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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities Being Registered	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
2.95% Notes due September 15, 2022	\$450,000,000	\$51,570(1)

(1)

The registration fee of \$51,570 is calculated in accordance with Rules 457(o) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, the registrant initially deferred payment of all of the registration fee for Registration Statement No. 333-179720 filed by the registrant on February 27, 2012.

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Pricing Supplement No. 14 dated September 6, 2012
(To Prospectus dated February 27, 2012 and
Prospectus Supplement dated September 6, 2012)

Medium-Term Notes Fixed Rate

2.95% Notes due 2022

Principal Amount: \$450,000,000
Net Proceeds to Issuer: \$446,107,500
Stated Maturity Date: September 15, 2022
Original Issue Date: September 13, 2012
Interest Payment Dates: March 15 and September 15
Redemption:

Issue Price (Public Offering Price): 99.785%
Agents' Discount Commission: 0.650%
Interest Rate: 2.95%
CUSIP: 05348E AQ2
First Interest Payment Date: March 15, 2013

The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the Stated Maturity Date at the option of the issuer.

The Notes may be redeemed prior to the Stated Maturity Date at the option of the issuer.

Initial Redemption Date: See Additional/Other Terms.

Initial Redemption Percentage/Redemption Price: See Additional/Other Terms.

Annual Redemption Percentage Reduction: N/A

Optional Repayment:

The Notes cannot be required to be repaid prior to the Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Holder of the Notes.

The Notes can be repaid prior to the Stated Maturity Date at the option of the Holder of the Notes.

Optional Repayment Dates:

Repayment Price: %

Currency:

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars (If other than U.S. Dollars, see attached)

Minimum Denominations:

(Applicable only if Specified Currency is other than U.S. Dollars)

Original Issue Discount ("OID"): Yes No

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Total Amount of OID:

Yield to Maturity:

Initial Accrual Period:

Form: Book-Entry Certificated

Agent: Goldman, Sachs & Co.
 UBS Securities LLC

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
 Other (names):
 BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC
 Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.
 SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

Agent acting in the capacity as indicated below:

Agent Principal
If as Principal:

- The Notes are being offered at varying prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of resale.
- The Notes are being offered at a fixed initial public offering price of 99.785% of principal amount.

If as Agent:

The Notes are being offered at a fixed initial public offering price of % of Principal Amount.

Exchange Rate Agent: N/A

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Use of Proceeds:

AvalonBay will use the net proceeds, after estimated issuance costs, of approximately \$445,607,500 from the sale of the 2.95% Notes due 2022 (the "Notes") for working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes, which may include the acquisition and development and redevelopment of apartment communities and repayment and refinancing of other debt. Pending the uses described above, the net proceeds may be invested in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities.

Plan of Distribution:

Each of the Agents has severally agreed to purchase from AvalonBay, and AvalonBay has agreed to sell to the Agents, the principal amount of Notes set forth opposite the Agent's name below:

Agent	Principal Amount
UBS Securities LLC	\$ 112,500,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	112,500,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	112,500,000
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC	37,500,000
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.	37,500,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	37,500,000
	\$ 450,000,000

Each of the Agents will receive a discount commission for the Notes to be sold by them as set forth above. The Agents propose to offer the Notes initially at the public offering price set forth above and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of 0.40% of the principal amount of the Notes. The Agents may allow, and the dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of 0.25% of the principal amount of the Notes on sales to certain other dealers. After the initial public offering, the Agents may vary the public offering price and other selling terms from time to time.

It is expected that delivery of the Notes will be made against payment therefor on or about September 13, 2012, the fifth business day following the date hereof. Trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the Notes on the date of this Pricing Supplement or on the following business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Notes will settle in T+5, to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement.

As described in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement dated September 6, 2012, in the ordinary course of business, each of the Agents and/or their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in commercial banking or investment banking transactions with us and our affiliates for which they have received, and will in the future receive, customary compensation. UBS Loan Finance LLC, an affiliate of UBS Securities LLC, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, each hold a commitment under our \$750,000,000 unsecured revolving credit facility. Additionally, UBS Securities LLC acts as a Co-Documentation Agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as a Bank and Syndication Agent, and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC acts as Joint Bookrunner and Joint Lead Arranger under this credit facility.

The Agents and their affiliates have provided, or may in the future provide, various investment banking, commercial banking, financial advisory, brokerage and other services to us and our affiliates for which services they have received, and may in the future receive, customary fees. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Agents and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities)

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and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Company. The Agents and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

For additional information concerning the offering and sale of the Notes, see "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement dated September 6, 2012 and "Plan of Distribution" in the accompanying Prospectus dated February 27, 2012.

Additional/Other Terms:

Other Terms:

Reopening of Issue. We may, from time to time and without the consent of the noteholders, reopen an issue of notes and issue additional notes having the same terms and conditions (including maturity, interest payment terms and CUSIP number) as notes issued on an earlier date, except for the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first payment of interest. After such additional notes are issued, they will be fungible with the notes issued on such earlier date.

Optional Redemption. The Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of AvalonBay, in whole or in part, upon notice of not more than 60 and not less than 30 days prior to the Redemption Date, at a Redemption Price equal to the sum of (i) the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date and (ii) the Make-Whole Amount, if any, with respect to such Note. If the Notes are redeemed on or after 90 days prior to the Maturity Date, the Redemption Price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date.

Acceleration of Maturity; Make-Whole Amount. If an Event of Default with respect to the Notes that are then outstanding occurs and is continuing, and pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 10, 2000 (the "Third Supplemental Indenture") the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes of this series shall have declared the principal amount (or, if the Notes of this series are Original Issue Discount Securities or Indexed Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms hereof) of all the Notes of this series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to AvalonBay (and to the Trustee if given by the Holders), then upon any such declaration such principal, or specified portion thereof, plus accrued interest to the date the Notes of this series are paid, plus the Make-Whole Amount on the Notes shall become immediately due and payable. With respect to the Notes of this series, if an Event of Default set forth in Section 501(6) of the Indenture, dated as of January 16, 1998, between AvalonBay and the Trustee (the "Indenture") occurs and is continuing, such that pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Third Supplemental Indenture all the Notes of this series are immediately due and payable, without notice to AvalonBay, at the principal amount thereof (or, if the Notes of this series are Original Issue Discount Securities or Indexed Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms of the Notes) plus accrued interest to the date the Notes are paid, then the Make-Whole Amount on the Notes shall also be immediately due and payable.

Definitions. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture and the Third Supplemental Indenture. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Make-Whole Amount" means, in connection with any optional redemption or accelerated payment of any Note, the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate present value as of the date of such redemption or accelerated payment of each dollar of principal being redeemed or paid and the amount

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of interest (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption or accelerated payment) that would have been payable in respect of such dollar if such redemption or accelerated payment had not been made, determined by discounting, on a semi-annual basis, such principal and interest at the Reinvestment Rate (determined on the third Business Day preceding the date such notice of Redemption is given or declaration of acceleration is made) from the respective dates on which such principal and interest would have been payable if such redemption or accelerated payment had not been made, over (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Notes being redeemed or paid.

"Reinvestment Rate" means twenty (20) basis points plus the arithmetic mean of the yields under the respective headings "This Week" and "Last Week" published in the Statistical Release under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities" for the maturity (rounded to the nearest month) corresponding to the remaining life to maturity, as of the payment date of the principal being redeemed or paid. If no maturity exactly corresponds to such maturity, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to such maturity shall be calculated pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence and the Reinvestment Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight-line basis, rounding in each of such relevant periods to the nearest month. For such purposes of calculating the Reinvestment Rate, the most recent Statistical Release published prior to the date of determination of the Make-Whole Amount shall be used.

"Statistical Release" means the statistical release designated "H.15(519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States government securities adjusted to constant maturities or, if such statistical release is not published at the time of any determination of the Make-Whole Amount, then such other reasonably comparable index which shall be designated by AvalonBay.

United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income tax considerations of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes, and it may not contain all the information that may be important to you. It deals only with notes held as capital assets (within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code) and does not purport to deal with persons subject to special tax treatment under the Code, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, dealers in securities or currencies, persons that mark their securities to market for United States federal income tax purposes, pass-through entities or investors in such entities, persons holding notes as part of a hedge, conversion, straddle, or constructive sale transaction for United States federal income tax purposes, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, or persons whose "functional currency," as defined in Section 985 of the Code, is not the United States dollar. It also does not deal with holders other than those who purchase the notes on original issuance at the initial offering price (the first price at which a substantial portion of the notes is sold to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers), except where otherwise specifically noted, and does not address state, local, non-U.S. or United States tax considerations other than income taxation. Persons considering the purchase of the notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of United States federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction. This discussion does not address the federal income tax consideration associated with any debt instrument we may offer other than the notes covered by this pricing supplement.

As used in this pricing supplement, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

- (1) a citizen or resident, as defined in Code Section 7701(b), of the United States;

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(2) a corporation or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

(3) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source; or

(4) a trust (i) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantive decisions of the trust or (ii) that has a valid election in effect under the applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person under the Code.

As used in this pricing supplement, the term "non-U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. Holder, is not an entity organized under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions, is not subject to special treatment under the Code and is not a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes). Special rules may apply to certain non-U.S. Holders such as "controlled foreign corporations," "passive foreign investment companies," persons eligible for benefits under income tax treaties to which the United States is a party, and certain U.S. expatriates.

If a partnership holds the notes, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership acquiring notes, you should consult your tax advisors.

The information in this summary is based upon the current Code, applicable Treasury Regulations, the legislative history of the Code, the current administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service, including practices endorsed in private letter rulings, which are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service except in the case of the taxpayer to whom a private letter ruling is addressed, and existing court decisions. Those authorities may be changed, possibly retroactively, or may be subject to differing interpretations, so as to result in United States federal income tax consequences different from those summarized below. Thus, it is possible that the Internal Revenue Service could challenge the statements in this discussion, which do not bind the Internal Revenue Service or the courts, and that a court could agree with the Internal Revenue Service.

