and subsequent purchasers of our shares. These suitability standards require that a purchaser of shares have, excluding the value of a purchaser's home, furnishings and automobiles, either:

a net worth of at least \$150,000; or

a gross annual income of at least \$45,000 and a net worth of at least \$45,000.

In addition, we will not sell shares to investors in the states named below unless they meet special suitability standards:

Arizona, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas - Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$225,000, or (2) gross annual income of at least \$60,000 and a net worth of at least \$60,000.

Kansas - Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$225,000 and a net worth of at least 10 times their investment in us, or (2) gross annual income of at least \$60,000 and a net worth of at least \$60,000.

Maine - Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$225,000, or (2) gross annual income of at least \$50,000 and a net worth of at least \$50,000.

California, Ohio and Oklahoma - In addition to the suitability requirements described above, investors must have a net worth of at least 10 times their investment in us.

For purposes of determining suitability of an investor, net worth in all cases should be calculated excluding the value of an investor's home, furnishings and automobiles. In the case of sales to fiduciary accounts, these suitability standards must be met by the fiduciary account, by the person who directly or indirectly supplied the funds for the purchase of the shares if such person is the fiduciary or by the beneficiary of the account.

Those selling shares on our behalf must make every reasonable effort to determine that the purchase of shares in this offering is a suitable and appropriate investment for each shareholder based on information provided by the shareholder regarding the shareholder's financial situation and investment objectives. See "Plan of Distribution - Suitability Standards" for a detailed discussion of the determinations regarding suitability that we require of all those selling shares on our behalf.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS OFFERING

Below we have provided answers to some of the more frequently asked questions relating to an offering of this type. Please see the remainder of this prospectus for more detailed information about this offering.

Q: What is a **REIT**?

A: In general, a REIT is an entity that:

- combines the capital of many investors to acquire or provide financing for real properties;
- enables individual investors to invest in a professionally managed portfolio of real estate assets;
- provided certain income tax requirements are satisfied, avoids the "double taxation" treatment of income that generally results from investments in a corporation because a REIT is not generally subject to federal corporate income taxes on that portion of its income distributed to shareholders; and
 - pays dividends to investors of at least 90.0% of its taxable income.

Q: What is Hartman Commercial Properties REIT?

A: Hartman Commercial Properties REIT is a Maryland real estate investment trust organized in December 2003 for the purpose of merging with Hartman Commercial Properties REIT, a Texas real estate investment trust organized in August 1998. On June 4, 2004, the shareholders of the Texas entity approved the merger, and on July 28, 2004, the reorganization was completed. We are the surviving entity as a result of the merger. The sole purpose of the reorganization was to change our state of domicile to Maryland. We acquire and manage retail, industrial and office properties in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas. We owned 35 commercial properties on June 1, 2005, primarily consisting of retail centers, industrial and office properties.

Q: What is the experience of your executive officers and trustees?

A: Allen R. Hartman has been our president, secretary and member of our board of trustees since our formation in 1998. He is also the sole limited partner of our advisor and property manager, Hartman Management, L.P. (which we refer to as Hartman Management or the Management Company), as well as the President, Secretary, sole trustee and sole shareholder of the general partner of Hartman Management. Since 1984, Mr. Hartman, as an individual general partner, has been the sponsor of 17 private limited and general partnerships that have invested in commercial real estate in Houston, Texas. Mr. Hartman has over 30 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry. From 1978 to 1983, Mr. Hartman owned and operated residential rental properties.

Terry L. Henderson has been our Chief Financial Officer and a member of our board of trustees since April 27, 2005, when he was appointed by the board of trustees to replace Robert W. Engel, who resigned those positions effective April 26, 2005. Mr. Henderson has been the Chief Financial Officer of Hartman Management since 2003. Mr. Henderson is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of various professional CPA organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas Tech University. Prior to joining Hartman Management, Mr. Henderson was the Chief Financial Officer for Senterra Real Estate Group in Houston, Texas from 1990 to 2003.

Chand Vyas has been a member of our board of trustees since 2002. Mr. Vyas is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EPS Technology, a global information technology and business process outsourcing company that he founded in 2000. From 1982 until 1998, Mr. Vyas served as Chief Executive Officer of Ziegler Coal Holding Company, where he led a buyout of Ziegler from its parent company, Houston Natural Gas, in 1985. In subsequent years, under Mr. Vyas' leadership, Ziegler grew many fold through acquisitions including the purchase of Old Ben Coal from British Petroleum as well as Shell Mining Company from Shell Oil. Ziegler Coal Holding Company went public in 1994 with the largest initial public offering underwritten during that year's third quarter.

