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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM F-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*Under*

*The Securities Act of 1933*

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**IRSA INVERSIONES Y REPRESENTACIONES**

**SOCIEDAD ANÓNIMA**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**IRSA INVESTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**The Republic of Argentina**  
(Jurisdiction of incorporation)

**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Amount to	Proposed maximum aggregate price	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
<b>Title of each class of securities to be registered</b>	<b>be registered</b>	<b>per common share</b>		
Common shares, Ps.1.00 par value per share <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>	<b>260,000,000</b>	<b>US\$1.55</b>	<b>US\$403,000,000</b>	<b>US\$12,372</b>
Rights to subscribe for common shares (and GDS rights) <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>260,000,000</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
Warrants to purchase common shares <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>260,000,000</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
Common shares, Ps.1.00 par value per share, issuable upon exercise of warrants <sup>(5)</sup>	<b>86,666,666</b>	<b>US\$1.86</b>	<b>US\$161,199,999</b>	<b>US\$4,949</b>

- (1) Proposed maximum aggregate price per common share calculated, solely for purposes of determining the SEC registration fee, on the basis of the closing price of the Registrant's GDSs on the NYSE on September 21, 2007, divided by 10.
- (2) Includes common shares that may be offered and sold in the form of GDSs to holders of GDS rights. This amount also includes common shares that are to be offered in Argentina and elsewhere outside the United States but may be resold from time to time in the United States during the distribution.
- (3) Global Depositary Shares (GDSs) evidenced by Global Depositary Receipts issuable upon deposit of common shares registered hereby have been registered under a separate Registration Statement on Form F-6.
- (4) No separate consideration will be received by the Registrant for the rights to subscribe for common shares, the rights to subscribe for GDSs evidencing common shares or the warrants prior to their exercise.
- (5)

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Proposed maximum aggregate price per common share calculated, solely for purposes of determining the SEC registration fee, on the basis of 120% of the closing price of the Registrant's GDSs on the NYSE on September 21, 2007, divided by 10.

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**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek to an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to completion, dated September 24, 2007**

**Prospectus**

## **IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones Sociedad Anónima**

### **IRSA Investments and Representations Inc.**

#### **Rights to Subscribe for Common Shares, Common Shares in the Form of Global Depositary Shares and Warrants**

We are offering to our common shareholders rights, or common share rights, to subscribe for new common shares and warrants to acquire additional common shares. Each common share held of record at 6:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on , 2007 entitles its holder to one common share right. common share rights will entitle their holder to subscribe for one new common share and to receive free of charge, for each new common share that it purchases pursuant to this offering, one warrant to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares. The subscription price for each new common share will be payable in Argentine pesos in an amount equal to the Argentine peso equivalent of the U.S. dollar subscription price for each new GDS, divided by 10, determined on the basis of the seller's reference exchange rate (*tipo de cambio vendedor*) published by the *Banco de la Nación Argentina* on , 2007.

The Bank of New York, as our depositary, will make available to holders of global depositary shares, or GDSs (each of which represents 10 common shares), rights, or GDS rights, to subscribe for new GDSs and warrants to acquire additional common shares. Each GDS held of record at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on , 2007 entitles its holder to one GDS right. GDS rights will entitle their holder to subscribe for one new GDS and to receive free of charge, for each new GDS that it purchases pursuant to this offering, 10 warrants each of which will entitle such holder to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares. The subscription price for each new GDS will be payable in U.S. dollars and will be determined by our board of directors on , 2007, which is at least six Argentine business days prior to the closing of the preemptive rights subscription period and reported to the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* and the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) on the following day prior to the opening of the stock market in Argentina.

Each warrant will entitle its holder to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares. Prior to their expiration on , 2012, the warrants will be exercisable during the 17th and 22nd days of each February, May, September and November (to the extent such dates are business days in New York City and in the City of Buenos Aires), commencing February 17 through to February 22, 2008. The warrants will be freely transferable. The exercise price for each warrant will be payable in U.S. dollars and will be determined by our board of directors and published by us on , 2007 in a newspaper of general publication in Argentina (*La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero* or both), the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) and PR Newswire. We will accept exercises of warrants for whole new common shares only. You must pay the exercise price of the warrants in U.S. dollars. GDS holders wishing to obtain additional GDSs upon exercise of their warrants must deposit common shares acquired under the warrants with The Bank of New York, as our depositary, to obtain GDSs in accordance with the terms of the applicable deposit agreement.

**Investing in our common shares, GDSs and warrants involves significant risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 26.**

We are offering these preemptive rights to subscribe for newly issued common shares as required under Argentine law and, although not obligated to do so, have elected to register these preemptive rights with the Securities and Exchange Commission in order to extend to our U.S. shareholders and holders of GDSs an equal opportunity to participate in our preemptive rights offering.

The offering of new common shares and warrants by means of rights to holders of common shares will expire at 4:30 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on , 2007. The offering of new GDSs and warrants by means of GDS rights to holders of GDSs will expire at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on , 2007.

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Any holder of common share rights or GDS rights may transfer any whole number of common share rights or GDS rights, as the case may be. Common share rights will be eligible to trade on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) from \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 to \_\_\_\_\_, 2007. The GDS rights will not be listed on any securities exchange.

Our GDSs are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol *IRS*, and our common shares are traded on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) under the symbol *IRSA*. On September 21, 2007, the closing prices on the NYSE per GDS and on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) per common share were US\$15.50 and Ps.4.85, respectively. We will apply to list the warrants on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*).

	Price to the Public	Proceeds to Company <sup>(1)</sup>
Per new common share <sup>(2)</sup>	US\$	US\$
Per new GDS <sup>(3)</sup>	US\$	US\$
Warrants <sup>(4)</sup>	US\$ 0.00	US\$ 0.00
Total offering	US\$	US\$

- (1) After payment of transaction expenses by us, currently estimated at approximately US\$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Includes \_\_\_\_\_ common shares expected to be subscribed in Argentina, based on the closing price of US\$15.50 for our GDSs on the NYSE on September 21, 2007, divided by 10.
- (3) Includes \_\_\_\_\_ common shares expected to be subscribed in the form of GDSs, each of which represents 10 common shares, based on the closing price of US\$15.50 for our GDSs on the NYSE on September 21, 2007.
- (4) No separate consideration will be received by us for the offering of the rights to subscribe for common shares, the rights to subscribe for GDSs evidencing common shares or the warrants prior to their exercise.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities other than the securities described in this prospectus, or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. The delivery of this prospectus shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date hereof, or that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein or therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

As used in this prospectus, the terms IRSA, we, us and our may refer, depending upon the context, to IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones Sociedad Anónima, to one or more of our consolidated subsidiaries or to all of them taken as a whole, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise. Our headquarters are located at Bolívar 108, (C1066AAD) Buenos Aires, Argentina, our telephone number is +54 (11) 4323-7555, and our website is www.irsa.com.ar.

### **Incorporation by Reference**

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the transactions contemplated by this prospectus are consummated or this offering is terminated. Any such information incorporated by reference would be an important part of this prospectus. Any such future filings shall be deemed to automatically update and supersede the information contained herein or in documents previously incorporated by reference to the extent not modified or superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed. As of the date of this prospectus, our annual report on Form 20-F (filed under an English translation of our corporate name, IRSA Investments and Representations Inc.) for the year ended June 30, 2006 is incorporated herein by reference.

We will provide, without charge, to any person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon request, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference herein (not including the exhibits to such documents, unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). Requests should be directed to us at our headquarters located at Bolívar 108, (C1066AAD) Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Each recipient of this prospectus acknowledges that it has been afforded an opportunity to request from us and to review, and has received, all additional information considered by it to be necessary to verify the accuracy of, or to supplement, the information contained herein.

### **Dealer Prospectus Delivery Obligation**

Until \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities in the United States, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This delivery requirement is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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**PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION**

**IRSA**

This prospectus contains our audited consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007. The summary and selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and consolidated income statement data for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2004 have been derived from our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended June 30, 2006 which is incorporated by reference herein.

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in thousands of Pesos and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Argentina, as set forth by the *Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas* ( *FACPCE* ) and as implemented, adapted, amended, revised and/or supplemented by the *Consejo Profesional de Ciencias Económicas de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires* ( *CPCECABA* ) (collectively, *Argentine GAAP* ) and the regulations of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* which differ in certain significant respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ( *U.S. GAAP* ). Such differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in our consolidated financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and Regulation S-X of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( *SEC* ). See Note 28 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the principal differences between Argentine GAAP and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to us, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of our net income and shareholders' equity.

In order to comply with *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regulations, we recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities on an undiscounted basis. This accounting practice represented a departure from Argentine GAAP for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2006. However, such departure has not had a material effect on our consolidated financial statements. As further discussed below, the CPCECABA issued revised accounting standards. One of these standards required companies to account for deferred income taxes on an undiscounted basis, thus aligning the accounting to that of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*. Since the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* adopted the CPCECABA standards effective for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, there is no longer a difference on this subject between Argentine GAAP and the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regulations.

Additionally, our consolidated financial statements reflect accounting for inflation through February 28, 2003. Since Argentine GAAP required companies to discontinue inflation accounting of as from October 1, 2003, the application of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution represented a departure from Argentine GAAP. However, due to the low level of inflation rates during the period from and including March through September 2003, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**Banco Hipotecario**

As of June 30, 2007, we owned a 11.8% equity interest in Banco Hipotecario S.A. In compliance with Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X, also contained in this prospectus are the audited consolidated financial statements of Banco Hipotecario as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Banco Hipotecario maintains its financial books and records in thousands of Pesos and prepares its financial statements in conformity with policies of the Argentine Central Bank, or Central Bank, which prescribe the reporting and disclosure requirements for banks and financial institutions in Argentina ( *Central Bank accounting rules* ). These rules differ in certain significant respects from Argentine GAAP. A narrative description of significant differences between Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP are set forth in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements of Banco Hipotecario included elsewhere in this prospectus. Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP also differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. Such differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and regulations of the SEC. See Note 37 to the consolidated financial statements of Banco Hipotecario included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the principal



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differences between Central Bank accounting rules and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to Banco Hipotecario, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of Banco Hipotecario's net income (loss) and shareholder's equity. Banco Hipotecario's shareholder's equity at June 30, 2006 and 2007, reconciled to Argentine GAAP or to U.S. GAAP, is materially lower than its shareholder's equity as presented under Central Bank accounting rules. References to "NM" in the tables appearing in Banco Hipotecario's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section in this prospectus, stands for "not meaningful" and are intended to indicate variations that are in excess of 300%.

Additionally, the consolidated financial statements of Banco Hipotecario reflect accounting for inflation until February 28, 2003. Since Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP required companies to discontinue inflation accounting only as of October 1, 2003, the application of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution represented a departure from Argentine GAAP. However, due to the low level of inflation rates during the period from and including March through September 2003, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**Financial Statements of Recently Acquired Buildings**

During our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, we purchased three office buildings and one shopping center property in four unrelated transactions. Subsequent to the end of our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, in August 2007 we acquired half of the floors of a 27-story office building in a transaction unrelated to the acquisitions completed during our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. We refer to the properties acquired during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and during August 2007 to as the "Acquired Properties."

In November 2006, we submitted a bid for the acquisition of a property known as Edificio Ex Escuela Gobernador Vicente de Olmos, or "Olmos," located in the Province of Córdoba, Argentina. The closing of this proposed purchase is subject to several regulatory approvals. In January 2007, the National Commission for the Defense of Competition notified us of two claims filed against this proposed acquisition. These claims are still pending resolution. This transaction has not yet been consummated, but we currently believe it is probable that it will be completed.

In December 2006, we entered into a Put and Call Option Agreement with an unrelated party for the acquisition of an office building in Buenos Aires known as the República Building. This transaction has not yet been consummated, but we currently believe it is probable that it will be completed.

In accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, for the purpose of computing the aggregate significance of these consummated and probable transactions, we evaluate all such transactions in two groups. The first group includes each of the acquisitions completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and the second group includes the acquisitions completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos. We have computed significance based on our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2006 for the first group, and our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2007 for the second group.

Each of the Acquired Properties and probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos is individually insignificant. Nevertheless, the aggregate purchase price of the Acquired Properties completed during the year ended June 30, 2007 exceeded 10% of our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2006, and the aggregate purchase price of the Acquired Properties completed during the year ended June 30, 2008 and the probable acquisitions of Olmos and the República Building exceeded 10% of our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2007. We acquired no significant properties during our fiscal years ended June 30, 2005 and 2006. We did not acquire the Acquired Properties from a related party. The Acquired Properties and Olmos and the República Building have been operated, since construction, as rental properties. We currently intend to manage all of the Acquired Properties and Olmos and the República Building.

The following is a description of the Acquired Properties and the probable acquisitions of Olmos and the República Building:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Acquisition date</u>
Bouchard Building	March 15, 2007
Dock del Plata Building	November 15, 2006
Córdoba Shopping Center	December 27, 2006
Bank Boston Tower	August 27, 2007
República Building	Not yet consummated
Patio Olmos Shopping Center	Not yet consummated

In accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, we have included elsewhere in this prospectus the following historical financial statements:

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Unaudited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the period July 1, 2006 through the latest interim period prior to the date of acquisition for the Bouchard Building (December 31, 2006);

Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2006 for the Bouchard Building;

Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007 for the Bank Boston Tower; and

Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007 for the República Building (which acquisition we consider probable).

In addition, in accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, we have included elsewhere in this prospectus the following pro forma financial statements:

Our pro forma condensed consolidated statement of income for the year ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

Our pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

Our notes to the pro forma consolidated financial data (unaudited)

Estimated twelve-month pro forma statement of taxable net operating income and operating funds available (unaudited)

### **Adoption by Comisión Nacional de Valores of accounting standards**

The *Comisión Nacional de Valores* issued General Resolutions 485 and 487 on December 29, 2005 and January 26, 2006, respectively, adopting, with certain modifications, new accounting standards previously issued by the CPCECABA through its Resolution CD 93/2005. These standards were effective for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The most significant changes included in the accounting standards adopted by the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* relating to (i) changes in the impairment test of long-lived assets and (ii) changes to deferred income tax accounting. Under the new standards, the carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired when the expected cash flows from such asset are separately identifiable and less than its carrying value. Expected cash flows are determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. The new standards also provide for the accounting treatment of differences between the tax basis and book basis of non-monetary items for deferred income tax calculation purposes when companies prepare price-level restated financial statements. The new accounting standard mandates companies to treat these differences as temporary but allows a one-time accommodation to continue treating those differences as permanent at the time of adoption of the standard. As a result, we elected to continue treating differences as permanent. In addition, the new standards provide for the recognition of deferred income taxes on a non-discounted basis.

### **General**

Certain amounts which appear in this prospectus (including percentage amounts) may not sum due to rounding. Solely for the convenience of the reader, we have translated certain Argentine Peso amounts into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate quoted by the Central Bank for June 30, 2007, which was Ps.3.093 = US\$1.00. We make no representation that the Argentine Peso or U.S. dollar amounts actually represent or could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at the rates indicated, at any particular rate or at all. See Exchange Rates and Exchange Controls. Total may not sum due to rounding.

References to fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 are to the fiscal years ended June 30 of each such year.

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**Market Data**

Market data used throughout this prospectus were derived from reports prepared by unaffiliated third-party sources. Such reports generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed by such sources to be reliable.

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**SUMMARY**

*The following summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Statements section, and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, references to IRSA, we, us and our refer to IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones Sociedad Anónima and our consolidated subsidiaries.*

**Our Company**

We are one of Argentina's leading real estate companies in terms of total assets. We are engaged directly and indirectly through subsidiaries and joint ventures in a range of diversified real estate related activities in Argentina, including:

the acquisition, development and operation of shopping centers,

the origination and securitization of credit card loans,

the acquisition and development of residential properties and undeveloped land reserves for future development and sale,

the acquisition, development and operation of office and other non-shopping center properties primarily for rental purposes, and

the acquisition and operation of luxury hotels.

As of June 30, 2007, we had total assets of Ps.4,144.9 million and shareholders' equity of Ps.1,646.7 million. Our net income for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006, and 2007 was Ps.103.2 million, Ps.96.6 million, Ps.107.1 million, respectively. We are the only Argentine real estate company whose shares are listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) and on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

*Shopping Centers.* We are engaged in purchasing, developing and managing shopping centers through our subsidiary Alto Palermo. Alto Palermo operates and owns majority interests in ten shopping centers, six of which are located in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area, and the other four of which are located in the Provinces of Mendoza, Rosario, Córdoba and Salta. Our Shopping Center segment had assets of Ps.1,375.2 million as of June 30, 2007, representing 33.2% of our consolidated assets at such date, and generated operating income of Ps.124.8 million during our 2007 fiscal year, representing 62.9% of our consolidated operating income for such year.

*Credit Cards.* We operate a credit card consumer finance business through our majority-owned subsidiary, Tarshop. Our Credit Card Operations consist primarily of lending and servicing activities relating to the credit card products we offer to consumers at shopping centers, supermarkets and street stores. We finance a substantial majority of our credit card activities through securitization of the receivables underlying the accounts we originate. Our revenues from credit card transactions are derived from interest income generated by financing and lending activities, merchants' fees, insurance charges for life and disability insurance, and fees for processing and printing cardholders' account statements. Our Credit Card segment had assets of Ps.158.4 million as of June 30, 2007, representing 3.8% of our consolidated assets at such date, and generated operating income of Ps.32.6 million during our 2007 fiscal year, representing 16.4% of our consolidated operating income for such year.

*Residential Properties.* The acquisition and development of residential apartment complexes and residential communities for sale is another of our core activities. Our development of residential apartment complexes consists of the construction of high-rise towers or the conversion and renovation of existing structures, such as factories and warehouses. In residential communities, we acquire vacant land, develop infrastructure such as roads, utilities and common areas, and sell plots of land for construction of single-family homes. Our Development and Sale of Properties segment had assets of Ps.539.3 million as of June 30, 2007, representing 13.0% of our consolidated assets at such date, and generated operating income of Ps.6.2 million during our 2007 fiscal year, representing 3.1% of our consolidated operating income for such year.

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*Office Buildings.* In December 1994, we launched our office rental business by acquiring three prime office towers in Buenos Aires: Libertador 498, Maipú 1300 and Madero 1020. As of September 30, 2006, we, directly and indirectly, owned interests in 24 offices and other non-shopping center leased properties in Argentina that in the aggregate represented 234,320 square meters of gross leasable area. Our Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center leased properties segment had assets of Ps.700.0 million as of June 30, 2007, representing 16.9% of our consolidated assets at such date, and generated operating income of Ps.19.6 million during our 2007 fiscal year, representing 9.9% of our consolidated operating income for such year.

*Hotels.* In 1997, we acquired the Hotel Llao Llao and an indirect controlling interest in the Hotel Intercontinental in Buenos Aires. In March 1998, we acquired the Hotel Sheraton Libertador in Buenos Aires. During fiscal year 1999, we sold a 20% interest in the Hotel Libertador to Hoteles Sheraton de Argentina S.A., and during the fiscal year 2000, we sold 50% of our interest in the Hotel Llao Llao to the Sutton Group. Our Hotels segment, which consists of these three hotels, had assets of Ps.208.4 million as of June 30, 2007, representing 5.0% of our consolidated assets at such date, and generated income of Ps.14.7 million during our 2007 fiscal year, representing 7.4% of our consolidated operating income for such year.

*Banco Hipotecario.* We currently own 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario, Argentina's leading mortgage lender and provider of mortgage-related insurance. We acquired 2.9% of Banco Hipotecario for Ps.30.2 million when it was privatized in 1999. During 2003 and 2004, we increased our investment in Banco Hipotecario to 11.8% by acquiring additional shares, and by acquiring and exercising warrants, for an aggregate purchase price of Ps.33.4 million. In May 2004, we sold Class D shares representing 1.9% of Banco Hipotecario to IFISA, one of our controlling shareholders, for Ps.6.0 million, generating a loss of Ps.1.6 million. Our 11.8% investment in Banco Hipotecario is held in the form of Class D shares, which are currently entitled to three votes per share, affording us the right to vote approximately 18.36% of the total votes that can be cast at Banco Hipotecario's shareholders' meetings. At June 30, 2007, our investment in Banco Hipotecario represented 7.3% of our consolidated assets, and during our fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, this investment generated gains of Ps.55.2 million, Ps.47.0 million and Ps.41.4 million, respectively.

### **Our Strategy**

We seek to take advantage of our position as a leading company in Argentina dedicated to owning, developing and managing real estate. Our business strategy seeks to (i) generate stable cash flows through the operation of our real estate rental assets (shopping centers, office buildings, hotels), (ii) achieve long-term appreciation of our asset portfolio by selectively acquiring strategically located properties by taking advantage of development opportunities, and (iii) enhance the margins of our sales and developments segment through timely transformation of our land reserves into developed residential and commercial properties.

*Shopping centers.* In recent years, the Argentine shopping center industry has benefited from improved macroeconomic conditions and a significant expansion in consumer credit. We believe that the Argentine shopping center sector offers attractive prospects for long-term growth due to, among other factors, (i) a continuing evolution of consumer preferences in favor of shopping malls (away from small neighborhood shops) and (ii) a level of shopping center penetration that we consider low compared to many developed countries. We seek to improve our leading position in the shopping center industry in Argentina by taking advantage of economies of scale to improve the operating margins of our diversified portfolio of existing shopping centers and by developing new properties at strategic locations in Buenos Aires and other important urban areas, including in Argentine provinces and elsewhere in Latin America. The shopping center business is at present the strongest source of cash and EBITDA generation of our business segments.

*Credit Cards.* We believe that our credit card operations complement our shopping center business and offer attractive prospects for long-term growth due to improved macroeconomic conditions and an expansion in consumer credit. We seek to grow our credit card business and intend to maintain low levels of credit exposure through continuing securitization of our credit card loans. From time to time we consider strategic alternatives with respect to our investment in Tarshop which, due to its recent growth in size and profitability, competes increasingly with domestic and international banks and credit card companies that are substantially larger than Tarshop. As a result, we are considering alternatives to maximize the value of our investment in Tarshop including its possible merger with, or sale to, another financial institution actively engaged in the Argentine credit card sector. Although we are actively considering a range of such strategic alternatives, we cannot give you any assurance if or when any of them will be in fact be implemented.

*Residential property.* During the economic crisis in Argentina in 2001 and 2002 and its aftermath, a scarcity of mortgage financing restrained growth in middle class home purchases. As a result, we decided to focus on projects for affluent individuals who do not need to finance their home purchases. We believe that there are attractive opportunities in the residential segment, as construction costs have remained low and property values have recovered significantly. We seek to take advantage of this opportunity, as well as improvements in highway and other transport infrastructure in and around Buenos Aires, by focusing on the development of residential properties for medium- and high-income individuals. In urban areas, we seek to purchase undeveloped properties in densely-populated areas and build apartment complexes offering greenspace for recreational activities. We recently entered into a partnership with Cyrela Empreendimentos e Participacoes, a leading Brazilian developer of residential real estate, to develop residential real estate projects in Argentina and to increase our presence in such business. In suburban areas, we seek to develop residential communities by acquiring undeveloped properties with convenient access to Buenos Aires, developing roads and other basic infrastructure such as power and water, and then selling lots for the construction of residential units.

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*Office buildings.* During the Argentine economic crisis in 2001 and 2002, little new investment was made in high-quality office buildings in Buenos Aires and, as a result, we believe there is currently substantial demand for desirable office space in Buenos Aires. We seek to purchase, develop and operate premium office buildings in strategically-located business districts in the City of Buenos Aires and other locations that we believe offer potential for rental income and long-term capital gain. We expect to continue our focus on attracting premium corporate tenants to our office buildings and will consider opportunities to acquire existing properties or construct new buildings depending on the location and circumstances.

*Hotels.* We believe our portfolio of three luxury hotels is positioned to take advantage of future growth in tourism and business travel in Argentina. We seek to continue our strategy of investing in high-quality properties which are operated by leading international hotel companies to capitalize on their operating experience and international reputation. We currently intend to renovate and expand Hotel Llao Llao and to remodel the Hotel Sheraton Libertador.

*Banco Hipotecario.* We believe that our investment in Banco Hipotecario has attractive prospects for long-term appreciation. After the 2002 economic crisis in Argentina mortgage loan originations have increased, and we believe they are likely to continue to increase as salaries, consumer purchasing power and investments in residential construction grow. We believe that, unlike certain other countries in Latin America, Argentina has a low level of mortgages outstanding, particularly if measured in terms of GDP and believe that Banco Hipotecario is currently valued at a level that is attractive compared to most other Argentine listed banks. Finally, we believe that the mortgage origination business and our real estate development business (which we expect to be bolstered through our recent partnership with Cyrela mentioned above) may potentially experience synergies that enhance operational efficiencies and cross selling opportunities that may promote the development of our undeveloped land reserves.

*Land reserves.* We continuously seek to acquire undeveloped land at locations we consider attractive inside and outside Buenos Aires. In all cases, our intention is to purchase land with significant development or appreciation potential for subsequent sale. We believe that holding a portfolio of desirable undeveloped plots of land enhances our ability to make strategic long-term investments and affords us a valuable pipeline of new development projects for upcoming years.

*International.* In the past, we have made significant real estate investments outside of Argentina, including investments in Brazil Realty in Brazil and Fondo de Valores Inmobiliarios in Venezuela which we disposed of in 2002 and 2001, respectively. Although we cannot assure you that we will make further investments outside of Argentina, we believe that Brazil and certain other Latin American countries offer certain interesting real estate opportunities. We expect to continue to evaluate actively such regional opportunities as they arise.

### **Organizational Structure**

Set forth below is a diagram of our business segments and principal investments by business segment.

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- (1) 20% owned by Hoteles Sheraton de Argentina.
- (2) 24% owned by Intercontinental Hotels Corporation.
- (3) 50% owned by the Sutton Group.
- (4) Includes Costeros Dique IV, Reconquista 823/41, Edificio Costeros, Suipacha 652/64, Madero 1020, Madero 492, Av. de Mayo 595, Av. Libertador 602, Rivadavia 27658, Dique 5 Puerto Madero and Sarmiento 517.
- (5) Includes Barrio Chico, Edificios Cruceros, Concepción Arenal, Dorrego 1916 and Arcos 2343.
- (6) Includes Patio Bullrich, Alto Rosario and Nuevo NOA Shopping.
- (7) Includes Canteras Natal Crespo.

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**Recent Developments**

*Agreement with Cyrela Brazil Realty S.A. Empreendimentos y Participações.* On August 14, 2007, we signed an agreement with Cyrela Brazil Realty S.A. Empreendimentos y Participações ( Cyrela ) pursuant to which we and Cyrela propose to develop residential projects in Argentina targeted to diverse market segments. We and Cyrela formed a new company to carry out the proposed development projects and have each agreed to make an initial investment of US\$30 million in such company. Cyrela is a public company in Brazil and is one of the largest developers of residential real estate in the cities of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. We and our principal shareholder Cresud have a long-standing commercial relationship with Cyrela as evidenced by our substantial investment in Brazil Realty S.A. from 1994 to 2002 and Cresud's recent investment in BrasilAgro, a company focused on agricultural opportunities in Brazil that was founded by Cresud and another company owned by Mr. Elie Horn, Cyrela's controlling shareholder and current chief executive officer and other investors.

*Acquisition of BankBoston Tower.* On August 27, 2007, we signed a deed that entitles us to 50% ownership of an office building known as the BankBoston Tower, located at 265 Carlos Maria Della Paolera in the City of Buenos Aires. This modern property was designed by the recognized Architect Cesar Pelli and has a gross leasable area of 31,670 square meters. The transaction was consummated for an aggregate purchase price of US\$108,000,000.

*Neuquén Project.* On September 20, 2007, the City Hall of Neuquén approved the feasibility of our new urban project and environmental impact survey for the construction of housing enterprises in the City of Neuquén.

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Our headquarters are located at Bolívar 108, 1 Piso, (C1066AAD) Buenos Aires, Argentina. Our telephone number is +54 (11) 4323-7555.



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**THE OFFERING**

*This summary highlights certain information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to purchase our securities. We urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Statements sections, along with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes.*

**Offering of Common Share Rights and GDS Rights**

The Offering	<p>Each common share held of record as of 6:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on _____, 2007 (as reflected on our share register with <i>Caja de Valores S.A.</i>, or <i>Caja de Valores</i>) entitles its holder to one common share right and to receive, free of charge, for each new common share that it purchases pursuant to this offering, one warrant to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares.</p> <p>Each GDS held of record as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on _____, 2007 (as reflected in the depository's books and records) entitles its holder to one GDS right and to receive, free of charge, for each new GDS that it purchases pursuant to this offering, 10 warrants, each of which will entitle such holder to 0.3334 additional common shares.</p>
Purchases by holders of rights	<p>From _____, 2007 through _____, 2007, which is three business days preceding the beginning of the subscription period referred to below, we will publish a notice in the <i>Official Gazette</i> of Argentina, a newspaper of general circulation in Argentina (<i>La Nación</i>, <i>Ámbito Financiero</i>, or both) and PR Newswire, announcing the statutory preemptive right of each existing holder of common shares or GDSs to subscribe one new common share for every _____ common shares held of record, or one new GDSs for every _____ GDSs held of record, as the case may be.</p>
Subscription period for the common share rights and GDS rights	<p>Ten calendar days, from _____, 2007 through 4:30 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) in the case of the common share rights and through 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) in the case of the GDS rights on _____, 2007.</p> <p>To exercise common share rights, you must deliver to our common shares rights agent, a properly completed subscription form accompanied by a certificate of ownership issued by the <i>Caja de Valores</i> or evidence of assignment of the common share rights in your favor by 4:30 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on _____, 2007, or your common share rights will lapse and will have no further value. Deposit in the mail will not constitute delivery to us.</p>

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To exercise GDS rights, you must deliver to the GDS rights agent a properly completed GDS rights certificate by 5:00 p.m. New York City time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, or your GDS rights will lapse and you will have no rights other than the right to receive the net proceeds, if any (after deducting all applicable taxes and any fees and expenses of the depositary and GDS rights agent), from the sale of such unexercised GDS rights. Deposit in the mail will not constitute delivery to the GDS rights agent.

The exercise of common share rights and GDS rights is irrevocable and may not be canceled or modified.

Accretion rights

Concurrently with the exercise of their preemptive rights, holders of common shares may exercise their statutory accretion rights with respect to common shares not subscribed for by other holders of common shares in the exercise of their respective preemptive rights, by indicating the maximum amount of accretion rights which they intend to exercise, which shall not exceed the common shares subscribed by such holder in the exercise of its preemptive rights. Common shares relating to such accretion rights will be allocated to each exercising holder of common shares in proportion to the number of common shares purchased pursuant to its exercise of preemptive rights.

Concurrently with the exercise of their preemptive rights, GDS holders that subscribe for new GDSs pursuant to preemptive rights may indicate on their subscription forms a number of additional GDSs for which they would be willing to subscribe pursuant to accretion rights. If accretion rights are allocated to the depositary, the GDS rights agent will allocate additional GDSs to GDS holders that requested them. If the amount of additional GDSs available pursuant to accretion rights are insufficient to satisfy all requests, the GDS rights agent will allocate the available additional GDSs ratably among requesting GDS holders in proportion to the number of additional GDSs they requested.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, which is one business day after the end of the subscription period, we will notify

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holders of our common shares and GDS holders who have indicated that they wish to exercise their accretion rights of the aggregate number of unsubscribed common shares and GDSs, as applicable, by publication of a notice in the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), a newspaper of general circulation in Argentina (*La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero* or both) and PR Newswire. Based on this notice, we will allocate unsubscribed common shares to holders of common shares and GDSs to GDS holders, as applicable, in accordance with their accretion rights.

Results of the offering

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, which is the third Argentine business day after the end of the subscription period, we will notify holders of our common shares and GDS holders by publication of a notice in the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), a newspaper of general circulation in Argentina (*La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero* or both) and PR Newswire of the final results of the offering for common share rights and GDS rights.

Reference price

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, which is the fifth Argentine business day before the preemptive rights subscription period begins, we will publish in the *Official Gazette* of Argentina, a newspaper of general circulation in Argentina (*La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero* or both), and PR Newswire an initial reference price for the new common shares and new GDSs to be determined by our board of directors within the range determined by our shareholders at the shareholders' meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

*Subscriptions for new common shares and new GDSs pursuant to the exercise of preemptive and accretion rights during the period in which the reference price is calculated and established will be binding even though the definitive subscription price will not have been established at the time of such exercise and the definitive subscription price subsequently determined may differ from, and therefore may be higher than, the reference price.*

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Subscription price	<p>The subscription price for the preemptive and accretion rights will be established by our board of directors on _____, 2007 which is at least six Argentine business days prior to closing of the preemptive rights subscription period, published to the <i>Comisión Nacional de Valores</i>, published in the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i>) and PR Newswire on the following day prior to the opening of the stock market in Argentina.</p> <p>The subscription price for each new common share will be payable to the common share rights agent in Argentine pesos in an amount equal to the Argentine peso equivalent (determined on the basis of the seller's reference exchange rate (<i>tipo de cambio vendedor</i>) published by <i>Banco de la Nación Argentina</i> on _____, 2007) of the U.S. dollar-denominated subscription price for each new GDS, divided by 10.</p> <p>The subscription price for each new GDS will be denominated in U.S. dollars holders of GDS rights subscribing for new GDSs must pay to the GDS rights agent the subscription price payable in U.S. dollars <i>plus</i> an amount sufficient to cover the fee of the depository of US\$0.05 per new GDS.</p>
Payment for exercise of preemptive rights	<p>The new common shares and new GDSs subscribed pursuant to the preemptive rights must be paid in cash or by wire transfer to the common share rights agent or the GDS rights agent, as the case may be, no later than _____ p.m. on _____, 2007 which is the first business day in both Buenos Aires and New York City after the end of the subscription period.</p>
Payment for exercise of accretion rights	<p>The new common shares and new GDSs subscribed pursuant to the accretion rights must be paid in cash or by wire transfer to the common share rights agent or the GDS rights agent, as the case may be, no later than _____ p.m. on _____, 2007 which is the second business day in both Buenos Aires and New York City after the end of the subscription period.</p>
Fractional common shares and GDSs	<p>We will accept subscriptions for whole new common shares and new GDSs only and will round down any subscription submitted for fractional new common shares and fractional new GDSs to the nearest whole number of new common shares and new GDS, as applicable.</p>
Sale of unsubscribed GDSs and common shares	<p>After expiration of the subscription periods, we may sell any unsubscribed common shares and GDSs to third parties at such times and on such terms as our board of directors may determine.</p>

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Issuance and delivery of new common shares and new GDSs	<p>The new common shares and warrants and new GDSs and warrants acquired pursuant to the preemptive rights will be issued and made available on the next Argentine and U.S. business day following the expiration of the subscription period.</p> <p>The new common shares and new GDSs acquired pursuant to the accretion rights will be issued and made available on the second Argentine business day following the expiration of the subscription period.</p> <p>We will register new common shares issued upon exercise of common share rights and related warrants in our share register as soon as practicable after our receipt of payment with respect to such exercise. Certificates representing the new common shares will be issued upon request.</p> <p>GDRs evidencing new GDSs, and the related warrants, will be made available to subscribing GDS holders promptly upon receipt by the depository (or its agents) of the new common shares subscribed for.</p>
Transferability	<p>Any holder of common share rights may transfer its common share rights. Common share rights will be eligible to trade on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i>) from _____, 2007 to _____, 2007 but will not be eligible to trade on any securities exchange in the United States.</p> <p>Any holder of GDS rights may transfer its GDS rights, but GDS rights will not be listed on any securities exchange.</p> <p>The Bank of New York will act as the GDS rights agent and may, to the extent consistent with applicable law, assign or otherwise transfer (with or without consideration) unexercised GDS rights to us or to third parties.</p>
No exchanges of common share rights or GDS rights	<p>You may not surrender common share rights or GDS rights for the purpose of withdrawing rights to subscribe common shares or GDS, as applicable.</p>
Listing of common shares	<p>The common shares are listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i>) under the symbol IRSA.</p>
Listing of GDSs	<p>The GDSs are listed on the NYSE under the symbol IRS.</p>
GDS rights agent	<p>The Bank of New York</p>

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Common shares agent

Depository  
**The Warrants** The Bank of New York

Maximum number of warrants We will issue up to a maximum of 260,000,000 warrants, assuming all of the common shares and GDSs available for purchase in this rights offering are purchased.