You are urged both to review the following discussion and to consult with your own tax advisor to determine the effect of purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes on your individual tax situation, including any state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

U.S. Holders

Payments of interest. Stated interest on a note will be includable in income of a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time such interest is received or accrued, in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of tax accounting.

Original issue discount. If the issue price of a debt security is less than its stated redemption price at maturity, then the debt security will be treated as being issued with original issue discount ("OID") for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless the difference between the debt security's issue price and its stated redemption price at maturity is less than a statutory *de minimis* amount. If the difference between the issue price and the stated redemption price at maturity of a debt security is more than the statutory *de minimis* amount, the debt security will be treated as having been issued with OID. The amount of OID on a debt security, which is equal to the difference, must be included in income as ordinary interest as it accrues under a constant yield method in advance of receipt of the cash payments attributable to such income, regardless of such U.S. Holder's regular method of tax accounting. Generally, the "issue price" of a debt security is the first price at which a substantial amount of the debt securities is sold to purchasers other than bond houses, brokers or similar persons

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or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers. The "stated redemption price at maturity" of a debt security is the total of all payments to be made under the debt security other than qualified stated interest (generally, stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property at least annually at a single fixed rate or at certain floating rates that properly take into account the length of the interval between stated interest payments); and, generally, is expected to equal the principal amount of the debt security. The amount of OID on the debt security will be *de minimis* if it is less than 0.0025 multiplied by the product of the stated redemption price at maturity and the number of complete years to maturity.

The amount of OID for the notes will be *de minimis* under the above rules, and thus the notes will not be treated as having OID for federal income tax purposes.

U.S. Holders may generally, upon election, include in income all interest, including stated interest, *de minimis* original issue discount, market discount, and *de minimis* market discount, as adjusted by any amortizable bond premium or acquisition premium, that accrues on a note by using the constant yield method applicable to original issue discount, subject to limitations and exceptions.

Disposition of a note. Except as discussed above, upon the sale, exchange, redemption, repurchase, or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized (less an amount equal to any accrued but unpaid interest, which will be taxable as such) on the sale, exchange, redemption, repurchase, retirement or other taxable disposition and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a note generally will equal the amount the U.S. Holder paid for the note, decreased by the amount of any payments received, other than stated interest payments. Such gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, repurchase, or other taxable disposition of a note generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the note were held for more than one year. Non-corporate taxpayers are generally subject to reduced rates of United States federal income taxation on net long-term capital gains. The deductibility of capital losses is generally subject to limitations.

Non-U.S. Holders

The rules governing the United States federal income taxation of a non-U.S. Holder are complex and no attempt will be made herein to provide more than a summary of such rules. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors to determine the effect of United States federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, as well as tax treaties, with regard to an investment in the notes.

Payments of principal and interest on a note beneficially owned by a non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal withholding tax; provided, in the case of interest:

each of the following conditions is met:

- (i) the non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;
- (ii) the non-U.S. Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related, directly or indirectly, to us; and
- (iii) the non-U.S. Holder is not a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business, as described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code.

In order for a non-U.S. Holder that is an individual or corporation (or entity treated as such for U.S. federal income tax purposes) to qualify for the above exemption from taxation on interest (including OID), the "withholding agent" (generally, the last U.S. payor or a non-U.S. payor who is a qualified intermediary or withholding foreign partnership) must have received a statement (generally made on IRS Form W-8BEN) from the individual or corporation that: (i) is signed under penalties of

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perjury by the beneficial owner of the debt security, (ii) certifies that such owner is not a U.S. Holder and (iii) provides the beneficial owner's name and address. Certain securities clearing organizations and other entities that are not beneficial owners may provide a signed statement accompanied by a copy of the beneficial owner's IRS Form W-8BEN to the withholding agent. An IRS Form W-8BEN is generally effective for the remainder of the year of signature plus three full calendar years unless a change in circumstances renders any information on the form incorrect. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, an IRS Form W-8BEN with a U.S. taxpayer identification number will remain effective until a change in circumstances makes any information on the form incorrect, provided that the withholding agent reports at least annually to the beneficial owner. The beneficial owner must inform the withholding agent within 30 days of such change and furnish a new IRS Form W-8BEN. A non-U.S. Holder that is not an individual or corporation (or an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holding the debt securities on its own behalf may have substantially increased reporting requirements and should consult its tax advisor.

A non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to United States federal income and withholding taxes on any gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of a note unless the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by such non-U.S. Holder in the United States or, in the case of an individual, such non-U.S. Holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year in which the sale, exchange or other disposition occurs and certain other conditions are met.

If a non-U.S. Holder engages in a trade or business in the United States, and if interest on the note (or gain realized on its sale, exchange or other disposition) is effectively connected with the conduct by such non-U.S. Holder of such trade or business, the non-U.S. Holder will generally be subject to regular United States income tax on that interest (or gain) on a net basis in the same manner as if such non-U.S. Holder were a U.S. Holder. In addition, if a non-U.S. Holder is classified as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, such non-U.S. Holder may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a 30% rate (unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty) on the non-U.S. Holder's effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments. For purposes of the branch profits tax, interest on, and any gain recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of, a note will be included in the non-U.S. Holder's effectively connected earnings and profits if such interest or gain, as the case may be, is effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the United States.

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") provisions of the Code, enacted in 2010, impose withholding taxes on certain types of "Withholdable Payments" to (i) foreign financial institutions that do not agree to comply with certain diligence, reporting and withholding obligations with respect to their U.S. accounts and (ii) non-financial foreign entities that do not identify (or confirm the absence of) substantial U.S. owners. Withholding under this legislation on Withholdable Payments to foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities is generally expected to phase in after December 31, 2013.

A Withholdable Payment generally includes any payment of interest from sources within the U.S. and gross proceeds from the sale or disposition of a debt instrument that would produce interest from sources within the U.S. However, under the proposed regulations, FATCA would not apply to interest payments from, and/or gross proceeds from a sale of, an obligation outstanding on January 1, 2013. An obligation that constitutes indebtedness for U.S. tax purposes is outstanding on January 1, 2013, if it has an issue date before January 1, 2013. Any material modification of an outstanding obligation would result in the obligation being treated as newly issued or executed as of the effective date of such modification. No assurance can be given as to whether the proposed regulations will be finalized in their current form. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding all aspects of this legislation.

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Medicare Tax on Unearned Income

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, a U.S. stockholder that is an individual is subject to a 3.8% tax on the lesser of (1) his or her "net investment income" for the relevant taxable year or (2) the excess of his or her modified gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold (between \$125,000 and \$250,000 depending on the individual's U.S. federal income tax filing status). A similar regime applies to certain estates and trusts. Net investment income generally would include gross interest income and net gains from the disposition of notes, unless such interest or net gains are derived in the ordinary course of the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). Prospective investors that are U.S. persons that are individuals, estates or trusts are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of this tax to their income and gains in respect of their investment in the notes.

Information reporting and backup withholding

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments on a note (including payments of interest and of the proceeds of the sale, exchange, redemption, repurchase or other disposition of a note) to a U.S. Holder, unless an exception applies. Further, under the backup withholding rules as applicable through December 31, 2012, the payee will be subject to backup withholding tax at the rate of 28% if:

the payee fails to furnish its taxpayer identification number, or TIN, to the payor or to establish an exemption from backup withholding;

the Internal Revenue Service notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect;

in the case of interest, there has been a notified payee under-reporting with respect to interest, dividends, or original issue discount described in Section 3406(c) of the Code; or

in the case of interest, there has been a failure of the payee to certify under the penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to backup withholding under the Code.

Some U.S. Holders, including corporations, are exempt from backup withholding.

Information reporting requirements and backup withholding generally will not apply to payments on a note to a non-U.S. Holder if an applicable Internal Revenue Service Form W-8 described above is duly provided by such holder, provided that the withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a United States person. Information reporting requirements and backup withholding generally will not apply to any payment of the proceeds of the sale of a note effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a "broker" (as defined in applicable Treasury Regulations). However, if such broker is a United States person, is a controlled foreign corporation within the meaning of the Code, is a U.S. branch of a foreign bank or a foreign insurance company, or derives 50% or more of its gross income for certain periods from the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, the information reporting requirements generally will apply unless such broker has documentary evidence in its records that the beneficial owner is a non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met, or the beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. Payment of the proceeds of any such sale to or through the United States office of a broker is subject to information reporting and, possibly, backup withholding requirements unless the beneficial owner of the note provides an applicable Internal Revenue Service Form W-8 described above and certain other conditions are met, or the beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. Any amount withheld from a payment to a holder of a note under the backup withholding rules is allowable as a credit against such holder's United States federal income tax liability (which might entitle such holder to a refund), provided that such holder furnishes the required information to the Internal Revenue Service on a timely basis. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, the backup withholding rates are scheduled to increase to as high as 31%.

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Prospectus Supplement
(To Prospectus dated February 27, 2012)

\$500,000,000

Medium-Term Notes
Due nine months or more from date of issue

AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

The Company: AvalonBay Communities, Inc. Our executive offices are located at Ballston Tower, 671 N. Glebe Road, Suite 800, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and our telephone number is (703) 329-6300.

Terms: We plan to offer and sell medium-term notes from time to time, in various amounts. The medium-term notes will have various terms, including the following:

Ranking as senior unsecured indebtedness of AvalonBay

Stated maturities of nine months or more from date of issue

Redemption and/or repayment provisions, if applicable, whether mandatory or at the option of AvalonBay or noteholders

Payments in U.S. dollars or one or more foreign currencies

Minimum denominations of \$1,000 or other specified denominations for foreign currencies

Book-entry, through The Depository Trust Company, or certificated form

Interest at fixed or floating rates, or no interest at all. The floating interest rate may be based on one or more indices plus or minus a spread and/or multiplied by a spread multiplier.