Jack L. Mahaffey has been a member of our board of trustees since 2000. Mr. Mahaffey served as the President of Shell Mining Co. from 1984 until 1991. Since his retirement in 1991, Mr. Mahaffey has managed his personal investments. Mr. Mahaffey graduated from Ohio State University with a B.S. and M.S. in Petroleum Engineering and served in the United States Air Force. He is a former board member of the National Coal Association and the National Coal Council.

Samuel C. Hathorn has been a member of our board of trustees since 2000. Mr. Hathorn has been in the home building and land development business for over thirty years. He has held both divisional and senior management positions with three different large publicly held home builders/developers during his real estate career. Since 1981, Mr. Hathorn has been a senior executive with Weyerhaeuser Company (NYSE). Since 1984, Mr. Hathorn has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Trendmaker Homes, the Houston, Texas based home building and land development subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Company. Mr. Hathorn is a licensed CPA in the State of California and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He currently serves as a director of National Beverage Corp.

(AMEX).

Chris A. Minton has been a member of our board of trustees since 2000. Mr. Minton was employed by Lockheed Martin for 35 years and was a Vice-President of Lockheed's Technology Services Group from 1993 until 1995. While employed at Lockheed, he supervised the business operations of six operating companies that employed over 30,000 people. Since his retirement from Lockheed in 1995, Mr. Minton

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has managed his personal investments and served as a consultant to a privately held aircraft mechanics school and to a Lockheed Martin subsidiary company. Mr. Minton graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelors Degree, and he is a licensed CPA (retired status) in the State of Texas. He has been awarded the Gold Knight of Management award for achievements as a professional manager by the National Management Association.

Q: Who is Hartman Management, L.P.?

A: Hartman Management is our advisor and property manager. Hartman Management was organized as a Texas corporation in 1990 and reorganized as a Texas limited partnership in 2001. Hartman Management manages our day-to-day operations and our portfolio of properties. As of December 31, 2004, Hartman Management had sponsored or advised private real estate programs that had raised approximately \$140 million from approximately 2,858 investors, including investors in us, and that owned and operated more than 5.4 million square feet of commercial real estate properties.

Q: In what types of real property will you invest?

A: We generally will seek to use the offering proceeds available for investment after the payment of fees and expenses to acquire commercial retail, office and industrial properties that we intend to hold for a period of seven to ten years from the date of acquisition. We will seek to invest in commercial properties in major metropolitan cities in the United States, principally in the Southern United States. We may invest in other property types or geographic areas in order to reduce overall portfolio risk or enhance overall portfolio returns if our advisor determines that it would be advantageous to do so.

Q: May you invest in anything other than real property?

A: Yes. We anticipate there will be opportunities to acquire some or all of the ownership interests of unaffiliated enterprises having real property investments consistent with those we intend to acquire directly. In addition, if our advisor determines that, due to the state of the real estate market or in order to diversify our investment portfolio, it would be advantageous to us, we may also provide mortgage loans to owners of commercial retail, office or industrial properties or purchase such mortgage loans or participations in mortgage loans from other mortgage lenders. Because there are significant limitations on the amount of non-real estate assets that a REIT may own without losing its status as a REIT, we will be significantly limited as to ownership of non-real estate investments. These limitations may limit our ability to maximize profits.

Q: How are you different from your competitors who offer unlisted REIT shares to the public?

A: We have a track record of acquiring properties for prices that provide us the ability to add value. Our REIT has an existing, growing portfolio of properties and we intend that growth trend to continue. One very important difference is that we use Hartman Management, our advisor, also as our property manager. Many of our competitors outsource that function to unaffiliated third parties or establish an affiliated property manager that also performs services for unaffiliated third-party developers. Hartman Management only manages properties in various Hartman programs. Other third-party managers work for multiple, unrelated owners. We believe Hartman Management is able to provide us more individualized service.

Q: Who will choose the investments you make?

A: Hartman Management is our advisor and makes recommendations on all investments to our board of trustees. Hartman Management is wholly owned by Allen R. Hartman, who is our President and a member of our board of trustees. Mr. Hartman has extensive experience investing in commercial real estate. In addition, various other

officers and key employees of Hartman Management have extensive experience in the areas of commercial property management, leasing, development or investment. The officers, trustees and key employees of Hartman Management are Terry L. Henderson, John Crossin and Valarie L. King, and they will assist Mr. Hartman in making property acquisition recommendations on behalf of Hartman Management to our board of trustees. Our board of trustees, including a majority of our independent trustees, must approve all of our investments.

Q: How will Hartman Management select potential properties for acquisition?

A: Hartman Management will generally seek to acquire good quality retail, office and industrial buildings located in major metropolitan cities in the United States, principally in the Southern United States, and leased to creditworthy companies. Many factors enter into what we consider to be "good quality," including a location that generates and retains tenants because it is good for their business, construction that is attractive, meets building codes and uses materials that withstand ordinary use, and sufficient tenancy to generate current returns on investment. Current tenants of our existing properties include Kroger Food Stores, National Oilwell, 99 Cents Only Stores Texas, Bally Total Fitness, Sears Homestore, Circuit City, Michael's, PETsMART and Carrier. Some of the properties may be acquired from affiliated entities, such as the private real estate programs sponsored or advised by Hartman Management.