We will issue, free of charge:

One warrant to each holder of our common shares for each new common share it purchases in the common shares rights offering; and

10 warrants to each GDS holder for each new GDS it purchases in the GDS rights offering.

Exercise of the warrants To exercise the warrants, you must deliver to us a properly completed purchase form, accompanied by a certificate of ownership, if any, and full payment of the exercise price by 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the dates specified below under this caption.

Upon exercise, each warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase 0.3334 of our common shares. Prior to their expiration, the warrants will be exercisable during the six-day period from and including the 17th through the 22nd days of each February, May, September and November (to the extent that such dates are business days in New York City and in Buenos Aires), commencing with such period from and including the 17th through the 22nd days of February 2008.

Unexercised warrants will not entitle their holders to any rights to vote at or attend our shareholders meetings or to receive any dividends in respect of our common shares. The number of our common shares for which, and the price at which, a warrant is exercisable are subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events, as provided in the warrant agreement relating to the warrants.

We will accept exercises of warrants for whole, new common shares only and will round down any warrant exercise submitted for fractional, new common shares to the nearest whole number of new common shares.

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Exercise price	<p>Each warrant will entitle its holder to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares for an exercise price that will be payable in U.S. dollars and will be determined by our board of directors and published on _____, 2007 in a newspaper of general publication in Argentina (<i>La Nación</i> or <i>Ámbito Financiero</i> or both), the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i>) and PR Newswire. As a result, three warrants must be exercised to purchase each common share.</p> <p>If as of the payment date of the warrant exercise price payment in U.S. dollars is legally prevented in Argentina, holders of warrants will be entitled to pay the exercise price in Argentine pesos in an amount equal to the Argentine peso equivalent of the U.S. dollar exercise price of the warrants determined on the basis of the seller's reference exchange rate (<i>tipo de cambio vendedor</i>) published by Banco de la Nación Argentina, or if such information is not available, by Bloomberg, for the purchase of Argentine pesos in exchange of U.S. dollars on the business day preceding the payment date of the exercise price of the warrants.</p>
Expiration of warrants	<p>The warrants will expire automatically and become void on February 22, 2012.</p>
Transferability	<p>Any holder of warrants may transfer its warrants at any time after the date of issuance. Warrants will be eligible to trade on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange.</p>
Shelf registration	<p>We have agreed that until the earlier to occur of the exercise or expiration of all the warrants, we will keep a registration statement current with respect to the issuance of our common shares from time to time upon exercise of the warrants.</p>
Listing	<p>Application will be made to list the warrants on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i>).</p>
Warrant agent <b>General</b>	<p>The Bank of New York and _____.</p>
Use of proceeds	<p>We currently estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately US\$ million, after deducting estimated fees and expenses, based on the assumptions that all of the common shares and GDSs available for purchase in this rights offering are purchased, and that none of the warrants are exercised upon consummation of this offering. <i>The amount of proceeds set forth above represents only an estimate (based on the stated assumptions) and may differ from the actual net proceeds we receive from this offering.</i></p>

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We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering as follows:

Up to US\$            million to increase our equity interests in certain of our subsidiaries and equity investees, primarily Alto Palermo and Banco Hipotecario, thereby simplifying our corporate structure;

Approximately US\$            million to make real estate investments in Argentina and elsewhere in Latin America. We currently intend to focus primarily on investments in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Colombia but may invest in other countries to the extent we believe such investments are consistent with our business strategy; and

For working capital and for other general corporate purposes.

Outstanding common shares immediately before and after the preemptive rights offering      Immediately prior to this preemptive rights offering, our outstanding capital stock consists of approximately            common shares. Immediately after this preemptive rights offering, a total of            common shares are expected to be outstanding (assuming all of the common shares and GDSs available for purchase in this rights offering are purchased, and that none of the warrants are immediately exercised upon consummation of this offering).

Dividends

Under Argentine law, the declaration, payment and amount of dividends on the common shares are subject to the approval of the our shareholders and to certain requirements of Argentine law. Pursuant to the Deposit Agreement, holders of GDSs will be entitled to received dividends, if any, declared on the common shares represented by such GDSs to the same extent as the holders of the common shares. Cash dividends will be paid in Pesos and will be converted by the Depositary into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate on the date of conversion and paid to the holders of GDSs net of any dividend distribution fees, currency conversion expenses taxes or governmental charges. See Dividends and Dividend Policy, Description of Capital Stock and Description of Global Depositary Receipts.





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Commencement date of common share rights offering , 2007

Trading of common share rights expected to commence on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) , 2007

GDS record date 5:00 pm (New York City time) , 2007

Commencement date of GDS rights offering , 2007

Common share rights expiration date 4:30 pm (Buenos Aires time) , 2007

GDS rights expiration date 5:00 pm (New York City time) , 2007

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**SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION**

The following summary consolidated financial data has been derived from our consolidated financial statements as of the dates and for each of the periods indicated below. This information should be read in conjunction with and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our consolidated financial statements and the discussion in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated statement of income data for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 have been derived from our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated income statement data for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2004 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been derived from our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended June 30, 2006 which is incorporated by reference herein. Certain reclassifications have been made to the information included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended June 30, 2006, as originally issued, to conform to the consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the three years in the period ended June 30, 2007, included elsewhere in this prospectus.

In order to comply with regulations of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, we recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities on an undiscounted basis. This accounting practice represented a departure from Argentine GAAP for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2006. However, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements as of those dates. As further discussed below, the CPCECABA issued revised accounting standards, one of which required companies to account for deferred income taxes on an undiscounted basis, thus aligning its accounting practices with that of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*. Since the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* adopted the CPCECABA standards effective for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, there is no longer a difference on this subject between Argentine GAAP and the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regulations.

Additionally, after high inflation levels during the second half of 2002 and the first months of 2003, on March 25, 2003, the Argentine government instructed the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* to issue regulations to preclude companies under its supervision from presenting price-level restated financial statements. Therefore, on April 8, 2003, the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* issued a resolution providing for the discontinuance of inflation accounting as of March 1, 2003. We complied with this *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution and accordingly recorded the effects of inflation only through February 28, 2003. Comparative figures were restated until that date, using a conversion factor of 1.1232. Since Argentine GAAP required companies to discontinue inflation adjustments only as of October 1, 2003, our application of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution as of March 1, 2003 represented a departure from Argentine GAAP. However, due to low inflation rates during the period from March to September 2003, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

We currently own 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario, Argentina's leading mortgage lender, and this prospectus also contains Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Banco Hipotecario's results of operations reflected in its interim financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that it may achieve for the year ended December 31, 2007 or for any other period.

Banco Hipotecario maintains its financial books and records in pesos and prepares its financial statements in conformity with the Central Bank accounting rules which differ in certain significant respects from Argentine GAAP. A narrative description of significant differences between Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP are set forth in Note 6 to Banco Hipotecario's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP also differ in certain significant aspects from U.S. GAAP. Such differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and regulations of the SEC. See Note 37 to Banco Hipotecario's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the principal differences between Central Bank accounting rules and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to Banco Hipotecario, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of Banco Hipotecario's net income and shareholders' equity.

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Certain amounts which appear in this prospectus (including percentage amounts) may not sum due to rounding. You should not construe the translations as a representation that the amounts shown could have been, or could be, converted into U.S. dollars at that or any other rate.

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	2003	2004	Year Ended June 30,		2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(Ps. thousands,	2005	2006		(US\$
		except ratios <sup>(2)</sup> )				thousands,
						except ratios)
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA</b>						
<b>Argentine GAAP</b>						
Revenues:						
Development and sale of properties	46,616	30,257	32,311	103,966	75,751	24,491
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	17,770	15,144	19,431	30,565	55,683	18,003
Shopping centers	88,819	113,216	165,529	215,003	270,266	87,380
Credit card operations	24,935	30,034	64,558	122,969	212,965	68,854
Hotel operations	57,730	71,295	87,120	103,763	122,681	39,664
Financial operations and others	625	859	940	1,414	1,410	456
Total revenues	236,495	260,805	369,889	577,680	738,756	238,848
Costs	(154,667)	(147,416)	(168,074)	(243,831)	(311,647)	(100,759)
Gross profit (loss):						
Development and sale of properties	89	4,408	14,769	49,766	17,928	5,796
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	8,677	6,871	11,685	21,578	38,984	12,604
Shopping centers	30,061	52,734	95,748	137,621	179,154	57,922
Credit card operations	16,605	18,069	41,456	79,036	136,714	44,201
Hotel operations	26,357	31,246	38,196	45,792	53,721	17,369
Financial operations and others	39	61	(39)	56	608	197
Total gross profit	81,828	113,389	201,815	333,849	427,109	138,089
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value			17,317	9,063	20,737	6,704
Selling expenses	(28,555)	(21,988)	(36,826)	(60,105)	(113,709)	(36,763)
Administrative expenses	(46,493)	(51,400)	(70,670)	(96,882)	(141,427)	(45,725)
Gain on purchasers rescissions of sales	9					
Net (loss) income from retained interest in securitized receivables	(4,077)	261	423	2,625	3,254	1,052
Gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net	21,507	63,066	27,938	12,616	2,568	830
Operating income (loss):						
Development and sale of properties	2,262	183	20,566	44,277	6,177	1,997
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	1,688	29,685	13,220	11,862	19,626	6,345
Shopping centers	18,709	58,771	81,638	105,583	124,832	40,360
Credit card operations	(4,616)	4,490	13,546	24,836	32,636	10,552
Hotel operations	6,176	10,138	11,066	14,552	14,653	4,737
Financial operations and others		61	(39)	56	608	197
Total operating income	24,219	103,328	139,997	201,166	198,532	64,188
Amortization of goodwill	(6,631)	(2,904)	(1,663)	(1,080)	(1,472)	(476)
(Loss) gain on equity investees	(14,701)	26,653	67,207	41,657	40,026	12,941
Financial results, net	315,645	12,203	(11,848)	(40,926)	4,099	1,325
Other income (expenses), net	96	(12,856)	(14,089)	(18,263)	(14,100)	(4,559)
Income before taxes and minority interest	318,628	126,424	179,604	182,554	227,085	73,419
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	3,529	(25,720)	(53,207)	(58,791)	(87,539)	(28,302)
Minority interest	(35,712)	(12,842)	(23,152)	(27,190)	(32,449)	(10,491)
Net income	286,445	87,862	103,245	96,573	107,097	34,626
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>						
Revenues	280,690	327,424	426,499	621,012	867,452	280,457
Costs	(208,149)	(216,742)	(235,341)	(321,788)	(413,957)	(133,837)



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	2003	2004	Year Ended June 30,		2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(Ps. thousands <sup>(2)</sup> )	2005	2006		(US\$)
						thousands)
Gross profit	72,541	110,682	191,158	299,224	453,495	146,620
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value						
Selling expenses	(28,555)	(23,937)	(36,255)	(66,278)	(104,997)	(33,947)
Administrative expenses	(50,139)	(57,928)	(77,451)	(97,956)	(142,714)	(46,141)
Gain on purchasers rescissions of sales	9					
Net income (loss) from retained interest in securitized receivables	1,392	(1,526)	4,591	(12,274)	(115)	(37)
Operating (loss) income	(4,752)	27,291	82,043	121,716	205,669	66,495
(Loss) gain on equity investees	(5,621)	(20,161)	138,560	64,697	42,957	13,888
Financial results, net	265,753	21,195	(31,072)	(50,854)	(43,705)	(14,130)
Other incomes (expenses), net	9,880	(4,026)	(10,271)	(7,338)	(13,433)	(4,343)
Income before taxes and minority interest	265,260	24,299	179,259	128,221	191,488	61,910
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	3,020	(12,528)	(34,747)	(18,678)	(39,176)	(12,666)
Minority interest	(33,154)	(8,946)	(15,114)	(19,597)	(49,090)	(15,871)
Net income	235,126	2,825	129,398	89,946	103,222	33,373

**BALANCE SHEET DATA****Argentine GAAP**

Cash and banks and current investments	232,001	163,900	211,934	233,438	856,707	276,983
Inventories	23,854	29,711	99,811	162,110	256,203	82,833
Mortgages and lease receivables, net	39,181	37,267	73,246	147,955	212,065	68,563
Non-current investments <sup>(3)</sup>	412,789	519,499	542,863	647,981	673,273	217,676
Fixed assets, net	1,235,223	1,274,675	1,445,551	1,413,212	2,027,311	655,451
Total current assets	297,476	261,651	389,735	481,788	1,175,790	380,145
Total assets	2,081,956	2,208,326	2,524,426	2,740,121	4,144,899	1,340,090
Short-term debt <sup>(4)</sup>	96,159	143,126	130,728	142,140	214,193	69,251
Total current liabilities	188,738	256,022	310,977	419,228	652,082	210,825
Long-term debt <sup>(5)</sup>	592,104	468,807	422,412	295,282	1,222,423	395,222
Total non-current liabilities	629,988	522,213	515,381	385,138	1,395,693	451,242
Minority interest	454,044	470,237	445,839	449,989	450,410	145,622
Shareholders equity	809,186	959,854	1,252,229	1,485,766	1,646,714	532,400

**U.S. GAAP**

Cash and banks and current investments	231,293	163,435	212,855	233,032	856,318	276,857
Inventories	23,584	25,374	46,702	61,720	160,961	52,040
Mortgages and lease receivables, net	39,181	37,267	72,577	145,718	205,267	66,365
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	80,799	127,114	113,395	131,502	241,656	78,130
Non-current investments <sup>(3)</sup>	281,583	327,883	436,063	599,679	590,646	190,962
Fixed assets, net	1,221,859	1,230,020	1,392,626	1,360,136	1,912,457	618,318
Intangible assets, net	1,629	666	712	468	22,226	7,186
Total current assets	313,595	270,883	386,051	471,053	1,183,147	382,524
Total assets	1,874,299	1,923,456	2,291,808	2,503,812	3,997,217	1,292,343
Trade accounts payable	30,432	46,414	68,372	136,362	293,522	94,899
Other liabilities	40,382	46,524	90,106	94,655	101,764	32,902
Short-term debt <sup>(4)</sup>	83,217	135,661	111,994	120,172	216,829	70,103
Total current liabilities	202,679	260,521	314,939	431,422	669,983	216,613
Long-term debt <sup>(5)</sup>	600,616	465,099	413,812	298,570	1,225,212	396,124
Total non-current liabilities	801,806	696,791	698,344	558,951	1,603,747	518,509
Minority interest	367,012	378,404	357,062	355,385	366,381	118,455
Shareholders equity	502,803	587,740	921,718	1,158,364	1,358,739	439,295

**CASH FLOW DATA****Argentine GAAP**

Net cash provided by operating activities	93,945	74,691	93,490	194,685	163,099	52,732
Net cash used in investing activities	(40,603)	(97,186)	(126,682)	(136,567)	(510,774)	(167,935)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	109,439	(47,649)	52,868	(36,767)	892,258	291,273





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	2003	2004	Year Ended June 30,		2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(Ps. thousands,	2005	2006		(US\$
		except ratios <sup>(2)</sup> )				thousands,
						except ratios)
<b>U.S. GAAP<sup>(6)</sup></b>						
Net cash provided by operating activities	55,135	92,378	105,655	192,589	111,936	36,190
Net cash used in investing activities	(52,260)	(105,061)	(141,746)	(128,687)	(470,318)	(152,059)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	109,439	(47,649)	52,868	(36,767)	900,907	291,273
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	51,743	(8,081)	2,899	(5,784)	2,058	665
Effect of inflation accounting	(1,472)					
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL DATA</b>						
<b>Argentine GAAP</b>						
Capital expenditures <sup>(7)</sup>	10,991	26,908	79,997	116,201	428,026	138,385
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(8)</sup>	69,437	65,491	74,091	80,979	96,996	31,360
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	1.576	1.022	1.253	1.149	1.803	1.803
Ratio of shareholders' equity to total liabilities	0.988	1.233	1.515	1.847	0.804	0.804
Ratio of non-current assets to total assets	0.857	0.882	0.846	0.824	0.716	0.716
Working capital <sup>(9)</sup>	108,738	5,629	78,758	62,560	523,708	169,320

- (1) Solely for the convenience of the reader, we have translated Argentine Peso amounts into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate quoted by Banco de la Nación Argentina for June 30, 2007 which was Ps.3.093 per US\$1.00. We make no representation that the Argentine Peso or U.S. dollar amounts actually represent, could have been or could be converted into Dollars at the rates indicated, at any particular rate or at all. See Exchange Rates and Exchange Controls. Sums may not total due to rounding.
- (2) In thousands of Pesos of June 30, 2007. Includes adjustment for inflation through February 28, 2003. Sums may not total due to rounding.
- (3) Includes our 11.8% investment in Banco Hipotecario and our investments in undeveloped plots of land.
- (4) Includes short-term debt (including the current portion of seller financing) and current mortgages payable.
- (5) Includes long-term debt (including the non-current portion of seller financing) and non-current mortgages payable.
- (6) This table is intended to present cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities under Argentine GAAP but following the classification guidelines of SFAS No. 95 under U.S. GAAP. See Note 28 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for details of the differences in classifications affecting the categories of cash flows.
- (7) Includes the purchase of fixed assets (including facilities and equipment), undeveloped plots of land and renovation and remodeling of hotels and shopping centers.
- (8) Corresponds to depreciation and amortization included in operating income.
- (9) Working capital is calculated by subtracting consolidated current liabilities from consolidated current assets.

**Table of Contents****Summary Consolidated Financial and Other Information for Banco Hipotecario**

	2003	2004	As of or for the Twelve Months Ended June 30			2007	2007
			2005	2006			(in thousands of US dollars, except ratios) (17)
	(in thousands of pesos, except ratios)						
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA:</b>							
<i>Central Bank Accounting Rules</i>							
Financial income	Ps. 512,630	Ps. 1,177,786	Ps. 681,482	Ps. 733,803	Ps. 882,220	US\$	285,434
Financial expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,241,713)	(208,500)	(388,882)	(412,184)	(374,666)		(121,220)
Net financial income	(729,083)	(969,286)	292,600	321,619	507,554		164,214
Provision for losses on loans	(122,005)		(16,699)	(10,498)	(43,673)		(14,130)
Net contribution from insurance <sup>(2)</sup>	36,868	38,991	36,988	44,886	69,827		22,592
Other income from services, net <sup>(3)</sup>	6,420	(321)	28,831	16,949	15,530		5,025
Monetary gain on other transactions	7,046						
Administrative expenses	(119,930)	(133,262)	(147,010)	(185,190)	(270,813)		(87,619)
Monetary loss related to operating transactions	(1,005)						
Miscellaneous income (loss), net <sup>(4)</sup>	(132,915)	3,231	(42,343)	124,511	81,380		26,330
Monetary loss from financial transactions	(224,005)						
Income tax		(3,563)	(6,968)	(1,321)	(1,007)		(326)
Minority interest	7,882	(7,795)	5,623	(1,878)	(907)		(293)
Net income	(1,270,727)	866,567	Ps. 151,022	Ps. 309,078	Ps. 357,891	US\$	115,793
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>							
Net income	646,119	223,072	Ps. 1,023,110	Ps. 605,000	Ps. 388,883	US\$	125,820
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>							
<i>Central Bank Accounting Rules</i>							
Assets							
Cash and due from banks	Ps. 46,222	Ps. 59,200	Ps. 55,850	Ps. 42,900	Ps. 54,578	US\$	17,658
Banks and correspondents	193,223	320,841	258,209	284,956	273,095		88,357
Government and corporate securities	1,077,931	532,979	723,630	2,802,402	2,159,941		698,829
Mortgage-backed securities <sup>(5)</sup>	111,671	177,069	239,837	340,015	445,390		144,102
Loans:							
Mortgage loans	2,078,750	1,701,349	1,555,503	1,547,869	1,767,133		571,740
Personal loans	65	6,451	71,250	237,324	509,186		164,742
Credit card loans			17,521	102,830	381,132		123,312
Overdrafts	119,112	112,387	149,013	241,082	419,797		135,821
Corporate short-term loans	26,220	88,832	103,270	33,662	242,297		78,393
Interbank loans	35,435	588	9,546	15,871	88,604		28,667
Public sector loans	552,785	518,185	556,024	184,216	112,238		36,314
Other loans	315,028	3,178	34,379	88,264	102,633		33,206
Total loans <sup>(6)</sup>	3,127,395	2,430,970	2,496,506	2,451,118	3,623,020		1,172,195
Accrued interest receivable	283,683	253,537	326,517	94,451	38,496		12,455

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Reserve for loan losses	(518,452)	(327,082)	(258,372)	(145,297)	(136,120)	(44,040)
Net loans	2,892,626	2,357,425	Ps. 2,564,651	Ps. 2,400,272	Ps. 3,525,396	Ps. 1,140,610
Other receivables from financial transactions:						
Loans in trust pending securitization <sup>(7)</sup>	319,166	334,471	150,348	100,231	81,378	26,329
Government compensatory bonds BODEN <sup>(8)</sup>	2,537,083	2,654,716	2,649,926	250,872	260,960	84,431
Other <sup>(9)</sup>	103,569	1,037,609	1,482,872	2,345,515	2,924,651	946,244
Reserve for loan losses	(27,999)	(40,732)	(52,963)	(33,840)	(34,684)	(11,222)
Total other receivables	2,931,819	3,986,064	4,230,183	2,662,778	3,232,305	1,045,782
Bank premises and equipment, net	134,383	121,693	113,482	110,264	121,183	39,208
Other assets	62,779	986,734	731,042	298,145	355,761	115,103
Total assets	Ps. 7,450,654	Ps. 8,542,005	Ps. 8,916,884	Ps. 8,941,732	Ps. 10,167,649	US\$ 3,289,649
<i>Liabilities and Shareholders</i>						
<i>Equity</i>						
Borrowings from Central Bank	Ps. 2,085,254	Ps. 2,193,546	Ps. 2,042,362	Ps. 198,329	Ps. 218,031	US\$ 70,542
Other banks and international entities	921,900	354,216	542,841	387,081	231,619	74,938
Bonds	2,589,855	2,735,793	2,345,817	3,253,792	3,587,186	1,160,601
Deposits	105,484	181,367	423,386	614,787	868,560	281,015
Amounts payable under derivative instruments	1,015	540,920	900,940	964,753	968,395	313,315
Reserve for contingencies	156,241	201,135	250,433	205,577	262,214	84,837
Other liabilities <sup>(10)</sup>	620,180	497,736	366,778	964,008	1,320,348	427,186
Total liabilities	6,479,929	6,704,713	6,872,557	6,588,327	7,456,353	2,412,434
Shareholders equity	970,725	1,837,292	2,044,327	2,353,405	2,711,296	877,215
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	Ps. 7,450,654	Ps. 8,542,005	Ps. 8,916,884	Ps. 8,941,732	Ps. 10,167,649	US\$ 3,289,649
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>						
Shareholders equity	(401,867)	(117,449)	Ps. 957,137	Ps. 1,592,014	Ps. 2,109,199	US\$ 682,412

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	As of and the Twelve Months Ended June 30,		
	2005	2006	2007
<b>SELECTED RATIOS:</b>			
<b>Profitability</b>			
Return on average assets	1.7%	3.6%	3.8%
Return on average shareholders' equity	7.3%	13.5%	13.6%
Average rate of interest on mortgage loan portfolio <sup>(11)</sup>	10.6%	13.9%	12.2%
Net interest margin <sup>(12)</sup>	3.9%	4.3%	6.5%
Efficiency <sup>(13)</sup>	39.0%	46.0%	42.4%
Insurance loss ratio <sup>(14)</sup>	17.4%	16.6%	9.3%
<b>Asset Quality<sup>(15) (16)</sup></b>			
Mortgage loans to individuals:			
Non-performing mortgage loans to individuals as a % of such loans	17.7%	8.2%	5.4%
Reserve for mortgage individual loan losses as a % of such loans	22.3%	14.4%	10.9%
Reserve for mortgage individual loan losses as a % of such non-performing loans	98.4%	106.6%	101.9%
Other loans to individuals:			
Non-performing other loans to individuals as a % of such loans	2.0%	7.9%	8.5%
Reserve for other individual loan losses as a % of such loans	1.7%	4.4%	4.7%
Reserve for other individual loan losses as a % of such non-performing loans	85.6%	55.9%	55.6%
Total loans:			
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans	10.1%	6.2%	4.6%
Reserve for loan losses as a percentage of total loans	10.0%	6.5%	4.2%
Reserve for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	99.0%	105.7%	91.4%
Charge-offs:			
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans	3.2%	6.2%	1.7%
<b>Capital</b>			
Total shareholders' equity as a percentage of total assets	22.9%	26.3%	26.7%

**Operations**

- (1) Financial expenditures consist primarily of interest on deposits and other liabilities from financial transactions and contributions, and taxes on financial income.
- (2) Consists of insurance premiums earned *minus* insurance claims paid.
- (3) Income from services other than insurance premiums *minus* expenditures on services other than insurance claims.
- (4) Miscellaneous income *minus* miscellaneous expenses.
- (5) Banco Hipotecario holds subordinated bonds and certificates of participation issued in connection with its prior securitization activities.
- (6) Total loans exclude loans in trust pending securitization.
- (7) Banco Hipotecario transferred these loans to a trust pending their proposed securitization. Although not included in our loans for accounting purposes, these loans are included in its total loan portfolio for purposes of classifying its loans and establishing loan loss reserves in accordance with Central Bank requirements.
- (8) Includes the positive effects resulting from our option, pursuant to Argentine Central Bank Communication A 3800, to offset anticipated future losses by recognizing in advance compensation expected to be received from the Argentine government for its net financial position of foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities at December 31, 2001 converted at the exchange rate of Ps.1.40 = US\$1.00.
- (9) Includes Ps.897.8 million, Ps.1,036.0 million and Ps.1,133.6 million of amounts receivable under derivative financial instruments for twelve months ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (10) Includes Ps.66.5 million, Ps.95.3 million and Ps.84.5 million of accrued interest payable at June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (11) Aggregate financial income earned on mortgage loans divided by average mortgage loans.
- (12) Net financial income divided by average interest earning assets. Included in financial income are net gains (losses) on government securities.
- (13) Administrative expenses divided by the sum of (i) net financial income, (ii) contribution from insurance and (iii) other income from services, net. Excludes severance payments and bonuses that totaled Ps.7.3 million, Ps.8.8 million and Ps.19.6 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (14) Insurance claims paid divided by insurance premiums earned.
- (15) Non-performing loans consist of (i) in the case of consumer loans, those classified under Central Bank regulations as Deficient Performance, Difficult Collection, Uncollectible and Uncollectible for Technical Reasons and (ii) in the case of commercial loans, those classified under Central Bank regulations as Problematic, High Risk of Insolvency, Uncollectible and Uncollectible for Technical Reasons. Banco Hipotecario has used a variety of different methodologies for classifying the non-performance of its mortgage loans. As a result, information regarding non-performing loans is not necessarily comparable from one period to another. See Banco Hipotecario's

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Factors Affecting Comparability of Financial Data.

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- (16) For purposes of Central Bank loan classifications and our establishment of loan loss reserves, total loans include accrued interest and loans in trust pending securitization.
- (17) The US dollar convenience translation at June 30, 2007 is based on the peso/dollar exchange rate of Ps.3.0908=US\$1.00, prevailing as of such date. Such translation should not be construed as a representation that the local currency amounts represent, or have been or could be converted into, US dollars at that or any other rate.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider the risks described below, in addition to the other information contained in this prospectus, before making an investment decision. We also may face additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known to us, or that we currently deem immaterial, which may impair our business. In general, you take more risk when you invest in the securities of issuers in emerging markets such as Argentina than when you invest in the securities of issuers in the United States. You should understand that an investment in our common shares, GDSs and warrants involves a high degree of risk, including the possibility of loss of your entire investment.*

**Risks Relating to Argentina**

*Argentina's current growth and stabilization may not be sustainable.*

During 2001 and 2002, Argentina experienced a period of severe political, economic and social crisis. Although the economy has recovered significantly over the past three years, uncertainty remains as to whether the current growth and relative stability are sustainable. Sustainable economic growth is dependant on a variety of factors, including international demand for Argentine exports, the stability and competitiveness of the Peso against foreign currencies, confidence among consumers as well as foreign and domestic investors and stable and relatively low inflation.

The Argentine economy remains fragile for the following reasons:

unemployment remains high;

the availability of long-term fixed rate credit is limited;

investment as a percentage of GDP remains low;

the current fiscal surplus could become a fiscal deficit;

inflation has risen recently and threatens to accelerate;

the country's public debt remains high and international financing is limited; and

the recovery has depended to some extent on high commodity prices, which are volatile and outside the control of the country, and excess capacity, which has reduced considerably.

A substantial part of our operations, properties and customers are located in Argentina. As a result, our business is to a very large extent dependent upon the economic conditions prevailing in Argentina.

*The continuing rise of inflation may have an adverse effect on the economy.*

After several years of price stability, the devaluation of the Peso in January 2002 imposed pressures on the domestic price system that generated high inflation throughout 2002. In 2003, inflation substantially stabilized. However, inflationary pressures have since reemerged with consumer prices increasing by 6.1% during 2004 and increasing by 12.3% in 2005. As a result of the execution of fixed price agreements and restrictions on, and in certain cases, suspension of, exports, consumer prices only increased by 9.8% in 2006. During the first half of 2007, consumer prices increased by 8.8% on an annualized basis.

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In the past, inflation has materially undermined the Argentine economy and the government's ability to create conditions conducive to growth. A return to a high inflation environment could slow the rebound in the long term credit market and real estate market and may also undermine Argentina's foreign competitiveness by diluting the effects of the Peso devaluation and negatively impacting the level of economic activity and employment.



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If inflation remains high or continues to rise, Argentina's economy may be negatively impacted which could have an adverse effect on our business.

***Argentina's ability to obtain financing from international markets is limited which may affect its ability to implement reforms and foster economic growth.***

In the first half of 2005, Argentina restructured part of its sovereign debt that had been in default since the end of 2001. As of March 31, 2007, the Argentine government announced that as a result of the restructuring, it had approximately US\$136.3 billion in total outstanding debt remaining. Of this amount, approximately US\$26.5 billion are defaulted bonds owned by creditors who did not participate in the restructuring of the external financial debt.

Some bondholders in the United States, Italy and Germany have filed legal actions against Argentina, and holdout creditors may initiate new suits in the future. Additionally, foreign shareholders of certain Argentine companies have filed claims in excess of US\$17 billion before the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, or ICSID, alleging that certain government measures are inconsistent with the fair and equitable treatment standards set forth in various bilateral treaties to which Argentina is a party.

Argentina's past default and its failure to restructure completely its remaining sovereign debt and fully negotiate with the holdout creditors may prevent Argentina from reentering the international capital markets. Litigation initiated by holdout creditors as well as ICSID claims may result in material judgments against the Argentine government and could result in attachments of, or injunctions relating to, assets of Argentina that the government intended for other uses. As a result, the government may not have the financial resources necessary to implement reforms and foster growth which could have a material adverse effect on the country's economy and, consequently, our business.

***Significant devaluation of the Peso against the U.S. dollar may adversely affect the Argentine economy as well as our financial performance.***

Despite the positive effects of the real depreciation of the Peso in 2002 on the competitiveness of certain sectors of the Argentine economy, it has also had a far-reaching negative impact on the Argentine economy and on businesses and individuals' financial condition. The devaluation of the Peso has had a negative impact on the ability of Argentine businesses to honor their foreign currency-denominated debt, initially led to very high inflation, significantly reduced real wages, had a negative impact on businesses whose success is dependent on domestic market demand, such as utilities and the financial industry, and adversely affected the government's ability to honor its foreign debt obligations.

If the Peso devalues significantly, all of the negative effects on the Argentine economy related to such devaluation could recur, with adverse consequences to our business. Moreover, it would likely result in a decline in the value of our common shares and the GDSs as measured in U.S. dollars.

***Significant appreciation of the Peso against the U.S. dollar may adversely affect the Argentine economy.***

A substantial increase in the value of the Peso against the U.S. dollar also presents risks for the Argentine economy. The appreciation of the Peso against the U.S. dollar negatively impacts the financial condition of entities whose foreign currency-denominated assets exceed their foreign currency-denominated liabilities, such as us. In addition, in the short term, a significant real appreciation of the Peso would adversely affect exports. This could have a negative effect on GDP growth and employment as well as reduce the Argentine public sector's revenues by reducing tax collection in real terms, given its current heavy reliance on taxes on exports. The appreciation of the Peso against the U.S. dollar could have an adverse effect on the Argentine economy and our business.

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### ***Government measures to preempt or respond to social unrest may adversely affect the Argentine economy.***

During its crisis in 2001 and 2002, Argentina experienced social and political turmoil, including civil unrest, riots, looting, nationwide protests, strikes and street demonstrations. Despite Argentina's ongoing economic recovery and relative stabilization, social and political tension and high levels of poverty and unemployment continue. Future government policies to preempt, or in response to, social unrest may include expropriation, nationalization, forced renegotiation or modification of existing contracts, suspension of the enforcement of creditors' rights, new taxation policies, including royalty and tax increases and retroactive tax claims, and changes in laws and policies affecting foreign trade and investment. Such policies could destabilize the country and adversely and materially affect the economy, and thereby our business.

### ***Exchange controls and restrictions on transfers abroad and capital inflow restrictions have limited and can be expected to continue to limit the availability of international credit.***

In 2001 and 2002, Argentina imposed exchange controls and transfer restrictions substantially limiting the ability of companies to retain foreign currency or make payments abroad. These restrictions have been substantially eased, including those requiring the Central Bank's prior authorization for the transfer of funds abroad in order to pay principal and interest on debt obligations. However, Argentina may re-impose exchange control or transfer restrictions in the future, among other things, in response to capital flight or a significant depreciation of the Peso. In addition, the government issued Decree No. 616/2005 in June 2005 that established new controls on capital inflows that could result in less availability of international credit. Pursuant to such Decree, the Ministry of Economy's Resolution No. 292/2005 was repealed and it was established that any indebtedness in favor of foreign creditors by individuals and legal entities residing in Argentina and conducting business in the private sector must be settled in Argentina and must mature no earlier than 365 days irrespective of the manner of settlement, except in the following cases: transactions related to foreign trade financing, and original issuances of debt instruments admitted to public offering and listed in self-regulated stock exchanges.

Therefore, (a) any cash inflows in the domestic foreign exchange market arising from debts incurred with foreign creditors by individuals or legal entities in the private sector and (b) any cash inflows in favor of non-residents and channeled through the domestic foreign exchange market intended for holdings in local currency, acquisition of financial assets or liabilities of any kind in the financial and non-financial private sector, excluding direct foreign investment and original issuances of debt instruments admitted to public offering and listed on self-regulated stock exchanges must meet the following requirements: (i) they may be remitted abroad only after expiration of a term of at least 365 days counted after the date on which such funds officially entered the Argentine foreign exchange market; (ii) the amounts resulting from the exchange rate settlement transaction are to be deposited in an account opened at an Argentine banking system institution, (iii) a non-transferable, non-interest bearing deposit of 30% of the amount being settled is to be made in the name of the depositor for a term of 365 days and (iv) such deposit is to be held in U.S. dollars at one of the Argentine banking system institutions and may not be used as guarantee or collateral of any loan. Non-compliance with the requirements laid down in Decree 616/2005 shall be punished in accordance with the Criminal Foreign Exchange Regime.

Additional controls could have a negative effect on the economy and our business if imposed in an economic environment where access to local capital is substantially constrained. Moreover, in such event, restrictions on the transfers of funds abroad may impede your ability to receive dividend payments as a holder of GDSs.

### ***Payment of dividends to non-residents has been limited in the past and may be limited again.***

Beginning on February 2002, any payment of dividends, irrespective of amount, outside Argentina needed prior authorization from the Central Bank. In December 2002 the rule was amended through Communication A 3845 which required Argentine companies to obtain prior authorization from the Central Bank to purchase currency in excess of US\$150,000 (in the aggregate) per calendar month. This rule applied, among others, to the payment of dividends.