Interest payments on fixed rate notes as specified in a pricing supplement and on the maturity date

Interest payments on floating rate notes on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis

We will specify the final terms for each medium-term note, which may be different from the terms described in this prospectus supplement, in the applicable pricing supplement.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on Page S-1.

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Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any pricing supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Price to public	Agents' discounts and commissions		Proceeds to AvalonBay	
Per Note	100%	0.125%	0.750%	99.875%	99.250%
Total	500,000,000	\$625,000	\$3,750,000	\$499,375,000	\$496,250,000

We are offering the medium-term notes on a continuous basis to or through the agents listed below acting as agents or principals using their reasonable efforts on our behalf. AvalonBay reserves the right to cancel or modify this offer without notice. AvalonBay or an agent, if the agent solicits the offer on an agency basis, may reject any offer to purchase notes in whole or in part. See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution."

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan

UBS Investment Bank

The date of this prospectus supplement is September 6, 2012

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any pricing supplement. Neither we nor any agent has authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor any agent is making an offer to sell these medium-term notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any pricing supplement is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of the applicable document.

References in this prospectus supplement to "AvalonBay," "the Company," "our company," "we," "us," or "our" or similar expressions in this prospectus supplement refer collectively to AvalonBay Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and its subsidiaries, and their respective predecessor entities for the applicable periods, considered as a single enterprise.

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Risk Factors

Before you invest in the medium-term notes, you should carefully consider the risks described below as well as other information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any pricing supplement and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference herein or therein.

Notes indexed to interest rates, currencies or other indices or formulas have inherent risks not associated with a conventional debt security.

If you invest in notes indexed to one or more interest rates, currencies or composite currencies or other indices or formulas, you will be subject to significant risks not associated with a conventional fixed rate or floating rate debt security. These risks include fluctuation of the indices or formulas and the possibility that you will receive a lower, or no, amount of principal, premium or interest and at different times than you expected. We have no control over a number of matters, including economic, financial and political events, that are important in determining the existence, magnitude and longevity of these risks and their results. In addition, if an index or formula used to determine any amounts payable in respect of the notes contains a multiplier or leverage factor, the effect of any change in the particular index or formula will be magnified. In recent years, values of these indices and formulas have been volatile and volatility in those and other indices and formulas may be expected in the future.

There may not be any trading market for your notes.

We cannot assure you that a trading market for your notes will be maintained or ever develop. Many factors independent of our creditworthiness may affect the trading market of your notes and the value of the applicable index or indices, or formula or formulas. These factors include:

the complexity and volatility of the index or formula applicable to the notes;

the possibility that each index or formula may be subject to significant changes;

the method of calculating the principal, premium and interest in respect of the notes;

the time remaining to the maturity of the notes;

the outstanding amount of the notes;

the redemption features of the notes;

the amount of other securities linked to the index or formula applicable to the notes; and

the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally.

Finally, because some notes may be designed for specific investment objectives or strategies, those notes will have a more limited trading market and may experience more price volatility than other forms of debt securities. The notes will not have an established trading market when issued, and there can be no assurance of a secondary market for the notes or the liquidity of this market if one develops. This may affect the price you receive for these notes, your anticipated yield, or your ability to sell the notes at all. You should not purchase any of these notes unless you understand and know that you can bear the related investment risks.

Redemption may adversely affect your return on the notes.

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If the notes are redeemable at our option, we may choose to redeem the notes at times when prevailing interest rates are relatively low. In addition, if the notes are subject to mandatory redemption, we may also be required to redeem the notes at times when prevailing interest rates are relatively low. As a result, you may be required to reinvest redemption proceeds at a time that is not chosen by you and generally will not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as the notes being redeemed.

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Repayment procedures may limit your ability to obtain repayment of the notes.

Your notes may be repayable at your option if specified in the pricing supplement relating to the notes. If your notes are repayable at your option under specific circumstances, you will be required to follow specified procedures. Among these procedures is a requirement that the holder must provide the Trustee with the required documentation at least 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the repayment date. If the note is a global note, there may be additional notice deadlines imposed by DTC or any broker or other intermediary through which the notes are held. Accordingly, these repayment procedures may limit your ability to obtain repayment of the notes on an expedited basis, and your failure to comply with the repayment procedures may adversely affect your ability to obtain repayment of your notes.

The credit ratings assigned to our notes may not reflect all risks of an investment in the notes.

The credit ratings assigned to our medium-term notes reflect the rating agencies' assessments of our ability to make payments on the notes when due. Recently, rating agencies have been criticized for not adequately reflecting risk associated with certain securities in their ratings. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in these credit ratings will generally affect the market value of your notes. These credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to structure, market or other factors related to the value of your notes or the possibility that payments on indexed notes may be less than anticipated because of changes in the specified index.

Fluctuations in exchange rates and modification of exchange controls may impair your investment in the notes.

An investment in foreign currency notes entails significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a debt security denominated and payable in United States dollars. These risks include:

the possibility of significant changes in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and the applicable foreign currency or composite currency; and

the possibility of the imposition or modification of exchange controls by the applicable governments or monetary authorities.

These risks generally depend on factors over which we have no control, such as economic, financial and political events and the supply and demand for the applicable currencies or composite currencies. In addition, if payments on your foreign currency notes are determined by reference to a formula containing a multiplier or leverage factor, the effect of any change in the applicable currencies or composite currencies will be magnified.

In recent years, exchange rates between the United States dollar and foreign currencies or composite currencies have been volatile and this volatility may continue or increase in the future. Fluctuations between currencies that have occurred in the past are not necessarily indicative, however, of fluctuations that may occur in the future. Depreciation of the foreign currency or composite currency in which a foreign currency note is payable against the United States dollar would result in a decrease:

in the United States dollar-equivalent yield of the foreign currency note;

in the United States dollar-equivalent value of the principal and premium, if any, payable on the maturity date of the foreign currency note; and

in the United States dollar-equivalent market value of the foreign currency note.

In addition, government and monetary authorities may impose or revise exchange controls. These controls could affect exchange rates and the availability of the foreign currency or composite currency in which payments on the notes may be made. Even if there are no exchange controls, it is possible that the foreign currency or composite currency in which a payment due on a foreign currency note is

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to be made will not be available on the required payment date due to other circumstances beyond our control. In these cases, we may satisfy our obligations in respect of the foreign currency note in United States dollars. See "Special Provisions Relating to Foreign Currency Notes Availability of Specified Currency."

About This Prospectus Supplement; Pricing Supplements

We may use this prospectus supplement, together with the attached prospectus and an attached pricing supplement, to offer the notes from time to time. The total initial public offering price of the notes that we may offer by use of this prospectus supplement is \$500,000,000 (or the equivalent in one or more foreign currencies).

This prospectus supplement sets forth some of the terms of the notes that we may offer. It supplements the description of our debt securities that is contained in the attached prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the information in the prospectus.

Each time we issue notes under this prospectus supplement, we will attach a pricing supplement to this prospectus supplement. The pricing supplement will contain the specific description of the notes being offered and the terms of the offering. The pricing supplement may also add, update or change information in this prospectus supplement or the attached prospectus. Any information in the pricing supplement, including any changes in the method of calculating interest on any note, that is inconsistent with this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the information in this prospectus supplement.

It is important for you to read and carefully consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus and pricing supplement in making your investment decision. You should also read and carefully consider the information in the documents we have referred you to in "Where You Can Find More Information" in the attached prospectus.

Description of the Notes

We will issue the notes as a series of debt securities, which refers to all debt securities including the notes, issued and issuable under the Indenture. When we refer to the Indenture, we are referring collectively to an original Indenture dated as of January 16, 1998, referred to as the Original Indenture, a First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 20, 1998, a Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 7, 1998, an Amended and Restated Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 10, 2000, and a Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2006, each between AvalonBay and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor trustee), the Trustee. The Indenture is subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The following summary of the notes and the Indenture is not complete. You should read the actual provisions of the notes and the Indenture, which we have filed as exhibits to the documents we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this prospectus supplement will have the meanings given to them in the accompanying prospectus, the notes or the Indenture, as the case may be. The following description of the particular terms of the notes offered, referred to in the accompanying prospectus as the senior securities, supplements, and to the extent inconsistent replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the senior debt securities set forth in the prospectus, to which description reference is made.

The following description of the notes applies to each note offered under this prospectus supplement unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

General

All of our debt securities, including the notes, will be unsecured obligations of AvalonBay and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes are

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effectively subordinated to mortgages and other secured indebtedness of AvalonBay, which encumber the assets of AvalonBay, and to indebtedness and other liabilities of subsidiaries of AvalonBay. Accordingly, we must satisfy these mortgages and other secured indebtedness in full before holders of the notes may realize any value from encumbered or indirectly-held properties. In addition, we will repay the notes solely from the assets of AvalonBay and, therefore, holders of the notes will not have recourse against any director, officer or stockholder of AvalonBay for repayment of the notes.

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue. As a result, we may issue debt securities in one or more series up to the aggregate initial offering price authorized by us for each series. We may also, without the consent of the holders of the notes, provide for the issuance of notes or other debt securities under the Indenture in addition to the \$500,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement.

The notes are currently limited to up to \$500,000,000 aggregate initial offering price, or the equivalent in one or more foreign or composite currencies. Interest-bearing notes will either be fixed rate notes or floating rate notes, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement. We may also issue notes that do not bear any interest currently or that bear interest at a below market rate.

Each note will mature on any day nine months or more from its date of issue, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, unless the principal or any installment of principal becomes due and payable prior to the stated maturity date, whether, as applicable, by the declaration of acceleration of maturity, notice of redemption at our option, notice of the registered holder's option to elect repayment or otherwise.

Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable pricing supplement, the notes will be denominated in, and payments of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest, if any, will be made in, United States dollars. The notes also may be denominated in, and payments of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest, if any, may be made in, one or more foreign currencies or composite currencies. See "Special Provisions Relating to Foreign Currency Notes Payment of principal, premium and interest." The currency or composite currency in which a note is denominated, whether in United States dollars or otherwise, is referred to in this prospectus supplement as the Specified Currency.