To find properties that best meet our selection criteria for investment, Hartman Management's property acquisition team will study regional demographics and market conditions and interview local brokers to gain practical knowledge of the regional economic and market dynamics. An experienced commercial construction engineer will inspect the structural soundness and the operating systems of each building, and an environmental firm will investigate all environmental issues to help ensure that each property meets our quality specifications.

Q: How many properties do you currently own?

A. As of June 1, 2005, we owned 35 commercial properties. These properties are retail, industrial and office properties located in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas. Because we have not identified any specific properties to acquire with the proceeds from this offering, we are considered to be a partial blind pool.

Q: Do you intend to acquire some of your properties in joint ventures?

A: We may want to acquire properties in joint ventures if we determine it necessary in order to diversify our portfolio of properties in terms of geographic region, property type or tenant industry group. Also, a joint venture may enable us to invest net proceeds from this offering sooner than would be possible otherwise, since the amount of gross proceeds raised in the early stages of this offering may be insufficient to acquire title to all of a real property targeted for investment. Such joint ventures may be with our affiliates or with third parties. In January 2004, we entered into a joint venture with an affiliate to acquire an office building in Houston, Texas. We may also make or invest in mortgage loans secured by properties owned by such joint ventures.

Q: What steps do you take to make sure you invest in environmentally compliant property?

A: We will obtain a Phase I environmental assessment of each property purchased. In addition, we expect that in most cases we will obtain a representation from the seller that, to its knowledge, the property is not contaminated with hazardous materials.

Q: What will be the terms of your leases?

A: We will seek to secure leases with creditworthy tenants before or at the time we acquire a property. We expect that our leases generally will be economically net leases, which means that the tenant would be responsible for the cost of repairs, maintenance, property taxes, utilities, insurance and other operating costs. In most of these leases, we will probably be responsible for the replacement of specific structural components of a property, such as the roof of the building or the parking lot. We expect that our leases generally will have terms of three to five or more years, some of which may have renewal options.

Q: How will you own your real estate properties?

A: As an "UPREIT," we expect to own substantially all of our real estate properties through Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P., which we refer to as Hartman OP or the Operating Partnership. We organized Hartman OP to own, operate and manage real properties on our behalf. We are the sole

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general partner and own 55.84% of the outstanding units of partnership interest of Hartman OP. We may, however, own investments directly or through other entities.

Q: What is an "UPREIT"?

A: UPREIT stands for Umbrella Partnership Real Estate Investment Trust. We use this structure because a sale of property directly to the REIT is generally a taxable transaction to the selling property owner. In an UPREIT structure, a seller of a property who desires to defer taxable gain on the sale of his property may transfer the property to the UPREIT in exchange for limited partnership units in the UPREIT and defer taxation of gain until the seller later exchanges his UPREIT units on a one-for-one basis for REIT shares. If the REIT shares are publicly traded, the former property owner will achieve liquidity for his investment. Using an UPREIT structure gives us an advantage in acquiring desired properties from persons who may not otherwise sell their properties because of unfavorable tax results.

Q: If I buy shares, will I receive dividends and how often?

A: Provided we have sufficient cash flow to pay dividends, we intend to declare dividends to our shareholders on a quarterly basis and to pay the dividends on a monthly basis during the following quarter. We intend to coordinate our dividend distribution dates with our monthly new investor admission dates so our investors will be entitled to be paid dividends in the next declaration of quarterly dividends following their admission. We have paid cash dividends ever since our operations commenced in 1999. Our board of trustees will make the determination of whether to authorize a dividend and the amount thereof consistent with its duties. We will not pay a dividend when we are unable to pay our debts as they become due in the usual course of business. However, in order to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we must make aggregate annual distributions equal to at least 90.0% of our taxable income (which does not necessarily equal net income as calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP)).

Q: How do you calculate the payment of dividends to shareholders?

A: We intend to calculate our dividends on a monthly basis to shareholders of record. As a result, any dividend payments will begin to accrue immediately upon our monthly admission of new shareholders. Such dividends will be paid to new shareholders beginning with the dividend payment made on the third month following their acquisition of our common shares.

Q: May I reinvest my dividends in shares of Hartman Commercial Properties REIT?

A: Yes. You may participate in our dividend reinvestment plan by checking the appropriate box on the subscription agreement or by filling out an enrollment form, which we will provide to you at your request. The purchase price for shares purchased under the dividend reinvestment plan will be \$9.50.