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On January 7, 2003, the Central Bank issued communication A 3859 which is still enforceable and pursuant to which Argentine companies have no limitation on their ability to purchase foreign currency and transfer it outside Argentina to pay dividends, to the extent such dividend payments result from an approved and audited financial statement. In the future, similar restrictions may be enacted by the Argentine government or the Central Bank again, and if this were to occur, it would have an adverse effect on the value of our common shares and the GDSs.

### ***The stability of the Argentine banking system is uncertain.***

During 2001 and the first half of 2002, a very significant amount of deposits were withdrawn from financial institutions. This massive withdrawal of deposits was largely due to the loss of confidence of depositors in the Argentine government's ability to repay its debts, including its debts within the financial system, and to maintain peso-dollar parity in the context of its solvency crisis.

To prevent a run on the U.S. dollar reserves of local banks, the government restricted the amount of money that account holders could withdraw from banks and introduced exchange controls restricting capital outflows. The government subsequently imposed new restrictions and released a schedule stating how and when deposits would become available.

These measures taken by the government to protect the solvency of the banking system, in particular the emergency laws that converted certain U.S. dollar-denominated debts into Pesos, generated significant opposition directly against banks from depositors frustrated by the loss of their savings. Many depositors instituted court challenges, eventually at the Supreme Court level, on constitutional grounds seeking restitution of their deposits in their original currency. Under Argentine law, Supreme Court rulings are limited to the particular facts and defendants in the case, although lower courts tend to follow precedent set by the Supreme Court. Initial Supreme Court rulings struck down on constitutional grounds pesification pursuant to Law No. 25,561 (the Public Emergency Law). However, the Supreme Court has found in subsequent holdings that emergency laws enacted by the Argentine Congress were necessary to mitigate the crisis, the regulations were not disproportionate to the emergency, and the measures did not violate the constitutional property rights of those affected. For instance, the Supreme Court held on December 27, 2006 in *Massa, Juan Agustin vs. Poder Ejecutivo Nacional y Otro* that banks should repay deposits originally denominated in U.S. dollars in Pesos at an exchange rate of Ps.1.40 per US\$1.00, subject to CER or Coeficiente de Estabilización de Referencia indexation, plus interest, at a 4% annual rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, numerous other cases challenging the constitutionality of the pesification pursuant to the Public Emergency Law are still pending. We cannot assure you that the Supreme Court will consistently uphold the views expressed in its latest rulings, or that future rulings will not negatively affect the banking system as a whole. If the Argentine government is called upon to provide additional financial assistance to the banks through the issuance of additional government debt, this could add to Argentina's outstanding debt and would increase the burdens of the public sector.

While the condition of Argentina's financial system has improved and depositors affected by the restrictions imposed in 2001 and 2002 have regained access to their deposits, albeit mainly in Pesos and subject to certain restrictions, you should not underestimate the long-term implications of the most recent crisis for Argentina's economy and the credibility of its financial system. Adverse economic developments, even if not related to or attributable to the financial system, could easily result in deposits flowing out of the banks and into the foreign exchange market, as depositors seek to shield their financial assets from a new crisis. Any run on deposits could create liquidity or even solvency problems for financial institutions and bring about similar measures or other government interventions.

### ***The Argentine economy could be adversely affected by economic developments in other global markets.***

Financial and securities markets in Argentina are influenced, to varying degrees, by economic and market conditions in other global markets. Although economic conditions vary from country to country, investors' perception of the events occurring in one country may substantially affect capital flows into and securities from issuers in other countries, including Argentina. The Argentine economy was adversely impacted by the political

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and economic events that occurred in several emerging economies in the 1990s, including Mexico in 1994, the collapse of several Asian economies between 1997 and 1998, the economic crisis in Russia in 1998 and the Brazilian devaluation in January 1999. In addition, Argentina continues to be affected by events in the economies of its major regional partners. Furthermore, the Argentine economy may be adversely affected by events in developed economies which are trading partners or that impact the global economy.

In the future, political and economic crises in the international markets can be expected to adversely affect the Argentine economy and its financial system and therefore our business.

*Upcoming Congressional and Presidential elections may adversely affect the Argentine economy.*

During 2007, presidential and congressional elections will take place in Argentina. During the last presidential elections, the securities markets suffered certain volatility which has been attributed to uncertainty regarding the economic policy to be carried out by the new government. There are no assurances that future uncertainties preceding and resulting from the Congressional and the Presidential elections will not negatively impact the Argentine economy and/or local bonds and stock markets.

## **Risks Relating to our Business**

*Our performance is subject to risks associated with our properties and with the real estate industry.*

Our economic performance and the value of our real estate assets, and consequently the value of our securities, are subject to the risk that if our properties do not generate revenues sufficient to meet its operating expenses, including debt service and capital expenditures, our cash flow and ability to pay distributions to our shareholders will be adversely affected. Events or conditions beyond our control that may adversely affect our operations or the value of our properties include:

downturns in the national, regional and local economic climate;

volatility and decline in discretionary spending;

competition from other office, industrial and commercial buildings;

local real estate market conditions, such as oversupply or reduction in demand for office, or other commercial or industrial space;

changes in interest rates and availability of financing;

the exercise by our tenants of their legal right to early termination of their leases;

vacancies, changes in market rental rates and the need to periodically repair, renovate and re-lease space;

increased operating costs, including insurance expense, utilities, real estate taxes, state and local taxes and heightened security costs;

civil disturbances, earthquakes and other natural disasters, or terrorist acts or acts of war which may result in uninsured or underinsured losses;

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significant expenditures associated with each investment, such as debt service payments, real estate taxes, insurance and maintenance costs which are generally not reduced when circumstances cause a reduction in revenues from a property;

declines in the financial condition of our tenants and our ability to collect rents from them;

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changes in our ability or our tenants' ability to provide for adequate maintenance and insurance, possibly decreasing the useful life of and revenue from property; and

law reforms and governmental regulations (such as those governing usage, zoning and real property taxes).

If any one or more of the foregoing conditions were to affect our business, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

***Our investment in property development or redevelopment may be less profitable than we anticipate.***

We are engaged in the development and construction of office space, retail and residential properties, frequently through third-party contractors. Risks associated with our development, re-development and construction activities include the following, among others:

abandonment of development opportunities and renovation proposals;

construction costs of a project may exceed its original estimates for reasons including raises in interest rates or increases in the costs of materials and labor, making a project unprofitable;

occupancy rates and rents at newly completed properties may fluctuate depending on a number of factors, including market and economic conditions, resulting in lower than projected rental rates and a corresponding lower return on our investment;

pre-construction buyers may default on their purchase contracts or units in new buildings may remain unsold upon completion of construction;

the unavailability of favorable financing alternatives in the private and public debt markets;

sale prices for residential units may be insufficient to cover development costs;

construction and lease-up may not be completed on schedule, resulting in increased debt service expense and construction costs; and

we may be unable to obtain, or may face delays in obtaining, necessary zoning, land-use, building, occupancy and other required governmental permits and authorizations, or we may be affected by building moratoria and anti-growth legislation.

***The real estate industry in Argentina is increasingly competitive.***

Our real estate and construction activities are highly concentrated in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area, where the real estate market is highly competitive due to a scarcity of properties in sought-after locations and the increasing number of local and international competitors.

Furthermore, the Argentine real estate industry is generally highly competitive and fragmented and does not have high-entry barriers restricting new competitors from entering the market. The main competitive factors in the real estate development business include availability and location of land, price, funding, design, quality, reputation and partnerships with developers. A number of residential and commercial developers and real estate services companies compete with us in seeking land for acquisition, financial resources for development and prospective purchasers and tenants. Other companies, including foreign companies working in partnerships with local companies, have become increasingly active in the real estate business in Argentina, further increasing this competition. To the extent that one or more of our competitors are able to acquire and develop desirable properties, as a result of greater financial resources or otherwise, our business could be materially and adversely affected. If

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we are not able to respond to such pressures as promptly as our competitors, or the level of competition increases, our financial condition and results of our operations could be adversely affected.

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In addition, many of our shopping centers are located in close proximity to other shopping centers, numerous retail stores and residential properties. The number of comparable properties located in the vicinity of our properties could have a material adverse effect on our ability to lease retail space in our shopping centers or sell units in our residential complexes and on the rent price or the sale price that we are able to charge. We cannot assure you that other shopping center operators, including international shopping center operators, will not invest in Argentina in the near future. As additional companies become active in the Argentine shopping center market, such increased competition could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

### ***We face risks associated with property acquisitions.***

We have in the past acquired, and intend to acquire in the future, properties, including large properties (such as the acquisition of Abasto de Buenos Aires or Alto Palermo Shopping) that would increase our size and potentially alter our capital structure. Although we believe that the acquisitions that we have completed in the past and that we expect to undertake in the future, have, and will, enhance our future financial performance, the success of such transactions is subject to a number of uncertainties, including the risk that:

we may not be able to obtain financing for acquisitions on favorable terms;

acquired properties may fail to perform as expected;

the actual costs of repositioning or redeveloping acquired properties may be higher than we estimate;

acquired properties may be located in new markets where we may have limited knowledge and understanding of the local economy, absence of business relationships in the area or unfamiliarity with local governmental and permitting procedures; and

we may not be able to efficiently integrate acquired properties, particularly portfolios of properties, into our organization and to manage new properties in a way that allows us to realize cost savings and synergies.

***Some of the land we purchase is not zoned for development purposes, and we may be unable to obtain, or may face delays in obtaining the necessary zoning permits and other authorizations.***

We own several plots of land which are not zoned for development purposes or for the type of developments we intend to propose, including Santa María del Plata, Puerto Retiro and Terrenos de Caballito. In addition, we do not yet have the required land-use, building, occupancy and other required governmental permits and authorizations. We cannot assure you that it will continue to be successful in our attempts to rezone land and to obtain all necessary permits and authorizations, or that rezoning efforts and permit requests will not be unreasonably delayed. Moreover, we may be affected by building moratoria and anti-growth legislation. If we are unable to obtain all of the governmental permits and authorizations we need to develop our present and future projects as planned, we may be forced to make unwanted modifications to such projects or abandon them altogether.

### ***Acquired properties may subject us to unknown liabilities.***

Properties that we acquire may be subject to unknown liabilities for which we would have no recourse, or only limited recourse, to the former owners of such properties. As a result, if a liability were asserted against us based upon ownership of an acquired property, we might be required to pay significant sums to settle it, which could adversely affect our financial results and cash flow. Unknown liabilities relating to acquired properties could include:

liabilities for clean-up of undisclosed environmental contamination;





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law reforms and governmental regulations (such as those governing usage, zoning and real property taxes); and

liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business.

***Some potential losses are not covered by insurance, and certain kinds of insurance coverage may become prohibitively expensive.***

We currently carry liability, fire, business interruption, flood, extended coverage and rental loss insurance on all of our properties. Although we believe the policy specifications and insured limits of these policies are generally customary, there are certain types of losses, such as lease and other contract claims and terrorism and acts of war that generally are not insured. Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occur, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the property. In such an event, we might nevertheless remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the property. We cannot assure you that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future. If any of our properties were to experience a catastrophic loss, it could seriously disrupt our operations, delay revenue and result in large expenses to repair or rebuild the property.

In addition, we cannot assure you that we will be able to renew insurance coverage in an adequate amount or at reasonable prices. Insurance companies may no longer offer coverage against certain types of losses, such as losses due to terrorist acts and mold, or, if offered, these types of insurance may be prohibitively expensive. Moreover, we do not purchase life or disability insurance for any of our key employees. If any of our key employees were to die or become incapacitated, we could experience losses caused by a disruption in our operations which will not be covered by insurance, and this could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

***Demand for our premium properties which target the high-income demographic may be insufficient.***

We have focused on development projects intended to cater to affluent individuals and have entered into property swap agreements pursuant to which we contribute our undeveloped properties to ventures with developers who will deliver to us units in full-service apartments in premium locations of downtown Buenos Aires, such as the Renoir towers. These developments are currently estimated to be completed in 2008 and will bring to the market over 11,500 square meters of high quality residential apartments. At the time the developers return these properties to us, demand for premium apartments could be significantly lower than we currently project. In such case, we would be unable to sell these apartments at the prices or in the time frame we estimated, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

***It may be difficult to buy and sell real estate quickly and transfer restrictions apply to some of our properties.***

Real estate investments are relatively illiquid and this tends to limit our ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions. In addition, significant expenditures associated with each equity investment, such as mortgage payments, real estate taxes and maintenance costs, are generally not reduced when circumstances cause a reduction in income from the investment. If income from a property declines while the related expenses do not decline, our business would be adversely affected. A significant portion of our properties are mortgaged to secure payment of indebtedness, and if we are unable to meet our mortgage payments, we could lose money as a result of foreclosure on the properties by the various mortgagees. In addition, if it becomes necessary or desirable for us to dispose of one or more of the mortgaged properties, we might not be able to obtain a release of the lien on the mortgaged property without payment of the associated debt. The foreclosure of a mortgage on a property or inability to sell a property could adversely affect our business. In transactions of this kind, we may also agree, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell the acquired properties for significant periods of time.

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### ***Our level of debt may adversely affect our operations and our ability to pay our debt as it becomes due.***

We have had, and expect to continue to have, substantial liquidity and capital resource requirements to finance our business. As of June 30, 2007, our consolidated financial debt was Ps.1,414.5 million (including accrued and unpaid interest and deferred financing costs). The fact that we are leveraged may affect our ability to refinance existing debt or borrow additional funds to finance working capital, acquisitions and capital expenditures. This would require us to allocate a substantial portion of cash flow to repay principal and interest, thereby reducing the amount of money available to invest in operations, including acquisitions and capital expenditures. Our leverage could place us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors who are less leveraged and limit our ability to react to changes in market conditions, changes in the real estate industry and economic downturns. Although we have successfully restructured our debt, we cannot assure you that we will not relapse and become unable to pay our obligations.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flows from operations to satisfy our debt service requirements or to obtain future financing. If we cannot satisfy our debt service requirements or if we default on any financial or other covenants in our debt arrangements, the holders of our debt will be able to accelerate the maturity of such debt or cause defaults under the other debt arrangements. Our ability to service debt obligations or to refinance them will depend upon our future financial and operating performance, which will, in part, be subject to factors beyond our control such as macroeconomic conditions and regulatory changes in Argentina. If we cannot obtain future financing, we may have to delay or abandon some or all of our planned capital expenditures, which could adversely affect our ability to generate cash flows and repay our obligations.

### ***We are subject to risks inherent to the operation of shopping centers that may affect our profitability.***

Shopping centers are subject to various factors that affect their development, administration and profitability. These factors include:

the accessibility and the attractiveness of the area where the shopping center is located;

the intrinsic attractiveness of the shopping center;

the flow of people and the level of sales of each shopping center rental unit;

increasing competition from internet sales;

the amount of rent collected from each shopping center rental unit; and

the fluctuations in occupancy levels in the shopping centers.

An increase in operating costs, caused by inflation or other factors, could have a material adverse effect on us if our tenants are unable to pay higher rent due to the increase in expenses. Moreover, the shopping center business is closely related to consumer spending and to the economy in which customers are located. All of our shopping centers are in Argentina, and, as a consequence, their business could be seriously affected by potential recession in Argentina. For example, during the economic crisis in Argentina, spending decreased significantly, unemployment, political instability and inflation significantly reduced consumer spending in Argentina, lowering tenants' sales and forcing some tenants to leave our shopping centers. If this were to occur again, it could have a material adverse effect on the revenues from the shopping center activity.

### ***The loss of significant tenants could adversely affect both the operating revenues and value of our shopping center and other rental properties.***

If certain of our most important tenants were to experience financial difficulties, including bankruptcy, insolvency or a general downturn of business, or if we simply failed to retain their patronage, our business could be adversely affected. Our shopping centers and, to a lesser extent, our office buildings are typically anchored by



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significant tenants, such as well known department stores who generate shopping traffic at the mall. A decision by such significant tenants to cease operations at our shopping centers or office buildings could have a material adverse effect on the revenues and profitability of the affected segment and, by extension, on our financial condition and results of operations. The closing of one or more significant tenants may induce other tenants at an affected property to terminate their leases, to seek rent relief and/or cease operating their stores or otherwise adversely affect occupancy at the property. If we are not able to successfully lease the affected space again, the bankruptcy and/or closure of significant tenants, could have an adverse effect on both the operating revenues and underlying value of the properties involved.

***We are subject to payment default risks due to our investments in credit card businesses through our subsidiary Alto Palermo.***

Our subsidiary Alto Palermo owns an 80% interest in Tarshop S.A., or Tarshop, a credit card company that originates credit card accounts to promote sales from Alto Palermo's tenants and other selected retailers. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, Tarshop had net revenues of Ps.213.0 million, representing 44.1% of Alto Palermo's revenues and 28.8% of our consolidated revenues for such fiscal year. Credit card businesses such as Tarshop are adversely affected by defaults or late payments by card holders on credit card accounts, difficulties enforcing collection of payments, fraudulent accounts and the writing off of past due receivables. The present rates of delinquency, collection proceedings and loss of receivables may vary and be affected by numerous factors beyond our control, which, among others, include:

adverse changes in the Argentine economy;

adverse changes in the regional economies;

political instability;

increases in unemployment; and

erosion of real and/or nominal salaries.

These and other factors may have an adverse effect on rates of delinquency, collections and receivables, any one or more of which could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of Tarshop's credit card business. In addition, if our credit card business is adversely affected by one or more of the above factors, the quality of our securitized receivables is also likely to be adversely affected. Therefore, we could be adversely affected to the extent that we hold an interest in any such securitized receivables.

***Our subordinated interest in Tarshop's securitized assets may have no value.***

Tarshop S.A., an Alto Palermo subsidiary, is a credit card company that originates credit card accounts to promote sales from Alto Palermo's tenants and other selected retailers. Tarshop's accounts receivables, which consist of cash flows from consumer financing and personal loans, are placed into a number of trust accounts that securitize those receivables. Tarshop sells beneficial interests in these trust accounts through the sale of debt certificates, but remains a beneficiary of these trust accounts by holding Ps.77.8 million in debt certificates as of June 30, 2007.

We cannot assure you that collection of payments from credit card accounts will be sufficient to distribute earnings to holders of participation certificates, which would reduce Tarshop's earnings. In addition, local authorities might increase credit card or trust account regulations, negatively affecting Tarshop's revenues and results of operation.

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### ***We are subject to risks affecting the hotel industry.***

The full-service segment of the lodging industry in which our hotels operate is highly competitive. The operational success of our hotels is highly dependant on our ability to compete in areas such as access, location, quality of accommodations, rates, quality food and beverage facilities and other services and amenities. Our hotels may face additional competition if other companies decide to build new hotels or improve their existing hotels to increase their attractiveness.

In addition, the profitability of our hotels depends on:

our ability to form successful relationships with international and local operators to run our hotels;

changes in tourism and travel patterns, including seasonal changes; and

taxes and governmental regulations affecting wages, prices, interest rates, construction procedures and costs.

### ***Our business is subject to extensive regulation and additional regulations may be imposed in the future.***

Our activities are subject to federal, state and municipal laws, and to regulations, authorizations and licenses required with respect to construction, zoning, use of the soil, environmental protection and historical patrimony, consumer protection and other requirements, all of which affect our ability to acquire land, develop and build projects and negotiate with customers. In addition, companies in this industry are subject to increasing tax rates, the creation of new taxes and changes in the taxation regime. We are required to obtain licenses and authorizations with different governmental authorities in order to carry out our projects. Maintaining our licenses and authorizations can be a costly provision. In the case of non-compliance with such laws, regulations, licenses and authorizations, we may face fines, project shutdowns, cancellation of licenses and revocation of authorizations.

In addition, public authorities may issue new and stricter standards, or enforce or interpret existing laws and regulations in a more restrictive manner, which may force us to make expenditures to comply with such new rules. Development activities are also subject to risks relating to potential delays or an inability to obtain all necessary zoning, environmental, land-use, development, building, occupancy and other required governmental permits and authorizations. Any such delays or failures to obtain such government approvals may have an adverse effect on our business.

In the past, the Argentine government imposed strict and burdensome regulations regarding leases in response to housing shortages, high rates of inflation and difficulties in accessing credit. Such regulations limited or prohibited increases on rental prices and prohibited eviction of tenants, even for failure to pay rent. Most of our leases provide that the tenants pay all costs and taxes related to their respective leased areas. In the event of a significant increase in the amount of such costs and taxes, the Argentine government may respond to political pressure to intervene by regulating this practice, thereby negatively affecting our rental income. We cannot assure you that the Argentine government will not impose similar or other regulations in the future. Changes in existing laws or the enactment of new laws governing the ownership, operation or leasing of properties in Argentina could negatively affect the Argentine real estate market and the rental market and materially and adversely affect our operations and profitability.

### ***Lease Law No. 23,091 imposes restrictions that limit our flexibility.***

Argentine laws governing leases impose certain restrictions, including the following:

lease agreements may not contain inflation adjustment clauses based on consumer price indexes or wholesale price indexes. Although many of our lease agreements contain readjustment clauses, these are not based on an official index nor do they reflect the inflation index. In the event of litigation it may be impossible for us to adjust the amounts owed to us under our lease agreements;



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residential leases must comply with a mandatory minimum term of two years and retail leases must comply with a mandatory minimum term of three years except in the case of stands and/or spaces for special exhibitions;

lease terms may not exceed ten years, except for leases regulated by Law No. 25,248 (which provides that leases containing a purchase option are not subject to term limitations); and

tenants may rescind commercial lease agreements after the initial six-month period.

As a result of the foregoing, we are exposed to the risk of increases of inflation under our leases and the exercise of rescission rights by our tenants could materially and adversely affect our business and we cannot assure you that our tenants will not exercise such right, especially if rent values stabilize or decline in the future.

### ***Eviction proceedings in Argentina are difficult and time consuming.***

Although Argentine law permits a summary proceeding to collect unpaid rent and a special proceeding to evict tenants, eviction proceedings in Argentina are difficult and time-consuming. Historically, the heavy workloads of the courts and the numerous procedural steps required have generally delayed landlords' efforts to evict tenants. Eviction proceedings generally take between six months and two years from the date of filing of the suit to the time of actual eviction.

Historically, delinquency regarding our office rental space has been very low, approximately 2%, and we have usually attempted to negotiate the termination of lease agreements with defaulting tenants after the first few months of non-payment in order to avoid legal proceedings. Delinquency may increase significantly in the future, and such negotiations with tenants may not be as successful as they have been in the past. Moreover, new Argentine laws and regulations may forbid or restrict eviction proceedings, and in such case, they would likely have a material and adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

### ***Our assets are concentrated in the Buenos Aires area.***

Our principal properties are located in the City of Buenos Aires and the Province of Buenos Aires and a substantial portion of our revenues are derived from such properties. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, more than 87% of our consolidated revenues were derived from properties in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area including the City of Buenos Aires. Although we own properties and may acquire or develop additional properties outside Buenos Aires, we expect to continue to depend to a large extent on economic conditions affecting those areas, and therefore, an economic downturn in those areas could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***We face risks associated with potential expansion to other Latin American markets.***

From 1994 to 2002, we had substantial investments outside of Argentina, including Brazil Realty, which was sold in 2002, and Fondo de Valores Inmobiliarios in Venezuela, which was sold in 2001. We continue to believe that Brazil and other Latin American countries offer attractive opportunities for growth in the real estate sector. We will continue to consider investment opportunities outside of Argentina as they arise.

Investments in Brazil and other Latin American countries are subject to significant risks including sovereign risks and risks affecting these countries' real estate sectors. These risks include competition by well-established as well as new developers, unavailability of financing or financing on terms that are not acceptable to us, exchange rate fluctuations, lack of liquidity in the market, rising construction costs and inflation, extensive and potentially increasing regulation and bureaucratic procedures to obtain permits and authorizations, political and economic instability that may result in sharp shifts in demand for properties, risks of default in payment and difficulty evicting defaulting tenants.



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*If the bankruptcy of Inversora Dársena Norte is extended to our subsidiary Puerto Retiro S.A., we will likely lose a significant investment in a unique waterfront land reserve in the City of Buenos Aires.*

On November 18, 1997, in connection with the acquisition of our subsidiary Inversora Bolívar S.A., or Inversora Bolívar, we indirectly acquired 35.2% of the capital stock of Puerto Retiro. Inversora Bolívar had purchased such shares of Puerto Retiro from Redona Investments Ltd. N.V. in 1996. In 1999, through Inversora Bolívar, we increased our interest in Puerto Retiro to 50.0% of its capital stock.

On April 18, 2000, Puerto Retiro received notice of a complaint filed by the Argentine government, through the Ministry of Defense, seeking to extend the bankruptcy of Inversora Dársena Norte S.A. ( Indarsa ). Upon filing of the complaint, the bankruptcy court issued an order restraining the ability of Puerto Retiro to dispose of, in any manner, the real property it had purchased in 1993 from Tandanor S.A. ( Tandanor ). Puerto Retiro appealed the restraining order which was confirmed by the court on December 14, 2000.

In 1991, Indarsa had purchased 90% of Tandanor, a formerly government owned company, which owned a large piece of land near Puerto Madero of approximately 8 hectares, divided into two spaces: Planta 1 and 2. After the purchase of Tandanor by Indarsa, in June 1993 Tandanor sold Planta 1 to Puerto Retiro, for a sum of US\$18 million pursuant to a valuation performed by J.L. Ramos, a well-known real estate brokerage firm in Argentina.

Indarsa failed to pay to the Argentine government the outstanding price for its purchase of the stock of Tandanor. As a result the Ministry of Defense requested the bankruptcy of Indarsa. Since the only asset of Indarsa was its holding in Tandanor, the Argentine government is seeking to extend the bankruptcy to the companies or individuals which, according to its view, acted as a single economic group. In particular, the Argentine government has requested the extension of the bankruptcy to Puerto Retiro which acquired Planta 1 from Tandanor.

The time for producing evidence in relation to these legal proceeding has expired. The parties have submitted their closing arguments and are awaiting a final judgment. However, the judge has delayed his decision until a final judgment in the criminal proceedings against the former Defense Minister and former directors of Indarsa has been delivered. We cannot give you any assurance that we will prevail in this proceeding, and if the plaintiff's claim is upheld by the courts, all of the assets of Puerto Retiro would likely be used to pay Indarsa's debts and our investment in Puerto Retiro, valued at Ps.54.9 million, as of June 30, 2007. As of June 30, 2007, we had not established any reserve in respect of this contingency.

*Property ownership through joint ventures may limit our ability to act exclusively in our interest.*

We develop and acquire properties in joint ventures with other persons or entities when we believe circumstances warrant the use of such structures. For example, in the Shopping Center segment, we own 62.5% of Alto Palermo, while Parque Arauco S.A. owns 29.5%. In the Development and Sale segment, we have a majority ownership interests in various properties, including 100% ownership of Pereiraola S.A. and 100% of Caballito. We also have ownership of 50% in Puerto Retiro and Cyrsa. In the Hotel operations segment, we own 50% of the Llao Llao Hotel, while another 50% is owned by the Sutton Group. We own 80% of the Hotel Libertador, while 20% is owned by Hoteles Sheraton de Argentina S.A. In the financial services sector, we own 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario, while the Argentine government has a controlling interest in it.

We could become engaged in a dispute with one or more of our joint venture partners that might affect our ability to operate a jointly-owned property. Moreover, our joint venture partners may, at any time, have business, economic or other objectives that are inconsistent with our objectives, including objectives that relate to the timing and terms of any sale or refinancing of a property. For example, the approval of certain of the other investors is required with respect to operating budgets and refinancing, encumbering, expanding or selling any of

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these properties. In some instances, our joint venture partners may have competing interests in our markets that could create conflicts of interest. If the objectives of our joint venture partners are inconsistent with our own objectives, we will not be able to act exclusively in our interests.

If one or more of the investors in any of our jointly owned properties were to experience financial difficulties, including bankruptcy, insolvency or a general downturn of business, there could be an adverse effect on the relevant property or properties and in turn, on our financial performance. Should a joint venture partner be declared bankrupt, we could become liable for our partner's share of joint venture liabilities.

***We may not be able to recover the mortgage loans we have provided to purchasers of units in our residential development properties.***

In recent years, we have provided mortgage financing to purchasers of units in our residential development properties. Before January 2002, our mortgage loans were U.S. dollar-denominated and accrued interest at a fixed interest rate generally ranging from 10% to 15% per year and for terms generally ranging from one to fifteen years. However, on March 13, 2002, the Central Bank converted all U.S. dollar denominated debts into Peso denominated debts at the exchange rate of Ps.1.00 = US\$1.00. In addition, the Central Bank imposed maximum interest rates of 3% for residential mortgage loans to individuals and 6% for mortgage loans to businesses. These regulations adversely affected the U.S. dollar value of our outstanding mortgages.

Beside risks normally associated with providing mortgage financing, including the risk of default on principal and interest, other regulatory risks such as suspension of foreclosure enforcement proceedings could adversely affect our cash flow. Argentine law imposes significant restrictions on our ability to foreclose and auction properties. Thus, when there is a default under a mortgage, we do not have the right to foreclose on the unit. Instead, in accordance with Law No. 24,441, in order to reacquire a property we are required to purchase it at a court ordered public auction, or at an out-of-court auction. However, the Public Emergency Law temporarily suspended all judicial and non-judicial mortgage and pledge enforcement actions. Several laws and decrees extended this mortgage foreclosure suspension period. On June 14, 2006, a new suspension period was approved, which established a 180-day suspension period for mortgage foreclosure proceedings affecting debtors' only dwellings and where the original loan was no higher than Ps.100,000.

Law No. 25,798 enacted November 5, 2003, and implemented by Decrees No. 1284/2003 and No. 352/2004, among others, sets forth a system to restructure delinquent mortgage payments to prevent foreclosures on a debtor's only dwelling (the Mortgage Refinancing System). The Mortgage Refinancing System establishes a trust over assets contributed by the Argentine government and income from restructured mortgage loans. Banco de la Nación Argentina, in its capacity as trustee of said trust, enters into debt restructuring agreements with delinquent mortgage debtors establishing the following terms: (i) a grace period on the mortgage loan of one year and (ii) monthly installment payments on the mortgage loan not to exceed 30% of the aggregate income of the family living in the mortgaged property. Banco de la Nación Argentina then subrogates the mortgagee's rights against the debtor, by issuing notes delivered to the mortgagee to settle the amounts outstanding on the mortgage loan. The sum restructured under the Mortgage Refinancing System may not exceed the appraisal value of the property securing the mortgage after deducting any debts for taxes and maintenance. The Mortgage Refinancing System was established for a limited period of time, during which parties to a mortgage loan agreement could opt to participate in it. However, it was extended by a number of decrees and laws.

Recently enacted Law No. 26,167 established a special proceeding to replace ordinary trials regarding the enforcement of mortgage loans. Such special proceedings give creditors ten days to inform the debtor of the amounts owed to them and later agree with the debtor on the amount and terms of payment. If the parties fail to reach an agreement, payment conditions are to be determined by the judge.

We cannot assure you that laws and regulations relating to foreclosure on real estate will not continue to change in the future or that any changes will not adversely affect our business, financial condition or result of operations.

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### ***We are dependent on our chairman Eduardo Elsztain and certain other senior managers.***

Our success depends on the continued employment of Eduardo S. Elsztain, our chief executive officer, president and chairman of the board of directors, who has significant expertise and knowledge of our business and industry. The loss of or interruption in his services for any reason could have a material adverse effect on our business. Our future success also depends in part upon our ability to attract and retain other highly qualified personnel. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in hiring or retaining qualified personnel. A failure to hire or retain qualified personnel may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***We may face potential conflicts of interest relating to our principal shareholders.***

Our largest beneficial owner is Mr. Eduardo S. Elsztain, through his indirect shareholding through Cresud. As of June 30, 2007, such beneficial ownership consisted of: (i) 116,305,767 shares held by Cresud, (ii) 5,495,297 shares held by IFISA, (iii) 761,000 shares held by Consultores Venture Capital Limited, a stock corporation organized under the laws of Cayman Islands, (iv) 2,060,279 held by Dolphin Fund PLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Isle of Man and (v) 457,375 shares held directly by Mr. Elsztain.

Conflicts of interest between our management, us and our affiliates may arise in the performance of our respective business activities. Mr. Elsztain also beneficially owns (i) approximately 32.8% of Cresud shares and (ii) approximately 62.5% of the common shares of our subsidiary Alto Palermo. We cannot assure you that our principal shareholders and their affiliates will not limit or cause us to forego business opportunities that their affiliates may pursue or that the pursuit of other opportunities will be in our interest.

### ***Due to the currency mismatches between our assets and liabilities, we have significant currency exposure.***

As of June 30, 2007, the majority of our liabilities, such as our unsecured loan agreement, our Series 3 secured floating rate notes due 2009, our 8.5% notes due 2017, Alto Palermo's Series I Notes, the mortgage loan to our subsidiary Hoteles Argentinos S.A., our 8% convertible notes and Alto Palermo's convertible notes are denominated in U.S. dollars while our revenues and most of our assets as of June 30, 2007 are denominated in Pesos. This currency gap exposes us to a risk of exchange rate volatility, which would negatively affect our financial results if the dollar were to appreciate against the Peso. Any further depreciation of the Peso against the U.S. dollar will correspondingly increase the amount of our debt in Pesos, with further adverse effects on our results of operation and financial condition and may increase the collection risk of our leases and other receivables from our tenants and mortgage debtors, most of whom have Peso-denominated revenues.

### **Risks Relating to our Investment in Banco Hipotecario**

#### ***Our investment in Banco Hipotecario is subject to risks affecting Argentina's financial system.***

As of June 30, 2007, IRSA owned 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario which represented 7.3% of IRSA's consolidated assets at such date. Substantially all of Banco Hipotecario's operations, properties and customers are located in Argentina. Accordingly, the quality of its loan portfolio, its financial condition and results of operations depend to a significant extent on economic and political conditions prevailing in Argentina. The political and economic crisis in Argentina during 2002 and 2003 and the Argentine government's actions to address it have had and may continue to have a material adverse effect on Banco Hipotecario's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Financial institutions are subject to significant regulation relating to functions that historically have been mandated by the Central Bank and other regulatory authorities. Measures adopted by the Central Bank have had, and future regulations may have, a material adverse effect on Banco Hipotecario's financial condition and results of operations. On July 25, 2003, the Central Bank announced its intention to adopt new capital adequacy requirements that it will implement gradually through to 2009. In addition, the IMF and other multilateral agencies encouraged the Argentine government to impose minimum capital adequacy, solvency and liquidity requirements consistent with international standards, which could impose material operating restrictions on Banco Hipotecario.

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Laws and decrees implemented during the economic crisis in 2001 and 2002 have substantially altered contractual obligations affecting Argentina's financial sector. Recently, the Argentine Congress has considered various initiatives intended to reduce or eliminate a portion of the mortgage loan portfolio on the debt owed to Banco Hipotecario. Also, there have been certain initiatives intended to review the terms pursuant to which Banco Hipotecario was privatized. As a result, we cannot assure you that the Argentine legislature will not enact new laws that will have a significant adverse effect on Banco Hipotecario's shareholders' equity or that the Argentine government would compensate Banco Hipotecario for the resulting loss. These uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on the value of our investment in Banco Hipotecario.

***Banco Hipotecario relies heavily on mortgage lending, and the value of our investment in it depends in part on its ability to implement successfully its new business diversification strategy.***

Historically, Banco Hipotecario has been engaged exclusively in mortgage lending and related activities. As a result, factors having an adverse effect on the mortgage market have a greater adverse impact on Banco Hipotecario than on its more diversified competitors. Due to its historic concentration in this recession-sensitive sector, Banco Hipotecario is particularly vulnerable to adverse changes in economic and market conditions in Argentina due to their adverse effect on (i) demand for new mortgage loans and (ii) the asset quality of outstanding mortgage loans. The last economic crisis had a material adverse effect on its liquidity, financial conditions and results of operations. In addition, a number of governmental measures that apply to the financial sector have had a material adverse effect particularly on Banco Hipotecario, impairing its financial condition.

In light of the economic conditions in Argentina for the foreseeable future, Banco Hipotecario cannot rely exclusively on mortgage lending and related services. Accordingly, Banco Hipotecario has adapted its business strategy to confront the challenges of these new market conditions. Banco Hipotecario's ability to diversify its operation will depend on how successfully it diversify its product offerings and transform itself into a financial institution that no longer relies solely on mortgage lending.