You will be required to pay for the notes in the applicable Specified Currency. At the present time, there are limited facilities in the United States for the conversion of United States dollars into foreign currencies or composite currencies and vice versa. In general, commercial banks do not offer non-United States dollar checking or savings account facilities in the United States. Each agent may be prepared to arrange for the conversion of United States dollars into the applicable Specified Currency to enable you to pay for the related foreign currency note, provided that you make a request to the agent on or prior to the fifth Business Day, as defined below, preceding the date of delivery of the foreign currency note, or by any other day as determined by the agent. An agent will make each conversion on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations and charges as the agent may from time to time establish in accordance with its regular foreign exchange practices. You will be required to bear all costs of exchange in respect of your foreign currency note. See "Special Provisions Relating to Foreign Currency Notes Payment of principal, premium and interest."

Interest rates offered by us with respect to the notes may differ depending upon the aggregate principal amount of notes purchased in any single transaction. Interest rates or formulas and other terms of the notes are subject to change by AvalonBay, but no change will affect any note already issued or as to which we have accepted an offer to purchase.

We will issue each note in fully registered form as a book-entry note represented by one or more global securities or a certificated note. The authorized denominations of each note other than a foreign currency note will be \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000, while the authorized denominations of each foreign currency note will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

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We will make payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, book-entry notes through the Trustee to The Depository Trust Company, referred to as DTC. See "Description of the Notes DTC's procedures."

In the case of certificated notes, we will make payments of principal and premium, if any, due on the stated maturity date or any prior date on which the principal, or an installment of principal, of each certificated note becomes due and payable, whether by:

the declaration of acceleration;

notice of redemption at the option of AvalonBay; or

notice of the holder's option to elect repayment or otherwise

in immediately available funds upon their presentation and surrender, or, in the case of any repayment on an optional repayment date, upon their presentation and surrender and a duly completed election form in accordance with the provisions described below, at the office or agency maintained by AvalonBay for this purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, which is currently the corporate trust office of the Trustee located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286. We will make payments of interest due on the maturity date of each certificated note to the person to whom payment of the principal and premium, if any, shall be made. We will make payments of interest due, if any, on each certificated note on any interest payment date, other than the maturity date, at the office or agency referred to above maintained by AvalonBay for this purpose or, at the option of AvalonBay, by check mailed to the address of the holder that is entitled as that address appears in the Security Register of AvalonBay.

However, a registered holder of \$10,000,000 (or, if the applicable Specified Currency is other than United States dollars, the equivalent in the Specified Currency) or more in aggregate principal amount of notes, whether having identical or different terms and provisions, will be entitled to receive interest payments on any interest payment date other than the maturity date by wire transfer of immediately available funds if the holder has delivered appropriate wire transfer instructions in writing to the Trustee not less than 15 calendar days prior to that interest payment date. Any wire transfer instructions received by the Trustee will remain in effect until revoked by the registered holder. For special payment terms applicable to foreign currency notes, see "Special Provisions Relating to Foreign Currency Notes Payment of principal, premium and interest."

"Business Day" means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in The City of New York; provided, however, that, if the Specified Currency is other than United States dollars, the day must also not be a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in the Principal Financial Center, as defined below, of the country issuing the Specified Currency, or, if the Specified Currency is Euro, the day must also be a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer, or TARGET, System is open; provided, further, that, with respect to floating rate notes as to which LIBOR is an applicable interest rate basis, the day must also be a London Banking Day, as defined below.

"London Banking Day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for business, including dealings in the LIBOR Currency, as defined below, in London.

"Principal Financial Center" means, (i) the capital city of the country issuing the Specified Currency, except that with respect to United States dollars, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, South African rand and Swiss francs, the "Principal Financial Center" will be the City of New York, Sydney and Melbourne, Toronto, Johannesburg and Zurich, respectively, or (ii) the capital city of the country to which the LIBOR Currency relates, except that with respect to United States dollars, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, South African rand and Swiss francs, the "Principal Financial Center" will be the City of New York, Sydney, Toronto, Johannesburg and Zurich, respectively.

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Book-entry notes may be transferred or exchanged only through DTC. See "Description of the Notes Book-entry notes Description of the global notes" and " DTC's procedures." Registration of transfer or exchange of certificated notes will be made at the office or agency maintained by AvalonBay for this purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York. No service charge will be imposed for any registration of transfer or exchange of notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed other than exchanges in accordance with the Indenture not involving any transfer.

Reopening of issue

We may from time to time, without the consent of existing note holders, issue additional notes having the same terms and conditions (including maturity and interest payment terms) as previously issued notes in all respects, except for issue date, issue price and the first payment of interest. Additional notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with and will form a single series with the previously issued notes.

Redemptions at the option of AvalonBay

The notes will not be subject to, or entitled to the benefit of, any sinking fund. We may redeem the notes at our option before their stated maturity only if an initial redemption date is specified in the notes and in the pricing supplement. If indicated in the pricing supplement, we may redeem the notes at our option on any date on or after the initial redemption date. On or after the initial redemption date, if any, we may at our option redeem the related note at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, at the redemption price together with unpaid interest on the principal of the note payable to the redemption date. We must give written notice to registered holders of the notes to be redeemed not more than 60 nor less than 30 days before the redemption date. We will redeem the notes in increments of \$1,000, provided that any remaining principal amount will be an authorized denomination of the note. The redemption price with respect to a note will initially be the initial redemption percentage of the principal amount of the note to be redeemed specified in the pricing supplement multiplied by the unpaid principal amount to be redeemed. This initial redemption percentage, if any, shall decline at each anniversary of the initial redemption date by a percentage, specified in the pricing supplement, of the principal amount to be redeemed until the redemption price is 100% of the principal amount. For a discussion of the redemption of original issue discount notes, see " Original issue discount notes."

Repayment at the option of the holder

The pricing supplement will indicate if the notes are repayable at the option of their registered holders on a date specified prior to the notes' maturity date and, unless otherwise specified in the pricing supplement, these notes will be repayable at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount, together with unpaid interest accrued to the date of repayment.

In order for a note to be repaid, the Trustee must receive, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days, prior to the repayment date, either:

- (1) in the case of a certificated note, the note with a completed "Option to Elect Repayment" form, which is located on the reverse side of the note; or
- (2) a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission, or a letter from a member of a national securities exchange, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., referred to as FINRA, a commercial bank or a trust company in the United States which sets forth the following:
 - (A) the name of the registered holder of the note,

the principal amount of the note,

the principal amount of the note to be repaid, and

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the certificate number or a description of the terms of the note;

(B)

a statement that the option to elect repayment is being exercised; and

(C)

a guarantee that the note to be repaid, together with the completed "Option to Elect Repayment" form, will be received by the Trustee not later than the fifth Business Day after the date of the telegram, telex, facsimile or letter. This election by the holder of the note will only be effective if the note and completed form are received by the Trustee or its designated agent by this time.

The exercise of the repayment option by the holder of a note will be irrevocable. The holder of a note may exercise the repayment option for less than the entire principal amount of the note. However, the principal amount of the note remaining outstanding after repayment must be in an authorized denomination.

If a note is represented by a global note, DTC's nominee will be the holder of the note and, therefore, will be the only entity that can exercise the right to repayment. In order to ensure that DTC's nominee will timely exercise a right to repayment with respect to a particular note, the beneficial owner of the note must instruct the broker or other direct participant or indirect participant through which it holds an interest in the note to notify DTC of its desire to exercise a right to repayment. Different firms have different deadlines for accepting instructions from their customers. Accordingly, each beneficial owner should consult the broker or other direct participant or indirect participant through which it holds an interest in a note in order to determine the deadline by which an instruction must be given in order for notice to be delivered to DTC on time. Please see, "Description of the Notes DTC procedures."

If applicable, we will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, referred to as the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with any repayment.

We may at any time purchase notes at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise. Notes purchased by us may, at our discretion, be held, resold or surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Interest

Each interest-bearing note will bear interest from its date of issue at the rate per annum, in the case of a fixed rate note, or in accordance with the interest rate formula, in the case of a floating rate note, until its principal is paid or made available for payment. We will make interest payments in respect of fixed rate notes and floating rate notes in an amount equal to the interest accrued from and including the immediately preceding interest payment date in respect of which interest has been paid or made available for payment, or from and including the date of issue, if no interest has been paid or made available for payment with respect to the applicable note, to but excluding the applicable interest payment date or the maturity date, each referred to as an Interest Period.

Interest on fixed rate notes and floating rate notes will be payable in arrears on each interest payment date and on the maturity date. The first payment of interest on any note originally issued between a record date, which is the fifteenth calendar day, whether or not a Business Day, immediately preceding the related interest payment date, and the related interest payment date will be made on the interest payment date immediately following the next record date to the holder as of the next record date.

Fixed rate notes. Interest on fixed rate notes will be payable in arrears on the interest payment dates specified in the applicable pricing supplement and on the maturity date. Each fixed rate note will bear interest from the date of issue at the rate per annum stated on the face of the note until the principal amount of the note is paid or made available for payment. Interest on fixed rate notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

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If any interest payment date or the maturity date of a fixed rate note falls on a day that is not a Business Day, we will make the related payment of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest on the next succeeding Business Day as if made on the date the payment was due, and no interest will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after the interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be.

Floating rate notes. Interest on floating rate notes will be determined by reference to the applicable interest rate basis or interest rate bases, which may be one or more of:

the CD Rate,

the CMT Rate,

the Commercial Paper Rate,

the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate,

the Federal Funds Rate,

LIBOR,

the Prime Rate,

the Treasury Rate, or

any other interest rate basis or interest rate formula that is specified in the pricing supplement.