Q: Will the dividends I receive be taxable as ordinary income?

A: Generally, dividends that you receive, including dividends that are reinvested pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan, will be taxed as ordinary income to the extent they are from current or accumulated earnings and profits. We expect that some portion of your dividends may not be subject to tax in the year in which they are received because depreciation expense reduces the amount of taxable income but does not reduce cash available for distribution to our shareholders. The portion of your dividend that is not subject to tax immediately is considered a return of capital for tax purposes and will reduce the tax basis of your investment. This, in effect, can defer a portion of your tax until your investment is sold or we are liquidated, at which time you will be taxed at capital gains rates. Any

dividend or distribution that we properly designate as a capital gain distribution generally will be treated as long-term capital gain without regard to the period for which you have held your shares. However, because each investor's tax considerations are different, we suggest that you consult with your tax advisor. You should also review the section of this prospectus entitled "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

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Q: What will you do with the money raised in this offering?

A: We intend to use substantially all of the net proceeds from this offering to acquire and operate commercial real estate primarily consisting of retail, office and industrial properties leased to creditworthy companies. Assuming that approximately one-half of the shares we sell in this offering are sold by our dealer manager without the payment of commissions, we estimate that approximately \$8.95 of per share proceeds will be available for the purchase of real estate, with the remaining proceeds to pay fees and expenses of this offering and an acquisition fee to our advisor.

Until we invest the proceeds of this offering in real estate, we may invest in short-term, highly liquid or other authorized investments. Such short-term investments will not earn as high of a return as we expect to earn on our real estate investments, and we may not be able to invest the proceeds in real estate promptly.

Holders of interests in Hartman OP have the right to exchange those interests for our shares. We expect few, if any, of the holders of interests in Hartman OP will elect to exchange such interests during this offering and that the loss of cash proceeds from any such exchange will be immaterial. See "The Operating Partnership Agreement — Exchange Rights" for a summary of these rights.

Q: What kind of offering is this?

A: We are offering to the public up to 10,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest on a "best efforts" basis. We are also offering up to 1,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest to be issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan.

Q: How does a "best efforts" offering work?

A: When shares are offered on a "best efforts" basis, the broker-dealers participating in the offering are only required to use their best efforts to sell the shares and have no firm commitment or obligation to purchase any of the shares. Therefore, we may not sell all or any of the shares that we are offering.

Q: How long will this offering last?

A:

The offering will not last beyond September 15, 2006.

Q: Who can buy shares?

A: An investment in our company is only suitable for persons who have adequate financial means and who will not need immediate liquidity from their investment. Residents of most states can buy shares in this offering provided that they have either (1) a net worth of at least \$45,000 and an annual gross income of at least \$45,000, or (2) a net worth of at least \$150,000. For this purpose, net worth does not include your home, home furnishings and automobiles. These minimum levels may be higher in certain states, so you should carefully read the more detailed description in the "Plan of Distribution - Suitability Standards" section of this prospectus.

Q: May I make an investment through my IRA, SEP or other tax-deferred account?

A: Yes. You may make an investment through your individual retirement account (IRA), a simplified employee pension (SEP) plan or other tax-deferred account. In making these investment decisions, decision makers should, at a minimum, consider (1) whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing

such IRA, plan or other account, (2) whether the investment satisfies the fiduciary requirements associated with such IRA, plan or other account, (3) whether the investment will generate unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) to such IRA, plan or other account, (4) whether there is sufficient liquidity for such investment under such IRA, plan or other account, (5) the need to value the assets of such IRA, plan or other account annually or more frequently, and (6) whether such investment would constitute a prohibited transaction under applicable law.

Q: Have you arranged for a custodian for investments made through IRA, SEP or other tax-deferred accounts?

A: Yes. Resources Trust Company has agreed to serve as custodian for investments made through IRA, SEP and certain other tax-deferred accounts. We will pay the fees related to the establishment of investor accounts with Resources Trust Company, and we will also pay the fees related to the maintenance of any such account for the first year following its establishment. Thereafter, Resources Trust Company has agreed to provide this service to our shareholders with annual maintenance fees charged at their standard rate. Resources Trust Company is a member of the Fiserv, Inc. family of financial services companies. Fiserv, Inc. is a publicly traded financial services company based in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Q: Is there any minimum investment required?

A: Yes. Generally, you must invest at least \$1,000. Thereafter, you may purchase additional shares in \$250 increments. Investors who already own our shares can make purchases for less than the minimum investment. These minimum investment levels may be higher in certain states, so you should carefully read the more detailed description of the minimum investment requirements appearing in the "Plan of Distribution - Minimum Purchase Requirements" section of this prospectus.

Q: How do I subscribe for shares?