In the past years Banco Hipotecario has made several investments that are designed to enable it to develop retail banking activities. Banco Hipotecario must overcome significant challenges to achieve this goal including, among others, its lack of experience and client relationships outside the mortgage sector, the existence of large, well-positioned competitors and significant political, regulatory and economic uncertainties in Argentina. As a result, we cannot give you any assurance that Banco Hipotecario will be successful in developing significant retail banking activities in the foreseeable future, if at all. If Banco Hipotecario is unable to diversify its operations by developing its retail banking activities and other non-mortgage banking activities, the value of our substantial investment in Banco Hipotecario would likely be materially and adversely affected.

***Banco Hipotecario's mortgage loan portfolio is not adequately indexed for inflation and any significant increase in inflation could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.***

In accordance with Emergency Decree No. 214/02 and its implementing regulations, pesified assets and liabilities were adjusted for inflation as of February 3, 2002 by application of the *Coeficiente de Estabilización de Referencia*, or CER, a consumer price inflation coefficient. On May 6, 2002, the Executive Branch issued a decree providing that mortgages originally denominated in U.S. dollars and converted into Pesos pursuant to Decree No. 214/2002 and mortgages on property constituting a borrower's sole family residence may be adjusted for inflation only pursuant to a coefficient based on salary variation, the CVS, which during 2002 was significantly less than inflation as measured by the wholesale price index, or WPI. Through December 31, 2002, the WPI and the CVS posted cumulative increases of 118.2% and 0.2%, respectively, and the CER increased 41.4%. During 2003, inflation rose by 4.3% as measured by the WPI, 3.7% as measured by the CER and 15.8% as measured by the CVS. As a result, only 10% of Banco Hipotecario's mortgage loans are adjusted for inflation in accordance

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with the CER, 30% are adjusted in accordance with the CVS and 60% remain entirely unindexed. Additionally, pursuant to Law No. 25,796, Section 1, repealed effective April 1, 2004, the CVS as an indexation mechanism applied to the relevant portion of Banco Hipotecario's mortgages loans. The CVS increased until it was repealed by 5.3%, whereas the increase in CER was 5.5% as of December 31, 2004 and the WPI increased by 7.9%. During 2005 the CER was 11.75% and the WPI 10.7%, while in 2006 the CER and WPI increased by 10.3% and 7.1%, respectively.

Argentina's history prior to the adoption of the Convertibility Law raises serious doubts as to the ability of the Argentine government to maintain a strict monetary policy and control inflation. As a result of the high inflation in Argentina from 2002 onwards, Banco Hipotecario's mortgage loan portfolio experienced a significant decrease in value and if inflation were to increase significantly once again, it might continue to undergo a major decrease in value. Accordingly, an increase in Banco Hipotecario's funding and other costs due to inflation might not be offset by indexation, which could adversely affect its liquidity and results of operations.

***Legislation limiting Banco Hipotecario's ability to foreclose on mortgaged collateral may have an adverse effect on it.***

Like other mortgage lenders, the ability to foreclose on mortgaged collateral to recover on delinquent mortgage loans impacts the conduct of Banco Hipotecario's business. In February 2002, the Argentine government amended Argentina's Bankruptcy Law, suspending bankruptcies and foreclosures on real estate that constitutes the debtor's primary residence, initially for a six-month period and subsequently extended until November 14, 2002. Since 2003, the Argentine government has approved various laws that have suspended, in some cases, foreclosures for a period of time in accordance with Law No. 25,972 enacted on December 18, 2004, and, in some cases, temporarily suspended all judicial and non-judicial mortgage and pledge enforcement actions. Several laws and decrees extended this mortgage foreclosure suspension period. Most recently, on June 14, 2006, Argentine Law 26,103 was enacted which established a 180-day suspension period for mortgage foreclosure proceedings affecting debtors where the subject mortgage related to the debtor's sole residence and where the original loan was not greater than Ps.100,000.

Law No. 25,798, enacted November 5, 2003, and implemented by Decrees No. 1284/2003 and No. 352/2004, among others, sets forth a system to restructure delinquent mortgage payments to prevent foreclosures on a debtor's sole residence (the Mortgage Refinancing System). The Mortgage Refinancing System establishes a trust composed of assets contributed by the Argentine government and income from restructured mortgage loans. Banco de la Nación Argentina, in its capacity as trustee of said trust, enters into debt restructuring agreements with delinquent mortgage debtors establishing the following terms: (i) a grace period on the mortgage loan of one year and (ii) monthly installment payments on the mortgage loan not to exceed 30% of the aggregate income of the family living in the mortgaged property. Banco de la Nación Argentina then subrogates the mortgagee's rights against the debtor, by issuing notes delivered to the mortgagee to settle the amounts outstanding on the mortgage loan. The sum restructured under the Mortgage Refinancing System may not exceed the appraisal value of the property securing the mortgage after deducting any debts for taxes and maintenance. The Mortgage Refinancing System was established for a limited period of time, during which parties to mortgage loan agreements could opt to participate and was subsequently extended by a number of decrees and laws.

Law No. 26,167 enacted on November 29, 2006, suspended foreclosures and also established a special proceeding for the enforcement of certain mortgage loans. Such special proceedings give creditors a 10-day period to inform the court of the amounts owed under the mortgage loan. Soon thereafter, the judge will call the parties for a hearing in order to reach an agreement on the amount and terms of payment thereunder. In case of failure by the parties to reach such agreement, they will have a 30-day negotiation period, and if the negotiations do not result in an agreement, then, payment and conditions will be determined by the courts.

On November 29, 2006, Law No. 26,177 created the *Unidad de Reestructuración*, a government agency responsible for the revision of each of the mortgage loans granted by the state-owned Banco Hipotecario Nacional, the predecessor of Banco Hipotecario, before the enactment of the Convertibility Law in 1991. The *Unidad de Reestructuración* also makes non-binding recommendations to facilitate the restructuring of such mortgage loans. If no agreement is reached, the *Unidad de Reestructuración* will submit a proposal to the National Congress, which may recommend forgiveness or other write-off of such loans, extensions of their scheduled maturities or other subsidies that adversely affect Banco Hipotecario's ability to foreclose on such mortgage loans.

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We cannot assure you that the Argentine government will not enact further new laws restricting Banco Hipotecario's ability to enforce its rights as creditors. Any such limitation on its ability to successfully implement foreclosures could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

***Banco Hipotecario's non-mortgage loan portfolio has grown rapidly and is concentrated in the low- and middle-income segments.***

As a result of Banco Hipotecario's strategy to diversify its banking operations and develop retail and other non-mortgage banking activities, in recent years its portfolio of non-mortgage loans has grown rapidly. During the two-year period between December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2006, Banco Hipotecario's portfolio of non-mortgage loans grew 401% from Ps.232.2 million to Ps.1,162.6 million. A very substantial portion of its portfolio of non-mortgage loans consists of loans to low- and middle-income individuals and, to a lesser extent, middle-market companies. These individuals and companies are likely to be more seriously affected by adverse developments in the Argentine economy than high income individuals and large corporations. Consequently, in the future Banco Hipotecario may experience higher levels of past due non-mortgage loans that would likely result in increased provisions for loan losses. In addition, large-scale lending to low- and middle-income individuals and middle-market companies is a new business activity for Banco Hipotecario, and as a result its experience and loan-loss data for such loans are necessarily limited. Therefore, we cannot assure you that the levels of past due non-mortgage loans and resulting charge-offs will not increase materially in the future.

***Given the current valuation criteria of the Central Bank for the recording of BODEN and other public securities on Banco Hipotecario's balance sheets, its most recent financial statements may not be indicative of its current financial condition.***

Banco Hipotecario prepares its financial statements in accordance with Central Bank accounting rules which differ in certain material respects from Argentine GAAP. During 2002, Central Bank accounting rules were modified in several respects that materially increased certain discrepancies between Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP. In accordance with Central Bank accounting rules, Banco Hipotecario's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2006, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 include US\$816.4 million, US\$835.7 million and US\$288.3 million, respectively, of BODEN issued by the Argentine government as compensation for pesification, as well as US\$82.9 million, US\$210.1 million and US\$904.5 million as of December 31, 2006, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 representing its right to acquire additional BODEN. Banco Hipotecario's consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2006, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 also include Ps.207.6 million, Ps.500.4 million and Ps.1,870.3 million, respectively, representing Central Bank borrowings which Banco Hipotecario incurred to finance its acquisition of the additional BODEN. Also, since September 30, 2005 Banco Hipotecario has subscribed BODEN 2012 for US\$773.5 million and reduced Central Bank borrowings for Ps.1,844.0 million. Additionally, its most recent consolidated annual income statements include the accrual of interest to be received on BODEN not yet received and interest to be paid adjusted by CER on Central Bank borrowings.

In accordance with Central Bank accounting rules, the BODEN reflected on its consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 have been recorded at 100% of face value. However, the BODEN are unsecured debt obligations of the Argentine government, which has defaulted on a significant portion of its indebtedness although the government is current in respect of payments due on the BODEN and has restructured a substantial portion of its sovereign debt. As of December 31, 2006, the BODEN were not rated and were trading in the secondary market at a price of approximately US\$94.7 for every US\$100 of outstanding value. Carrying BODEN at a value equal to their full face value, which is in excess of their current market value, has the effect of increasing Banco Hipotecario's total assets recorded on its consolidated balance sheet. In this important respect, its most recent consolidated audited annual financial statements are not comparable to its historic financial statements and have been prepared according to accounting principles that differ materially from Argentine GAAP.

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***Due to interest rate and currency mismatches of its assets and liabilities, Banco Hipotecario has significant currency exposure.***

As of June 30, 2007, Banco Hipotecario's foreign currency-denominated liabilities exceeded its foreign currency denominated assets by approximately US\$118 million. Substantially all of Banco Hipotecario's foreign currency assets consist of dollar-denominated BODEN, but Banco Hipotecario's liabilities in foreign currencies are denominated in both U.S. Dollars and Euros. This currency gap exposes Banco Hipotecario to risk of exchange rate volatility which would negatively affect Banco Hipotecario's financial results if the U.S. Dollar were to depreciate against the Peso and/or the Euro. We cannot assure you that the U.S. Dollar will not appreciate against the Peso, or that we will not be adversely affected by Banco Hipotecario's exposure to risks of exchange rate fluctuations.

***Because of its large holdings of BODEN and guaranteed government loans, Banco Hipotecario has significant exposure to the Argentine public sector.***

On December 23, 2001, the Argentine government declared the suspension of payments on most of its sovereign debt, which as of December 31, 2001, totaled approximately US\$144.5 billion, a substantial portion of which was restructured by the issuance of new bonds in the middle of 2005. Additionally, the Argentine government has incurred, and is expected to continue to incur, significant new debt obligations, including the issuance of compensatory bonds to financial institutions. As of June 30, 2007 Banco Hipotecario had a total of US\$901.1 million of BODEN issued by the Argentine Government. At that same date, Banco Hipotecario also had a total of approximately US\$0.2 million of guaranteed government loans. Given Banco Hipotecario's BODEN holdings, Banco Hipotecario has a significant exposure to the Argentine government's solvency. Further, defaults by the Argentine government on its debt obligations, including the BODEN and other government securities (such as the guaranteed government loans) held by Banco Hipotecario, would materially and adversely affect its financial condition which would in turn affect our investment.

***Banco Hipotecario operates in a highly regulated environment, and its operations are subject to regulations adopted, and measures taken, by the Central Bank, the Comisión Nacional de Valores and other regulatory agencies.***

Financial institutions are subject to significant regulation relating to functions that historically have been mandated by the Central Bank and other regulatory authorities. Measures adopted by the Central Bank have had, and future regulations may have, a material adverse effect on Banco Hipotecario's financial condition and results of operations. For example, on July 25, 2003, the Central Bank announced its intention to adopt new capital adequacy requirements that it will implement gradually through to 2009. In addition, the IMF and other multilateral agencies encouraged the Argentine Government to impose minimum capital adequacy, solvency and liquidity requirements consistent with international standards, which could impose material operating restrictions on Banco Hipotecario.

Similarly, the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, which authorizes Banco Hipotecario's offerings of securities and regulates the public markets in Argentina, has the authority to impose sanctions on Banco Hipotecario and its board of directors for breaches of corporate governance. Under applicable law, the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* has the authority to impose penalties that range from minor regulatory enforcement sanctions to significant monetary fines, to disqualification of directors from performing board functions for a period of time, and (in an extreme case) prohibiting issuers from making public offerings, if they were to determine that there was wrongdoing or material violation of law. Although Banco Hipotecario is not currently party to any proceeding before the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, we cannot assure you that the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* will not initiate new proceedings against Banco Hipotecario, its shareholder or directors or impose further sanctions.

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Commencing in early 2002, laws and decrees have been implemented that have substantially altered the prevailing legal regime and obligations established in contract. In the recent past, various initiatives have been presented to Congress intended to reduce or eliminate the debt owed to Banco Hipotecario on a portion of its mortgage loan portfolio and there were initiatives intended to review the terms pursuant to which Banco Hipotecario Nacional was privatized. As a result, we cannot assure you that the legislative branch will not enact new laws that will have a significant adverse impact on Banco Hipotecario's shareholders' equity or that, if this were to occur, the Argentine government would compensate us for the resulting loss.

### ***The Argentine government may prevail in all matters to be decided at a Banco Hipotecario's general shareholders meeting.***

According to the Privatization Law and Banco Hipotecario's by-laws, holders of Class A and Class D Shares have special voting rights relating to certain corporate decisions. Whenever such special rights do not apply (with respect to the Class A Shares and the Class D Shares) and in all cases (with respect to the Class B Shares and the Class C Shares), each share of common shares entitles the holder to one vote. Pursuant to Argentine regulations, Banco Hipotecario may not issue new shares with multiple votes.

The holders of Class D Shares have the right to elect nine of Banco Hipotecario's board members and their respective alternates. In addition, for so long as Class A Shares represent more than 42.0% of Banco Hipotecario's capital, the Class D Shares shall be entitled to three votes per share, provided that holders of Class D Shares will be entitled to only one vote per share in the case of a vote on:

a fundamental change in Banco Hipotecario's corporate purpose;

a change in Banco Hipotecario's domicile outside of Argentina;

dissolution prior to the expiration of Banco Hipotecario's corporate existence;

a merger or spin-off after which Banco Hipotecario would not be the surviving corporation;

a total or partial recapitalization following a mandatory reduction of capital; and

approval of voluntary reserves, other than legally mandated reserves, when their amount exceeds Banco Hipotecario's capital stock and its legally mandated reserves.

In addition, irrespective of what percentage of Banco Hipotecario's outstanding capital stock is represented by Class A Shares, the affirmative vote of the holders of Class A Shares is required to adopt certain decisions. Class D Shares will not be converted into Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class C Shares by virtue of their reacquisition by the Argentine government, PPP or Programa de Propiedad Participada (the Shared Property Program) participants or companies engaged in housing development or real estate activities.

According to the Privatization Law, there are no restrictions on the ability of the Argentine government to dispose of its Class A shares, and all but one of such shares could be sold to third parties in a public offering. If the Class A shares represent less than 42% of Banco Hipotecario's total voting stock as a result of the issuance of new shares other than Class A shares, or otherwise the Class D shares IRSA holds will automatically lose their triple voting rights. If this were to occur, we would likely lose our current ability, together with our affiliates that also hold Class D shares of Banco Hipotecario, to exercise substantial influence over decisions submitted to the vote of Banco Hipotecario's shareholders.

### ***Banco Hipotecario will continue to consider acquisition opportunities which may not be successful.***

From time to time in recent years, Banco Hipotecario has considered certain possible acquisitions or business combinations, and Banco Hipotecario expects to continue considering acquisitions that it believes offer attractive opportunities and are consistent with its business strategy. We cannot assure you, however, that Banco





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Hipotecario will be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates or that Banco Hipotecario will be able to acquire promising target financial institutions on favorable terms. Additionally, its ability to obtain the desired effects of such acquisitions will depend in part on its ability to successfully complete the integration of those businesses. The integration of acquired businesses entails significant risks, including:

unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations and systems;

problems assimilating or retaining the employees of acquired businesses;

challenges retaining customers of acquired businesses;

unexpected liabilities or contingencies relating to the acquired businesses; and

the possibility that management may be distracted from day-to-day business concerns by integration activities and related problem solving.

### **Risks Relating to our GDSs, Common Shares and Warrants**

#### ***Shares eligible for sale could adversely affect the price of our common shares and Global Depositary Shares.***

The market prices of our common shares and GDS could decline as a result of sales by our existing shareholders of common shares or GDSs in the market, or the perception that these sales could occur. These sales also might make it difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate.

The GDSs are freely transferable under US securities laws, including shares sold to our affiliates. Cresud, which as of June 30, 2007 owned approximately 25.0% of our common shares (or approximately 116,305,767 common shares which may be exchanged for an aggregate of 11,630,576 GDSs), is free to dispose of any or all of its common shares or GDSs at any time in its discretion. Sales of a large number of our common shares and/or GDSs would likely have an adverse effect on the market price of our common shares and the GDS.

#### ***We are subject to certain different corporate disclosure requirements and accounting standards than domestic issuers of listed securities in the United States.***

There is less publicly available information about the issuers of securities listed on the *Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires* than information publicly available about domestic issuers of listed securities in the United States and certain other countries. In addition, all listed Argentine companies must prepare their financial statements in accordance with Argentine GAAP and the regulations of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* which differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. For this and other reasons, the presentation of Argentine financial statements and reported earnings may differ from that of companies in other countries in this and other respects.

We are exempted from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempted from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

#### ***Investors may not be able to effect service of process within the U.S. limiting their recovery of any foreign judgment.***

We are a publicly held corporation (*sociedad anónima*) organized under the laws of Argentina. Most of our directors and our senior managers, and most of our assets are located in Argentina. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or such persons or to enforce against us or them, in United States courts, judgments obtained in such courts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws. We have been advised by our Argentine counsel, Zang, Bergel & Viñes, that there is doubt as to whether the Argentine courts will enforce to the same extent and in as timely a manner as a US or foreign court, an action predicated solely upon the civil liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws or other foreign regulations brought against such

persons or against us.

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***If we are considered to be a passive foreign investment company for United States federal income tax purposes, U.S. holders of our equity securities would suffer negative consequences.***

Based on the current and projected composition of our income and the valuation of our assets, including goodwill, we do not believe we were a passive foreign investment company ( PFIC ) for United States federal income tax purposes for the taxable year ending June 30, 2007, and we do not currently expect to become a PFIC, although there can be no assurance in this regard. The determination of whether we are a PFIC is made annually. Accordingly, it is possible that we may be a PFIC in the current or any future taxable year due to changes in our asset or income composition or if our projections are not accurate. The volatility and instability of Argentina's economic and financial system may substantially affect the composition of our income and assets and the accuracy of our projections. If we become a PFIC, U.S. holders of our equity securities will be subject to certain United States federal income tax rules that have negative consequences for U.S. holders such as additional tax and an interest charge upon certain distributions by us or upon a sale or other disposition of our equity securities at a gain, as well as additional reporting requirements. See Taxation Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences Passive Foreign Investment Company for a more detailed discussion of the consequences if we are deemed a PFIC. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to your particular circumstances.

***You may be unable to exercise voting rights with respect to the common shares underlying your GDSs at our shareholders' meetings.***

As a holder of GDSs representing the GDSs being held by the depositary in your name, we will not treat you as one of our shareholders and you will not have shareholder rights. The depositary will be the holder of the common shares underlying your GDSs and holders may exercise voting rights with respect to the common shares represented by the GDSs only in accordance with the deposit agreement relating to the GDSs. There are no provisions under Argentine law or under our by-laws that limit the exercise by GDS holders of their voting rights through the depositary with respect to the underlying common shares. However, there are practical limitations on the ability of GDS holders to exercise their voting rights due to the additional procedural steps involved in communicating with these holders. For example, holders of our common shares will receive notice of shareholders' meetings through publication of a notice in an official gazette in Argentina, an Argentine newspaper of general circulation and the bulletin of the *Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*, and will be able to exercise their voting rights by either attending the meeting in person or voting by proxy. GDS holders, by comparison, will not receive notice directly from us. Instead, in accordance with the deposit agreement, we will provide the notice to the depositary. If we ask it to do so, the depositary will mail to holders of GDSs the notice of the meeting and a statement as to the manner in which instructions may be given by holders. To exercise their voting rights, GDS holders must then instruct the depositary as to voting the common shares represented by their GDSs. Due to these procedural steps involving the depositary, the process for exercising voting rights may take longer for GDS holders than for holders of common shares and common shares represented by GDSs may not be voted as you desire. Common shares represented by GDSs for which the depositary fails to receive timely voting instructions may, if requested by our company, be voted as we instruct at the corresponding meeting.

***Under Argentine law, shareholder rights may be fewer or less well defined than in other jurisdictions.***

Our corporate affairs are governed by our by-laws and by Argentine corporate law, which differ from the legal principles that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States, such as the States of Delaware or New York, or in other jurisdictions outside Argentina. In addition, your rights or the rights of holders of our common shares to protect your or their interests in connection with actions by our board of directors may be fewer and less well defined under Argentine corporate law than under the laws of those other jurisdictions. Although insider trading and price manipulation are illegal under Argentine law, the Argentine securities markets are not as highly regulated or supervised as the US securities markets or markets in some other jurisdictions. In addition, rules and policies against self-dealing and regarding the preservation of shareholder interests may be less well defined and enforced in Argentina than in the United States, putting holders of our common shares and GDSs at a potential disadvantage.

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***You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the book value of the common shares or GDSs you purchase in this offering.***

Because the initial offering price of the common shares and GDSs being sold in this offering will be substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the book value of these common shares. Net tangible book value represents the amount of our tangible assets on a pro forma basis, minus our pro forma total liabilities. As a result, at the initial public offering price of US\$            per GDS, the price per GDS set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, we currently expect that you will incur immediate dilution of US\$            per GDS you purchase in this offering. See Dilution.

***The market price for our GDSs could be highly volatile, and our GDSs could trade at prices below the initial offering price.***

The market price for our GDSs after this offering is likely to fluctuate significantly from time to time in response to factors including:

fluctuations in our periodic operating results;

changes in financial estimates, recommendations or projections by securities analysts;

changes in conditions or trends in our industry;

changes in the economic performance or market valuation of our competitors;

announcements by our competitors of significant acquisitions, divestitures, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;

events affecting equities markets in the countries in which we operate;

legal or regulatory measures affecting our financial conditions;

departures of management and key personnel; or

potential litigation or the adverse resolution of pending litigation against us or our subsidiaries.

Volatility in the price of our GDSs may be caused by factors outside of our control and may be unrelated or disproportionate to our operating results. In particular, announcements of potentially adverse developments, such as proposed regulatory changes, new government investigations or the commencement or threat of litigation against us, as well as announced changes in our business plans or those of competitors, could adversely affect the trading price of our common shares, regardless of the likely outcome of those developments or proceedings. Broad market and industry factors could adversely affect the market price of our GDSs, regardless of our actual operating performance. As a result, our GDSs may trade at prices significantly below the initial public offering price.

***Restrictions on the movement of capital out of Argentina may impair your ability to receive dividends and distributions on, and the proceeds of any sale of, the common shares underlying the GDSs.***

The Argentine government may impose restrictions on the conversion of Argentine currency into foreign currencies and on the remittance to foreign investors of proceeds from their investments in Argentina. Argentine law currently permits the government to impose this kind of restrictions temporarily in circumstances where a serious imbalance develops in Argentina's balance of payments or where there are reasons to

foresee such an

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imbalance. Beginning in December 2001, the Argentine government implemented an unexpected number of monetary and foreign exchange control measures that included restrictions on the free disposition of funds deposited with banks and on the transfer of funds abroad, including dividends, without prior approval by the Central Bank, some of which are still in effect. Among the restrictions that are still in effect are those relating to the payment prior to maturity of the principal amount of loans, bonds or other securities owed to non Argentine residents, the requirement for Central Bank approval prior to acquiring foreign currency for certain types of investments and the requirement that 30% of certain types of capital inflows into Argentina be deposited in a non interest bearing account in an Argentine bank for a period of one year. Although the transfer of funds abroad in order to pay dividends no longer requires Central Bank approval, restrictions on the movement of capital to and from Argentina such as the ones which previously existed could, if reinstated, impair or prevent the conversion of dividends, distributions, or the proceeds from any sale of common shares, as the case may be, from Pesos into U.S. dollars and the remittance of the U.S. dollars abroad. We cannot assure you that the Argentine government will not take similar measures in the future. In such a case, the depository for the GDSs may hold the Pesos it cannot convert for the account of the GDR holders who have not been paid.

***The protections afforded to minority shareholders in Argentina are different from and more limited than those in the United States and may be more difficult to enforce.***

Under Argentine law, the protections afforded to minority shareholders are different from, and much more limited than, those in the United States and some other Latin American countries. For example, the legal framework with respect to shareholder disputes, such as derivative lawsuits and class actions, is less developed under Argentine law than under U.S. law as a result of Argentina's short history with these types of claims and few successful cases. In addition, there are different procedural requirements for bringing these types of shareholder lawsuits. As a result, it may be more difficult for our minority shareholders to enforce their rights against us or our directors or controlling shareholder than it would be for shareholders of a US company.

***Holders of common shares may determine to not pay any dividends.***

In accordance with Argentine corporate law we may pay dividends to shareholders out of net and realized profits, if any, as set forth in our audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Argentine GAAP. The approval, amount and payment of dividends are subject to the approval by our shareholders at our annual ordinary shareholders meeting. The approval of dividends requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to generate enough net and realized profits so as to pay dividends or that our shareholders will decide that dividends will be paid.

***Our ability to pay dividends is limited by law, by our by-laws and by certain restrictive covenants in our debt instruments.***

In accordance with Argentine corporate law, we may pay dividends in Pesos only out of retained earnings, if any, to the extent set forth in our audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Argentine GAAP. In addition, our ability to pay dividends on our common shares is limited by certain restrictive covenants in our debt instruments. Our debt obligations include a US\$51 million syndicated bank loan agreement and US\$37.0 million of secured floating rate notes due November 2009 of which there was US\$16.1 million and US\$26.2 million outstanding, respectively, and both of which limit our ability to pay dividends and to repurchase our other debt or capital stock. Under such debt instruments, we are permitted to pay dividends only if (i) at the time of such payment and immediately after giving effect thereto, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) we are in compliance with the following ratios:

our ratio of consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters to our consolidated financial expense for such period is at least 1.40 to 1; and

our maximum consolidated indebtedness does not exceed the greater of (i) US\$222.9 million and (ii) 2.8 times our consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters.

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In addition, on February 2, 2007, we issued our 8.5% notes due 2017 in an aggregate principal amount of US\$150.0 million. These bonds also contain a covenant limiting our ability to pay dividends which may not exceed the sum of:

50% of our cumulative consolidated net income; or

75% of our cumulative consolidated net income if our consolidated interest coverage ratio for our most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters is at least 3.0 to 1; or

100% of cumulative consolidated net income if our consolidated interest coverage ratio for our most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters is at least 4.0 to 1.

As a result, we cannot give you any assurance that in the future we will pay any dividends in respect of our common shares.

### ***Our shareholders' ability to receive cash dividends may be limited.***

Our shareholders' ability to receive cash dividends may be limited by the ability of the depositary to convert cash dividends paid in Pesos into U.S. dollars. Under the terms of our deposit agreement with the depositary for the GDSs, to the extent that the GDS depositary can in its judgment convert Pesos (or any other foreign currency) into U.S. dollars on a reasonable basis and transfer the resulting U.S. dollars to the United States, the GDS depositary will promptly as practicable convert or cause to be converted all cash dividends received by it on the deposited securities into U.S. dollars. If in the judgment of the depositary this conversion is not possible on a reasonable basis (including as a result of applicable Argentine laws, regulations and approval requirements), the GDS depositary may distribute the foreign currency received by it or in its discretion hold such currency uninvested for the respective accounts of the owners entitled to receive the same. As a result, if the exchange rate fluctuates significantly during a time when the depositary cannot convert the foreign currency, you may lose some or all of the value of the dividend distribution.

### ***You might be unable to exercise preemptive or accretion rights with respect to the common shares underlying your GDSs.***

Under Argentine corporate law, if we issue new common shares as part of a capital increase, our shareholders will generally have the right to subscribe for a proportional number of common shares of the class held by them to maintain their existing ownership percentage, which is known as preemptive rights. In addition, shareholders are entitled to the right to subscribe for the unsubscribed common shares of either the class held by them or other classes which remain unsubscribed at the end of a preemptive rights offering, on a pro rata basis, which is known as accretion rights. You may not be able to exercise the preemptive or accretion rights relating to the common shares underlying your GDSs unless a registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 is effective with respect to those rights or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. We are not obligated to file a registration statement with respect to the common shares relating to these preemptive rights, and we cannot assure you that we will file any such registration statement. Unless we file a registration statement or an exemption from registration is available, you may receive only the net proceeds from the sale of your preemptive rights by the depositary or, if the preemptive rights cannot be sold, they will be allowed to lapse. As a result, U.S. holders of common shares or GDSs may suffer dilution of their interest in our company upon future capital increases.

### ***The warrants are exercisable under limited circumstances and will expire.***

Each warrant will be exercisable only if the common share rights or GDS rights to which such warrant relates have been exercised, and such warrant will be exercisable on the last day of each calendar quarter following the first anniversary of the date of issuance of the warrants. The warrants will automatically expire on the fifth anniversary of the last day of the first calendar quarter to occur after consummation of this offering. We will give notice not less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the expiration date to the registered holders of



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the outstanding warrants to the effect that the warrants will terminate and become void as of the close of business on the expiration date. If we fail to give such notice, the warrants will nonetheless terminate and become void as of the close of business on the expiration date.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We currently estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, after deducting estimated fees and expenses, based on the assumptions that all of the common shares and GDSs available for purchase in this rights offering are purchased, and that none of the warrants are exercised upon consummation of this offering. *The amount of proceeds set forth above represents only an estimate (based on the stated assumptions) and may differ from the actual net proceeds we receive from this offering.*

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering as follows:

Up to US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ million to increase our equity interests in certain of our subsidiaries and equity investees, primarily Alto Palermo and Banco Hipotecario, thereby simplifying our corporate structure;

Approximately US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ million to make real estate investments in Argentina and elsewhere in Latin America. We currently intend to focus primarily on investments in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Colombia but may invest in other countries to the extent we believe such investments are consistent with our business strategy; and

The remainder, if any, for working capital and for other general corporate purposes.

Although we are constantly evaluating investment opportunities, at this time we do not have any binding commitment to make any material investments not identified in this prospectus. Considering that our strategy primarily relies on the identification and development of what we consider attractive investment opportunities, it is likely that the net proceeds from this offer will not be fully used in the short-term. Until we use the proceeds to make investments in accordance with our strategy, we intend to invest the net proceeds from this offer in high quality, liquid financial instruments. The allocation of the net proceeds from this offering will be influenced by prevailing market conditions from time to time, and as a result we reserve the right to reallocate all or a portion of such anticipated uses to other uses we deem consistent with our strategy.

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Our common shares are traded in Argentina on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), under the trading symbol IRSA. Since 1994, our GDSs, each presenting 10 common shares, have been listed on the NYSE under the trading symbol IRS. The Bank of New York is the depository with respect to the GDSs.

The table below shows the high and low daily closing prices of our common shares in Argentine pesos and the quarterly trading volume of our common shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) for the first quarter of 2002 through August 2007. The table also shows the high and low daily closing prices of our GDSs in U.S. dollars and the quarterly trading volume of our GDSs on the NYSE for the first quarter of 2002 through August 2007. Each GDS represents ten common shares.

	Buenos Aires Stock Exchange			NYSE		
	Share	Ps. per Share		GDS	US\$ per GDS	
	Volume	High	Low	Volume	High	Low
<b>2002</b>						
1st Quarter	5,368,206	1.42	0.71	1,083,752	6.25	4.16
2nd Quarter	5,658,444	1.84	1.42	776,905	5.48	3.58
3rd Quarter	5,543,385	2.20	1.44	812,784	6.12	3.87
4th Quarter	9,071,828	2.25	1.75	2,060,029	6.02	4.79
<b>2003</b>						
1st Quarter	9,003,627	2.53	1.82	3,905,500	8.00	5.10
2nd Quarter	2,924,874	2.88	2.32	3,884,500	10.36	7.96
3rd Quarter	2,809,542	2.68	2.10	2,376,400	9.22	7.25
4th Quarter	6,813,720	3.29	2.60	5,876,600	11.43	8.85
<b>2004</b>						
1st Quarter	8,325,595	3.34	2.63	4,714,500	11.52	9.10
2nd Quarter	2,877,067	2.80	1.90	3,214,000	9.88	6.50
3rd Quarter	3,977,195	2.42	1.99	2,918,100	8.12	6.65
4th Quarter	8,723,019	3.43	2.38	5,266,000	11.45	8.11
<b>2005</b>						
1st Quarter	6,954,604	5.05	3.22	14,019,100	17.10	11.00
2nd Quarter	5,182,675	3.80	3.22	6,986,500	12.84	11.12
3rd Quarter	2,849,409	3.67	3.34	5,473,500	13.00	11.61
4th Quarter	1,824,160	3.79	3.35	4,884,000	12.58	11.15
<b>2006</b>						
1st Quarter	3,229,234	4.13	3.35	11,372,300	13.35	10.80
2nd Quarter	11,204,101	4.20	3.35	13,396,000	13.96	10.74
3rd Quarter	5,154,760	3.96	3.26	8,678,100	12.86	10.60
4th Quarter	3,619,656	5.20	4.00	15,941,800	16.98	12.90
<b>2007</b>						
1st Quarter	3,403,858	5.90	4.84	10,414,573	19.13	15.75
January 2007	1,173,524	5.60	4.84	4,363,300	18.12	15.84
February 2007	1,021,576	5.80	5.25	2,441,673	18.90	17.01
March 2007	1,208,758	5.90	4.89	3,609,600	19.13	15.75
2nd Quarter	11,349,045	6.60	5.70	12,487,722	21.52	18.50
April 2007	1,585,487	6.45	5.85	3,264,274	20.92	19.10
May 2007	2,725,427	6.60	6.10	5,365,248	21.52	19.82
June 2007	7,038,131	6.45	5.70	3,858,200	21.14	18.50
July 2007	3,044,751	6.45	5.77	3,839,300	20.84	18.17
August 2007	2,260,654	6.05	4.68	4,612,700	18.69	14.45

Source: Bloomberg

At June 30, 2007 GDRs evidencing 34,230,674 GDSs were outstanding (equivalent to 342,306,740 common shares or 73.2% of the total number of issued common shares).

**Argentine Securities Markets**

***Comisión Nacional de Valores***

The *Comisión Nacional de Valores* is a separate governmental entity with jurisdiction covering the territory of Argentina. Its main purpose is to ensure transparency of Argentina's securities markets, to watch over the market price formation process and to protect investors. The *Comisión Nacional de Valores* supervises

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corporations authorized to issue securities to the public, the secondary markets where these securities are traded, and all persons and corporations involved in any capacity in the public offering and trading of these securities. Pension funds and insurance companies are regulated by separate government agencies. The Argentine markets are governed generally by Law No. 17,811, as amended, which created the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* and regulates stock exchanges, stockbrokers, market operations and the public offerings of securities. There is a relatively low level of regulation of the market for Argentine securities and of investors' activities in such market, and enforcement of existing regulatory provisions has been extremely limited. Furthermore, there may be less publicly available information about Argentine companies than is regularly published by or about companies in the United States and certain other countries. However, the Argentine government and the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, taking into consideration the deeper global awareness of the importance of having adequate corporate governance practices and a legal framework to enforce principles such as full information, and transparency, have issued decree No. 677/2001. This decree has the objective of determining the rights of the financial consumer, increasing market transparency and an adequate legal framework to increase the investor's protection within the capital market. Most of its reforms are in line with world trends pertaining to corporate governance practices that have already been adopted by many emerging markets.

In order to offer securities to the public in Argentina, an issuer must meet certain requirements of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regarding assets, operating history, management and other matters, and only securities for which an application for a public offering has been approved by the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* may be listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*). This approval does not imply any kind of certification or assurance related to the merits or the quality of the securities, or the issuer's solvency. Issuers of listed securities are required to file unaudited quarterly financial statements and audited annual financial statements, as well as various other periodic reports, with the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* and the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*).