Each pricing supplement will specify the terms of the floating rate note being offered, including:

whether the floating rate note is:

- (1) a Regular Floating Rate Note,
- (2) a Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note, or
- (3) an Inverse Floating Rate Note,

the fixed rate commencement date, if applicable,

the fixed interest rate, if applicable,

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the interest rate basis or bases,

the interest rate in effect from the date of issue until the date on which this interest rate on the related floating rate note will be reset,

the date on which the interest rate on the related floating rate note will be reset,

the interest payment period and dates,

the period to maturity of the instrument or obligation with respect to which the interest rate basis or bases will be calculated, referred to as the Index Maturity,

a maximum numerical limitation, or ceiling, on the rate at which interest may accrue during any interest period, if any,

a minimum numerical limitation, or floor, on the rate at which interest may accrue during any interest period, if any,

the number of basis points to be added to or subtracted from the related interest rate basis or bases, referred to as the Spread,

the percentage of the related interest rate basis or bases by which the interest rate basis or bases will be multiplied to determine the applicable interest rate, referred to as the Spread Multiplier,

if one or more of the specified interest rate bases is LIBOR, the Index Currency and the Designated LIBOR Page, and

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if one or more of the specified interest rate bases is the CMT Rate, the Designated CMT Moneyline Telerate Page and Designated CMT Maturity Index.

The interest rate borne by the floating rate notes will be determined as follows:

Regular Floating Rate Notes. Unless a floating rate note is designated as a Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note, an Inverse Floating Rate Note or as having an addendum attached or as having "Other/Additional Provisions" apply relating to a different interest rate formula, it will be a Regular Floating Rate Note and, except as described below or in a pricing supplement, will bear interest at the rate determined by reference to the applicable interest rate basis or bases:

plus or minus the applicable Spread, if any, and/or

multiplied by the applicable Spread Multiplier, if any.

Commencing on the first interest reset date, the rate at which interest on the Regular Floating Rate Note will be payable will be reset as of each interest reset date. However, the interest rate in effect for the period from the date of issue to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate.

Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Notes. If a floating rate note is designated as a Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note, then, except as described below or in a pricing supplement, it will bear interest at the rate determined by reference to the applicable interest rate basis or bases:

plus or minus the applicable Spread, if any, and/or

multiplied by the applicable Spread Multiplier, if any.

Commencing on the first interest reset date, the rate at which interest on the Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note will be payable will be reset as of each interest reset date; provided, however, that:

the interest rate in effect for the period from the date of issue to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate, and

the interest rate in effect commencing on, and including, the date on which interest begins to accrue on a fixed rate basis to maturity will be the fixed interest rate, if the rate is specified in the pricing supplement, or if no fixed interest rate is specified, the interest rate in effect on the Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note on the day immediately preceding the date on which interest begins to accrue on a fixed rate basis.

Inverse Floating Rate Notes. If a floating rate note is designated as an Inverse Floating Rate Note, it will bear interest at the fixed interest rate specified in the related pricing supplement minus the rate determined by reference to the applicable interest rate basis or bases:

plus or minus the applicable Spread, if any, and/or

multiplied by the applicable Spread Multiplier, if any;

provided, however, that the interest rate on the Inverse Floating Rate Note will not be less than zero. Commencing on the first interest reset date, the rate at which interest on the Inverse Floating Rate Note is payable will be reset as of each interest reset date. However, the interest rate in effect for the period from the date of issue to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate.

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Each interest rate basis shall be the rate determined in accordance with the provisions below. The interest rate in effect on each day will be:

if the day is an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date, as defined below, immediately preceding the interest reset date, or

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if the day is not an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date immediately preceding the most recent interest reset date.

Interest reset dates. The pricing supplement will specify whether the interest rate on the related floating rate note will be reset daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or any other basis (each referred to in this prospectus supplement as an interest reset period), and the dates on which the interest rate on the related floating rate note will be reset (each referred to in this prospectus supplement as an interest reset date). The interest reset date will be, in the case of floating rate notes which reset:

daily each Business Day;

weekly the Wednesday of each week, with the exception of weekly reset floating rate notes where the Treasury Rate is an applicable interest rate basis, which will reset the Tuesday of each week, except as described below;

monthly the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of monthly reset floating rate notes where the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate is an applicable interest rate basis, which will reset on the first calendar day of the month;

quarterly the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year;

semiannually the third Wednesday of the two months specified in the pricing supplement; and

annually the third Wednesday of the month specified in the pricing supplement;

provided, however, that with respect to Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Notes, the rate of interest will not reset after the date on which interest on a fixed rate basis begins to accrue.

If any interest reset date for any floating rate note would otherwise be a day that is not a Business Day, the interest reset date will be postponed to the next succeeding day that is a Business Day, except that in the case of a floating rate note as to which LIBOR is an applicable interest rate basis and if the Business Day falls in the next succeeding calendar month, then the interest reset date will be the immediately preceding Business Day. In addition, in the case of a floating rate note as to which the Treasury Rate is an applicable interest rate basis, if the interest determination date would otherwise fall on an interest reset date, the particular interest reset date will be postponed to the next succeeding Business Day.

Maximum and minimum interest rates. A floating rate note may have either or both of the following:

a maximum numerical limitation, or ceiling, on the rate at which interest may accrue during any interest period, referred to as a maximum interest rate, and

a minimum numerical limitation, or floor, on the rate at which interest may accrue during any period, referred to as a minimum interest rate.

The Indenture is, and any notes issued under the Indenture will be, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In addition to any maximum interest rate that may apply to any floating rate note, the interest rate will in no event be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, as the same may be modified by United States law of general application.

Interest payments. Each pricing supplement will specify the dates on which interest will be payable. Each floating rate note will bear interest from the date of issue at the rates specified in the floating rate note until the principal of the note is paid or otherwise made available for payment. Except as provided below or in the pricing supplement, the interest payment dates with respect to floating rate notes will be, in the case of floating rate notes which reset:

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daily, weekly or monthly the third Wednesday of each month or on the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year, as specified in the pricing supplement;

quarterly the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year;

semiannually the third Wednesday of the two months of each year specified in the pricing supplement;

annually the third Wednesday of the month of each year specified in the pricing supplement; and

at the maturity date.

If any interest payment date for any floating rate note, other than an interest payment date at maturity, would otherwise be a day that is not a Business Day, the interest payment date will be postponed to the next succeeding day that is a Business Day, except that in the case of a floating rate note as to which LIBOR is an applicable interest rate basis and if the Business Day falls in the next succeeding calendar month, the interest payment date will be the immediately preceding Business Day. If the maturity of a floating rate note falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and no additional interest will accrue in respect of the payment made on that next succeeding Business Day.

All percentages resulting from any calculation on floating rate notes will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards. For example, 9.876545%, or 0.09876545, would be rounded to 9.87655%, or 0.0987655. All dollar amounts used in or resulting from any calculation on floating rate notes will be rounded to the nearest cent, or in the case of a foreign currency or composite currency to the nearest unit, with one-half cent or unit being rounded upwards.

With respect to each floating rate note, accrued interest is calculated by multiplying its principal amount by an accrued interest factor. The accrued interest factor is computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day in the period for which accrued interest is being calculated.

In the case of floating rate notes for which the interest rate basis is the CD Rate, the Commercial Paper Rate, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate, the Federal Funds Rate, LIBOR or the Prime Rate, the interest factor for each day will be computed by dividing the interest rate applicable to each day by 360.

In the case of floating rate notes for which the interest rate basis is the CMT Rate or the Treasury Rate, the interest factor for each day will be computed by dividing the interest rate applicable to each day by the actual number of days in the year.

In the case of floating rate notes for which the interest rate is calculated with reference to two or more interest rate bases, the interest factor will be calculated in each period in the same manner as if only one of the applicable interest rate bases specified in the pricing supplement applied.

Interest determination dates. The interest rate applicable to each interest reset period commencing on the interest reset date with respect to that interest reset period will be determined by the calculation agent and calculated on or prior to the calculation date, as specified below, except with respect to LIBOR and the Eleventh District Costs of Funds Rate, which will be calculated on the interest determination date.

The interest determination date with respect to the CD Rate, the CMT Rate, the Commercial Paper Rate, the Federal Funds Rate and the Prime Rate will be the Business Day immediately preceding each interest reset date for the related note.

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The interest determination date with respect to the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate will be the last Business Day of the month preceding each interest reset date on which the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco publishes the Index, as defined below.

The interest determination date with respect to LIBOR will be the second London Banking Day immediately preceding each interest reset date, unless the Index Currency is British pounds sterling, in which case the interest determination date will be the applicable interest reset date.

The interest determination date with respect to the Treasury Rate will be the day in the week in which the related interest reset date falls on which day Treasury Bills, as defined below, are normally auctioned. Treasury Bills are normally sold at auction on Monday of each week, unless that day is a legal holiday, in which case the auction is normally held on the following Tuesday, except that the auction may be held on the preceding Friday and if an auction is held on the Friday of the week preceding the related interest reset date, the related interest determination date will be the preceding Friday.

If the interest rate of a note is determined with reference to two or more interest rate bases, then the interest determination date for the note will be the most recent Business Day, which is at least two Business Days prior to the applicable interest reset date on which each interest rate basis is determinable.

The interest determination date pertaining to a floating rate note the interest rate of which is determined with reference to two or more interest rate bases will be the latest Business Day which is at least two Business Days before the interest reset date for the floating rate note on which each interest rate basis is determinable.

Each interest rate basis will be determined accordingly, and the applicable interest rate will commence on the applicable interest reset date.

Calculation date. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the Trustee will be the calculation agent with respect to any floating rate note. Upon the request of the holder of any floating rate note, the calculation agent will provide the interest rate then in effect and, if determined, the interest rate that will become effective as a result of a determination made for the next interest reset date with respect to that floating rate note, unless otherwise provided in the pricing supplement. The calculation date, if applicable, pertaining to any interest determination date will be the earlier of:

the tenth calendar day after the interest determination date, or, if the tenth calendar day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day, or

the Business Day immediately preceding the interest payment date or maturity, as the case may be.