A: If you choose to purchase shares in this offering, you will need to complete and sign a subscription agreement, like the one contained in this prospectus as Appendix B, for a specific number of shares and pay for the shares at the time you subscribe. Your payment will be placed into an escrow account with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., where your funds will be held, along with those of other subscribers, until we admit new investors, which we expect to do monthly. Separate escrow accounts will be established for subscriptions of residents of New York and Pennsylvania. See the section of this prospectus captioned "Plan of Distribution - Subscription Procedures" for a detailed discussion of how to subscribe for shares.

Q: If I buy shares in this offering, how may I later sell them?

A: At the time you purchase the shares, they will not be listed for trading on any securities exchange or over-the-counter market. In fact, we cannot be sure that any public market will ever develop for the shares. As a result, you may find it difficult to find a buyer for your shares. If you are able to find a buyer for your shares, you may sell your shares to that buyer only if the buyer satisfies the suitability standards applicable to him or her, including any suitability standards imposed by such potential buyer's state of residence, or unless such sale would cause the buyer to own more than 9.8% of the outstanding common shares. See the "Suitability Standards,""Plan of Distribution - Suitability Standards" and "Description of Shares - Restrictions on Transfer" sections of this prospectus.

In addition, after you have held your shares for at least one year, you may be able to have your shares repurchased by us pursuant to our share redemption program. Subject to the limitations described in this prospectus, we will also redeem shares upon the request of the estate, heir or beneficiary of a deceased shareholder. Redemption of shares, when requested, will be made quarterly on a first-come, first-served basis with a priority given to redemptions upon death of a shareholder. The redemption price is set at \$9.50 for the first three years following the termination of this offering. Thereafter, the redemption price will be set at 95.0% of the fair market value of the shares, as estimated by our advisor or by another firm we might choose for that purpose. See the "Description of Shares - Share Redemption Program" section of this prospectus.

Q: What are your exit strategies?

A: We will seek to return your investment to you by listing our shares on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market or another national exchange within twelve years from the termination of this offering or, if we do not obtain such a listing, by making an orderly disposition of our properties and distributing the net proceeds from such sales to you, unless a majority of the members of our board of trustees, including a majority of our independent trustees, in their

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relationship as fiduciaries to us and to our shareholders, approves otherwise and sets a future date for our listing and/or termination.

Q: Who is the transfer agent?

A:

American Stock Transfer and Trust Co. 59 Maiden Lane New York, New York 10038 (212) 936-5100

To ensure that any account changes are made promptly and accurately, all account changes, including your address, ownership type and distribution mailing address, should be directed to Hartman Commercial Properties REIT, Attn: Investor Relations.

Q: Will I be notified of how my investment is doing?

A: Yes. We will provide you with periodic updates on the performance of your investment with us, including:

• monthly newsletters or dividend reports;

• three quarterly financial reports, which are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and will be distributed to you upon request;

- an annual report; and
- an annual IRS Form 1099-DIV, if required; and
- supplements to this prospectus.

We will provide this information to you via one or more of the following methods, in our discretion and with your consent, if necessary:

- United States mail or other courier;
- facsimile;
- electronic delivery; and
- posting on our affiliated website, at <u>www.hartmanmgmt.com</u>.

Q: When will I receive my detailed tax information?

A: Your Form 1099 tax information will be placed in the mail by January 31 of each year.

Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: If you have more questions about the offering or if you would like additional copies of this prospectus, you should contact your registered representative or contact:

Hartman Commercial Properties REIT Attn: Investor Relations 1450 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77043 (713) 467-2222

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This prospectus summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is a summary, this section does not contain all of the information that is important to your decision whether to invest in our common shares. To understand this offering fully, you should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section and the financial statements.

Hartman Commercial Properties REIT

Hartman Commercial Properties REIT is a Maryland real estate investment trust. We invest in and operate retail, industrial and office properties located primarily in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas. We intend to expand our investments to retail, office and industrial properties located in major metropolitan cities in the United States, principally in the Southern United States. We conduct substantially all of our operations and activities through Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P., which we refer to elsewhere in this prospectus as Hartman OP or the Operating Partnership. We are the sole general partner of Hartman OP and, as of June 1, 2005, we owned 7,343,162.16 OP Units in Hartman OP, which represented 55.84% of all outstanding OP Units on such date. The term "OP Units" refers to the units of partnership interest of Hartman OP. We owned 35 commercial properties as of June 1, 2005, primarily consisting of retail centers, industrial and office properties. Our properties are typically leased to a variety of tenants under long-term leases. Some tenants are national companies; others are local businesses. Our business and properties are more fully described in the "Description of Real Estate and Operating Data" section of this prospectus.