### ***Securities Exchanges in Argentina***

There are 10 securities exchanges in Argentina, of which the principal exchange for the Argentine securities market is the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), which handles approximately 99% of all equity trading in the country.

#### ***Buenos Aires Stock Exchange***

The Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) is a complex, non-profit and self-regulated organization. Various markets require different self-organizations of brokers within the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), which is one of its particular characteristics. The most important and traditional of such markets is Mercado de Valores S.A. ( Merval ).

The securities that may be listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) are: Stocks, Corporate Bonds, Convertible Corporate Bonds, Close-ended Investment Funds, Financial Trust, Indexes, Derivatives and Public Bonds. The Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) is legally qualified for admission, suspension, and delisting of securities according to its own rules approved by the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*. Furthermore, the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) works very closely with the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* in surveillance activities. Also under a special agreement, registration and listing applications are directly filed with the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) for simultaneous processing.

#### ***MERVAL***

The Merval is a corporation whose 133 shareholder members are the only individuals and entities authorized to trade, either as principal or as agent, in the securities listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*). Trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) is conducted by continuous open outcry, or the traditional auction system, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each business trading day of the year. Trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de*

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Buenos Aires) is also conducted through a *Sistema Integrado de Negociación Asistida por Computación* ( SINAC ). SINAC is a computer trading system that permits trading in debt securities and equity securities. SINAC is accessed by brokers directly from workstations located at their offices. Currently, all transactions relating to listed notes and listed government securities can be effected through SINAC.

*Over the Counter Market, Mercado Abierto Electrónico*

The Electronic Open Market (*Mercado Abierto Electrónico*) is an exchange organized under the laws of Argentina, which operates as a self-regulatory organization under the supervision of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*.

The Mercado Abierto Electrónico works as an electronic environment to process Over The Counter transactions. It is an electronic exchange where both government securities and corporate bonds are traded through spot and forward contracts.

The Mercado Abierto Electrónico has 90 brokers/dealers members, which include national banks, provincial banks, municipal banks, private national banks, foreign banks, cooperative banks, financial institutions, foreign exchange entities and pure brokers/dealers (exclusively engaged in brokerage activities). Both Argentine or foreign capital banks and financial institutions may be the Mercado Abierto Electrónico s brokers/dealers.

Securities to be traded must be registered with the pertinent supervising authorities and may be traded in the Mercado Abierto Electrónico, in other exchanges or in both of them concurrently.

*Securities Central Depositary, Caja de Valores S.A.*

*Caja de Valores S.A.* is a corporation organized under the laws of Argentina, totally private, which acts as central depositary of public bonds and private securities. It was established in 1974 by Act 20,643, and it is supervised by the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*.

Those authorized to make deposits of securities with the *Caja de Valores* are stockbrokers, banking financial institutions, and mutual funds.

The majority shareholders of the *Caja de Valores S.A.* are the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) and the *Mercado de Valores de Buenos Aires S.A.* (49.98% each).

**Information regarding the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*)**

	As of December 31,		As of June 30,	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Market capitalization (Ps.billion)	689.9	771.3	1,229.3	1,335.91
Average daily trading volume (Ps.million)	52.6	74.6	61.4	69.9
Number of listed companies	107	104	106	107

Although companies may list all of their capital stock on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*), in many cases a controlling block is retained by the principal shareholders resulting in only a relatively small percentage of many companies stock being available for active trading by the public on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*).

As of June 30, 2007, approximately 107 companies had equity securities listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*). As of June 30, 2007, approximately 9.63% of the total market capitalization of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) was represented by the securities of ten national companies.

The Argentine securities markets are substantially more volatile than the securities markets in the United States and certain other developed countries. The Merval experienced a 13% increase in 1995, a 25% increase

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in 1996, a 6% increase in 1997, a 37% decrease in 1998, a 28% increase in 1999, a 24% decrease in 2000, a 29% decrease in 2001, a 77% increase in 2002, a 104% increase in 2003, a 28% increase in 2004, a 13% increase in 2005, a 34% increase in 2006 and a 5% increase for the six month period ended June 30, 2007. In order to control price volatility, the MERVVAL operates a system pursuant to which the negotiation of a particular stock or debt security is suspended for a 15- minute period when the price of the security registers a variation on its price between 10% and 15% and between 15% and 20%. Any additional 5% variation on the price of the security after that results in additional 10 minute successive suspension periods.

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**DIVIDENDS AND DIVIDEND POLICY**

Pursuant to Argentine law, the distribution and payment of dividends to shareholders is valid only if they result from realized and net earnings of the company pursuant to annual financial statements approved by the shareholders. The approval, amount and payment of dividends are subject to the approval by our shareholders at our annual ordinary shareholders meeting. The approval of dividends requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.

In accordance with Argentine law and our by-laws, net and realized profits for each fiscal year are allocated as follows:

5% of such net profits is allocated to our legal reserve, until such reserve amounts to 20% of our capital stock;

a certain amount determined at a shareholders meeting is allocated to compensation of our directors and the members of our Supervisory Committee; and

additional amounts are allocated for the payment of dividends or to optional reserve funds, or to establish reserves or for whatever other purpose our shareholders determine.

According to rules issued by the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, cash dividends must be paid to shareholders within 30 days of the resolution approving their distribution. In the case of stock dividends, the shares must be delivered to shareholders within three months of the annual ordinary shareholders meeting that approved them.

Our debt obligations include a US\$16.1 million syndicated bank loan agreement and US\$26.2 million of secured floating rate notes due November 2009, of which there was US\$16.1 million and US\$26.2 million outstanding, respectively, and both of which limit our ability to pay dividends and to repurchase our other debt or capital stock. Under such debt instruments, we are permitted to pay dividends only if (i) at the time of such payment and immediately after giving effect thereto, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) we are in compliance with the following financial ratios:

our ratio of consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters to our consolidated financial expense for such period is at least 1.40 to 1; and

our maximum consolidated indebtedness does not to exceed the greater of (i) US\$222.9 million and (ii) 2.8 times our consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters.

On February 2, 2007 we issued our 2017 fixed rate notes for a total amount of US\$150.0 million at an annual interest rate of 8.5% payable semi-annual and mature on February 2, 2017. This bond limits our ability to pay dividends which may not exceed the sum of:

50% of our cumulative consolidated net income; or

75% of our cumulative consolidated net income if the consolidated interest coverage ratio is at least 3.0 to 1; or

100% of our cumulative consolidated net income if the consolidated interest coverage ratio is at least 4.0 to 1.

The table below presents the dividend payment ratio and the total amount of dividends paid for, each paid entirely in common shares, for the mentioned years. Figures in Pesos are stated in historical Pesos of their respective payment date. See Exchange Rates and Exchange Controls.





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<b>Year declared</b>	<b>Cash dividends<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Stock dividends<sup>(1)</sup> (in Pesos)</b>	<b>Total per common share</b>
1995	0.094	0.06	0.154
1996	0.092		0.092
1997	0.110		0.110
1998	0.060	0.05	0.110
1999	0.076	0.04	0.116
2000		0.20	0.204
2001			
2002			
2003			
2004			
2005			
2006			

(1) Corresponds to payments per common share.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization in accordance with Argentine GAAP, as of June 30, 2007 and as adjusted to give the effect of the sale of common shares assuming a subscription price of per common share.

	As of June 30, 2007	
	Actual	
	(thousand pesos)	As Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>
Short-term debt <sup>(2)</sup>	214,193	
Long-term debt <sup>(3)</sup>	1,222,423	
Minority interest	450,410	
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock <sup>(4)</sup>	464,969	
Inflation adjustment of common stock and treasury stock	274,387	
Additional paid-in capital	684,241	
Legal reserve <sup>(5)</sup>	24,276	
Reserve for new developments <sup>(6)</sup>	91,744	
Retained earnings	107,097	
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,646,714</b>	
<b>Total capitalization<sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>3,533,740</b>	

- (1) Assumes net proceeds of the rights offering of million resulting from the issuance of common shares, net of expenses, related to the rights offering.
- (2) Includes short-term debt and current mortgages payable.
- (3) Includes long-term debt and non-current mortgages payable.
- (4) As of June 30, 2007, we had 464,969,156 outstanding shares, each of which has a nominal value of Ps.1.00. Our common stock has one vote per share.
- (5) Under Argentine law, we are required to allocate 5% of our net income to a legal reserve until the amount of such legal reserve equals 20% of our outstanding capital.
- (6) Pursuant to a resolution of the Inspeccion General de Justicia, companies should indicate the intended use of the accumulated retained earnings balance of the period. Accordingly, we transferred the balance of accumulated retained earnings to a special reserve labeled as Reserve for New Developments. This reclassification has no impact on our shareholders' equity.
- (7) Total capitalization consists of the sum, short-term and long-term debt, minority interest and shareholders' equity.

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In April 1991, Argentine law established a fixed exchange rate according to which the Central Bank was statutorily obliged to sell U.S. dollars to any individual at a fixed exchange rate of Ps.1.00 per US\$1.00. On January 7, 2002, the Argentine congress enacted the Public Emergency Law, abandoning over ten years of fixed Peso-U.S. dollar parity at Ps.1.00 per US\$1.00. After devaluing the Peso and setting the official exchange rate at Ps.1.40 per US\$1.00, on February 11, 2002, the government allowed the Peso to float. The shortage of U.S. dollars and their heightened demand caused the Peso to further devalue significantly in the first half of 2002. Since June 30, 2002, the Peso has appreciated versus the U.S. dollar from an exchange rate of Ps.3.80=US\$1.00 to an exchange rate of Ps.3.1560 =US\$1.00 at September 1, 2007 as quoted by *Banco de la Nación Argentina* at the U.S. dollar selling rate. The Central Bank may indirectly affect this market through its active participation.

The following table presents the high, low, average and period closing exchange rate for the purchase of U.S. dollars stated in *nominal* Pesos per U.S. dollar.

	Exchange Rate			Period Closing
	High <sup>(1)</sup>	Low <sup>(2)</sup>	Average <sup>(3)</sup>	
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2003	3.7400	2.7120	3.2565	2.8000
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2004	2.9510	2.7100	2.8649	2.9580
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2005	3.0400	2.8460	2.9230	2.8670
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2006	3.0880	2.8590	3.0006	3.0860
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2007	3.1080	3.0480	3.0862	3.0930
April 2007	3.1010	3.0830	3.0909	3.0900
May 2007	3.0900	3.0750	3.0850	3.0770
June 2007	3.0930	3.0720	3.0793	3.0930
July 2007	3.1800	3.0910	3.1131	3.1210
August 2007	3.1780	3.1330	3.1530	3.1560
September 2007*				

Source: *Banco de la Nación Argentina*

- (1) The high exchange rate stated was the highest closing exchange rate of the month during the fiscal year or any shorter period, as indicated.
- (2) The low exchange rate stated was the lowest closing exchange rate of the month during the fiscal year or any shorter period, as indicated.
- (3) Average month-end closing exchange rates.

\* To be provided in subsequent amendment.

Fluctuations in the Peso-dollar exchange rate may affect the equivalent in dollars of the price in Pesos of our shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*). Increases in Argentine inflation or devaluation of the Argentine currency could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

**Exchange Controls**

On December 1, 2001, Decree No. 1570/2001 imposed significant limitations upon the availability of the bank deposits as well as foreign exchange controls which restricted cash outflows. In 2001 and 2002 and until February 7, 2003, the Central Bank, among other restrictive measures, restricted the transfer of U.S. dollars abroad without its prior approval except for transfers related to foreign trade transactions, payments of expenses or withdrawals made abroad through debit or credit cards issued in Argentina. In 2003 and 2004, the government substantially eased these restrictions.

From February to December 2002, any distribution of dividends outside Argentina was subject to prior authorization from the Central Bank. In December 2002, the rule was amended and purchases of foreign currency were authorized without prior authorization for an amount equal to US\$150,000 (in the aggregate) per calendar month.

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On January 7, 2003, the Central Bank issued Communication A 3859 which is still in place. Pursuant to this communication, purchases of foreign currency and distributions of dividends outside Argentina by Argentine companies are subject to no limitation, provided that such purchases or distributions of dividends are duly approved and reflected in the audited financial statements of such companies.

Restrictions also apply to foreign investments in Argentina. On June 26, 2003, the government set restrictions on capital flows into Argentina which mainly consisted of a prohibition against the transfer abroad of any funds until 180 days after their entry into the country. Since the Argentine crisis, the Central Bank has gradually softened most of the foreign exchange restrictions that were in place during the crisis. However, starting on June 10, 2005 the Argentine government established further restrictions on capital flows into Argentina. As of June 10, 2005, certain transactions have to be registered with the Central Bank, all currency inflow has to remain in Argentina for a minimum term of 365 days, and a mandatory deposit equivalent to 30% of the total currency inflow is required. This deposit which must be made in U.S. dollars with a local financial institution does not bear interest and cannot be used as collateral and it will only be returned after 365 days of its constitution. Pursuant to Decree No. 616/2005, these restrictions do not apply, between others, to the primary subscription of shares of resident companies which are allowed to do public offering and listed on a self-regulated market.

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**THE RIGHTS OFFERING**

**Statutory Preemptive and Accretion Rights**

Pursuant to our by-laws and as required by Argentine law, each existing holder of our common shares has the following rights:

a preemptive right to subscribe for new issues of common shares in proportion to such shareholder's respective shareholding, and

an accretion right which provides that if any new common shares are not subscribed for by our shareholders pursuant to their preemptive rights, the shareholders which have exercised their preemptive rights are entitled to subscribe for such unsubscribed common shares in proportion to the number of new common shares purchased by such exercising shareholders pursuant to their exercise of preemptive rights.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, our shareholders authorized the future issuance of common shares. We are offering to the existing holders of our common shares rights to subscribe for additional common shares. Each \_\_\_\_\_ common share held of record as of 6:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires, Argentina time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 as reflected in our share register with *Caja de Valores* entitles its holder to one common share right. \_\_\_\_\_ common shares will entitle their holder (i) to subscribe for one common share pursuant to its exercise of preemptive rights, (ii) to subscribe at the same price for additional common shares remaining unsubscribed after the preemptive rights offering pursuant to its exercise of accretion rights and (iii) to receive free of charge, for each new common share that it purchases pursuant to its exercise of preemptive and accretion rights, one warrant to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares. The subscription price for each new common share will be payable in Argentine pesos in an amount equal to the Argentine peso equivalent of the U.S. dollar subscription price for each new GDS, divided by 10, determined on the basis of the exchange rate quoted by the Banco de la Nación Argentina on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Our holders of GDSs are also entitled to preemptive and accretion rights to subscribe for GDSs. Each \_\_\_\_\_ GDS held of record as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 (as reflected in the depositary's books and records) entitles the holder thereof to one GDS right, \_\_\_\_\_ GDS rights will entitle its holder (i) to subscribe for one new GDS pursuant to its exercise of GDS preemptive rights, (ii) to subscribe at the same price for additional GDSs remaining unsubscribed after the preemptive rights offering pursuant to its exercise of accretion rights and (iii) to receive free of charge, for each new GDS that it purchases pursuant to its exercise of preemptive and accretion rights, 10 warrants each of which will entitle such holder to purchase 0.3334 additional common shares. The subscription price for each new GDS will be payable in U.S. dollars and will be published by us on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 in *La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero*, the *Official Gazette* of Argentina, the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) and PR Newswire.

**Subscription Forms**

As described below, different deadlines are applicable to the subscription forms and the instruction letter. To subscribe for common shares or GDSs in the exercise of preemptive and accretion rights, each holder of such right must fill in and submit the relevant forms to the common share rights agent or the GDS rights agent, as the case may be. Such submission will represent an irrevocable exercise of preemptive and accretion rights to purchase common shares or GDSs, as the case may be. In the case of holders of common shares, such form must be accompanied by a certificate of ownership issued by the *Caja de Valores* or evidence of assignment of the rights in his/her favor. Timely submission of these documents is necessary for effective subscription of common shares, and prospective subscribers should carefully review these documents. Forms for completion and submission have been delivered with this prospectus. Prospective subscribers requiring additional or replacement copies of such forms, may obtain them upon request from The Bank of New York in its capacity as our GDS rights agent or in its capacity as our common share rights agent. Our GDS rights agent will not accept subscriptions for common shares from holders of our common shares.

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**Important Dates**

The summary timetable set forth below lists certain important dates relating to the exercise of rights:

GDS record date 5:00 p.m. (New York City time)		, 2007
Common share record date 6:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires time)		, 2007
Common share rights commence trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange ( <i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i> )		, 2007
Subscription period		, 2007
	to	, 2007
Last day for GDS holders to instruct the GDS rights agent to sell GDS rights		, 2007
End of common share rights trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange ( <i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i> )		, 2007
Expiration date for GDS holders		, 2007
Expiration date for holders of common shares		, 2007
Allocation of accretion rights		, 2007
Allocation of unsubscribed common shares and GDSs		, 2007
Payment date for GDS preemptive rights		, 2007
Payment date for GDS accretion rights	On or about	, 2007
Payment date for common share preemptive rights	On or about	, 2007
Payment date for common share accretion rights	On or about	, 2007

**Fractional Entitlements**

We will not issue fractional common shares or GDSs pursuant to this rights offering or the exercise of the warrants, and entitlements to common shares or GDSs will be rounded down to the nearest whole common share or GDS, as the case may be.

**Trading of Common Share and GDS Rights**

Common share rights will trade separately from such common shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) as of the third business day preceding the subscription period. A holder of record of common shares that sells rights on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) will transfer to the purchaser thereof the right to participate in this rights offering and shall have no further right to participate in the rights offering, regardless of whether such holder continues to hold its common shares.

Any holder of GDS rights may transfer its GDS rights, but GDS rights will not be listed on any securities exchange.

**Common Share Subscription Agent**

, located at , Buenos Aires, Argentina is acting as our common share rights agent for the common share rights offering. Holders of common shares who wish to subscribe for additional common shares must subscribe through the common share rights agent. The common share rights agent will not accept subscriptions from holders of GDSs.

**GDS Subscription Agent**

The Bank of New York, located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, is acting as the GDS rights agent. Holders of GDSs who wish to subscribe for additional GDSs must subscribe through the GDS rights agent. The GDS rights agent will not accept subscriptions from holders of common shares.

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### **Subscription Price**

The subscription price for each new common share will be payable in Argentine pesos in an amount equal to the Argentine peso equivalent of the U.S. dollar subscription price for each new GDS, divided by 10, determined on the basis of the exchange rate quoted by the Banco de la Nación Argentina on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

The subscription price for each new GDS will be payable in the U.S. dollars and will be published by us on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 in a newspaper of general circulation in Argentina (*La Nación*, *Ámbito Financiero* or both), the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) and PR Newswire. Together with the subscription price for each new GDS, holders of GDS rights subscribing for new GDSs must pay to the GDS rights agent an additional amount in U.S. dollars sufficient to cover the fee of the depository of US\$0.05 per new GDS.

### **Allocation of Accretion Rights**

Under Argentine law, if any shares are not subscribed for by shareholders in the exercise of their preemptive rights, the remaining shareholders who have exercised their preemptive rights shall have accretion rights pursuant to which they may purchase unsubscribed shares in proportion to the shares purchased by such exercising shareholder pursuant to their preemptive rights. Shareholders will be asked to indicate in the subscription form which they submit with respect to the exercise of their preemptive rights, the number of common shares they are willing to acquire pursuant to their accretion rights in the event there are common shares which remain unsubscribed after the exercise of preemptive rights. No later than two days after termination of the subscription period, shareholders that have indicated that they wish to exercise accretion rights will be notified by publication of a notice in the bulletin of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (*Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*) of the aggregate number of unsubscribed common shares. Based on this notice, we will allocate unsubscribed common shares to shareholders in accordance with their accretion rights.

GDS holders that subscribe for new GDSs pursuant to preemptive rights may indicate on their subscription forms a number of additional GDSs for which they would be willing to subscribe pursuant to accretion rights. GDS holders must submit the GDS subscription price (plus an amount sufficient to cover the fee of the despositary of US\$0.05 per new GDS) with their subscription forms for the full number of additional GDSs requested pursuant to accretion rights. If accretion rights are allocated to the depository, the GDS rights agent will allocate additional GDSs to GDS holders that requested them. If the amount of additional GDSs available pursuant to accretion rights are insufficient to fill in all requests, the GDS rights agent will allocate the available additional GDSs among requesting GDS holders pro rata to the numbers of additional GDSs they requested.

### **Method of Exercising of Rights**

During the subscription period, holders of rights will be permitted to exercise their rights by delivering a signed subscription form to our common share rights agent or GDS rights agent. Our common share rights agent and GDS rights agent have discretion to refuse any improperly completed or delivered or unexecuted subscription form.

The subscription period is the sole opportunity to exercise preemptive and accretion rights with respect to the common shares and GDSs. After 4:30 p.m. (Buenos Aires time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, any holder of common shares (and after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, any holder of GDSs) who has not validly submitted a duly completed subscription form will be deemed to have forfeited its rights to subscribe for common shares or GDSs, as the case may be, and such rights will lapse.

### **Payment and Method of Purchase**

Payment in full of the subscription price for common shares purchased pursuant to the exercise of preemptive rights and accretion rights relating to common shares must be received by our common share rights agent in Argentine pesos by 3:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, respectively.



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Payment in full of the subscription price for each GDS purchased pursuant to the exercise of preemptive rights and accretion rights relating to GDSs must be received by our GDS rights agent in U.S. dollars by 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, respectively.

Exercising shareholders who do not pay for their common shares or GDSs by such time on the payment date will forfeit their rights to such common shares or GDSs. Such payment should be made in cash to our common share rights agent by means of a wire transfer to \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, Buenos Aires, Argentina, \_\_\_\_\_, or by check or wire transfer to our GDS rights agent at The Bank of New York, ABA# 021000018, A/C# 8900060603, Account Name: Reorg. Incoming Wire Transfer, Ref: IRSA, by mail at The Bank of New York, Tender and Exchange Department, P.O. Box 11248, Church Street Station, New York, New York 10286-1248, or by hand, express mail or overnight courier at The Bank of New York, Tender and Exchange Department, 101 Barclay Street. Receive and Delivery Window \_\_\_\_\_ Street Level, New York, New York 10286. Any payment to our common share rights agent must be made in Argentine pesos, and any payment to our GDS rights agent must be made in U.S. dollars.

Failure to pay for the common shares or GDSs will result in non-compliance with the respective payment terms established above. In case of non-payment, our board of directors may take any action with respect to the common shares or GDSs that is allowed under Argentine corporate law. If our board of directors chooses to declare the rights of any non-paying party void, it must decide upon the treatment to be given to the unpaid common shares or GDSs which may be offered to third parties at the same subscription price.

THE METHOD OF DELIVERY OF SUBSCRIPTION FORM AND PAYMENT OF THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE TO THE COMMON SHARE RIGHTS AGENT OR THE GDS RIGHTS AGENT WILL BE AT THE ELECTION AND RISK OF THE HOLDERS OF COMMON SHARE RIGHTS AND GDS RIGHTS. IF SENT BY MAIL, HOLDERS OF SUCH RIGHTS ARE URGED TO SEND SUBSCRIPTION FORMS AND PAYMENTS BY REGISTERED MAIL, PROPERLY INSURED, WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, AND ARE URGED TO ALLOW A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DAYS TO ENSURE DELIVERY TO THE COMMON SHARE RIGHTS AGENT OR THE GDS RIGHTS AGENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND CLEARANCE OF PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE RELEVANT EXPIRATION DATE. HOLDERS OF COMMON SHARE RIGHTS AND GDS RIGHTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO PAY, OR ARRANGE FOR PAYMENT, BY MEANS OF CERTIFIED OR CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

**Determinations of Timeliness, Validity, Form and Eligibility**

All questions concerning the timeliness, validity, form and eligibility of any purchase in the common share rights offering and the GDS rights offering will be determined by us, and our determinations will be final and binding. We in our sole discretion may waive any defect or irregularity, or permit a defect or irregularity to be corrected within such time as we may determine, or reject the purported exercise of any preemptive right or accretion right. Any subscription form for common shares or GDSs will not be deemed to have been received or accepted until all irregularities have been waived or cured within such time as we determine, in our sole discretion. Neither we, our common share rights agent nor our GDS rights agent will be under any duty to give notification of any defect or irregularity in connection with the submission of any such notice or will incur any liability for failure to give such notification.

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**DILUTION**

If you invest in our GDSs in this offering, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial offering price per GDS and the pro forma net book value per GDS upon the completion of this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the per-GDS offering price of GDSs in this offering could be substantially in excess of the book value per GDS attributable to the GDSs. Pro forma net book value per GDS representing our total book value as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 was approximately Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ million or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, or approximately Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS.

**Dilution of Shareholders Interest after this Offering**

At June 30, 2007, we had a net tangible book value of Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS. Net tangible book value per share or GDS represents the amount of our total tangible assets (total assets less intangible assets) less total liabilities of Ps. \_\_\_\_\_, divided by \_\_\_\_\_, the total number of our common shares outstanding at June 30, 2007 or Ps. \_\_\_\_\_, the total number of GDSs that would represent such total number of common shares based on a share-to-GDS ratio of 10. After giving effect to the sale of the \_\_\_\_\_ GDSs offered by us in this offering and, after, deducting the estimated offering expenses payable by us, our net tangible book value estimated at June 30, 2007 would have been approximately Ps. \_\_\_\_\_, representing Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS. At the offering price of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS, or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which is the price per GDS set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, this represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS to existing shareholders and an immediate dilution in tangible book value of Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share (US\$ \_\_\_\_\_) or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS to purchasers of GDSs in this offering. Dilution for this purpose represents the difference between the price per GDS paid by these purchasers and net tangible book value per GDS immediately after the completion of this offering.

**Dilution in Net Book Value after this Offering**

A Ps.1.00 increase (decrease) in the public offering price of Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS would increase (decrease) our pro forma net book value after this offering by approximately Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_. The pro forma net book value per GDS after this offering by Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ per common share or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per GDS. The dilution in the pro forma net book value per GDS to investors in this offering by Ps. \_\_\_\_\_ or US\$ \_\_\_\_\_, assuming the number of common shares and GDSs offered under this offering, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same (before deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by us).

The following table illustrates this dilution of US\$ per common share to purchasers of GDSs in this offering:

Initial public offering price per share	US\$
Net tangible book value per share at June 30, 2007	
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to new investors	
Pro forma net tangible book value per share after this offering	
Dilution per share to new investors	US\$

(1) Each GDS represents ten common shares. Accordingly, the dilution per GDS to purchasers of GDSs in this offering will be US\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dilution in Pro Forma Net Book Value resulting from the Exercise of Warrants**

The dilution resulting from the exercise of the warrants will occur if such price of such exercise is lower than the pro forma net book value of the underlying share at the date of exercise. The percentage of such dilution will significantly depend on the difference between the exercise price and the pro forma net book value of the underlying shares.

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The following table shows the dilution resulting from the exercise price of the warrants and corresponding issuance of shares, at the public offering price of US\$            per GDS after this offering.

**Dilution resulting from the Exercise of the Warrants<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Ps.(except where indicated)	
	Shares	GDSs
Price per share GDS		
Pro forma net book value per share/GDS after this offering and before the exercise of the warrants		
Increase in pro forma net book value per share/GDS attributable to the issuance of warrants		
Pro forma net book value per share/GDS after this offering and after the exercise of the warrants		
Dilution (increase) in pro forma net book value per share/GDS of the warrants		
Percentage of dilution (increase) of the issuance of the warrants	%	%
Dilution (increase) in pro forma net book value per share/GDS for the shareholders not subscribing warrants		

(1) Before deducting expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions payable by us in connection with this offering.

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The following selected consolidated financial data has been derived from our consolidated financial statements as of the dates and for each of the periods indicated below. This information should be read in conjunction with and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our consolidated financial statements and the discussion in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected consolidated statement of income data for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 have been derived from our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the three years in the period ended June 30, 2007 have been audited by Price Waterhouse & Co. S.R.L., Buenos Aires, Argentina, a member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent registered public accounting firm. The selected consolidated income statement data for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2004 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been derived from our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended June 30, 2006 which is incorporated by reference herein. Certain reclassifications have been made to the information included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended June 30, 2006, as originally issued, to conform to the consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the three years in the period ended June 30, 2007, included elsewhere in this prospectus.

In order to comply with regulations of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, we recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities on an undiscounted basis. This accounting practice represented a departure from Argentine GAAP for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2006. However, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements as of those dates. As further discussed below, the CPCECABA issued revised accounting standards, one of which required companies to account for deferred income taxes on an undiscounted basis, thus aligning its accounting practices with that of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*. Since the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* adopted the CPCECABA standards effective for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, there is no longer a difference on this subject between Argentine GAAP and the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regulations.

Additionally, after high inflation levels during the second half of 2002 and the first months of 2003, on March 25, 2003, the Argentine government instructed the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* to issue regulations to preclude companies under its supervision from presenting price-level restated financial statements. Therefore, on April 8, 2003, the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* issued a resolution providing for the discontinuance of inflation accounting as of March 1, 2003. We complied with this *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution and accordingly recorded the effects of inflation only through February 28, 2003. Comparative figures were restated until that date, using a conversion factor of 1.1232. Since Argentine GAAP required companies to discontinue inflation adjustments only as of October 1, 2003, our application of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* resolution as of March 1, 2003 represented a departure from Argentine GAAP. However, due to low inflation rates during the period from March to September 2003, such a departure did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

We currently own 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario, Argentina's leading mortgage lender, and this prospectus also contains Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and 2007 and for the three twelve-month periods in the period ended June 30, 2007 have been audited by Price Waterhouse & Co. S.R.L., Buenos Aires, Argentina, a member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent registered public accounting firm. Banco Hipotecario's results of operations reflected in its interim financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that it may achieve for the year ended December 31, 2007 or for any other period.

Banco Hipotecario maintains its financial books and records in pesos and prepares its financial statements in conformity with the Central Bank accounting rules which differ in certain significant respects from Argentine GAAP. A narrative description of significant differences between Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP are set forth in Note 6 to Banco Hipotecario's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP also differ in certain significant aspects from U.S. GAAP. Such differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and regulations of the SEC. See Note 37 to Banco Hipotecario's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the principal differences between Central Bank accounting rules and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to Banco Hipotecario, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of Banco Hipotecario's net income and shareholders' equity.

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Certain amounts which appear in this prospectus (including percentage amounts) may not sum due to rounding. You should not construe the translations as a representation that the amounts shown could have been, or could be, converted into U.S. dollars at that or any other rate.

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	2003	2004	Year Ended June 30,		2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(Ps. thousands	2005	2006		(US\$ thousands
			except ratios <sup>(2)</sup>			except ratios)
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA</b>						
<b>Argentine GAAP</b>						
Revenues:						
Development and sale of properties	46,616	30,257	32,311	103,966	75,751	24,491
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	17,770	15,144	19,431	30,565	55,683	18,003
Shopping centers	88,819	113,216	165,529	215,003	270,266	87,380
Credit card operations	24,935	30,034	64,558	122,969	212,965	68,854
Hotel operations	57,730	71,295	87,120	103,763	122,681	39,664
Financial operations and others	625	859	940	1,414	1,410	456
Total revenues	236,495	260,805	369,889	577,680	738,756	238,848
Costs	(154,667)	(147,416)	(168,074)	(243,831)	(311,647)	(100,759)
Gross profit (loss):						
Development and sale of properties	89	4,408	14,769	49,766	17,928	5,796
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	8,677	6,871	11,685	21,578	38,984	12,604
Shopping centers	30,061	52,734	95,748	137,621	179,154	57,922
Credit card operations	16,605	18,069	41,456	79,036	136,714	44,201
Hotel operations	26,357	31,246	38,196	45,792	53,721	17,369
Financial operations and others	39	61	(39)	56	608	197
Total gross profit	81,828	113,389	201,815	333,849	427,109	138,089
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value			17,317	9,063	20,737	6,704
Selling expenses	(28,555)	(21,988)	(36,826)	(60,105)	(113,709)	(36,763)
Administrative expenses	(46,493)	(51,400)	(70,670)	(96,882)	(141,427)	(45,725)
Gain on purchasers rescissions of sales	9					
Net (loss) income from retained interest in securitized receivables	(4,077)	261	423	2,625	3,254	1,052
Gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net	21,507	63,066	27,938	12,616	2,568	830
Operating income (loss):						
Development and sale of properties	2,262	183	20,566	44,277	6,177	1,997
Office and other non-shopping center rental properties	1,688	29,685	13,220	11,862	19,626	6,345
Shopping centers	18,709	58,771	81,638	105,583	124,832	40,360
Credit card operations	(4,616)	4,490	13,546	24,836	32,636	10,552
Hotel operations	6,176	10,138	11,066	14,552	14,653	4,737
Financial operations and others		61	(39)	56	608	197
Total operating income	24,219	103,328	139,997	201,166	198,532	64,188
Amortization of goodwill	(6,631)	(2,904)	(1,663)	(1,080)	(1,472)	(476)
(Loss) gain on equity investees	(14,701)	26,653	67,207	41,657	40,026	12,941
Financial results, net	315,645	12,203	(11,848)	(40,926)	4,099	1,325
Other income (expenses), net	96	(12,856)	(14,089)	(18,263)	(14,100)	(4,559)
Income before taxes and minority interest	318,628	126,424	179,604	182,554	227,085	73,419
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	3,529	(25,720)	(53,207)	(58,791)	(87,539)	(28,302)
Minority interest	(35,712)	(12,842)	(23,152)	(27,190)	(32,449)	(10,491)
Net income	286,445	87,862	103,245	96,573	107,097	34,626
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>						
Revenues	280,690	327,424	426,499	621,012	867,452	280,457
Costs	(208,149)	(216,742)	(235,341)	(321,788)	(413,957)	(133,837)



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	2003	2004	Year Ended June 30,		2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(Ps. thousands <sup>(2)</sup> )	2005	2006		(US\$)
						thousands)
Gross profit	72,541	110,682	191,158	299,224	453,495	146,620
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value						
Selling expenses	(28,555)	(23,937)	(36,255)	(66,278)	(104,997)	(33,947)
Administrative expenses	(50,139)	(57,928)	(77,451)	(97,956)	(142,714)	(46,141)
Gain on purchasers rescissions of sales	9					
Net income (loss) from retained interest in securitized receivables	1,392	(1,526)	4,591	(12,274)	(115)	(37)
Operating (loss) income	(4,752)	27,291	82,043	121,716	205,669	66,495
(Loss) gain on equity investees	(5,621)	(20,161)	138,560	64,697	42,957	13,888
Financial results, net	265,753	21,195	(31,072)	(50,854)	(43,705)	(14,130)
Other incomes (expenses), net	9,880	(4,026)	(10,271)	(7,338)	(13,433)	(4,343)
Income before taxes and minority interest	265,260	24,299	179,259	128,221	191,488	61,910
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	3,020	(12,528)	(34,747)	(18,678)	(39,176)	(12,666)
Minority interest	(33,154)	(8,946)	(15,114)	(19,597)	(49,090)	(15,871)
Net income	235,126	2,825	129,398	89,946	103,222	33,373

**BALANCE SHEET DATA****Argentine GAAP**

Cash and banks and current investments	232,001	163,900	211,934	233,438	856,707	276,983
Inventories	23,854	29,711	99,811	162,110	256,203	82,833
Mortgages and lease receivables, net	39,181	37,267	73,246	147,955	212,065	68,563
Non-current investments <sup>(3)</sup>	412,789	519,499	542,863	647,981	673,273	217,676
Fixed assets, net	1,235,223	1,274,675	1,445,551	1,413,212	2,027,311	655,451
Total current assets	297,476	261,651	389,735	481,788	1,175,790	380,145
Total assets	2,081,956	2,208,326	2,524,426	2,740,121	4,144,899	1,340,090
Short-term debt <sup>(4)</sup>	96,159	143,126	130,728	142,140	214,193	69,251
Total current liabilities	188,738	256,022	310,977	419,228	652,082	210,825
Long-term debt <sup>(5)</sup>	592,104	468,807	422,412	295,282	1,222,423	395,222
Total non-current liabilities	629,988	522,213	515,381	385,138	1,395,693	451,242
Minority interest	454,044	470,237	445,839	449,989	450,410	145,622
Shareholders equity	809,186	959,854	1,252,229	1,485,766	1,646,714	532,400

**U.S. GAAP**

Cash and banks and current investments	231,293	163,435	212,855	233,032	856,318	276,857
Inventories	23,584	25,374	46,702	61,720	160,961	52,040
Mortgages and lease receivables, net	39,181	37,267	72,577	145,718	205,267	66,365
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	80,799	127,114	113,395	131,502	241,656	78,130
Non-current investments <sup>(3)</sup>	281,583	327,883	436,063	599,679	590,646	190,962
Fixed assets, net	1,221,859	1,230,020	1,392,626	1,360,136	1,912,457	618,318
Intangible assets, net	1,629	666	712	468	22,226	7,186
Total current assets	313,595	270,883	386,051	471,053	1,183,147	382,524
Total assets	1,874,299	1,923,456	2,291,808	2,503,812	3,997,217	1,292,343
Trade accounts payable	30,432	46,414	68,372	136,362	293,522	94,899
Other liabilities	40,382	46,524	90,106	94,655	101,764	32,902
Short-term debt <sup>(4)</sup>	83,217	135,661	111,994	120,172	216,829	70,103
Total current liabilities	202,679	260,521	314,939	431,422	669,983	216,613
Long-term debt <sup>(5)</sup>	600,616	465,099	413,812	298,570	1,225,212	396,124
Total non-current liabilities	801,806	696,791	698,344	558,951	1,603,747	518,509
Minority interest	367,012	378,404	357,062	355,385	366,381	118,455
Shareholders equity	502,803	587,740	921,718	1,158,364	1,358,739	439,295

**CASH FLOW DATA****Argentine GAAP**

Net cash provided by operating activities	93,945	74,691	93,490	194,685	163,099	52,732
Net cash used in investing activities	(40,603)	(97,186)	(126,682)	(136,567)	(510,774)	(167,935)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	109,439	(47,649)	52,868	(36,767)	892,258	291,273





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	2003	Year Ended June 30,			2007	2007 <sup>(1)</sup> (US\$ thousands, except ratios)
		2004 (Ps. thousands, except ratios <sup>(2)</sup> )	2005	2006		
<b>U.S. GAAP<sup>(6)</sup></b>						
Net cash provided by operating activities	55,135	92,378	105,655	192,589	111,936	36,190
Net cash used in investing activities	(52,260)	(105,061)	(141,746)	(128,687)	(470,318)	(152,059)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	109,439	(47,649)	52,868	(36,767)	900,907	291,273
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	51,743	(8,081)	2,899	(5,784)	2,058	665
Effect of inflation accounting	(1,472)					
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL DATA</b>						
<b>Argentine GAAP</b>						
Capital expenditures <sup>(7)</sup>	10,991	26,908	79,997	116,201	428,026	138,385
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(8)</sup>	69,437	65,491	74,091	80,979	96,996	31,360
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	1.576	1.022	1.253	1.149	1.803	1.803
Ratio of shareholders' equity to total liabilities	0.988	1.233	1.515	1.847	0.804	0.804
Ratio of non-current assets to total assets	0.857	0.882	0.846	0.824	0.716	0.716
Working capital <sup>(9)</sup>	108,738	5,629	78,758	62,560	523,708	169,320

- (1) Solely for the convenience of the reader, we have translated Argentine Peso amounts into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate quoted by Banco de la Nación Argentina for June 30, 2007 which was Ps.3.093 per US\$1.00. We make no representation that the Argentine Peso or U.S. dollar amounts actually represent, could have been or could be converted into Dollars at the rates indicated, at any particular rate or at all. See Exchange Rates and Exchange Controls. Sums may not total due to rounding.
- (2) In thousands of Pesos of June 30, 2007. Includes adjustment for inflation through February 28, 2003. Sums may not total due to rounding.
- (3) Includes our 11.8% investment in Banco Hipotecario and our investments in undeveloped plots of land.
- (4) Includes short-term debt (including the current portion of seller financing) and current mortgages payable.
- (5) Includes long-term debt (including the non-current portion of seller financing) and non-current mortgages payable.
- (6) This table is intended to present cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities under Argentine GAAP but following the classification guidelines of SFAS No. 95 under U.S. GAAP. See Note 28 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for details of the differences in classifications affecting the categories of cash flows.
- (7) Includes the purchase of fixed assets (including facilities and equipment), undeveloped plots of land and renovation and remodeling of hotels and shopping centers.
- (8) Corresponds to depreciation and amortization included in operating income.
- (9) Working capital is calculated by subtracting consolidated current liabilities from consolidated current assets.