The calculation agent will determine each interest rate basis in accordance with the following provisions, unless otherwise specified by a pricing supplement:

CD Rate. "CD Rate" means:

(1) the rate on the particular interest determination date for negotiable United States dollar certificates of deposit having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519), as defined below, under the caption "CDs (secondary market)", or

(2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date for negotiable United States dollar certificates of deposit of the particular Index Maturity as published in H.15 Daily Update, as defined below, or other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "CDs (secondary market)", or

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(3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the arithmetic mean of the secondary market offered rates as of 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date, of three leading nonbank dealers in negotiable United States dollar certificates of deposit in The City of New York, which may include the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent for negotiable United States dollar certificates of deposit of major United States dollar money market banks for negotiable United States dollar certificates of deposit with a remaining maturity closest to the particular Index Maturity in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time, or

(4) if the dealers selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (3), the CD Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

"H.15(519)" means the weekly statistical release designated as H.15(519), or any successor publication, published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"H.15 Daily Update" means the daily update of H.15(519), available through the world-wide-web site of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/update/>, or any successor site or publication.

CMT Rate. "CMT Rate" means:

(1) if CMT Moneyline Telerate Page 7051 is specified in the applicable pricing supplement:

(a) the percentage equal to the yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities", as the yield is displayed on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on page 7051, or any other page as may replace the specified page on that service, referred to as Telerate Page 7051, for the particular interest determination date, or

(b) if the rate referred to in clause (a) does not appear on Telerate Page 7051, the percentage equal to the yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having the particular Index Maturity and for the particular interest determination date as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities", or

(c) if the rate referred to in clause (b) does not appear in H.15(519), the rate on the particular interest determination date for the period of the particular Index Maturity as may then be published by either the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors or the United States Department of the Treasury that the calculation agent determines to be comparable to the rate which would otherwise have been published in H.15(519), or

(d) if the rate referred to in clause (c) is not published, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices at approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date of three leading primary United States government securities dealers in The City of New York, which may include the agents or their affiliates, each referred to as a Reference Dealer, selected by the calculation agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent and eliminating the highest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the highest, and the lowest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity equal to the particular Index Maturity, a remaining term to maturity no more than 1 year shorter than that Index Maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at that time, or

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(e) if fewer than five but more than two of the prices referred to in clause (d) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent based on the arithmetic mean of the bid prices obtained and neither the highest nor the lowest of the quotations shall be eliminated, or

(f) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (d) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices as of approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date of three Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent and eliminating the highest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the highest and the lowest quotation or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity greater than the particular Index Maturity, a remaining term to maturity closest to that Index Maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at that time, or

(g) if fewer than five but more than two prices referred to in clause (f) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent based on the arithmetic mean of the bid prices obtained and neither the highest nor the lowest of the quotations will be eliminated, or

(h) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (f) are provided as requested, the CMT Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

(2) if CMT Moneyline Telerate Page 7052 is specified in the applicable pricing supplement:

(a) the percentage equal to the one-week or one-month, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, average yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519) opposite the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities", as the yield is displayed on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on page 7052, or any other page as may replace the specified page on that service, referred to as, Telerate Page 7052, for the week or month, as applicable, ended immediately preceding the week or month, as applicable, in which the particular interest determination date falls, or

(b) if the rate referred to in clause (a) does not appear on Telerate Page 7052, the percentage equal to the one-week or one-month, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, average yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having the particular Index Maturity and for the week or month, as applicable, preceding the particular interest determination date as published in H.15(519) opposite the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," or

(c) if the rate referred to in clause (b) does not appear in H.15(519), the one-week or one-month, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, average yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having the particular Index Maturity as otherwise announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week or month, as applicable, ended immediately preceding the week or month, as applicable, in which the particular interest determination date falls, or

(d) if the rate referred to in clause (c) is not published, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices at approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date of three Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent and eliminating the highest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the highest, and the lowest quotation or, in the event

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of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity equal to the particular Index Maturity, a remaining term to maturity no more than 1 year shorter than that Index Maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at that time, or

(e) if fewer than five but more than two of the prices referred to in clause (d) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent based on the arithmetic mean of the bid prices obtained and neither the highest nor the lowest of the quotations shall be eliminated, or

(f) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (d) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices as of approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date of three Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the calculation agent and eliminating the highest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the highest, and the lowest quotation or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity greater than the particular Index Maturity, a remaining term to maturity closest to that Index Maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at the time, or

(g) if fewer than five but more than two prices referred to in clause (f) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent based on the arithmetic mean of the bid prices obtained and neither the highest or the lowest of the quotations will be eliminated, or

(h) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (f) are provided as requested, the CMT Rate in effect on that interest determination date.

If two United States Treasury securities with an original maturity greater than the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement have remaining terms to maturity equally close to the particular Index Maturity, the quotes for the United States Treasury security with the shorter original remaining term to maturity will be used.

Commercial Paper Rate. "Commercial Paper Rate" means:

(1) the Money Market Yield, as defined below, on the particular interest determination date of the rate for commercial paper having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Commercial Paper Nonfinancial", or

(2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the Money Market Yield of the rate on the particular interest determination date for commercial paper having the particular Index Maturity as published in H.15 Daily Update, or other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "Commercial Paper Nonfinancial", or

(3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the Money Market Yield of the arithmetic mean of the offered rates at approximately 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date of three leading dealers of United States dollar commercial paper in The City of New York, which may include the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent for commercial paper having the particular Index Maturity placed for industrial issuers whose bond rating is "Aa", or the equivalent, from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or

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(4) if the dealers selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (3), the Commercial Paper Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

"Money Market Yield" means a yield, expressed as a percentage, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Money Market Yield} = \frac{D \times 360}{360 - (D \times M)} \times 100$$

where "D" refers to the applicable per annum rate for commercial paper quoted on a bank discount basis and expressed as a decimal, and "M" refers to the actual number of days in the applicable interest reset period.

Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate. "Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate" means:

(1) the rate equal to the monthly weighted average cost of funds for the calendar month immediately preceding the month in which the particular interest determination date falls as set forth under the caption "11th District" on the display on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on page 7058, or any other page as may replace the specified page on that service, referred to as Telerate Page 7058, as of 11:00 A.M., San Francisco time, on that interest determination date, or

(2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) does not appear on Telerate Page 7058, the monthly weighted average cost of funds paid by member institutions of the Eleventh Federal Home Loan Bank District that was most recently announced, referred to as the Index, by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco as the cost of funds for the calendar month immediately preceding that interest determination date, or

(3) if the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco fails to announce the Index on or prior to the particular interest determination date for the calendar month immediately preceding that interest determination date, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

Federal Funds Rate. "Federal Funds Rate" means:

(1) the rate on the particular interest determination date for United States dollar federal funds as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)" and displayed on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on page 120, or any other page as may replace the specified page on that service, referred to as Telerate Page 120, or

(2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) does not appear on Telerate Page 120 or is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date for United States dollar federal funds as published in H.15 Daily Update, or any other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)", or

(3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the arithmetic mean of the rates for the last transaction in overnight United States dollar federal funds arranged by three leading brokers of United States dollar federal funds transactions in The City of New York, which may include the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent prior to 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date, or

(4) if the brokers selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (3), the Federal Funds Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

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LIBOR. "LIBOR" means:

(1) if "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement or if neither "LIBOR Reuters" nor "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement as the method for calculating LIBOR, the rate for deposits in the LIBOR Currency having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement, commencing on the related interest reset date, that appears on the LIBOR Page, as defined below, as of 11:00 A.M., London time, on the particular interest determination date, or

(2) if "LIBOR Reuters" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the arithmetic mean of the offered rates, calculated by the calculation agent, or the offered rate, if the LIBOR Page by its terms provides only for a single rate, for deposits in the LIBOR Currency having the particular Index Maturity, commencing on the related interest reset date, that appear or appears, as the case may be, on the LIBOR Page as of 11:00 A.M., London time, on the particular interest determination date, or

(3) if fewer than two offered rates appear, or no rate appears, as the case may be, on the particular interest determination date on the LIBOR Page as specified in clause (1) or (2), as applicable, the rate calculated by the calculation agent of at least two offered quotations obtained by the calculation agent after requesting the principal London offices of each of four major reference banks, which may include affiliates of the agents, in the London interbank market to provide the calculation agent with its offered quotation for deposits in the LIBOR Currency for the period of the particular Index Maturity, commencing on the related interest reset date, to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 A.M., London time, on that interest determination date and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the LIBOR Currency in that market at that time, or

(4) if fewer than two offered quotations referred to in clause (3) are provided as requested, the rate calculated by the calculation agent as the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted at approximately 11:00 A.M., in the applicable Principal Financial Center, on the particular interest determination date by three major banks, which may include affiliates of the agents, in that Principal Financial Center selected by the calculation agent for loans in the LIBOR Currency to leading European banks, having the particular Index Maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the LIBOR Currency in that market at that time, or

(5) if the banks selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (4), LIBOR in effect on the particular interest determination date.

"LIBOR Currency" means the currency specified in the applicable pricing supplement as to which LIBOR shall be calculated or, if no currency is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, United States dollars.

"LIBOR Page" means either:

if "LIBOR Reuters" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the display on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service, or any successor service, on the page specified in the applicable pricing supplement, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for the LIBOR Currency; or

if "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement or neither "LIBOR Reuters" nor "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement as the method for calculating LIBOR, the display on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on the page specified in the applicable pricing supplement, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for the LIBOR Currency.

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Prime Rate. "Prime Rate" means:

- (1) the rate on the particular interest determination date as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Bank Prime Loan", or
- (2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date as published in H.15 Daily Update, or any other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "Bank Prime Loan", or
- (3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the arithmetic mean of the rates of interest publicly announced by each bank that appears on the Reuters Screen US PRIME 1 Page, as defined below, as the applicable bank's prime rate or base lending rate as of 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date, or
- (4) if fewer than four rates referred to in clause (3) are published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the arithmetic mean of the prime rates or base lending rates quoted on the basis of the actual number of days in the year divided by a 360-day year as of the close of business on that interest determination date by three major banks, which may include affiliates of the agents, in The City of New York selected by the calculation agent, or
- (5) if the banks selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (4), the Prime Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

"Reuters Screen US PRIME 1 Page" means the display on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service, or any successor service, on the "US PRIME 1" page, or any other page as may replace that page on that service for the purpose of displaying prime rates or base lending rates of major United States banks.