We have made an election to be taxed as a REIT. Consequently, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on income that we distribute to our shareholders. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, REITs are subject to numerous organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that they distribute at least 90% of their taxable income for all future years beginning with 2001. We refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the "Internal Revenue Code" in this prospectus. If we fail to qualify for taxation as a REIT in any year, our income will be taxed at regular corporate rates, and we may be precluded from qualifying for treatment as a REIT for the four-year period following our failure to qualify. Even if we continue to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we may still be subject to state and local taxes on our income and property and to federal income and excise taxes on our undistributed income. We encourage you to read the section of this prospectus titled "Federal Income Tax Considerations" for more information about how we are taxed.

Our office is located at 1450 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77043. Our telephone number is (713) 467-2222.

Our Advisor

Our advisor is Hartman Management, a Texas limited partnership. Hartman Management manages our day-to-day operations and identifies acquisitions and investments on our behalf. Hartman Management also manages our portfolio of properties. We sometimes refer to Hartman Management as our property manager in this prospectus.

Our Management

We operate under the direction of our board of trustees, the members of which are accountable to our shareholders and us as fiduciaries. Our board of trustees, including a majority of our independent trustees, must approve certain matters set forth in our Articles of Amendment and Restatement (sometimes referred to herein as the "charter" or the "Declaration of Trust"). We have six members on our board of trustees. Four of the trustees are independent of Hartman Management and have responsibility for reviewing its performance. Our trustees are elected annually by our

shareholders. Although we have executive officers who will manage our operation, we do not have any paid employees. Hartman Management has employees whom it compensates out of the fees we pay to it. Except with respect to share purchase rights and options to purchase common shares that may be granted to our executive officers, only our non-employee trustees are compensated for their services to us.

Terms of The Offering

We are offering up to 10,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest to the public at \$10.00 per share. We are also offering up to 1,000,000 shares pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan at \$9.50 per share. We plan to offer common shares of beneficial interest until the earlier of September 15, 2006 or the date we sell all 11,000,000 shares in this offering. However, we may terminate this offering at any time prior to such termination date. This offering must be registered, or exempt from registration, in every state in which we offer or sell shares. Generally, such registrations are for a period of one year. Therefore, we may have to stop selling shares in any state in which the registration is not renewed annually. Funds in escrow will be invested in short-term, highly liquid or other authorized investments that can be readily sold or otherwise disposed of for cash without any dissipation of the offering proceeds invested. Since we now have met the requirement to sell a minimum of 200,000 shares, not including shares sold to residents of either New York or Pennsylvania, to the public for \$10.00 per share, those funds held in escrow prior to the satisfaction of this condition have been released to us. We also have satisfied the requirements that subscriptions for at least \$5,475,000 be received and accepted before we could accept subscriptions from any Pennsylvania residents, and that subscriptions for at least \$2,500,000 (excluding subscriptions from residents of Pennsylvania) be received and accepted before we could accept subscriptions from any New York residents. Accordingly, at the present time all proceeds from subscriptions that we accept in the offering (including subscriptions from residents of New York or Pennsylvania) are held in escrow until investors are admitted as shareholders. We intend to admit new shareholders monthly. Each time new investors are admitted, we will hold such investment proceeds in our account until we withdraw funds for the acquisition of investments, or the payment of fees and expenses.

Summary Risk Factors

An investment in our common shares is subject to significant risks that are described in more detail in the "Risk Factors" and "Conflicts of Interest" sections of this prospectus, which begin on pages 17 and 59, respectively. If we are unable to effectively manage the impact of these risks, we may not meet our investment objectives and, therefore, you may lose some or all of your investment. The following is a summary of the risks that we believe are most relevant to an investment in our common shares:

- There is no public trading market for the shares, and we cannot assure you that one will ever develop. Until the shares are publicly traded, you will have difficulty selling your shares, and even if you are able to sell your shares, you will likely have to sell them at a substantial discount.
- All of our properties are located in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas. Because of the lack of geographic diversification of our portfolio, an economic downturn in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas could adversely impact our operations and ability to pay dividends to our shareholders.
- We have not identified any investments that we will make with the proceeds of this offering. You will not have the opportunity to evaluate our investments prior to our making them. You must rely totally upon Hartman Management's ability to select our investments.
- The number of properties that we will acquire and the diversification of our investments will be reduced to the extent that we sell less than all of the 11,000,000 shares being offered. If we do not sell substantially more than the minimum offering of 200,000 shares, we may buy only one property with the proceeds of this offering and the value of your investment may fluctuate more widely with the performance of the specific investment. There is a greater risk that you will lose money in your investment if we cannot diversify our portfolio of investments by geographic location and property type.

- Our ability to achieve our investment objectives and to pay dividends depends on the performance of Hartman Management, our advisor, for the day-to-day management of our business and the selection of our real estate properties, mortgage loans and other investments.
- We will pay significant fees to Hartman Management and its affiliates, some of which are payable based upon factors other than the quality of services provided to us.
- We may incur substantial debt. Loans we obtain will be secured by some of our properties, which will put those properties at risk of forfeiture if we are unable to pay our debts and could hinder our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders in the event that income on such properties, or their value, falls.