**Table of Contents****Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Information for Banco Hipotecario**

	2003	As of or for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, <sup>(18)</sup>				2007	2007
		2004	2005	2006		(in thousands of US dollars, except ratios) (17)	
		(in thousands of pesos, except ratios)					
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA:</b>							
<i>Central Bank Accounting Rules</i>							
Financial income	Ps. 512,630	Ps. 1,177,786	Ps. 681,482	Ps. 733,803	Ps. 882,220	US\$ 285,434	
Financial expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,241,713)	(208,500)	(388,882)	(412,184)	(374,666)	(121,220)	
Net financial income	(729,083)	(969,286)	292,600	321,619	507,554	164,214	
Provision for losses on loans	(122,005)		(16,699)	(10,498)	(43,673)	(14,130)	
Net contribution from insurance <sup>(2)</sup>	36,868	38,991	36,988	44,886	69,827	22,592	
Other income from services, net <sup>(3)</sup>	6,420	(321)	28,831	16,949	15,530	5,025	
Monetary gain on other transactions	7,046						
Administrative expenses	(119,930)	(133,262)	(147,010)	(185,190)	(270,813)	(87,619)	
Monetary loss related to operating transactions	(1,005)						
Miscellaneous income (loss), net <sup>(4)</sup>	(132,915)	3,231	(42,343)	124,511	81,380	26,330	
Monetary loss from financial transactions	(224,005)						
Income tax		(3,563)	(6,968)	(1,321)	(1,007)	(326)	
Minority interest	7,882	(7,795)	5,623	(1,878)	(907)	(293)	
Net income	(1,270,727)	866,567	Ps. 151,022	Ps. 309,078	Ps. 357,891	US\$ 115,793	
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>							
Net Income	646,119	223,072	Ps. 1,023,110	Ps. 605,000	Ps. 388,883	US\$ 125,820	
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>							
<i>Central Bank Accounting Rules</i>							
Assets							
Cash and due from banks	Ps. 46,222	Ps. 59,200	Ps. 55,850	Ps. 42,900	Ps. 54,578	US\$ 17,658	
Banks and correspondents	193,223	320,841	258,209	284,956	273,095	88,357	
Government and corporate securities	1,077,931	532,979	723,630	2,802,402	2,159,941	698,829	
Mortgage-backed securities <sup>(5)</sup>	111,671	177,069	239,837	340,015	445,390	144,102	
Loans:							
Mortgage loans	2,078,750	1,701,349	1,555,503	1,547,869	1,767,133	571,740	
Personal loans	65	6,451	71,250	237,324	509,186	164,742	
Credit card loans			17,521	102,830	381,132	123,312	
Overdrafts	119,112	112,387	149,013	241,082	419,797	135,821	
Corporate short-term loans	26,220	88,832	103,270	33,662	242,297	78,393	
Interbank loans	35,435	588	9,546	15,871	88,604	28,667	
Public sector loans	552,785	518,185	556,024	184,216	112,238	36,314	
Other loans	315,028	3,178	34,379	88,264	102,633	33,206	
Total loans <sup>(6)</sup>	3,127,395	2,430,970	2,496,506	2,451,118	3,623,020	1,172,195	
Accrued interest receivable	283,683	253,537	326,517	94,451	38,496	12,455	

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Reserve for loan losses	(518,452)	(327,082)	(258,372)	(145,297)	(136,120)	(44,040)
Net loans	2,892,626	2,357,425	Ps. 2,564,651	Ps. 2,400,272	Ps. 3,525,396	Ps. 1,140,610
Other receivables from financial transactions:						
Loans in trust pending securitization <sup>(7)</sup>	319,166	334,471	150,348	100,231	81,378	26,329
Government compensatory bonds BODEN <sup>(8)</sup>	2,537,083	2,654,716	2,649,926	250,872	260,960	84,431
Other <sup>(9)</sup>	103,569	1,037,609	1,482,872	2,345,515	2,924,651	946,244
Reserve for loan losses	(27,999)	(40,732)	(52,963)	(33,840)	(34,684)	(11,222)
Total other receivables	2,931,819	3,986,064	4,230,183	2,662,778	3,232,305	1,045,782
Bank premises and equipment, net	134,383	121,693	113,482	110,264	121,183	39,208
Other assets	62,779	986,734	731,042	298,145	355,761	115,103
Total assets	Ps. 7,450,654	Ps. 8,542,005	Ps. 8,916,884	Ps. 8,941,732	Ps. 10,167,649	US\$ 3,289,649
<i>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</i>						
Borrowings from Central Bank	Ps. 2,085,254	Ps. 2,193,546	Ps. 2,042,362	Ps. 198,329	Ps. 218,031	US\$ 70,542
Other banks and international entities	921,900	354,216	542,841	387,081	231,619	74,938
Bonds	2,589,855	2,735,793	2,345,817	3,253,792	3,587,186	1,160,601
Deposits	105,484	181,367	423,386	614,787	868,560	281,015
Amounts payable under derivative instruments	1,015	540,920	900,940	964,753	968,395	313,315
Reserve for contingencies	156,241	201,135	250,433	205,577	262,214	84,837
Other liabilities <sup>(10)</sup>	620,180	497,736	366,778	964,008	1,320,348	427,186
Total liabilities	6,479,929	6,704,713	6,872,557	6,588,327	7,456,353	2,412,434
Shareholders equity	970,725	1,837,292	2,044,327	2,353,405	2,711,296	877,215
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	Ps. 7,450,654	Ps. 8,542,005	Ps. 8,916,884	Ps. 8,941,732	Ps. 10,167,649	US\$ 3,289,649
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>						
Shareholders Equity	(401,867)	(117,449)	Ps. 957,137	Ps. 1,592,014	Ps. 2,109,199	US\$ 682,412

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	As of and for the Twelve Months Ended June 30,		
	2005	2006	2007
<b>SELECTED RATIOS:</b>			
<b>Profitability</b>			
Return on average assets	1.7%	3.6%	3.8%
Return on average shareholders' equity	7.3%	13.5%	13.6%
Average rate of interest on mortgage loan portfolio <sup>(11)</sup>	10.6%	13.9%	12.2%
Net interest margin <sup>(12)</sup>	3.9%	4.3%	6.5%
Efficiency <sup>(13)</sup>	39.0%	46.0%	42.4%
Insurance loss ratio <sup>(14)</sup>	17.4%	16.6%	9.3%
<b>Asset Quality<sup>(15) (16)</sup></b>			
Mortgage loans to individuals:			
Non-performing mortgage loans to individuals as a % of such loans	17.7%	8.2%	5.4%
Reserve for mortgage individual loan losses as a % of such loans	22.3%	14.4%	10.9%
Reserve for mortgage individual loan losses as a % of such non-performing loans	98.4%	106.6%	101.9%
Other loans to individuals:			
Non-performing other loans to individuals as a % of such loans	2.0%	7.9%	8.5%
Reserve for other individual loan losses as a % of such loans	1.7%	4.4%	4.7%
Reserve for other individual loan losses as a % of such non-performing loans	85.6%	55.9%	55.6%
Total loans:			
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans	10.1%	6.2%	4.6%
Reserve for loan losses as a percentage of total loans	10.0%	6.5%	4.2%
Reserve for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	99.0%	105.7%	91.4%
Charge-offs:			
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans	3.2%	6.2%	1.7%
<b>Capital</b>			
Total shareholders' equity as a percentage of total assets	22.9%	26.3%	26.7%

**Operations**

- (1) Financial expenditures consist primarily of interest on deposits and other liabilities from financial transactions and contributions, and taxes on financial income.
- (2) Consists of insurance premiums earned *minus* insurance claims paid.
- (3) Income from services other than insurance premiums *minus* expenditures on services other than insurance claims.
- (4) Miscellaneous income *minus* miscellaneous expenses.
- (5) Banco Hipotecario holds subordinated bonds and certificates of participation issued in connection with its prior securitization activities.
- (6) Total loans exclude loans in trust pending securitization.
- (7) Banco Hipotecario transferred these loans to a trust pending their proposed securitization. Although not included in our loans for accounting purposes, these loans are included in its total loan portfolio for purposes of classifying its loans and establishing loan loss reserves in accordance with Central Bank requirements.
- (8) Includes the positive effects resulting from our option, pursuant to Argentine Central Bank Communication A 3800, to offset anticipated future losses by recognizing in advance compensation expected to be received from the Argentine government for its net financial position of foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities at December 31, 2001 converted at the exchange rate of Ps.1.40 = US\$1.00.
- (9) Includes Ps.897.8 million, Ps.1,036.0 million and Ps.1,133.6 million of amounts receivable under derivative financial instruments for twelve months ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (10) Includes Ps.66.5 million, Ps.95.3 million and Ps.84.5 million of accrued interest payable at June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (11) Aggregate financial income earned on mortgage loans divided by average mortgage loans.
- (12) Net financial income divided by average interest earning assets. Included in financial income are net gains (losses) on government securities.
- (13) Administrative expenses divided by the sum of (i) net financial income, (ii) contribution from insurance and (iii) other income from services, net. Excludes severance payments and bonuses that totaled Ps.7.3 million, Ps.8.8 million and Ps.19.6 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.
- (14) Insurance claims paid divided by insurance premiums earned.
- (15) Non-performing loans consist of (i) in the case of consumer loans, those classified under Central Bank regulations as Deficient Performance, Difficult Collection, Uncollectible and Uncollectible for Technical Reasons and (ii) in the case of commercial loans, those classified under Central Bank regulations as Problematic, High Risk of Insolvency, Uncollectible and Uncollectible for Technical Reasons. Banco Hipotecario has used a variety of different methodologies for classifying the non-performance of its mortgage loans. As a result, information regarding non-performing loans is not necessarily comparable from one period to another. See Banco Hipotecario's

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- (16) For purposes of Central Bank loan classifications and our establishment of loan loss reserves, total loans include accrued interest and loans in trust pending securitization.
- (17) The U.S. dollar convenience translation at June 30, 2007 is based on the peso/dollar exchange rate of Ps.3.0908=US\$1.00, prevailing as of such date. Such translation should not be construed as a representation that the local currency amounts represent, or have been or could be converted into, U.S. dollars at that or any other rate.
- (18) Summary consolidated financial and other information for Banco Hipotecario as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 was not included since such information cannot be provided without unreasonable effort or expense.

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**CERTAIN HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR**

**RECENTLY ACQUIRED BUILDINGS**

The following information is presented in compliance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X.

During our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, we purchased three office buildings and one shopping center property in four unrelated transactions. Subsequent to the end of our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, in August 2007 we acquired half of the floors of a 27-story office building in an transaction unrelated to the acquisitions completed during our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. We refer to the properties acquired during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and during August 2007 to as the Acquired Properties.

In November 2006, we submitted a bid for the acquisition of a property known as Edificio Ex Escuela Gobernador Vicente de Olmos, or Olmos, located in the Province of Córdoba, Argentina. The closing of this proposed purchase is subject to several regulatory approvals. In January 2007, the National Commission for the Defense of Competition notified us of two claims filed against this proposed acquisition. These claims are still pending resolution. This transaction has not yet been consummated, but we currently believe it is probable that it will be completed.

In December 2006, we entered into a Put and Call Option Agreement with an unrelated party for the acquisition of an office building in Buenos Aires known as the República Building. This transaction has not yet been consummated, but we currently believe it is probable that it will be completed.

In accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, for the purpose of computing the aggregate significance of these consummated and probable transactions, we evaluate all such transactions in two groups. The first group includes the acquisitions completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and the second group includes the acquisitions completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos. We have computed significance based on our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2006 for the first group, and our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2007 for the second group.

Each of the Acquired Properties and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos is individually insignificant. Nevertheless, the aggregate purchase price of the Acquired Properties during the year ended June 30, 2007 exceeded 10% of our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2006, and the Acquired Properties during the year ended June 30, 2008 and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos exceeded 10% of our total consolidated assets as of June 30, 2007. We acquired no significant properties during our fiscal years ended June 30, 2005 and 2006. We did not acquire the Acquired Properties from a related party. The Acquired Properties and Olmos and the República Building have been operated, since construction, as rental properties. We currently intend to manage all of the Acquired Properties and Olmos and the República Building.



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The following is a description of the Acquired Properties and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos:

<b>Property</b>	<b>Acquisition date</b>
Bouchard Building	March 15, 2007
Dock del Plata Building	November 15, 2006
Córdoba Shopping Center	December 27, 2006
Bank Boston Tower	August 27, 2007
República Building	Not yet consummated
Patio Olmos Shopping Center	Not yet consummated

*Bouchard Building:* On March 15, 2007, we acquired from an unrelated party a 23-story 33,324 square meter office building known as Bouchard Building for an aggregate cash purchase price of US\$84.1 million. At the date of purchase, the property's occupancy rate was 100%.

*Dock Del Plata Building:* In June 2005, we entered into a Credit Default Swap Agreement (the Agreement) with Credit Suisse International (CSI) pursuant to which we, provided certain conditions were met, would acquire a mortgage receivable for US\$10.0 million on a 8,900 square meter office building known as Dock del Plata Building located in Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires. As guarantee for the Agreement, we paid a deposit US\$4.0 million. The Agreement was rescinded in November 2006 and the guarantee deposit was released. On November 15, 2006, the mortgage was executed, and we acquired the building for US\$8.8 million (using US\$4.0 million of the deposit guarantee plus available cash of US\$4.8 million). At the date of purchase, the property's occupancy rate was 100%.

*Córdoba Shopping:* On December 27, 2006, we acquired the Cordoba Shopping Villa Cabrera located in the Province of Córdoba, Argentina for an aggregate purchase price of US\$13.3 million. We paid US\$7.3 million of the purchase price in cash at closing, and the balance was financed in three equal semiannual installments of US\$2.0 million each, commencing in December 2007. This financing accrues interest at a fixed rate of 6% per annum. The property, which is located in the Villa Cabrera neighborhood of the city of Córdoba, is a 35,000 square meter shopping center comprising 160 stores, a 12 movie theatre complex and a 1,500-vehicle parking lot. At the date of purchase, the property's occupancy rate was 98%.

*Bank Boston Tower:* On August 27, 2007, we acquired from an unrelated party 50% of a 27-story office building with 31,635 square meters of leasable space known as the Bank Boston Tower for an aggregate cash purchase price of US\$54.0 million. At the date of purchase, the property's occupancy rate was 100%.

*República Building:* On December 22, 2006, we entered into a Put and Call Option Agreement (the Agreement) with Banco Comafi S.A., as trustee of the Fideicomiso República, for the acquisition of a 20-story office building in Buenos Aires known as the República Building. The exercise of the call and put option is subject to certain conditions for closing and is exercisable within 60 days after fulfillment of those conditions. Upon transfer of title, we will be required to pay 50% of the total purchase price of US\$74.0 million, and the remaining 50% will be payable semi-annually in 5 installments accruing interest at a fixed rate of 8% per annum. The unpaid balance of the purchase price will be secured by a mortgage on the República Building. Currently, the property's occupancy rate is 20%.

*Patio Olmos:* In November 2006, we submitted a bid for the acquisition of a property known as Edificio Ex Escuela Gobernador Vicente de Olmos located in the City of Córdoba, Argentina for Ps.32.5 million. We made a down payment of Ps.9.7 million under the terms of the bidding process. The property is a 5,147 square meter four-story building consisting of commercial space, parking lots

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and movie theatres. The property is subject to a 40-year concession contract granted to an unrelated party for the commercial use of the building. Pursuant to the concession granted in 1992 from the Provincial Government of Córdoba, the concessionaire is required to pay the owner of the building a monthly concession fee actually of Ps.10.1 which increases by an additional Ps.2.5 every 47 months. The closing of this proposed purchase is subject to several regulatory approvals including the National Commission for the Defense of Competition. In January 2007, the National Commission for the Defense of Competition notified us of two claims filed against it objecting to our proposed acquisition. One claim was filed by an individual and the other by the current concessionaire under the concession. These claims are still pending resolution.

The purchase price of the Bouchard Building represents 77% of the Acquired Properties during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. In addition, the purchase prices of the Bank Boston Tower acquisition and the probable acquisition of the República Building represent 78% of the Acquired Properties completed during the year ended June 30, 2008 and the probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos and, accordingly, were selected for audit under Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X. The remaining Acquired Properties or probable acquisitions of the República Building and Olmos are insignificant below the 5% level. We refer to the Bouchard Building, the Bank Boston Tower and the República Building as the Selected Properties.

In determining the purchase price paid for the Selected Properties, we considered the historical and expected cash flow from the properties, the nature of the occupancy trends and terms of the leases in place, current operating costs and taxes, the physical condition of the properties, the potential to increase their cash flow and other factors. We also considered the capitalization rates at which we believe office properties have recently sold in the market, but determined the prices we were willing to pay for the properties primarily based on the factors discussed above.

In estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired, we considered information obtained about each property as a result of our due diligence, marketing and leasing activities, and utilizes various valuation methods, such as estimated cash flow projections using appropriate discount and capitalization rates, estimates of replacement costs net of depreciation, and available market information. Depending upon the size of the acquisition, we may engage an outside appraiser to perform a valuation of the tangible and intangible assets acquired.

### **Historical Financial Statements of Recently Acquired Businesses:**

In accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, we have included elsewhere in this prospectus the following historical financial statements:

Unaudited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the period July 1, 2006 through the latest interim period prior to the date of acquisition of the Bouchard Building (December 31, 2006);

Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2006 for the Bouchard Building;

Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007 for the Bank Boston Tower; and

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Audited statement of revenue and certain expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007 for the República Building (which acquisition we consider probable).

None of the Selected Properties constitute a significant subsidiary pursuant to the Regulation S-X rules. Audited statements of revenue and certain expenses and related unaudited financial information are presented herein only for the Selected Properties which represent a majority of the Acquired Properties and Probable Acquisitions.

In addition, in accordance with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, we have included elsewhere in this prospectus the following pro forma financial statements:

**Pro Forma Financial Information (Unaudited):**

Our pro forma condensed consolidated statement of income for the year ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

Our pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

Our notes to the pro forma consolidated financial data (unaudited)

Estimated twelve-month pro forma statement of taxable net operating income and operating funds available (unaudited)

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	For the year ended June 30, 2006	For the six-month period ended December 31, 2006 (unaudited)
<b>Statement of Revenue and Certain Expenses:</b>		
Revenues:		
Rental income	10,652	5,508
Other revenue	3,358	1,835
Expenses:		
Real estate taxes	(314)	(162)
Other expenses	(3,358)	(1,835)
Revenue in excess of certain expenses	10,338	5,346

**3. Interim Unaudited Statement of Revenue and Certain Expenses**

The accompanying interim Statement of Revenue and Certain Expenses for the six-month period ended December 31, 2006 is unaudited. However, in our opinion, the interim statement includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the results of revenue in excess of certain expenses for the interim period. The results of revenue in excess of certain expenses for the period presented are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year or for any other period.

**Historical Financial Information for the Bank Boston Tower**

	For the year ended June 30, 2007
<b>Statement of Revenue and Certain Expenses:</b>	
Revenues:	
Rental income	12,700
Other revenue	2,919
Expenses:	
Real estate taxes	(236)
Other expenses	(2,919)
Revenue in excess of certain expenses	12,464

**Historical Financial Information for the República Building**

	For the year ended June 30, 2007
<b>Statement of Revenue and Certain Expenses:</b>	
Revenues:	
Rental income	2,680
Other revenue	545
Expenses:	
Real estate taxes	(58)

Other expenses	(2,728)
Revenue in excess of certain expenses	439

**Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements for Recently Acquired Buildings**

The following is our unaudited pro forma condensed balance sheet of as of June 30, 2007 and our unaudited pro forma condensed statements of income for the year ended June 30, 2007 which give effect to our acquisition of the Selected Properties under the purchase method of accounting.

The unaudited pro forma condensed balance sheet assumes that the acquisitions of the Bank Boston Tower and the República Building were consummated on June 30, 2007. The pro forma condensed balance sheet as of June 30, 2007 does not reflect the acquisition of the Bouchard Building, as that acquisition is included in our historical financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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The unaudited pro forma condensed statements of income for the year ended June 30, 2007 assumes that the acquisitions of the Selected Properties were consummated on July 1, 2006. The unaudited pro forma financial data is based on our historical consolidated financial statements and the historical statements of revenue and certain expenses of the Selected Properties and giving effect to the transactions described above, under the pro forma assumptions and adjustments set forth in the accompanying explanatory notes.

For purposes of developing the unaudited pro forma financial statements, the acquisition of the Selected Properties have been recorded at their estimated fair values. Upon acquisitions of real estate, we assess the fair value of acquired assets (including land, buildings and improvements, and identified intangibles such as above and below market leases and acquired in-place leases and customer relationships) and acquired liabilities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141, Business Combinations, and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, and allocates the purchase price based on these assessments. The values assigned to the Bank Boston Tower and the República Building in these pro forma financial statements are preliminary and represent our management's best estimate of current values which are subject to revision. The preliminary values assigned to the intangible assets include in-place leases and below-market leases. The preliminary values assigned to these items were based on estimates completed by our management which are subject to revisions and which could significantly impact the final purchase price allocation. The purchase price allocation of the Bouchard Building transaction was completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

The acquisitions of the Selected Properties comprise the property, existing leases and certain guarantee deposits and exclude any other liabilities.

We entered into a Put and Call Option Agreement for the acquisition of the República Building. The exercise of the call and put option is subject to certain conditions for closing and is exercisable within 60 days after the fulfillment of those conditions. The occupancy rate of the República Building is currently 20%.

Management currently knows of no events or circumstances other than those disclosed in these pro forma notes that would require a material change to the preliminary purchase price allocation. However, a determination of required purchase accounting adjustments will be made upon the completion of a study to be undertaken by us with the assistance of third party valuation firms to determine the value of certain of the Bank Boston Tower and the República Building acquisitions, including identifiable intangible assets, and liabilities. The actual purchase price allocation will differ, perhaps significantly, from the pro forma amounts reflected herein due to a variety of factors, including access to additional information, changes in value not currently identified and changes in operating results between the dates of the pro forma financial data and the date of the República Building transaction.

Under the terms of the respective agreements, the aggregate purchase price paid by us for the acquisitions of the Bouchard Building and the Bank Boston Tower was US\$138.1 million in cash. The purchase price for the acquisition of the República Building under the Put and Call Option Agreement is US\$74.0 million. We expect to finance the acquisition of the República Building through a combination of cash and seller financing. We refer to the purchase price paid for the Bouchard Building and the Bank Boston Tower and the purchase price to be paid for the República Building as the Purchase Price.

A portion of the Purchase Price was allocated to tangible assets considering the value of the property as if it were vacant. In addition, a portion of the Purchase Price was allocated to below-market leases and in-place leases. No customer relationships were identified as part of the in-place leases. The fair value of below market leases is recorded as deferred income and amortized as additional lease revenue over the remaining contractual lease period and any renewal option periods included in the valuation analysis. Intangible assets associated with at-market in-place leases are amortized as additional expense over the remaining contractual lease term.

Our management believes that the assumptions used provide a reasonable basis on which to present the unaudited pro forma financial data. The unaudited pro forma financial data may not be indicative of the financial position or results that would have occurred if the acquisition of the Selected Properties had been in effect on the dates indicated or which may be obtained in the future.

The unaudited pro forma financial data should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto for us, and the historical statement of revenues and certain expenses for the Selected Properties for the relevant periods.

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		Boston	República	Bank Boston	República	Total pro	
	IRSA <sup>(1)</sup>	Historical <sup>(2)</sup>	Historical <sup>(3)</sup>	Tower <sup>(4)</sup>	Building <sup>(5)</sup>	forma	Company
						adjustments	Pro Forma
<b>ASSETS</b>							
<b>Current Assets:</b>							
Cash and banks	217,121	827			(116,465) <sup>(6)</sup>	(115,638)	101,483
Investments	639,197			(172,917) <sup>(7)</sup>		(172,917)	466,280
Mortgages and leases receivable net	162,825						162,825
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	157,782						157,782
Inventories	6,222						6,222
Total current assets	1,183,147	827		(172,917)	(116,465)	(288,555)	894,592
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>							
Mortgages and leases receivable net	42,442						42,442
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	83,874						83,874
Inventories	154,739						154,739
Investments	590,645						590,645
Fixed assets net	1,912,457	100,664	102,473	65,851 <sup>(8)</sup>	129,920 <sup>(9)</sup>	398,908	2,311,364
Intangible assets net	22,226			8,127 <sup>(10)</sup>	2,980 <sup>(11)</sup>	11,107	33,333
Subtotal	2,806,383	100,664	102,473	73,978	132,900	410,015	3,216,397
Negative goodwill net	7,687						7,687
Total non-current assets	2,814,070	100,664	102,473	73,978	132,900	410,015	3,224,084
Total assets	3,997,217	101,491	102,473	(98,939)	16,435	121,460	4,118,677
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>							
Trade accounts payable	208,734						208,734
Mortgages payable	17,538				116,465 <sup>(12)</sup>	116,465	134,003
Customer advances	88,810						88,810
Short-term debt	199,291						199,291
Salaries and social security payable	26,472						26,472
Taxes payable	64,605			(94) <sup>(13)</sup>	(161) <sup>(14)</sup>	(255)	64,350
Other liabilities	62,900			269 <sup>(10)</sup>	461 <sup>(11)</sup>	730	63,630
Total current liabilities	668,350			175	116,765	116,940	785,290
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>							
Trade accounts payable	84,789						84,789
Mortgages payable	4,557						4,557
Customer advances	63,908						63,908
Long-term debt	1,220,655						1,220,655
Taxes payable	190,974			305 <sup>(13)</sup>	460 <sup>(14)</sup>	765	191,739
Other liabilities	38,864	827		1,245 <sup>(10)</sup>	1,683 <sup>(11)</sup>	3,755	42,619

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Total debts	1,603,747	827		1,550	2,143	4,520	1,608,267
Provisions							
Total non-current liabilities	1,603,747	827		1,550	2,143	4,520	1,608,267
Total liabilities	2,272,097	827		1,725	118,908	121,460	2,393,557
Minority interest	366,381						366,381
Shareholders' equity	1,358,739	100,664	102,473	(100,664)	(102,473)		1,358,739
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	3,997,217	101,491	102,473	(98,939)	16,435	121,460	4,118,677

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(1) This column reflects our historical consolidated balance sheet prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. This column has been derived from our historical consolidated balance sheet prepared in accordance with Argentine GAAP and applying the reconciling items to U.S. GAAP described in Note 28 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.



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- (2) This column reflects the historical balance sheet of the Bank Boston Tower acquired by us, excluding assets and liabilities not included in the Asset Purchase Agreements.
- (3) This column reflects the historical balance sheet of the República Building acquired by us, excluding assets and liabilities not included in the Asset Purchase Agreements.
- (4) This entry reflects the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed.
- (5) This entry reflects the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed.
- (6) Cash consideration paid for the acquisition.
- (7) Cash consideration paid for the acquisition.
- (8) Adjustment to reflect fair market value of the property which has estimated useful lives of 360 months.
- (9) Adjustment to reflect fair market value of the property which has estimated useful lives of 27 years.
- (10) Adjustment to reflect fair market value of intangible assets associated with in-place leases and below-market leases acquired in transaction which have estimated useful lives of 4 to 7 years based on preliminary estimates. The preliminary purchase price did not result in any goodwill.
- (11) Adjustment to reflect fair market value of intangible assets associated with in-place leases and below-market leases acquired in transaction which have estimated useful lives of 1 to 5 years based on preliminary estimates. The preliminary purchase price did not result in any goodwill.
- (12) Adjustment to reflect the assumption of mortgage seller financing. Seller financing accrues interest at a fixed rate of 8% per annum.
- (13) Adjustment to reflect the income tax effect of the purchase price allocation.
- (14) Adjustment to reflect the income tax effect of the purchase price allocation.

**Our Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Statement of Income**

	Bouchard		República		Pro forma	Total pro forma	
	IRSA <sup>(1)</sup>	Bank Boston Building <sup>(2)</sup>	Tower <sup>(2)</sup>	Building <sup>(2)</sup>	adjustments <sup>(3)</sup>	adjustments	Company Pro Forma
Revenues	867,452	12,157	15,619	3,225	3,776 <sup>(5)</sup>	34,777	902,229
Costs	(413,957)	(3,035)	(3,155)	(2,786)	(26,331) <sup>(4)</sup>	(35,307)	(449,264)
Gross profit	453,495	9,122	12,464	439	(22,555)	530	452,965
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value							
Selling expenses	(104,997)						(104,997)
Administrative expenses	(142,714)						(142,714)
Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables	(115)						(115)
Gain from operations and holding of real estate assets, net							
Operating income	205,669	9,122	12,464	439	(22,555)	530	205,139
Amortization of goodwill	42,957						42,957
Gain on equity investees							
Financial results, net	(43,705)				(9,317) <sup>(6)</sup>	(9,317)	(53,022)
Other expenses, net	(13,433)						(13,433)
Income (loss) before taxes and minority interest	191,488	9,122	12,464	439	(31,872)	(9,847)	181,641
Income tax and MPIT	(39,176)				3,446 <sup>(7)</sup>	3,446	(35,730)
Minority interest	(49,090)						(49,090)
Net income	103,222	9,122	12,464	439	(28,426)	(6,401)	96,821
Basic Earnings per share data <sup>(8)</sup>	0.23						0.22
Diluted Earnings per share data <sup>(8)</sup>	0.20						0.19

- (1) This column reflects our historical consolidated statement of income prepared in accordance with US GAAP. This column has been derived from our historical consolidated statement of income prepared in accordance with Argentine GAAP and applying the reconciling items to US GAAP described in Note 28 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (2) This column reflects the historical revenue and certain expenses of each of the Selected Properties for the period July 1, 2006 through the earlier of the date of acquisition or June 30, 2007.

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- (3) This entry reflects the effects in depreciation and amortization expense of the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable net assets acquired. The pro forma condensed statement of income reflects a preliminary allocation to tangible assets, liabilities and other intangible assets. The final purchase price allocation may result in different allocations for tangible and intangible assets than that presented in this pro forma condensed statement of income. Adjustments to these assets would also affect depreciation and amortization expense.

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- (4) Reflects depreciation and amortization related to each of the Selected Properties, as appropriate. The buildings have average estimated useful lives of 29 years. Intangibles for in-place leases are amortized over a period of 3 to 5 years. The purchase price of the Selected Properties is allocated Ps.254,239, Ps.166,515 and Ps.232,392 to tangible assets (land and building and building improvements), Ps.12,617, Ps.8,127 and Ps.2,980 to in-place leases intangible assets and Ps.19,575, Ps.1,514 and Ps.2,144 to below market leases deferred revenue for the Bouchard Building, Bank Boston Tower and República Building, respectively.
- (5) Reflects rental revenue of acquired in-place below market leases at their fair value over the weighted average remaining lease term of 36 to 55 months.
- (6) Reflects the increase in interest expense related to the fair market value of the debt assumed in order to finance the acquisition of the República Building. Debt accrues interest at a fixed rate of 8% per annum.
- (7) Reflects the income tax effects of the above transactions.
- (8) Pro forma income per common share is based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during 2007.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 128, Earnings Per Share, pro forma earnings per share from income applicable to common shareholders from continuing operations is calculated as follows (in thousands):

	2007
<b>Numerator:</b>	
Pro forma net income available to common shareholders basic	Ps. 96,821
Plus (less): income (loss) impact of assumed conversions:	
Interest expense on convertible debt	8,213
Foreign currency exchange gain on convertible debt	46
Income tax effects	(716)
Pro forma net income available to common shareholders plus assumed conversions diluted	Ps. 104,364
<b>Denominator:</b>	
Basic weighted-average number of shares outstanding	Ps. 444,904
Plus: incremental shares of assumed conversions:	
Warrants	49,317
Convertible notes	46,601
Diluted weighted-average number of shares outstanding	Ps. 540,822

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The following unaudited statement is a pro forma estimate for a twelve-month period of taxable income and funds available from our operations. The unaudited pro forma statement is based on our historical operating results for the year ended June 30, 2007 adjusted as if our acquisition of the Selected Properties had occurred on July 1, 2006.