Treasury Rate. "Treasury Rate" means:

- (1) the rate from the auction held on the interest determination date, referred to as the Auction, of direct obligations of the United States, or Treasury Bills, having the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement under the caption "INVESTMENT RATE" on the display on Moneyline Telerate, or any successor service, on page 56, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, referred to as Telerate Page 56, or page 57, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, referred to as Telerate Page 57, or
- (2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the Bond Equivalent Yield, as defined below, of the rate for the applicable Treasury Bills as published in H.15 Daily Update, or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Auction High", or
- (3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the Bond Equivalent Yield of the auction rate of the applicable Treasury Bills as announced by the United States Department of the Treasury, or
- (4) if the rate referred to in clause (3) is not announced by the United States Department of the Treasury, or if the Auction is not held, the Bond Equivalent Yield of the rate on the particular interest determination date of the applicable Treasury Bills as published in H.15(519) under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Secondary Market", or

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(5) if the rate referred to in clause (4) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date of the applicable Treasury Bills as published in H.15 Daily Update, or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Secondary Market", or

(6) if the rate referred to in clause (5) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on the particular interest determination date calculated by the calculation agent as the Bond Equivalent Yield of the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid rates, as of approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that interest determination date, of three primary United States government securities dealers, which may include the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent, for the issue of Treasury Bills with a remaining maturity closest to the Index Maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement, or

(7) if the dealers selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (6), the Treasury Rate in effect on the particular interest determination date.

"Bond Equivalent Yield" means a yield, expressed as a percentage, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Bond Equivalent Yield} = \frac{D \times N}{360 - (D \times M)} \times 100$$

where "D" refers to the applicable per annum rate for Treasury Bills quoted on a bank discount basis and expressed as a decimal, "N" refers to 365 or 366, as the case may be, and "M" refers to the actual number of days in the applicable interest reset period.

Other provisions; addenda

Any provisions with respect to an issue of notes, including the determination of one or more interest rate bases, the specification of one or more interest rate bases, the calculation of the interest rate applicable to a floating rate note, the interest payment dates, the stated maturity date, any redemption or repayment provisions or any other matter relating to the notes, may be modified by the terms as specified under "Other/Additional Provisions" on the face of the notes or in an addendum relating to the notes, if specified on the face of the notes, and in the pricing supplement.

Amortizing Notes

We may offer amortizing notes. Interest on each amortizing note will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Payments with respect to amortizing notes will be applied first to interest due and payable on that amortizing note and then to the reduction of its unpaid principal amount. Further information concerning additional terms and conditions of any issue of amortizing notes will be provided in the pricing supplement, including a table setting forth repayment information in respect of each amortizing note.

Original issue discount notes

We may offer notes from time to time that have an issue price that is less than 100% of their principal amount, referred to as discount notes. Discount notes may not bear any interest currently or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. The difference between the issue price of a discount note and 100% of the principal amount is referred to as the discount. In

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the event of redemption, repayment or acceleration of maturity of a discount note, the amount payable to the holder of a discount note will be equal to the sum of:

(1) the issue price, increased by any accruals of discount, and, in the event of any redemption of the discount note, if applicable, multiplied by the initial redemption percentage specified in the applicable pricing supplement, as adjusted by the annual redemption percentage reduction, if applicable, specified in the applicable pricing supplement; plus

(2) any unpaid interest on the discount note accrued from the date of issue to the date of the redemption, repayment or acceleration of maturity.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, for purposes of determining the amount of discount that has accrued as of any date on which a redemption, repayment or acceleration of maturity occurs for a discount note, the discount will accrue using a constant yield method:

The constant yield will be calculated using a 30-day month, 360-day year convention, a compounding period that, except for the period from the date of issue to the initial interest payment date for a discount note, referred to as the initial period, corresponds to the shortest period between interest payment dates for the applicable discount note with ratable accruals within a compounding period, a coupon rate equal to the initial coupon rate applicable to the discount note and an assumption that the maturity of the discount note will not be accelerated.

If the initial period is shorter than the compounding period for the discount note, a proportionate amount of the yield for an entire compounding period will be accrued.

If the initial period is longer than the compounding period, then this period will be divided into a regular compounding period and a short period with the short period being treated as provided in the preceding sentence.

The accrual of the applicable discount may differ from the accrual of original issue discount for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to as the Code, discount notes may not be treated as having original issue discount within the meaning of the Code, and notes other than discount notes may be treated as issued with original issue discount for federal income tax purposes. See "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Indexed notes

We may issue notes with the amount of principal, premium and/or interest payable to be determined with reference:

to the price or prices of specified commodities or stocks;

to the exchange rate of one or more designated currencies, including a composite currency, relative to an indexed currency;
or

to any other price(s) or exchange rate(s), as specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

We refer to these types of notes in this prospectus supplement as indexed notes.

Holders of indexed notes may receive a principal payment on the maturity date that is greater than or less than the principal amount of the indexed notes depending upon the relative value on the maturity date of the specified indexed item. Information as to the method for determining the amount of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest payable in respect of indexed notes, particular historical information with respect to the specified indexed item and tax considerations associated with an investment in indexed notes will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement. See also "Risk Factors."

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Book-entry notes

AvalonBay has established a depository arrangement with DTC with respect to the book-entry notes, the terms of which are summarized below. Any additional or differing terms of the depository arrangement with respect to the book-entry notes will be described in the applicable pricing supplement.

Description of the global notes

Upon issuance, all book-entry notes having the same date of issue, maturity and otherwise having identical terms and provisions will be represented by one or more fully registered global notes. Each global note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC registered in the name of DTC or a nominee of DTC. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for notes in certificated form, no global note may be transferred except as a whole by DTC to a nominee of DTC, or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC, or by DTC or any nominee to a successor of DTC or a nominee of the successor.

So long as DTC, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by the global note for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, beneficial owners of a global note will not be entitled to have the notes represented by a global note registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the notes in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a global note must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture. AvalonBay understands that under existing industry practices, in the event that AvalonBay requests any action of holders or that an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note desires to give or take any action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture, DTC would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take the desired action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through the participants to give or take the desired action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners. The laws of some states may require that purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in global notes.

Each global note will be exchangeable for notes in certificated form of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000, only if:

- (a) DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by AvalonBay within 90 days,
- (b) subject to DTC procedures, AvalonBay executes and delivers to the Trustee a company order to the effect that the global notes shall be exchangeable, or
- (c) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes and beneficial owners representing a majority in aggregate principal amount of the book-entry notes represented by the global note advise DTC to stop acting as the depository.

The certificated notes will be registered in the name or names as DTC instructs the Trustee. It is expected that instructions may be based upon directions received by DTC from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in global notes.

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DTC's procedures

The following is based on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as securities depository for the book-entry notes. The book-entry notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee, or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered global note will be issued for each issue of book-entry notes, each in the aggregate principal amount of the issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500,000,000, one global note will be issued with respect to each \$500,000,000 of principal amount and an additional global note will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of the issue.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered in accordance with the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants of DTC include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, or DTCC. DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of direct participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, LLC, and The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. Access to DTC's system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC's participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of book-entry notes under DTC's system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for those book-entry notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each book-entry note represented by a global note is, in turn, to be recorded on the records of direct participants and indirect participants. Beneficial owners of book-entry notes will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct participants or indirect participants through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in a global note representing book-entry notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct participants and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners of a global note representing book-entry notes will not receive notes in certificated form representing their ownership interests in those notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the book-entry notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all global notes representing book-entry notes deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of global notes with, or on behalf of, DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co., or such other DTC nominee effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the global notes representing the book-entry notes. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts the book-entry notes are credited, which may or may not be

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the beneficial owners. The direct participants and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners, will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the global notes representing the book-entry notes unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to AvalonBay as soon as possible after the applicable record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy) to whose accounts the book-entry notes are credited on the applicable record date.

AvalonBay will make principal and any premium and interest payments on the global notes representing the book-entry notes in immediately available funds to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from AvalonBay or the Trustee, on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of the applicable participant and not of DTC, the Trustee or AvalonBay, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and any premium and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of AvalonBay or the Trustee, disbursement of payments to direct participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of payments to the beneficial owners will be the responsibility of direct participants and indirect participants.

If applicable, redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the book-entry notes within the same issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the issue to be redeemed.

A beneficial owner will give notice to elect to have its book-entry notes repaid by AvalonBay, through its participant, to the Trustee, and will effect delivery of the applicable book-entry notes by causing the direct participant to transfer the participant's interest in the global note representing the book-entry notes, on DTC's records, to the Trustee. The requirement for physical delivery of book-entry notes in connection with a demand for repayment will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the global note representing the book-entry notes are transferred by direct participants on DTC's records and followed by book-entry credit of such repaid book-entry notes to the Trustee.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the book-entry notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to AvalonBay or the Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, notes in certificated form are required to be printed and delivered.

AvalonBay may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC or a successor securities depository. In that event, notes in certificated form will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that AvalonBay believes to be reliable, but AvalonBay takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information.

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Covenants of AvalonBay

Limitations on incurrence of indebtedness. We will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary, as defined below, to, incur any Indebtedness, as defined below, if immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of any additional Indebtedness and the application of its proceeds, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP is greater than 65% of the sum of, without duplication:

the Total Assets, as defined below, of us and our Subsidiaries as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in AvalonBay's Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q most recently filed with the SEC, or, if this filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the Trustee, prior to the incurrence of this additional Indebtedness; and

the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received, to the extent that these proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Indebtedness, by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary since the end of the calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of this additional Indebtedness.