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- We may not remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, which would subject us to the payment of tax on our income at corporate rates and reduce the amount of funds available for payment of dividends to our shareholders.
- We depend on tenants for our revenue and on anchor tenants to attract non-anchor tenants. We cannot predict what the occupancy level will be in a particular building or that any tenant will remain solvent. We also cannot predict the future value of our properties. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that you will receive cash dividends or appreciation of your investment.
- To ensure that we continue to qualify as a REIT, our charter prohibits any shareholder from owning more than 9.8% of our outstanding common shares.
- You will not have preemptive rights as a shareholder, so any shares that we issue in the future may dilute your interest in our company. In addition, our charter permits our board of trustees to issue capital shares that may subordinate the rights of holders of our common shares.
- Approximately 35.1% of our gross leasable area is subject to leases that expire prior to December 31, 2006.
- If we do not obtain listing of our common shares on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market or another national exchange by the twelfth anniversary of the termination of the offering, our charter provides that we must liquidate our assets unless a majority of our board of trustees, including a majority of our independent trustees, shall approve otherwise.
- The vote of shareholders owning a majority of our shares will bind all of the shareholders as to certain matters such as the election of trustees and any amendment to our charter.
- Potential liability as the result of environmental matters could adversely affect our operations.
- Allen R. Hartman controls other entities that compete with us for his time as well as for tenants and acquisition opportunities. Accordingly, Mr. Hartman will face conflicts of interest resulting from his duties to these other entities.
- We have acquired a majority of our properties from entities owned, in whole or in part, by Allen R. Hartman.

Description of Properties, Investments and Borrowing

As of June 1, 2005, we owned 35 commercial properties. We have not contracted to acquire any investments with the proceeds of this offering, nor has our advisor identified any assets in which there is a reasonable probability that we will invest. Although all of our properties are retail, industrial or office properties located in the Houston and San Antonio, Texas metropolitan areas, we will seek to invest in retail, office and industrial properties located in major metropolitan cities throughout the United States, principally in the Southern United States. All acquisitions of properties will be evaluated for tenant creditworthiness and the reliability and stability of the properties' future income and capital appreciation within a seven to ten-year holding period. In addition, we may acquire interests in other entities with similar real property investments. Our properties may be acquired, developed and operated by us alone or jointly with another party. We may enter into one or more joint ventures for the acquisition of properties with certain of our affiliates, other third parties, including the present and future real estate limited partnerships sponsored by our advisor. We may also serve as mortgage lender to these joint ventures or other Hartman real estate programs.

Our charter permits us to incur indebtedness of up to 300.0% of our net asset value as of the date of any borrowing. However, our board of trustees has adopted a policy that we will generally limit our aggregate borrowing to 50.0% of the aggregate value of our assets as of the date of any borrowing, unless substantial justification exists that borrowing a greater amount is in our best interests. Our policy limitation does not apply to individual properties. As a result, it can be expected that, with respect to the acquisition of one or more of our properties, we may incur indebtedness of more than 50.0% of the asset value of the property acquired. We expect to borrow up to 50.0% of our aggregate asset value if interest rates and loan terms are favorable. Our board of trustees must review our aggregate borrowing at least quarterly. Our charter further provides that we may borrow in excess of 300.0% of our aggregate asset value only if approved by our independent trustees, in which event we must disclose the justification for such excess borrowing in our next quarterly report to shareholders.

Estimated Use of Proceeds of This Offering

We estimate that we will use at least 89.5% of the proceeds of this offering to invest in properties and for general working capital purposes, but our estimate is based on the number of shares we sell in this offering through our dealer manager by registered representatives and principals of our dealer manager who are affiliates of the Company, since the commissions that would otherwise be payable for such sales will be retained and used to invest in properties. If actual sales are a lower proportion of total shares sold, then the percentage of the proceeds that will be so available will be lower. On the date of this prospectus, we had not identified any particular properties that we intend to acquire with the proceeds of this offering. We will use the remainder of the offering proceeds to pay selling commissions, fees and expenses related to this offering and fees and expenses related to the selection and acquisition of properties. You should read the "Estimated Use of Proceeds" and "Current Status of the Offering" sections of this prospectus for further detail regarding the use of the proceeds of this offering.

Investment Objectives

Our investment objectives are:

- to maximize cash dividends paid to you;
- to obtain and preserve long-term capital appreciation in the value of our properties to be realized upon our ultimate sale of such properties; and
- to provide you with a return of your investment by listing the shares on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market or another national exchange within twelve years of the termination of this offering or, if we do not obtain listing of the shares within twelve years of the termination of this offering, by making an orderly disposition of our properties and distributing the cash to you.