This statement should be read in conjunction with (i) our historical financial statements and notes thereto as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 and (ii) our pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements included herein.

**Estimated Taxable Net Operating Income**

	<b>in thousands</b>
Our historical consolidated income before income taxes and minority interest (Note 1)	158,916
Our depreciation and amortization	96,289
<b>Subtotal historical income before our income taxes and minority interest, exclusive of depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>255,205</b>
Historical income before income taxes of the Selected Properties as adjusted (Note 2)	(9,847)
Depreciation and amortization of Selected Properties	22,555
<b>Subtotal historical income before income taxes and minority interest of the Selected Properties, exclusive of depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>12,708</b>
<b>Estimated tax basis depreciation and amortization (Note 3)</b>	
IRSA	(53,610)
Selected Properties	(18,262)
<b>Subtotal tax basis depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>(71,872)</b>
<b>Pro forma taxable operating income</b>	<b>196,041</b>

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**Estimated Pro Forma Operating Funds Available**

	<b>in thousands</b>
<b>Principle Assumptions:</b>	
Pro forma taxable operating income before dividends deduction	196,041
Add pro forma tax basis depreciation and amortization	71,872
Estimate of pro forma operating funds available	267,913

The historical earnings from operations represent our income from continuing operations as adjusted for depreciation and amortization for the year ended June 30, 2007 as reflected in our historical financial statements.

The historical earnings from operations represents the pro forma results of the Selected Properties acquired since July 1, 2006 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Our tax basis depreciation is based upon the original purchase price, excluding intangibles, allocated to the buildings and equipment, and personal property, depreciated on a straight-line basis and the full up year convention; and depreciated using straight-line basis.

Operating funds available does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus included elsewhere in this offering memorandum. This management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements include, among others, those statements including the words "will", "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "believes" and similar language. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many risk factors, including those set forth elsewhere in this prospectus.

For purposes of the following discussion, unless otherwise specified, references to fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 relate to our fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

We maintain our financial books and records in Argentine Pesos. We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with Argentine GAAP and the regulations of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* which differ in significant respects from U.S. GAAP. These differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in the financial statements as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and Regulation S-X of the SEC. See Note 17 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus herein for a description of the principal differences between Argentine GAAP and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to us, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of our net income and shareholders' equity.

In order to comply with *Comisión Nacional de Valores* regulations, we discontinued inflation accounting as of March 1, 2003, and we recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities on a non-discounted basis. These accounting practices represent departures from Argentine GAAP. However, we believe that such departures did not have a material effect on our financial statements.

**Our Results of Operations**

***Overview***

Our historical financial results have been, and are expected to continue to be, materially affected by the general level of economic activity and growth of per capita disposable income in Argentina (and in particular in the Buenos Aires area where our activities and investments are concentrated). From December 2001 through most of 2002, Argentina experienced a crisis that virtually paralyzed its economy and led to radical changes in government policies. Argentina's trade and fiscal deficits and the rigidity of its fixed exchange rate system (known as the convertibility regime), combined with the country's excessive reliance on foreign capital and with its mounting external debt, resulted in a deep contraction of the economy and in banking and fiscal crises when capital started to leave the country.

In response to the political and economic crisis, the Argentine government undertook a number of far-reaching initiatives that significantly changed the monetary and foreign exchange regime and the regulatory framework for conducting business in Argentina. Between December 2001 and January 2002, Argentina abolished the fixed parity between the Peso and the U.S. dollar, rescheduled bank deposits, asymmetrically pesified debts and suspended payment on a significant portion of its public debt.

Most sectors of the Argentine economy were severely affected by the crisis and regulatory changes. In April 2002, the economy started its path to stabilization and realized a clear improvement of economic variables during the second half of the year, mainly as a result of expanding exports and decreasing imports. While the devaluation of the Peso had significant adverse consequences, it did result in a positive balance for Argentina's current account, which fostered a reactivation of domestic production. The sharp decline in the Peso's value against foreign currencies, together with a decline in production costs in U.S. dollar terms, made Argentine products relatively inexpensive in the export markets. At the same time, the costs of imported goods increased significantly due to the devaluation of the Peso, forcing Argentine consumers to substitute their purchase of foreign goods with domestic products, substantially boosting domestic demand for domestic products.

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During the second half of 2002, Argentina's GDP increased 4.4%, and the consumer price index inflation was 8.0% for the six-month period ended December 31, 2002, compared to 30.5% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2002. The improving economic conditions, particularly the reduction of capital outflows from the Argentine economy and the banking system, allowed the government to begin lifting restrictions on bank withdrawals in November 2002.

Despite the improvement in economic conditions during the second half of 2002, Argentina's overall GDP contracted 10.9% for the full year, receding to 1993 values, investment collapsed (with, for example, negative growth of 43% in the second quarter compared to the second quarter of 2001), and inflation increased sharply. The main impact of the crisis was the tremendous social hardship. Unemployment rose from 12.9% to 19.7% between 1998 and 2002, real wages declined 24% in 2002, and the poverty index increased from 29% of the population in 2000 to 52% in 2002.

In May 2003, Argentina's political environment was reorganized when Dr. Néstor Kirchner took office as president. The economy continued to show indications of recovery, as GDP grew 8.8% in 2003. A combination of sound fiscal and monetary policies kept consumer price inflation under control at 3.5% in 2003. During 2003, Argentina moved towards normalizing its relationship with the IMF, withdrew all the national and provincial governments' quasi-money securities from circulation (amounting to Ps.7.8 billion), and eliminated all deposit restrictions. The trade balance experienced a sustained surplus, aided by the rise in commodity prices and export volumes. Social indicators also improved. The unemployment rate decreased to 17.3% in 2003 and real wages began to recover.

During 2004 and 2005, the Argentine economy continued to grow. GDP grew 9.0% in 2004 and 9.0% in 2005 according to the Central Bank's survey of independent forecasting firms. Inflation remained relatively low in 2004 although it almost doubled to 6.1% from 2003, and it increased to 12.3% during 2005 and 9.8% during 2006.

In June 2005, the Argentine government completed a restructuring of the federal government's public debt, which had been in default since December 2001. Argentina reduced the outstanding principal amount of its public debt from US\$191.3 billion to US\$126.6 billion and negotiated lower interest rates and extended payment terms. Approximately US\$19.5 billion of defaulted bonds held by creditors who did not participate in the exchange offer remain outstanding.

Over the past four years, the Argentine economy has recovered significantly from the crisis, and the business environment has largely stabilized. We believe that the current recovery has led to significant improvements and sets the stage for growth opportunities. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that the favorable economic conditions that Argentina has experienced in recent years will continue. See **Risk Factors** **Risks Related to Argentina**.

### ***Economic Recovery and Improvements in our Business Segments***

#### ***Shopping centers***

The profitability of our shopping center business is highly sensitive to consumer spending, overall GDP growth in Argentina and availability of financing. The contraction in consumer spending and the greater reliance on informal and low quality products that characterized the Argentine economy during the crisis has been significantly lessened along with an increase in GDP growth. This economic reactivation has significantly increased the revenues of Alto Palermo, our subsidiary engaged in shopping center ownership and operation. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, our shopping center revenues were Ps.165.5 million, Ps.215.0 million and Ps.270.3 million respectively.

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### *Credit card operations*

Tarshop S.A. is a subsidiary of Alto Palermo through which we have rolled out a credit card business. Economic reactivation and the consequent increase in consumer spending have been fueling the growth in this business as in the case of the shopping center segment. Conceived originally as a marketing tool intended to stimulate sales at our shopping centers, Tarshop's credit card business has extended beyond our shopping centers, becoming one of the fastest growing credit card businesses in the consumer credit industry in Argentina. As of June 30, 2007, Tarshop had 712,000 outstanding credit card accounts with more than Ps.700 million in outstanding loans most of which had been securitized as of such date. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the revenues of our credit card operations were Ps.64.6 million, Ps.123.0 million and Ps.213.0 million, respectively.

### *Development and sale of properties*

Demand for new residential units is influenced by a number of factors, including employment rates, short-term and long-term interest rates, availability of government-sponsored and private mortgage financing programs and products, consumer confidence, governmental policies, demographic factors and, to a lesser extent, changes in property taxes, energy costs and federal income tax rates. In addition, the feasibility of developing and marketing new residential units depend on a number of factors such as the inventory of existing units, zoning restrictions, government policies, cost and availability of land, construction and sales costs and the availability of financing on reasonable terms, among other factors. At the time of the crisis, residential sales came to a virtual standstill and real estate prices fell sharply. During the last four years, the market has begun to recover, making gradual progress. This continuing market stabilization accounts for much of the revenue increase in our development and sale of properties segment. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, our development and sale of properties segment had revenues of Ps.32.3 million, Ps.104.0 million and Ps.75.8 million, respectively.

### *Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties*

The profitability of offices and other non-shopping center rental properties segment is similarly affected by the macroeconomic factors described above. Favorable market conditions and the incidence of bankruptcy are also closely related to levels of vacancy and to the price at which we can lease our premises which in turn adversely affect our revenues in this segment. During the 2001 Argentine economic crisis and its aftermath, few development projects were built in Argentina. However, demand for office space and rental properties has increased substantially during the last four years, significantly raising prices. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, our offices and other non-shopping center rental properties segment had revenues of Ps.19.4 million, Ps.30.6 million and Ps.55.7 million, respectively.

### *Hotel operations*

The revenues from our hotel business are also highly sensitive to market conditions. For example, the devaluation of the Peso following the repeal of the Convertibility Law made Argentina a less expensive, and therefore a more attractive, tourist destination, significantly increasing the influx of foreign tourists. The appreciation of foreign currency also rendered domestic travel destinations more appealing to the Argentines, many of whom replaced foreign travel with local travel. During fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, our Hotel operations segment had revenues of Ps.87.1 million, Ps.103.8 million and Ps.122.7 million, respectively.

## **Factors Affecting Comparability of Results of Operations**

Described below are certain considerations that will facilitate an understanding of our overall operating results. These factors are based upon the information which is currently available to us and do not represent all of the factors that are relevant to an understanding of our current and future results of operations.



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### ***Recent gains on equity investees***

We currently own 11.8% of Banco Hipotecario, Argentina's leading mortgage lender and provider of mortgage-related insurance and mortgage loan services. Banco Hipotecario consummated a restructuring of its financial indebtedness in 2004 and since that time has recorded improving results of operations. For fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2007, our investment in Banco Hipotecario generated a gain of Ps.47.0 million and Ps.41.4 million respectively. The gains we recorded in our 2006 and 2007 fiscal years represented 48.7% and 38.6%, respectively, of our consolidated net income for such years. We cannot give you any assurance that our investment in Banco Hipotecario will continue to generate similar gains, if any, in the future.

### ***Variability of results due to substantial property acquisitions and dispositions***

The development and sale of large residential and other properties does not yield a stable, recurring stream of revenue. On the contrary, large acquisitions and sales significantly affect revenues for a reporting period, making it difficult to compare our year-to-year results. For example, the Ps.31.0 million sale to a third party of 10% of the plot known as Santa María de Plata and the Ps.26.2 million sale of plot Z of Dique III have significantly impacted our results for our 2007 fiscal year. Our historical revenues have varied from period to period depending upon the timing of sales of properties, and our future period-on-period results of operations are likely to continue to vary, perhaps significantly, as a result of periodic acquisitions and dispositions of properties.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

In connection with the preparation of our consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus, we have relied on variables and assumptions derived from historical experience and various other factors that we deemed reasonable and relevant. Although we review these estimates and assumptions in the ordinary course of business, the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operation often requires our management to make judgments regarding the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain on the carrying value of our assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimated under different variables, assumptions or conditions. In order to provide an understanding about how management forms our judgments about future events, including the variables and assumptions underlying the estimates, and the sensitivity of those judgments to different variables and conditions, we have included comments related to each critical accounting policy described as follows:

revenue recognition;

purchase accounting of real estate assets;

useful lives of real estate assets;

provision for allowances and contingencies;

impairment of long-lived assets;

debt restructuring;

deferred income tax; and

minimum presumed income tax.

### ***Revenue recognition***

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We primarily derive our revenues from domestic office space and shopping center leases and services operations, from the development and sale of properties, from credit card operations and from hotel operations.

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*Accounting for real estate barter transactions.* During the years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 we entered into certain non-monetary transactions with third parties pursuant to which we sold plots of land in the ordinary course of business in exchange for cash and/or other real estate properties. Under Argentine GAAP, these transactions were recorded based on the fair value of the assets involved and, as a result, a gain or loss was recognized at the time of the exchange. We believe that this accounting policy is a critical accounting policy because the impact of accounting for real estate barter transactions under this method could have a material effect on our consolidated balance sheet as well as on our results of operations.

*Recognition of inventories at net realizable value.* Inventories, on which we received payments in advance that fix the sales price and the terms and conditions of the contract assuring the closing of the transaction and the realization of the gain, are valued at net realizable value. At June 30, 2007, Ps.20.7 million was valued according these criteria, which was principally applied to the following developments: Dock III Plot X for Ps.18.4 million and San Martín de Tours for Ps.1.5 million. We believe that the accounting policy related to recognition of inventories at net realizable value is a critical accounting policy because the impact of accounting under this method could have a material effect on our consolidated balance sheet as well as on our results of operations. The performance of a sensitivity analysis, which reduced the market value of the properties by 5%, would have resulted in a smaller Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value by Ps.2.3 million for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

*Leases and services from shopping center operations.* We account for our leases with tenants as operating leases. We generally charge tenants a rent which consists of the higher of (i) a monthly base rent (the Base Rent ) and (ii) a specified percentage of the tenant's monthly gross retail sales (the Percentage Rent ) (which generally ranges between 4% and 8% of tenant's gross sales). Furthermore, pursuant to the rent escalation clause in most leases, the tenant's Base Rent generally increases between 4% and 7% each year during the term of the lease. Certain of our lease agreements contain provisions which provide for rents based on a percentage of sales or based on a percentage of sales volume above a specified threshold. We determine the compliance with specific targets and calculate the additional rent on a monthly basis as provided for in the contracts. Thus, we do not recognize contingent rents until the required thresholds are exceeded.

Our lease agreements vary from 36 to 120 months. Law No. 24,808 provides that tenants may rescind commercial lease agreements after the initial six months, upon not less than 60 days' written notice, subject to penalties which vary from one to one and a half months rent if the tenant rescinds during the first year of its lease, and one month of rent if the tenant rescinds after the first year of its lease.

We also charge our tenants a monthly administration fee, prorated among the tenants according to their leases, which varies from shopping center to shopping center, relating to the administration and maintenance of the common area and the administration of contributions made by tenants to finance promotional efforts for the overall shopping centers operations. We recognize administration fees monthly when earned. In addition to rent, we generally charge tenants admission rights. Admission rights are non-refundable admission fees that tenants may be required to pay upon entering into a lease or upon lease renewal. An admission right is normally paid in one lump sum or in a small number of monthly installments. We recognize admission rights using the straight-line method over the life of the respective lease agreements. Furthermore, the lease agreements generally provide for the reimbursement of real estate taxes, insurance, advertising and certain common area maintenance costs. These additional rents and tenant reimbursements are accounted for on the accrual basis.

We also derive revenues for parking lot fees charged to visitors. We recognize parking revenues as services are performed.

*Leases and services from office and other buildings.* We account for our leases with tenants as operating leases. We charge tenants a base rent on a monthly basis. We recognize rental income on a straight-line basis over the term of the leases.

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*Development and sale of properties.* We record revenue from the sale of properties when all of the following criteria are met: (a) the sale has been consummated (a sale is not considered consummated until (i) the parties are bound by the terms of a contract, (ii) all consideration has been exchanged, (iii) any permanent financing for which the seller is responsible has been arranged and (iv) all conditions precedent to the closing have been performed); (b) we determine that the buyer's initial and continuing investments are adequate to demonstrate a commitment to pay for the property (the adequacy of a buyer's initial investment is measured by (i) its composition and (ii) its size compared with the sales value of the property); (c) our receivable is not subject to future subordination (our receivable will not be placed in or occupy a lower rank, class or position with respect to other obligations of the buyer); and (d) we have transferred to the buyer the risk and rewards of ownership and does not have a continuing involvement in the property.

We generally enter into purchase and sale agreements with purchasers of units in our residential development properties prior to the commencement of construction. Pursuant to this practice, we initiate our marketing and sales efforts on the basis of already-commissioned architectural designs and model units. As a general rule, purchasers pay a booking charge for the units and subsequently enter into fixed price purchase and sale agreements. The balance of the purchase price is due upon delivery of the constructed and completed unit.

Construction of such residential development properties is done pursuant to turn-key contracts with major Argentine and South American construction companies that provide for construction to be completed within a prescribed period and budget, subject to customary exceptions.

We use the percentage-of-completion method of accounting with respect to sales of development properties under construction effected under fixed-priced contracts. Under this method, revenue is recognized based on the ratio of costs incurred to total estimated costs applied to the total contract price. We do not commence revenue and cost recognition until such time as the decision to proceed with the project is made and construction activities have begun.

The percentage-of-completion method of accounting requires management to prepare budgeted costs (i.e., the estimated costs of completion) in connection with sales of properties and/or units. All changes to estimated costs of completion are incorporated into revised estimates during the contract period.

Under this method of accounting, revenues for work completed may be recognized in the statement of income prior to the period in which actual cash proceeds from the sale are received. In this situation, a deferred asset is recorded. Alternatively, and as is more common for us, where property and/or unit purchasers pay us an advance down-payment and monthly cash installments prior to the commencement of construction, a liability is recorded. This is recorded as a customer advance in the financial statements.

*Credit card operations.* We derive revenues from credit card transactions which primarily are comprised of (i) merchant discount fees which are recognized when transactional information is received and processed by the Company; (ii) data processing services which consist of processing and printing cardholders statement of accounts, and which are recognized as services are provided; and (iii) life and disability insurance charges to cardholders which are recognized on an accrual basis.

*Hotel operations.* We recognize revenues from occupation of rooms, catering, and restaurant facilities as earned on the close of each business day.

### ***Purchase accounting of real estate assets***

We allocate the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed on a gross basis based on their fair values at the date of acquisition pursuant to the provisions of Technical Resolution No. 18 Specific

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Considerations for the Preparation of Financial Statements ( RT No. 18 ). In estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired, we consider information obtained about each property as a result of our due diligence, marketing and leasing activities. It applies various valuation methods, such as estimated cash flow projections utilizing appropriate discount and capitalization rates, estimates of replacement costs net of depreciation, and available market information. Depending upon the size of the acquisition, we may engage an outside appraiser to perform a valuation of the tangible and intangible assets acquired. We are required to make subjective estimates in connection with these valuations and allocations.

When the sum of the individual fair values of the identifiable tangible and intangible assets exceeds the purchase price paid, negative goodwill exists. Under Argentine GAAP, when negative goodwill exists after an acquiring entity initially assigns values to all assets acquired and liabilities assumed, RT No. 18 states that the entity must first reassess whether all acquired assets and assumed liabilities have been identified and properly valued. If an amount of negative goodwill still results after this reassessment, intangible assets acquired (including above and below market leases, in-place leases and tenant relationships, as applicable), are subject to reduction. If after all of these intangible assets are reduced to zero and an amount of negative goodwill still remains, the remaining unallocated negative goodwill is amortized under the straight-line method over the weighted average useful life of the main tangible assets acquired.

### ***Useful lives of real estate assets***

We are required to make subjective assessments as to the useful lives of our properties for purposes of determining the amount of depreciation to reflect on an annual basis with respect to those properties. These assessments have a direct impact on our net income. If we would lengthen or shorten the expected useful life of a particular asset, it would be depreciated over more or less years and result in less or more depreciation expense and higher or lower net income.

### ***Provisions for allowances and contingencies***

We provide for losses relating to mortgage, lease and other accounts receivable. The allowance for losses is recognized when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the terms of our agreements. Allowances are determined on a case-by-case basis, where applicable, by considering the present value of expected future cash flow or the fair market value of collateral if the loan is securitized. Determinations that an allowance should be recognized are dependent on information available at the time of the determination. As a result, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if future economic conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used at the time of the determination. We have considered all events and/or transactions subject to reasonable and standard estimation procedures. The consolidated financial statements reflect these considerations.

We have certain contingent liabilities with respect to existing or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings, including those involving labor and other matters. We accrue liabilities when it is probable that future costs will be incurred and such costs can be reasonably estimated. Such accruals are based on developments to date, our estimate of the outcomes of these matters and our lawyers' experience in contesting, litigating and settling other matters. As the scope of the liabilities becomes better defined, there may be changes in the estimates of future costs, which could have a material effect on our future results of operations and financial condition or liquidity.

### ***Impairment of long-lived assets***

We periodically evaluate the carrying value of our long-lived assets for impairment. We consider the carrying value of a long-lived asset to be impaired when the expected cash flows, undiscounted and without interest, from such asset is separately identifiable and less than its carrying value. We determine the fair market value of a long-lived asset primarily using independent appraisals and utilizing anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. The reposition value is mainly determined using independent appraisals or projections of future cash flows. In that event, a loss would be recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair market value of the long-lived asset. Impairments are allocated to the results of the period.

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Under Argentine GAAP a previously recognized impairment loss is reversed when there is a subsequent change in estimates used to compute the fair market value of the asset. In that event, the new carrying value of the asset is the lower of its fair market value or the net carrying value the asset would have had if no impairment had been recognized. Both the impairment charge and the impairment reversal are recognized in earnings. U.S. GAAP prohibits the reversal of a previously recognized impairment charge.

We believe that the accounting estimate related to asset impairment is a critical accounting estimate because:

it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires company management and/or independent appraisers to make assumptions such as, future sales and cost of sale, future vacancy rates and future prices, which requires significant adjustments because actual prices and vacancy rates have fluctuated in the past and are expected to continue to do so; and

because the impact that recognizing an impairment would have on assets reported on our balance sheet as well as on the results of our operations could be material. Independent appraisals about future sales prices and future vacancy rates require significant judgment because actual sales prices and vacancy rates have fluctuated in the past and are expected to continue to do so.

As of June 30, 2002 we have reviewed our assets in all segments for impairments due to the continued deterioration of the Argentine economy. As a result, as of June 30, 2002, we had recognized an impairment of Ps.140.6 million. During fiscal year 2003 and 2005, we also recognized, impairment losses totaling Ps.14.0 million and Ps.0.2 million, respectively. As a result of increases in the fair market values of the assets for which we had recognized impairment losses, we partially reversed those impairment losses, recognizing gains of Ps.25.4 million, Ps.63.0 million, Ps.28.2 million, Ps.12.6 million and Ps.2.6 million, for the years ended June 30, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and 2007 respectively. Assets related to those four segments represent approximately 98.5% of our total long-lived assets as of June 30, 2007.

The fair market value of our office and rental properties was determined following the rent value method, taking into consideration each property's future cash flow, its comparability with other properties in the market and its historic vacancy rates. The price per square meter of our properties varies according to the category and type of building, and to each property's idiosyncratic traits. Vacancy rates are the lowest in history with rates below 2%. Moreover, we currently believe that a significant amount of new office space, comparable to our existing buildings in Buenos Aires, is not likely to become available in the City of Buenos Aires during our next two or three fiscal years. We applied an assumed 5% vacancy rate in preparing our cash flow analyses. For buildings we consider to be Class A (those having the best location and condition) the average price per square meter used was Ps.68/74 per square meter per month, while for buildings we consider to be Class A/B (having very good location and/or condition) the average price was Ps.37/49 per square meter per month, and for buildings we consider Class B/C (those having good location and/or condition) it was Ps.31 per square meter per month. The performance of a sensitivity analysis, which would have reduced the fair market value of these properties by 5%, would have resulted in a smaller reversal of impairment losses as of June 30, 2007, of Ps.0.4 million.

With respect to our Hotel Operations segment, the discounted cash flows methodology was applied by taking the forecasts of each hotel in a 10-year flow and discounting such estimated amounts at rates according to risk, location and other relevant factors. The cash flows to be discounted considered revenues per room, per guest, per additional charge as well as the fixed and variable expenditures related to the transaction. Rate increases and occupancy variations were estimated based on the information supplied by each hotel's management and comparing them to industry-specific data in the local market. We believe that tourism activities and related industries in Argentina have grown in the range of 13% to 18% over the last 12 months, well above worldwide figures, according to inbound traveling and spending statistics provided by the National Tourism Agency.

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Shopping centers were valued according to the rent value method. We calculated discount rates considering each property's location, its comparability with other properties in the market, its historic rental income, vacancy rates and cash flow. The average discount rates we used ranged between 10.0% and 10.4%, and the average price per leasable square meter was Ps.7,043 and the average vacancy rate was calculated taking into consideration the real vacancy.

We used the open market method for determining the fair market value of our land reserves and inventories. We estimated the value of each site by taking into consideration the value of the property according to our surface area and location, as well as the availability of inventory. The performance of a sensitivity analysis, which would have reduced the fair market value of these properties by 5% would have resulted in increased recognition of impairment losses as of June 30, 2007, of Ps.0.7 million.

***Debt restructuring***

*Extension of the maturity date of Alto Palermo's Convertible Notes.* On August 20, 2002, Alto Palermo issued an aggregate amount of US\$50.0 million of unsecured convertible notes in exchange for cash and the settlement of certain liabilities. These convertible notes accrue interest at a fixed annual interest rate of 10% (payable semiannually), are convertible at any time at the option of the holder into common shares (at a conversion ratio of US\$0.3240 per share) and originally matured on July 19, 2006. On May 2, 2006, Alto Palermo's noteholders resolved to extend the maturity date of these convertible notes through July 19, 2014, the remaining terms and conditions remained unchanged.

Under Argentine GAAP, an exchange or modification of debt instruments is deemed to result in a substantially different debt instrument if the present value of the cash flows under the terms of the new debt instrument is at least 10% different from the present value of the remaining cash flows under the terms of the original instrument. The new debt instrument should be initially recorded at fair value, and that amount should be used to determine the extinguishment gain or loss to be recognized.

Fair value should be determined by the present value of the future cash flows to be paid under the terms of the new debt instrument discounted at a rate commensurate with the risks of the debt instrument and time value of money. If it is determined that the original and new debt instrument are not substantially different, then a new effective interest rate is to be determined based on the carrying amount of the original debt instrument and the revised cash flows.

We believe that the accounting policy related to the extension of Alto Palermo's convertible notes' maturity date is a critical accounting policy because it required our management to make an estimate of the present value of the future cash flows, using an estimated discount rate which is highly susceptible to changes from period to period. The impact on the fair market value of our debt instruments could be material. Based on the analysis performed, we concluded that the instruments were not substantially different and accordingly the old instrument was not extinguished.

***Deferred income tax***

We recognize income tax using the liability method. Accordingly, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recorded or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Technical Resolution No. 17 requires companies to record a valuation allowance for that component of net deferred tax assets which is not recoverable.

We believe that the accounting estimate related to deferred income tax is a critical accounting estimate because:

it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires company management to make assumptions, such as future revenues and expenses, exchange rates and inflation among others; and

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the impact that calculating income tax using this method would have on assets or liabilities reported on our consolidated balance sheet as well as on the income tax result reported in our consolidated statement of income could be material.

### ***Minimum presumed income tax***

We calculate the minimum presumed income tax provision by applying the current 1% rate on computable assets at the end of the year. This tax complements the income tax. Our tax obligation each year will coincide with the highest amount due under either of these two taxes. However, if the minimum presumed income tax provision exceeds income tax in a given year, the amount in excess of income tax can be offset against income tax arising in any of the following ten years.

We have recognized the minimum presumed income tax provision paid in previous years as a credit as we estimate that it will offset future years income tax.

We believe that the accounting policy relating to the minimum presumed income tax provision is a critical accounting policy because it requires management to make estimates and assumptions with respect to our future results that are highly susceptible to change from period to period, and as such the impact on our financial position and results of operations could be material.

### **Principal differences between Argentine GAAP and U.S. GAAP**

The principal differences, other than inflation accounting, between Argentine GAAP and U.S. GAAP are related to the following:

the impact of certain U.S. GAAP adjustments on equity investees;

the accounting for marketable securities;

the application of different useful lives for depreciation purposes;

the deferral of certain preoperating and organization expenses under Argentine GAAP which are expensed as incurred under U.S. GAAP;

the accounting for a mortgage payable with no stated interest;

the accounting for securitization programs;

the application of certain U.S. GAAP adjustments to the estimation of the fair value of net assets acquired;

the present-value accounting;

the restoration of previously recognized impairment losses accounting;

the accounting for convertible notes;



the accounting for troubled debt restructuring;

the accounting for real estate barter transactions;

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the accounting for the appraisal revaluation of fixed assets;

the accounting for deferred charges;

the amortization of fees related to the Senior Notes;

the accounting for software obtained for internal use;

the accounting for increasing rate debt;

the accounting for certain inventories to which we have received advance payments that fix sales price and the contractual terms assure the closing of the sale and the realization of the gain;

the differences between the price-level restated amounts of assets and liabilities and their historical basis, that under Argentine GAAP, are treated as permanent differences in accounting for deferred income tax calculation purposes while under U.S. GAAP are treated as temporary differences;

the effect of the reversal of gain from recognition of financial receivables at net realizable value.

the effect of the reversal of capitalized exchange differences.

the effects on deferred income tax of the foregoing taxes of the above-mentioned reconciling items, as appropriate;

the effect on minority interest of the above-mentioned reconciling items, as appropriate; and

the cumulative effect of initial application of SAB 108.

In addition, certain other disclosures required under U.S. GAAP have been included in the U.S. GAAP reconciliation. See note 17 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Net income under Argentine GAAP for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007 was approximately Ps.103.2 million, Ps.96.6 million and Ps.107.1 million, respectively, compared to approximately Ps.129.4 million, Ps.89.9 million and Ps.103.2 million, respectively, under U.S. GAAP. Shareholders' equity under Argentine GAAP as of June 30, 2006 and 2007, was Ps.1,485.8 million and Ps.1,646.7 million, respectively, compared to Ps.1,158.4 million and Ps.1,358.7 million, respectively, under U.S. GAAP.

**Business Segment Reporting**

We have determined that our reportable segments are those based on our method of internal reporting. Accordingly, we have six reportable segments. These segments are shopping centers, credit card operations, development and sale of properties, offices and other non-shopping center rental properties, hotel operations and financial operations and others.

A general description of each segment follows:

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*Shopping centers.* This segment includes the operating results of our shopping centers principally consisting of lease and service revenues from tenants.

*Credit card operations.* We operate a credit card consumer finance business through Alto Palermo's majority-owned subsidiary Tarshop. Our Credit card operations consist primarily of lending and servicing activities relating to the credit card products we offer to consumers at shopping centers, hypermarkets and street stores. We finance a substantial majority of our credit card activities through securitization of the receivables underlying the accounts we originate. Our revenues from credit card transactions are derived from interest income generated by financing and lending activities, merchants' fees, insurance charges for life and disability insurance and fees for data processing which consist of processing and printing cardholder's account statement.

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*Development and sale of properties.* This segment includes the operating results of our construction and/or sale of residential buildings business.

*Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties.* This segment includes the operating results from our lease and service revenues for office space and other non-retail building properties.

*Hotel operations.* This segment includes the operating results of our hotels principally comprised of room, catering and restaurant revenues.

*Financial operations and others.* This segment primarily includes revenues and associated costs generated from the sale of equity securities, other securities-related transactions and other non-core activities.

We measure our reportable segments based on net income. Inter-segment transactions, if any, are accounted for at current market prices. We evaluate performance and allocate our resources to each segment based on net income. We do not depend on any one customer for the majority of our business.

### ***Allocation of expenses and other gains to business segments***

#### *Allocation of selling expenses to business segments*

Selling expenses directly attributable to the Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel Operations segments are directly allocated to these segments. These expenses are incurred individually by these segments. All other selling expenses are allocated appropriately among the remaining segments based on the specific segment which incurred the expenses.

#### *Allocation of administrative expenses to business segments*

Administrative expenses directly attributable to the Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel Operations segments are directly allocated to these segments. These expenses are incurred individually by these segments. All other administrative expenses are prorated among the Development and sale of properties segment and the Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties segments based on the percentage of the operating assets and revenues generated by each segment. Accordingly, 53.1% and 46.9% of administrative expenses (excluding expenses directly attributable to the Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel Operations segments) are allocated to the Development and sale of properties segment and the Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties segments, respectively.

#### *Allocation of results from retained interest in securitized receivables to business segments*

Alto Palermo's profits from its interest in Tarjeta Shopping are allocated to our Credit card operations segment.

#### *Allocation of results from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net*

These results are allocated to the segment that generates them, which are Shopping centers, Development and sales of properties, Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties and Hotel Operations.

#### *Allocation of the amortization of goodwill*

Includes, principally, the amortization of goodwill generated from (i) the acquisition of Alto Palermo, (ii) the acquisition of Alto Palermo's subsidiaries, (iii) the purchase of Alto Palermo's Convertible Notes and (iv) the acquisition of 33% interest in Palermo Invest. The amortization is allocated to the segment that generates the corresponding goodwill.

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### *Allocation of financial results to business segments*

#### *Financial results, net*

Includes interest income, interest on discounting of assets and liabilities, gain on financial operations, financial expenses, exchange gain (loss) and other financial results allocated to each segment, as described below.

#### *Gain (loss) on financial operations*

The Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel operations segments each manage their financial operations individually. The results generated on such operations are directly allocated to these segments. The remaining financial gains or losses are shown in the Financial operations and others segment since they are not specifically generated by any other separate segment.

#### *Interest income, interest on discounting of assets and liabilities and financial expenses*

Only the results generated by Alto Palermo, Tarjeta Shopping and our hotels are recorded in the Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel operations segments, respectively. The remaining results are prorated among Development and sale of properties, Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties, Shopping centers, Credit card operations, Hotel operations and Financial operations and others in proportion to the corresponding assets to each segment.

#### *Exchange gain (loss) and other financial results*

In the case of Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel operations, exchange gains (losses) and other financial results are attributed to the segments giving rise to them. The remaining items are recorded in Financial Operations and Others as they are not directly related to any segment.

#### *Allocation of (Loss) gain on equity investees*

(Loss) gain on equity investees is allocated to the corresponding segments. (Loss) gain on equity investees carrying out activities not falling under any of our segments of activity are recorded under Financial operations and Others.

#### *Allocation of other expenses, net*

The Shopping centers, Credit card operations and Hotel operations segments each manage their expenses individually. The results generated by such operations are directly allocated to these segments. The remaining expenses are shown in the Financial operations and others segment since they are not specifically generated by any other separate segment.

#### *Allocation of minority interest*

Minority interests are allocated among our respective segments that generate them.

#### *Allocation of income tax and minimum presumed income tax*

The corresponding income tax is allocated to the segment that generates it and minimum presumed income tax is prorated among the Development and sale of properties, the Offices and other non-shopping center rental properties and the Financial Operations and Others segments.

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The following tables show certain operating data by business activity:

As of and for year ended June 30, 2007	Offices and						Total
	Development and sale of properties	other non-shopping center rental properties (a)	Shopping centers	Hotel operations	Credit card operations	Financial operations and others	
<b>Income Statement Data</b>							
Revenues	75,751	55,683	270,266	122,681	212,965	1,410	738,756
Costs	(57,823)	(16,699)	(91,112)	(68,960)	(76,251)	(802)	(311,647)
Gross profit	17,928	38,984	179,154	53,721	136,714	608	427,109
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value	20,737						20,737
Selling expenses	(12,846)	(4,376)	(22,346)	(12,175)	(61,966)		(113,709)
Administrative expenses	(19,624)	(16,827)	(32,717)	(26,893)	(45,366)		(141,427)
Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables					3,254		3,254
(Loss) gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net	(18)	1,845	741				2,568
Operating income	6,177	19,626	124,832	14,653	32,636	608	198,532
Amortization of goodwill	286	1,044	(2,802)				(1,472)
(Loss) gain on equity investees	(491)		(818)	(412)		41,747	40,026
Financial results, net	(7,088)	(6,256)	(28,190)	(5,268)	825	50,076	4,099
Other income (expenses), net			(6,382)	160	3,034	(10,912)	(14,100)
Income before taxes and minority interest	(1,116)	14,414	86,640	9,133	36,495	81,519	227,085
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	(11,786)	(1,987)	(40,798)	(3,102)	(15,455)	(14,411)	(87,539)
Minority interest	(4)	(326)	(22,000)	(1,400)	(8,719)		(32,449)
Net income	(12,906)	12,101	23,842	4,631	12,321	67,108	107,097
Gross margin(b)	0.24	0.70	0.66	0.44	0.64	0.43	0.58
Operating margin(c)	0.08	0.35	0.46	0.12	0.15	0.43	0.27
Net margin(d)	(0.17)	0.22	0.09	0.04	0.06	47.59	0.14
Depreciation and amortization(e)	39	16,256	67,046	12,358	1,297		96,996
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>							
Operating assets	508,742	675,321	1,336,166	202,113	139,657		2,861,999
Non operating assets	30,516	24,662	39,073	6,318	18,771	1,163,560	1,282,900
Total assets	539,258	699,983	1,375,239	208,431	158,428	1,163,560	4,144,899
Operating liabilities	31,472	83,073	199,616	23,304	165,713		503,178
Non operating liabilities	278,615	247,763	734,370	153,117	44,722	86,010	1,544,597
Total liabilities	310,087	330,836	933,986	176,421	210,435	86,010	2,047,775

(a) Includes offices, commercial and residential premises.