In addition, AvalonBay will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, incur any Indebtedness secured by any Encumbrance, as defined below, upon any of the property of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary if, immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of this additional Indebtedness and the application of its proceeds, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis which is secured by any Encumbrance on property of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary is greater than 40% of the sum of, without duplication:

the Total Assets of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries as of the end of the calendar quarter covered in AvalonBay's Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, most recently filed with the SEC, or, if that filing is not permitted under the Exchange Act, with the Trustee, prior to the incurrence of that additional Indebtedness; and

the purchase price of any real estate assets or mortgages receivable acquired, and the amount of any securities offering proceeds received, to the extent that those proceeds were not used to acquire real estate assets or mortgages receivable or used to reduce Indebtedness, by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary since the end of the calendar quarter, including those proceeds obtained in connection with the incurrence of this additional Indebtedness.

AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries may not at any time, own Total Unencumbered Assets, as defined below, equal to less than 150% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Unsecured Indebtedness of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

In addition, AvalonBay will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, incur any Indebtedness if the ratio of Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service, as defined below, to the Annual Service Charge, as defined below, for the four consecutive fiscal quarters most recently ended prior to the date on which the additional Indebtedness is to be incurred will have been less than 1.5:1, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to it and to the application of its proceeds, and calculated on the assumption that:

this Indebtedness and any other Indebtedness incurred by AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries since the first day of that four-quarter period and the application of its proceeds, including to refinance other Indebtedness, had occurred at the beginning of that period;

the repayment or retirement of any other Indebtedness by AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries since the first day of the four-quarter period had been repaid or retired at the beginning of the period, except that, in making this computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility will be computed based upon the average daily balance of the Indebtedness during that period;

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in the case of Acquired Indebtedness, as defined below, or Indebtedness incurred in connection with any acquisition since that first day of the four-quarter period, the related acquisition had occurred as of the first day of the period with the appropriate adjustments with respect to the acquisition being included in this pro forma calculation; and

in the case of any acquisition or disposition by AvalonBay or its Subsidiaries, of any asset or group of assets since the first day of the four-quarter period, whether by merger, stock purchase or sale, or asset purchase or sale, this acquisition or disposition or any related repayment of Indebtedness had occurred as of the first day of that period with the appropriate adjustments with respect to that acquisition or disposition being included in this pro forma calculation.

As used in this prospectus supplement and in the Indenture:

"Acquired Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of a Person:

existing at the time this Person becomes a Subsidiary, or

assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from that Person, in each case, other than Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, that Person becoming a Subsidiary or any acquisition. Acquired Indebtedness will be deemed to be incurred on the date of the related acquisition of assets from any Person or the date the acquired Person becomes a Subsidiary.

"Annual Service Charge" for any period means the maximum amount which is payable during any period for interest on, and original issue discount of, Indebtedness of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries and the amount of dividends which are payable during that period in respect of any Disqualified Stock, as defined below.

"Capital Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any capital stock, including preferred stock, shares, interests, participations or other ownership interests, however designated, of any Person and any rights, other than debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for corporate stock, warrants or options.

"Consolidated Income Available for Debt Service" for any period means Earnings from Operations, as defined below, of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries, plus amounts which have been deducted, and minus amounts which have been added, for the following, without duplication:

interest on Indebtedness of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries,

provision for taxes of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries based on income,

amortization of debt discount and other deferred financing costs,

provisions for gains and losses on properties and property depreciation and amortization,

the effect of any noncash charge resulting from a change in accounting principles in determining Earnings from Operations for that period, and

amortization of deferred charges.

"Disqualified Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of that Person which by the terms of that Capital Stock, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable, upon the happening of any event or otherwise:

matures or is mandatorily redeemable, other than Capital Stock which is redeemable solely in exchange for common stock,

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is convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock, or

is redeemable at the option of its holder, in whole or in part, other than Capital Stock which is redeemable solely in exchange for Capital Stock which is not Disqualified Stock, in each case on or prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes.

"Earnings from Operations" for any period means net earnings excluding gains and losses on sales of investments, extraordinary items and property valuations losses, net as reflected in the financial statements of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries for any period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Encumbrance" means any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or security interest of any kind.

"Indebtedness" of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary means, without duplication, any indebtedness of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary, whether or not contingent, in respect of:

(1) borrowed money or evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments,

(2) indebtedness for borrowed money secured by any Encumbrance existing on property owned by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary,

(3) the reimbursement obligations, contingent or otherwise, in connection with any letters of credit actually issued, other than letters of credit issued to provide credit enhancement or support with respect to other indebtedness of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary otherwise reflected as Indebtedness under the Indenture, or amounts representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property or services, except any balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable, or all conditional sale obligations or obligations under any title retention agreement,

(4) the principal amount of all obligations of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary with respect to redemption, repayment or other repurchase of any Disqualified Stock,

(5) any lease of property by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary as lessee which is reflected on AvalonBay's consolidated balance sheet as a capitalized lease in accordance with GAAP, or

(6) interest rate swaps, caps or similar agreements and foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps or similar agreements, to the extent, in the case of items of indebtedness under (1) through (3) above, that any of these items, other than letters of credit, would appear as a liability on AvalonBay's consolidated balance sheet in accordance with GAAP, and also includes, any obligation by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, other than for purposes of collection in the ordinary course of business, Indebtedness of another person. However, it is understood that Indebtedness shall be deemed to be incurred by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary whenever AvalonBay or any Subsidiary shall create, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision of any of these entities.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any subsidiary which is a "Significant Subsidiary," as defined in Article I, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, under the Securities Act, of AvalonBay.

"Stated Maturity" means, when used with respect to a note or any installment of principal or interest on that note, the date specified on the note as the fixed date on which the principal of that note or installments of principal or interest on that note is due and payable.

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"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity of which a majority of the voting power of the Voting Equity Securities or the outstanding equity interests are owned, directly or indirectly, by that Person. For the purposes of this definition, Voting Equity Securities means equity securities having voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of security has this voting power by reason of any contingency.

"Total Assets" as of any date means the sum of the Undepreciated Real Estate Assets, as defined below, and all other assets of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries determined in accordance with GAAP, but excluding accounts receivable and intangibles.

"Total Unencumbered Assets" means the sum of those Undepreciated Real Estate Assets not subject to an Encumbrance for borrowed money and all other assets of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries not subject to an Encumbrance for borrowed money, determined in accordance with GAAP, but excluding accounts receivable and intangibles.

"Undepreciated Real Estate Assets" as of any date means the cost, original cost plus capital improvements, of real estate assets of AvalonBay and its Subsidiaries on any date, before depreciation and amortization, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Unsecured Indebtedness" means Indebtedness which is not secured by any Encumbrance upon any of the properties of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary.

See "Description of the Debt Securities Covenants" in the accompanying prospectus for a description of additional covenants applicable to AvalonBay.

Merger, consolidation or transfer of assets

AvalonBay may, without the consent of the holders of any outstanding debt securities, consolidate with, or sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, or merge with or into, any other entity provided that:

either AvalonBay will be the continuing entity, or the successor entity, if other than AvalonBay, formed by or resulting from any consolidation or merger or which shall have received the transfer of those assets is organized under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction and assumes AvalonBay's obligations to pay principal of, and premium or make-whole amount, if any, and interest on all of the debt securities and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions contained in each Indenture;

immediately after giving effect to this transaction and treating any indebtedness that becomes an obligation of AvalonBay or any Subsidiary as a result of the transaction as having been incurred by AvalonBay or any Subsidiary at the time of this transaction, no Event of Default, as provided by the Indenture, and no event which, after notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and

an officers' certificate and legal opinion covering these conditions shall be delivered to the Trustee.

Events of Default, notice and waiver

Each of the following is an Event of Default, as provided by the Indenture, with respect to the notes, regardless of the reason for its occurrence:

default in the payment of any interest on any note when the interest becomes due and payable, and continuance of the default for 30 days;

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default in the payment of principal of, or any premium or other amount which may be required to be paid in connection with any optional redemption or accelerated payment on any note, when due;

default in the performance or breach of any covenant or warranty, of AvalonBay contained in the Indenture for the benefit of the notes or in the notes, and the continuance of the default or breach for 60 days after written notice has been given;

any default with respect to any Indebtedness of AvalonBay or any of its Subsidiaries, the repayment of which we have guaranteed or for which we are directly responsible or liable as obligor or guarantor, which results in the acceleration of at least \$10,000,000 of Indebtedness, whether the Indebtedness now exists or shall be subsequently created in principal amount being accelerated, unless the acceleration is rescinded or annulled within 10 days after written notice has been given; provided, however, that a default on Indebtedness which constitutes a tax-exempt financing having an aggregate principal amount outstanding not exceeding \$25,000,000 that results solely from a failure of an entity providing credit support for that Indebtedness to honor a demand for payment on a letter of credit will not constitute an Event of Default; and

any bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of AvalonBay or any of its Significant Subsidiaries.

See "Description of the Debt Securities Events of Default, notice and waiver" in the accompanying prospectus for a description of rights, remedies and other matters relating to Events of Default.

Discharge, defeasance and covenant defeasance

The provisions of Article 14 of the Indenture relating to defeasance and covenant defeasance, which are described under "Description of Debt Securities Discharge, defeasance and covenant defeasance" in the accompanying prospectus, will apply to the notes. Each of the covenants described under "Description of the Notes Covenants of AvalonBay" in this prospectus supplement and "Description of Debt Securities Covenants" in the accompanying prospectus will be subject to covenant defeasance.

No personal liability or recourse

No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in the Indenture or the notes, or because of any indebtedness evidenced by these documents, shall be had against any past, present or future stockholder, employee, officer or director of AvalonBay or any successor, either directly or through AvalonBay or any successor, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise. Each holder of notes waives and releases all of this liability by accepting the notes. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the notes.

Special Provisions Relating to Foreign Currency Notes

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