To achieve these objectives, we intend to increase net income from our operations through selective acquisitions and sophisticated and professional management of our properties. We intend to hold our properties until we determine that they should be sold, which we expect to be generally seven to ten years from the date of acquisition. To the extent that any of our properties are sold, we may reinvest the net proceeds of such sale in additional properties or distribute such net proceeds to equity holders. See the "Investment Objectives and Criteria" section of this prospectus for a more complete description of our business and objectives.

Dividend Policy

We have paid regular dividends to our shareholders since our inception, and we intend to continue to pay regular dividends. Dividends will be determined by our board of trustees and will be dependent upon a number of factors. To maintain our qualification to be taxed as a REIT, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our taxable income. We expect to continue to declare dividends on a quarterly basis to be paid on a monthly basis, and to pay such dividends to investors in this offering after we have admitted them as shareholders. Please see the "Description of Shares — Dividends" section of this prospectus for a description of our dividend policy and a table showing all dividends we declared prior to March 31, 2005.

Conflicts of Interest

We have no paid employees. Hartman Management directs, supervises and manages our day-to-day activities in accordance with an advisory agreement. Hartman Management also supervises our property acquisitions. Allen R.

Hartman is the president and sole owner of Hartman Management. Mr. Hartman is also our president and is a member of our board of trustees.

Hartman Management, as our advisor, will experience conflicts of interest in connection with the management of our business affairs, including the following:

- Our board of trustees oversees our operations. We have six members on our board of trustees. Four of our trustees are independent of Hartman Management and have responsibility for reviewing its performance.
- We pay Hartman Management significant compensation for services it performs, the majority of which is not dependent on the quality of the service provided to us. We also reimburse Hartman Management for expenses it pays on our behalf.

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• Hartman Management will experience conflicts of interest in connection with the management of our business and properties, such as:

-Mr. Hartman and other employees of Hartman Management will need to allocate their time between our operations and the operations of other companies managed by Hartman Management that are affiliated with Mr. Hartman.

-We compete for tenants with other companies affiliated with Mr. Hartman also managed by Hartman Management.

- We may acquire properties from entities affiliated with Mr. Hartman but otherwise not affiliated with us.
- Hartman Management must determine which properties we should acquire and which properties should be acquired by another Hartman program.

- Hartman Management will receive fees in connection with transactions involving the purchase, management and sale of our properties regardless of the quality of the property acquired or service provided to us.

See the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus for a detailed discussion of the various conflicts of interest relating to your investment, as well as the procedures that we have established to resolve a number of these potential conflicts.

The following chart shows the ownership structure of the various Hartman entities that are affiliated with Hartman Management:

- (1) Allen R. Hartman is the sole shareholder of Hartman Property Management Holdings, LLC.
- (2) Allen R. Hartman owns 3.47% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Hartman Commercial Properties REIT. Units of Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P. may be converted into common shares of Hartman Commercial Properties REIT. Assuming Mr. Hartman makes such a conversion, and assuming that he is deemed the beneficial owner of Houston R. E. Income Properties XIV, Mr. Hartman will own 25.41% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Hartman Commercial Properties REIT.
- (3)Allen R. Hartman is the sole limited partner of Hartman Management, L.P., which serves as the advisor and the property manager to Hartman Commercial Properties REIT. Hartman Property Management Holdings, LLC is the sole general partner of Hartman Management, L.P.
- (4) Hartman Commercial Properties REIT is the 55.84% owner and the general partner of Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P.
- (5)Hartman REIT Operating Partnership II, L.P. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P. and was formed in order to secure a loan from GMAC.

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(6)Hartman REIT Operating Partnership III, L.P. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hartman REIT Operating Partnership, L.P. and was formed in order to secure a revolving line of credit facility with a consortium of banks led by KeyBank National Association.

Prior Offering Summary

Our founder, Allen R. Hartman, has previously sponsored 17 privately offered real estate limited partnerships over the last 20 years. As of December 31, 2004, Mr. Hartman had raised approximately \$140 million from approximately 2,858 investors in these real estate programs. Neither Mr. Hartman, nor any of our other affiliates, have previously sponsored or organized a publicly offered REIT. The "Prior Performance Summary" section of this prospectus contains a discussion of the programs sponsored by Mr. Hartman from January 1, 1995 to date. Certain statistical data relating to such programs with investment objectives similar to ours is also provided in the "Prior Performance Tables" included as Appendix A to this prospectus. Our prior performance, and the prior performance of the other programs previously sponsored by Mr. Hartman, are not necessarily indicative of the results that we will achieve. Therefore, you should not assume that you will experience returns, if any, comparable to those experienced by our shareholders in the past or by investors in other prior Hartman real estate programs.

Compensation to Hartman Management and Its Affiliates