(b) Gross profit divided by revenues.

(c) Operating income divided by revenues.

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(d) Net income divided by revenues.

(e) Included in operating income.

As of and for year ended June 30, 2006	Offices and					Financial operations and others	Total
	Development and sale of properties	other non-shopping center rental properties (a)	Shopping centers	Hotel operations	Credit card operations		
<b>Income Statement Data</b>							
Revenues	103,966	30,565	215,003	103,763	122,969	1,414	577,680
Costs	(54,200)	(8,987)	(77,382)	(57,971)	(43,933)	(1,358)	(243,831)
Gross profit	49,766	21,578	137,621	45,792	79,036	56	333,849
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value	9,063						9,063
Selling expenses	(1,797)	(1,020)	(15,700)	(10,688)	(30,900)		(60,105)
Administrative expenses	(12,807)	(11,315)	(25,837)	(20,998)	(25,925)		(96,882)
Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables					2,625		2,625
Gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net	52	2,619	9,499	446			12,616
Operating income	44,277	11,862	105,583	14,552	24,836	56	201,166
Amortization of goodwill			(856)		(224)		(1,080)

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(Loss) gain on equity investees			(1,599)	146		43,110	41,657
Financial results, net	(5,383)	(4,579)	(23,273)	(1,935)	106	(5,862)	(40,926)
Other expenses, net			(9,636)	(415)	(125)	(8,087)	(18,263)
Income before taxes and minority interest	38,894	7,283	70,219	12,348	24,593	29,217	182,554
Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	(2,053)	(2,451)	(40,220)	(3,852)	(8,238)	(1,977)	(58,791)
Minority interest		(1,077)	(14,582)	(4,157)	(7,374)		(27,190)
Net income	36,841	3,755	15,417	4,339	8,981	27,240	96,573
Gross margin(b)	0.48	0.71	0.64	0.44	0.64	0.04	0.58
Operating margin(c)	0.43	0.39	0.49	0.14	0.20	0.04	0.35
Net margin(d)	0.35	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.07	19.26	0.17
Depreciation and amortization(e)	253	7,903	62,337	9,671	815		80,979
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>							
Operating assets	386,740	359,725	1,139,767	145,796	74,148		2,106,176
Non operating assets	49,624	46,158	18,536	13,310	10,655	495,662	633,945
Total assets	436,364	405,883	1,158,303	159,106	84,803	495,662	2,740,121
Operating liabilities	15,183	52,688	129,653	21,281	97,969		316,774
Non operating liabilities	81,414	72,126	243,303	59,030	13,272	18,447	487,592
Total liabilities	96,597	124,814	372,956	80,311	111,241	18,447	804,366

(a) Includes offices, commercial and residential premises.

(b) Gross profit divided by revenues.

(c) Operating income divided by revenues.

(d) Net income divided by revenues.

(e) Included in operating income.

As of and for year ended June 30, 2005	Offices and					Credit card operations	Financial operations and others	Total
	Development and sale of properties	non-shopping center rental properties (a)	Shopping centers	Hotel operations				
<b>Income Statement Data</b>								
Revenues	32,311	19,431	165,529	87,120	64,558	940	369,889	
Costs	(17,542)	(7,746)	(69,781)	(48,924)	(23,102)	(979)	(168,074)	
Gross profit	14,769	11,685	95,748	38,196	41,456	(39)	201,815	
Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value	17,317						17,317	
Selling expenses	(1,961)	(922)	(10,655)	(9,792)	(13,496)		(36,826)	
Administrative expenses	(10,080)	(9,771)	(16,548)	(19,434)	(14,837)		(70,670)	
Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables					423		423	
Gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net	521	12,228	13,093	2,096			27,938	
Operating income (loss)	20,566	13,220	81,638	11,066	13,546	(39)	139,997	
Amortization of goodwill			(1,421)		(242)		(1,663)	
(Loss) gain on equity investees			(1,989)	12,197		56,999	67,207	
Financial results, net	(5,633)	(4,127)	(17,380)	(4,189)	96	19,385	(11,848)	
Other (expenses) income, net			(8,371)	223	56	(5,997)	(14,089)	
Income before taxes and minority interest	14,933	9,093	52,477	19,297	13,456	70,348	179,604	



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Income tax and minimum presumed income tax	(13,089)	(1,784)	(28,751)	(1,179)	(4,864)	(3,540)	(53,207)
Minority interest		(2,112)	(16,317)	(3,824)	(899)		(23,152)
Net income	1,844	5,197	7,409	14,294	7,693	66,808	103,245
Gross margin(b)	0.46	0.60	0.58	0.44	0.64	(0.04)	0.55
Operating margin(c)	0.64	0.68	0.49	0.13	0.21	(0.04)	0.38
Net margin(d)	0.06	0.27	0.04	0.16	0.12	71.07	0.28

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Depreciation and amortization(e)	252	6,672	57,885	8,824	458		74,091
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>							
Operating assets	343,803	364,420	1,093,242	133,035	31,538		1,966,038
Non-operating assets	55,442	58,766	3,586	2,136	7,092	431,366	558,388
Total assets	399,245	423,186	1,096,828	135,171	38,630	431,366	2,524,426
Operating liabilities	11,040	68,129	99,139	20,313	48,776		247,397
Non operating liabilities	96,332	72,266	296,788	44,735	11,365	57,475	578,961
Total liabilities	107,372	140,395	395,927	65,048	60,141	57,475	826,358

(a) Includes offices, commercial and residential premises.

(b) Gross profit divided by revenues.

(c) Operating income divided by revenues.

(d) Net income divided by revenues.

(e) Included in operating income.

**Our Results of Operations for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.****Revenues**

Revenues increased 27.9% from Ps.577.7 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.738.8 million in fiscal year 2007, primarily due to increases in the revenues of each of our Credit card operations, Shopping Centers, Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties and Hotel Operations segments, partially offset by a decrease in the revenues of our Development and Sale of Properties segment.

**Shopping Centers**

Revenues from our Shopping Centers segment increased 25.7% from Ps.215.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.270.3 million in fiscal year 2007. This increase was principally due to a Ps.55.3 million increase in revenues from rentals and admission rights as a consequence of: (i) an 18.0% increase in the average rental price per square meter and (ii) a 24.3% increase in the total sales of our lessees, from Ps.2,273.3 million during fiscal year 2006 to Ps.2,825.8 million during fiscal year 2007, resulting in a Ps.552.5 million increase in revenues from variable rental payments. The average occupancy rate of our shopping centers decreased from 99.1% in fiscal year 2006 to 97.0% in fiscal year 2007.

**Development and Sale of Properties**

Revenues from our Development and Sale of Properties segment decreased 27.1% from Ps.104.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.75.8 million in fiscal year 2007. This business segment generally does not show consistently recurring revenues due to the nature of our business. As a result, period-on-period comparisons may vary significantly depending on the projects that we are developing and their degree of completion. The decrease of the revenues of this segment in fiscal year 2006 was principally due to the absence in fiscal year 2007 of Ps.104.0 million of revenues which were recognized during fiscal year 2006 principally arising from the following operations:

Ps.41.8 million from the sale of parcel Y, Dock III;

Ps.23.0 million from the sale by our subsidiary Alto Palermo of a parcel of land near its Paseo Alcorta shopping center;

Ps.22.8 million from the sale of block 36 of the parcel called Terrenos de Caballito; and

Ps.10.0 million from the sale of Edificios Cruceros units.

The absence in fiscal year 2007 of the Ps.104.0 million of revenues mentioned above was partially offset by the following revenues recognized during fiscal year 2007:

Ps.31.0 million from the sale to third parties of 10% of our Santa María del Plata land reserve;

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Ps.26.2 million from the sale of plot Z, Dock III;

Ps.8.6 million from the sale of units in San Martín de Tours and

Ps.8.4 million from the sale of Edificios Cruceros units.

*Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Revenues from our Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties increased 82.2% from Ps.30.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.55.7 million in fiscal year 2007. This increase was primarily due to a Ps.25.5 million increase in the revenues from office rentals, from Ps.27.4 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.52.9 million in fiscal year 2007. This increase in revenues from office rentals was due to:

an increase, from 94.0% in fiscal year 2006 to 99.1% in fiscal year 2007, in our average occupancy rates in offices for lease due to our inclusion in fiscal year 2007 of Dock del Plata and Bouchard 551 and Reconquista 823 (which were 100.0% occupied);

a 93.3% increase in annual rentals from offices for lease arising principally from (i) price increases in the following buildings which increased our total leasable area of Class A buildings by 53% from 78.115 to 119.360 square meters: Intercontinental Plaza resulting in higher rents of Ps.5.5 million, Bouchard 710 resulting in higher rents of Ps.3.1 million, Maipú 1300 resulting in higher rents of Ps.2.5 million and Libertador 498 resulting in higher rents of Ps.2.4 million (ii) the acquisition of two new premium buildings: Bouchard 551 (acquired in March 2007) which generated rental revenues in fiscal year 2007 of Ps.3.9 million and Dock del Plata (acquired in November 2006) which generated rental revenues in fiscal year 2007 of Ps.3.1 million; and

The occupancy rate of the offices and other non-shopping center rental properties segment increased from 96.9% in fiscal year 2006 to 97.4% during fiscal year 2007.

*Hotel Operations*

Revenues from our hotel operations increased 18.2% from Ps.103.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.122.7 million in fiscal year 2007, principally due a 23.7% increase in the average price per room in our hotels, from Ps.379.0 in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.469.0 in fiscal year 2007. In fiscal year 2007, revenues from the Hotel Llao Llao increased Ps.8.9 million, revenues from the Hotel Intercontinental increased Ps.6.0 million and revenues from the Hotel Sheraton Libertador increased Ps.4.0 million, in each case compared to fiscal year 2006. These improvements in fiscal year 2007 were partially offset by a decrease in average occupancy rates from 78.7% in fiscal year 2006 to 74.0% during fiscal year 2007.

*Credit Card Operations*

Revenues from our Credit Card segment increased 73.2% from Ps.123.0 million during fiscal year 2006 to Ps.213.0 million during fiscal year 2007. This increase resulted from:

favorable macroeconomic conditions in fiscal year 2007 which showed a general increase in consumption;

an increase of 201,114 in newly issued credit cards;

the opening of four new branches;



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a 90.5% increase in sales made with our shopping card and a 49% increase in the number of stores accepting our card; and

financial operations and others.

Revenues from our Financial Operations and Others segment remained stable with respect to fiscal year 2006. Revenues included in this segment represents fees for services unrelated to our Others segments.

### ***Costs***

Our costs increased 27.8% from Ps.243.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.311.6 million in fiscal year 2007 as a result of an increase in costs of each of our business segments during fiscal year 2007 other than Financial Operations and Others. Our total costs as a percentage of our revenues remained flat at 42.2% for each of fiscal year 2006 and 2007.

### ***Development and Sale of Properties***

Costs related to Development and Sale of Properties increased 6.7%, from Ps.54.2 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.57.8 million in fiscal year 2007. This business segment generally does not show consistently recurring costs due to the nature of our business. As a result, period-on-period comparisons may vary significantly depending on the projects that we are developing and their degree of completion. The increase in costs of this segment was principally due to the following costs incurred in fiscal year 2007:

Ps.26.2 million related to the sale of plot Z of Dock III;

Ps.12.9 million related to the sale of 10% of the Santa María del Plata land reserve;

Ps.8.2 million related to the sale of San Martín de Tours units; and

Ps.3.2 million related to the sale of Edificio Cruceros units.

The foregoing cost increases in fiscal year 2007 were partially offset by the non-recurrence in fiscal year 2007 of the following costs which were incurred in fiscal year 2006:

Ps.18.4 million in costs related to the sale of Alcorta Plaza (through Alto Palermo);

Ps.11.3 million of costs related to the sale of block 36 of the plot called Terrenos de Caballito ;

Ps.9.7 million of costs related to the sale of plot Y, Dock III; and

Ps.8.8 million of costs related to the sale of Edificios Cruceros units.

Costs included in this segment as percentage of revenues from such segment increased from 52.1% in fiscal year 2006 to 76.3% in fiscal year 2007.

### ***Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties***

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Costs of the Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment increased 85.5%, from Ps.9.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.16.7 million in fiscal year 2007. The principal cost component in this office segment is the depreciation of buildings rented, and the increase in fiscal year 2007 was principally due to (i) Ps.3.1 million higher depreciation in fiscal year 2007 as a result of the addition of two new rental properties, Dock del Plata and Bouchard 551 and (ii) Ps.5.9 million higher depreciation as a result of a change in the determination of remaining useful life of our rental buildings, which decreased from an average of 496 months in fiscal year 2006 to an average of 253 months in fiscal year 2007.

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### *Shopping Centers*

Costs of the Shopping Centers segment increased 17.7%, from Ps.77.4 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.91.1 million in fiscal year 2007. This increase was primarily due to:

a Ps.6.6 million increase in costs related to renovation of shopping center common areas;

a Ps.4.7 million increase in depreciation and amortization charges due to the depreciation of fixed assets; and

a Ps.2.3 million increase in costs for unrecovered expenses.

The cost of the Shopping Centers segment as percentage of the revenues from such segment decreased from 36.0% in fiscal year 2006 to 33.7% during fiscal year 2007.

### *Hotel Operations*

Costs of Hotel Operations increased 19.0%, from Ps.58.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.69.0 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to increases in depreciation of assets, fees for commissions and services, food and beverages and salaries and social security charges in each case related to increasing revenues from such segment. Costs of Hotel Llao Llao increased Ps.6.0 million, those of Hotel Intercontinental increased Ps.2.6 million and those of Hotel Sheraton Libertador increased Ps.2.4 million. Costs of hotel operations as percentage of revenues of such segment increased from 55.9% in fiscal year 2006 to 56.2% in fiscal year 2007.

### *Credit Card Operations*

Cost of the Credit card operations segment increased 73.6%, from Ps.43.9 million during fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 to Ps.76.3 million during fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This increase, which reflected the expansion of our credit card operations in fiscal year 2007, was primarily due to:

a Ps.11.0 million increase in the cost of salaries and social security charges;

a Ps.9.8 million increase in expenses for interest and commissions;

a Ps.5.7 million increase in charges for taxes, rates, contributions and services; and

a Ps.2.8 million increase in fees and services payable to third parties.

The cost of Credit card operations as percentage of revenues from such segment remained flat at 35.8% in each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

### *Financial Operations and Others*

The cost of the Financial Operations and Others segment decreased Ps.0.6 million, from Ps.1.4 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.0.8 million in fiscal year 2007. Costs included in this line represent expenses unrelated to our other segments.

### ***Gross profit***



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As a result of the above, gross profit increased 27.9% from Ps.333.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.427.1 million in fiscal year 2007. Our gross margin, calculated as our gross profit divided by our revenues, remained at 57.8% in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 primarily as a result of improvements in the gross margin of our Shopping Centers and Financial Operations and Others segments, partially offset by a decrease in the gross margin of our Development and Sale of Properties, Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties, Hotel Operations and Credit card operations segments.

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***Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value***

This line reflects the valuation at net realization value of inventories in respect of which we received prepayments of rentals pursuant to contractual terms which establish the consummation of the sales and the resulting profits. This business segment generally does not show consistently recurring gains, and as a result, period-on-period comparisons may vary significantly depending on the projects that we are developing and their degree of completion. During fiscal year 2007, we recognized Ps.20.7 million of gain primarily in respect of the following developments:

Dock III Plot X in an amount equal to Ps.18.4 million; and

San Martín de Tours in an amount equal to Ps.1.5 million.

During fiscal year 2006, we recognized a gain of Ps.9.1 million primarily in respect of: Edificios Cruceros in an amount equal to Ps.4.6 million, Torres Rosario in an amount equal to Ps.3.5 million, Dock III Plot Z in an amount equal to Ps.1.6 million and San Martín de Tours in an amount equal to Ps.(0.6) million.

***Selling expenses***

Selling expenses increased 89.2% from Ps.60.1 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.113.7 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to an increase in the selling expenses of the Credit card operations and Shopping Centers segments of Ps.31.1 million and Ps.6.6 million, respectively. Selling expenses as a percentage of revenues increased from 10.4% in fiscal year 2006 to 15.4% in fiscal year 2007.

***Development and Sale of Properties***

Selling expenses for this segment consist of commissions and expenses derived from sales, stamp tax and on gross sales (gross revenues). Selling expenses for Development and Sale of Properties increased Ps.11.0 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to a higher turnover tax charge during such fiscal year as a result of our sale of Solares de Santa María.

***Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties***

Selling expenses for the Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment increased Ps.3.4 million, from Ps.1.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.4.4 million in fiscal year 2007 due to a Ps.1.9 million higher charge for bad debtors by our subsidiary Inversora Bolívar, and higher charges for turnover tax and real estate commissions.

***Shopping Centers***

Selling expenses for the Shopping Centers segment increased 42.3%, from Ps.15.7 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.22.3 million in fiscal year 2007 due to: (i) a Ps.2.0 million increase in the costs of salaries and social security charges; (ii) a Ps.1.4 million increase in the charge for turnover tax; and (iii) a Ps.1.2 million increase in the charge for bad debts. Selling expenses related to Shopping Centers as a percentage of revenues from such segment increased from 7.3% in fiscal year 2006 to 8.3% in fiscal year 2007.

***Hotel Operations***

Selling expenses for the Hotel segment increased 13.9% from Ps.10.7 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.12.2 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to increases in turnover tax, salaries and social security charges and commissions for tourism agencies, in each case reflecting an increase in the revenues of the segment in line with higher activity.

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### *Credit Card Operations*

Selling expenses for the Credit Card Operations segment increased 100.5%, from Ps.30.9 million in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 to Ps.62.0 million in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 principally due to:

a Ps.11.7 million increase in advertising expenses;

a Ps.11.8 million increase in the charge for bad debts; and

a Ps.5.8 million increase in the charge for turnover tax.

Selling expenses of Credit Card Operations as a percentage of the revenues from such segment increased from 25.1% in the fiscal year 2006 to 29.1% in fiscal year 2007.

### ***Administrative expenses***

Administrative expenses increased 46.0% from Ps.96.9 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.141.4 million in fiscal year 2007 primarily due to an increase in administrative expenses in the Credit card operations segment and, to a lesser extent, increases in each of the remaining segments. Principal components of administrative expenses are salaries and social security charges, directors' fees, fees and remunerations for services and depreciation of fixed assets. Administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues increased from 16.8% in fiscal year 2006 to 19.1% in fiscal year 2007.

### *Development and Sale of Properties*

Administrative expenses of the Development and Sale of Properties segment increased 53.2%, from Ps.12.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.19.6 million in fiscal year 2007 due to: (i) a Ps.4.5 million increase for salaries, bonds and social security charges and directors' fees and (ii) a Ps.2.1 million increase in bank expenses. Administrative expenses of Development and Sale of Properties as a percentage of revenues from this segment increased from 12.3% in fiscal year 2006 to 25.9% in fiscal year 2007.

### *Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Administrative expenses of the Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment increased 48.7% from Ps.11.3 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.16.8 million in fiscal year 2007. The increase is principally due to an increase of Ps.4.0 million in salaries, bonds and social security charges and fees to directors and to a Ps.1.8 million increase in bank expenses. Administrative expenses of Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties as a percentage of revenues from such segment decreased from 37.0% in fiscal year 2006 to 30.2% in fiscal year 2007.

### *Hotel Operations*

Administrative expenses of the Hotel segment increased 28.1% from Ps.21.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.26.9 million in fiscal year 2007, principally due to: (i) a Ps.1.7 million increase in administrative expenses of Hotel Intercontinental mostly due to an increase in salaries and social security charges, commissions and depreciation of fixed assets, (ii) a Ps.1.4 million increase in administrative expenses of Hotel Sheraton Libertador principally due to an increase in fees for services and in salaries and social security charges and (iii) a Ps.2.8 million increase in administrative expenses of Hotel L'ao L'ao principally due to increases in salaries and social security charges, fees for services due to higher sales and taxes, rates and contributions. Administrative expenses of Hotel Operations as a percentage of revenues from such segment increased from 20.2% in fiscal year 2006 to 21.9% in fiscal year 2007.

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*Shopping Centers*

Administrative expenses of the Shopping Centers segment increased 26.6%, from Ps.25.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.32.7 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to (i) a Ps.3.7 million increase in expenses for fees and third parties services; (ii) a Ps.2.0 million increase in the charge for directors fees and (iii) a Ps.1.3 million increase in expenses for taxes, rates and contributions mostly due to the tax on bank debits and credits. Administrative expenses of the Shopping Centers segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment remained essentially flat, increasing from 12.0% in fiscal year 2006 to 12.1% in fiscal year 2007.

*Credit Card Operations*

Administrative expenses of the Credit card operations segment increased 75.0%, from Ps.25.9 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.45.4 million in fiscal year 2007. This increase was primarily due to:

a Ps.11.4 million increase in expenses for salaries, compensation, social security charges and personnel;

a Ps.2.4 million increase in expenses for rentals, taxes, rates and contributions; and

a Ps.3.0 million increase in expenses for fees and third parties services.

Administrative expenses of Credit card operations as a percentage of revenues from such segment increased from 21.1% in fiscal year ended 2006 to 21.3% during fiscal year 2007 as a result of a higher proportional average of these expenses in respect of the revenues increase of this segment.

***Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables (Tarjeta Shopping)***

This gain reflects the result generated by Alto Palermo's participation in the credit card securitization trusts. This gain increased 24.0% , from Ps.2.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.3.3 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to the creation in fiscal year 2007 of new credit card trusts in connection with new securitizations in such year.

***Results from the operations and holdings of real estate assets, net***

This line reflects the impairment losses and gains associated with the reversal of previously recognized impairment charges. Results from the operation and holding of real estate assets decreased 79.6%, from a gain of Ps.12.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to a gain of Ps.2.6 million in fiscal year 2007, principally recorded in Neuquén Project for Ps.2.2. million, Suipacha 652 for Ps.0.9 million, Avenida de Mayo 589 for Ps.0.7 million and Torres de Abasto for Ps.0.1 million, partially offset by a loss of Ps.1.5 million corresponding to Torres Rosario. During fiscal year 2006 the gain of Ps.12.6 million had been attributable to Caballito for Ps.6.5 million, Alto Rosario for Ps.3.5 million, Espacio Aereo Coto for Ps.1.4 million, Torre Constitución for Ps.0.7 million and Reconquista 823 for Ps.0.6 million.

***Operating income***

Operating income decreased 1.3% million from Ps.201.2 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.198.5 million in fiscal year 2007 mainly due to a decrease in the Development and Sale of Properties segment that was partially offset by increases in operating income of each of our other segments. Our operating margin, calculated as our operating income divided by our revenues, decreased from 34.8% for fiscal year 2006 to 26.9% for fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of decreases in the operating margins of our Development and Sale of Properties, Offices and other non-Shopping Center Rental Properties, Shopping Centers, and Credit Card segments, partially offset by an increase in the operating margin of our Financial Operations and Others segment.

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### *Development and Sale of Properties*

Operating income from the Development and Sale of Properties segment decreased 86.0% from Ps.44.3 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.6.2 million in fiscal year 2007 primarily due to a decrease in the revenues from this segment and increases in selling and administrative expenses, partially offset by higher gain from recognition of inventories at their net realizable value during fiscal year 2007. The operating income of this segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment decreased from 42.6% during fiscal year 2006 to 8.2% during fiscal year 2007.

### *Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Operating income from the Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment increased 65.5%, from Ps.11.9 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.19.6 million in fiscal year 2007 primarily due to a 82.2% increase in the revenues from this segment. The operating income of this segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment decreased from 38.8% during fiscal year 2006 to 35.2% during the fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of the effect during fiscal year 2007 of the adjustment in the remaining useful life of our rental buildings which generated a loss of Ps.5.9 million reflected in the cost of this segment. Without considering this effect, our operating income as a percentage of our revenues would have been 45.8% instead of 35.2%.

### *Shopping Centers*

Operating income of Shopping Centers increased 18.2%, from Ps.105.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.124.8 million in fiscal year 2007 mostly due to a 25.7% increase in the revenues from this segment that were partially offset by increases of 17.7% in costs, 42.3% in selling expenses and 26.6% in administrative expenses. The operating income of this segment as a percentage of revenues from such segment decreased from 49.1% during fiscal year 2006 to 46.2% during fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of a decrease during fiscal year 2007 in the gain generated by the reversal of previously recognized impairment charges which was only Ps.0.7 million in fiscal year 2007 compared to Ps.9.5 million in fiscal year 2006.

### *Hotel Operations*

Operating income of Hotel Operations increased from Ps.14.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.14.7 million in fiscal year 2007 mostly due to an increase in revenues from this segment that was partially offset by increases in costs and expenses. The operating income of this segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment decreased from 14.0% during fiscal year 2006 to 11.9% during fiscal year 2007, primarily as a Ps.2.4 million increase in depreciation due to a change in the determination of the remaining useful life of our three hotels, which decreased from an average of 408 months in fiscal year 2006 to an average of 207 months in fiscal year 2007.

### *Credit Card Operations*

Operating income of the Credit Card segment increased 31.4%, from Ps.24.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.32.6 million in fiscal year 2007 primarily due to a 73.2% increase in revenues from this segment that were partially offset by increases of 73.6% in costs, 100.5% in selling expenses and 75.0% in administrative expenses. The operating income of this segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment decreased from 20.2% during fiscal year 2006 to 15.3% during fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of the increase in selling expenses of almost 101% while the revenues from this segment increased 73.2%. Our selling expenses in this segment increased at a greater rate than our revenues from this segment as a result of a Ps.11.9 million increase in the charge for bad debts.

### *Financial Operations and Others*

Operating income of the Financial Operations and other operations segment increased Ps.0.5 million from Ps.0.1 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.0.6 million in fiscal year 2007. Operating revenues of this segment as a percentage of the revenues from such segment increased from 4.0% in fiscal year 2006 to 43.1% in fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of a 40.9% decrease in the costs of this segment.

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### ***Amortization of goodwill***

The amortization of the goodwill includes: (i) amortization of the goodwill of the following subsidiaries of Alto Palermo: Shopping Alto Palermo S.A., FIBESA, Tarshop, ERSA and Empalme and (ii) of our own negative goodwill generated by our purchase of Alto Palermo and Palermo Invest S.A. shares. Amortization of goodwill increased (Ps.0.4 million), from a charge of Ps.1.1 million in fiscal year 2006 to a charge of Ps.1.5 million in fiscal year 2007.

### ***Financial results, net***

Financial results, net increased Ps.45.0 million, from a net loss of Ps.40.9 million in fiscal year 2006 to a net gain of Ps.4.1 million in fiscal year 2007. The principal causes for this variation were:

the increase of Ps.40.4 million in results of financial operations mainly due to an increase of Ps.46.9 million in the fair market value of our investment in the mutual investment fund, Dolphin Fund Plc.;

a Ps.12.1 million positive exchange difference compared to fiscal year 2006 due to a lower depreciation during fiscal year 2007 of the Argentine peso versus the US dollar; and

Ps.9.9 million due to higher interest income in fiscal year 2007 of which Ps.7.6 million resulted from financial investments.

These improvements were partially offset by a Ps.16.5 million increase in financial expenses in fiscal year 2007, principally due to higher interest expense resulting from the issuance of bonds by us and Alto Palermo during fiscal year 2007.

### ***Gain on equity investees***

Gain from related companies decreased 3.9% from a gain of Ps.41.7 million in fiscal year 2006 to a gain of Ps.40.0 million in fiscal year 2007. This decrease principally results from a Ps.5.7 million decrease in the gain of Banco Hipotecario, from Ps.47.0 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.41.4 million in fiscal year 2007. This decrease was partially offset by the absence in fiscal year 2007 of the Ps.4.0 million loss incurred in fiscal year 2006 from our investment in Abril S.A.

### ***Other income and expenses, net***

Other income and expenses, net, decreased 22.8%, from a net expense of Ps.18.3 million in fiscal year 2006 to a net expense of Ps.14.1 million in fiscal year 2007 principally due to: (i) a Ps.7.5 million decrease in the allowance for uncollectible loans and (ii) a Ps.3.1 million increase for the recovery of allowances, which were partially offset in fiscal year 2007 by: (i) a Ps.4.5 million increase in charges for donations and (ii) a Ps.2.7 million increase in contingencies for lawsuits.

### ***Income before taxes and minority interest***

As a result of the above mentioned issue, income before taxes and minority interest increased 24.4% passing for an income of Ps.182.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to an income of Ps.227.1 million in fiscal year 2007.

### ***Income tax and minimum presumed income tax***

Income tax and minimum presumed income tax increased 48.9%, from Ps.58.8 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.87.5 million in fiscal year 2007. We applied the deferred tax method to calculate our income tax for the two fiscal years, recognizing the temporary differences in the accounting and in tax assets and liabilities. Our effective tax rate in the fiscal year 2007 was 38.5% compared to 32.2% in fiscal year 2006.



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The Ps.28.7 million variation was principally caused by the net impact of:

Ps.23.6 million increase in the expense for income tax for our company, from Ps.4.0 million during fiscal year 2006 to Ps.27.6 million during fiscal year 2007 due to the charge during fiscal year 2007 for Ps.11.6 million of deferred tax mostly caused by the sale of Santa María del Plata;

a Ps.12.9 million allowance for income tax in fiscal year 2007 mostly caused by the sale of shares in Banco Hipotecario and ownership units in Dolphin Fund Plc.;

a of Ps.7.8 million increase in the expense for income tax of Alto Palermo, from Ps.48.5 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.56.3 million in fiscal year 2007; and

a Ps.0.5 million increase in the expense for income tax of Nuevas Fronteras S.A.

### ***Minority interest***

The negative result caused by third parties' participation in subsidiaries increased 19.3% from a charge of Ps.27.2 million in fiscal year 2006 to a charge of Ps.32.4 million in fiscal year 2007 as a consequence of an increase in the income accounts of related companies in which we have a minority interest (principally in the Shopping Centers and Credit card operations segments).

### ***Net income***

Due to the above-mentioned issues, net income increased 10.9% from Ps.96.6 million in fiscal year 2006 to Ps.107.1 million in fiscal year 2007.

## **Our Results of Operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.**

### ***Revenues***

Our revenues increased 56.2% from Ps.369.9 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.577.7 million for our 2006 fiscal year, primarily as a result of increases in revenues in our Shopping Center and Development and Sale of Properties segments.

#### ***Shopping Centers***

Revenues from our Shopping Center segment increased 29.9% from Ps.165.5 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.215.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The increase is attributed principally to an increase of Ps.48.1 million in revenues from leases and admission rights of our Shopping Centers, as a consequence of the 33.9% increase in sales by our tenants from Ps.1,698.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.2,273.3 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The average occupancy rate in our shopping centers was 99.1% for our 2006 fiscal year similar to 99% in our 2005 fiscal year.

#### ***Development and Sale of Properties***

Revenues from our Development and Sale of Properties segment increased 221.8% from Ps.32.3 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.104.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The increase in revenues from this segment was attributable principally to: (i) Ps.23.0 million of revenues from Alto Palermo's sale of Alcorta Plaza, a plot of land by Paseo Alcorta shopping center; (ii) Ps.22.7 million of revenues from the sale of block 36 of the plot named Terrenos de Caballito in our 2006 fiscal year; (iii) Ps.41.8 million of revenues from the sale of plot Y of Dock III during our 2006 fiscal year; and (iv) Ps.10.0 million of revenues from our sale of units of Edificios Cruceros in our 2006 fiscal year, partially offset by the absence in our 2006 fiscal year of Ps.23.6 million of revenues from the sale of a plot of Dock III and Ps.3.5 million of revenues from the sale of Madero 1020, both of which we sold during our 2005 fiscal year.





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### *Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Revenues from our Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment increased 57.3%, from Ps.19.4 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.30.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year. This increase was mainly due to: (i) a 52.1% increase in revenues from office rents, from Ps.18.0 million in our 2005 fiscal year, to Ps.27.4 million for our 2006 fiscal year. This increase in revenues is attributed to a 3.0% increase in average occupancy rates in our 2006 fiscal year and a 41.5% increase in average monthly rates of the majority of the buildings, principally due to the increase in accumulated annual rents in Bouchard 710 for Ps.5.4 million, Libertador 498 for 0.8 million, Maipú 1300 for Ps.0.7 million, Laminar Plaza for Ps.0.7 million, Suipacha 652 for Ps.0.4 million and Edificios Costeros Dock IV for Ps.0.5 million; and (ii) a 135.8% increase in revenues of other properties from Ps.0.9 million in our 2005 fiscal year to Ps. 2.1 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to Santa María del Plata for an amount of Ps.1.2 million. The rate of occupancy in this segment increased 3.2% from 94.0% in June 2005 to 97.0% in June 2006.

### *Hotel Operations*

Revenues from our hotel operations increased 19.1% from Ps.87.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.103.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to an 18.2% increase in average price per room of our hotels from Ps.320 in 2005 to Ps.379.0 in 2006. On the other hand, our average occupancy rates remained stable at 78.7% during our fiscal year 2006 compared to 75.4% in our 2005 fiscal year. Revenues from Hotel Intercontinental increased by Ps.6.1 million, revenues from the Hotel Llao Llao increased by Ps.5.8 million and revenues from Hotel Sheraton Libertador increased by Ps.4.7 million.

### *Credit Card Operations*

Revenues from credit card operations increased 90.5% from Ps.64.6 million in fiscal year 2005 to Ps.123.0 million in fiscal year 2006, reflecting improved macroeconomic conditions and a related increase in the level of private consumption which enabled us to open new branches, increase the number of credit cards issued and expand the number of shops that accept our credit cards.

### *Financial Operations and Others*

Revenues from our Financial Operations and Others segment increased 50.4% from Ps.0.9 million for our 2005 fiscal year, to Ps.1.4 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Revenues included in this segment represent fees for services with no specific allocation to any of the previous segments.

### *Costs*

Our costs increased 45.1% from Ps.168.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.243.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year, reflecting an increase in costs in each of our business segments during our 2006 fiscal year. Total costs as a percentage of revenues decreased from 45.4% for our 2005 fiscal year to 42.2% for our 2006 fiscal year.

### *Shopping Centers*

Costs related to Shopping Centers increased 10.9% from Ps.69.8 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.77.4 million for our 2006 fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to an increase in depreciation and amortization expenses of Ps.4.5 million and an increase in the charges of unrecoverable expenses of Ps.2.6 million.

### *Development and Sale of Properties*

Costs related to Development and Sale of Properties increased 209.0%, from Ps.17.5 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.54.2 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The increase in costs from this segment is mainly due to the following occurring: (i) Ps.18.4 million in costs related to the sale of Alcorta Plaza (through Alto Palermo); (ii)

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Ps.11.3 million in costs related to the sale of block 36 of the plot named Terrenos de Caballito ; (iii) Ps.9.7 million in costs related to the sale of plot Y of Dock III; (iv) of Ps.8.8 million in costs related to the sale of units of Edificios Cruceros, (v) a decrease due to the sale of a plot of Dock III during our 2005 fiscal year for Ps.23.6 million and (vi) a decrease of Ps.3.5 million in connection with the sale of Madero 1020 during the previous fiscal year. Costs relating to Development and Sale of Properties as a percentage of revenues from this segment decreased from 54.3% for our 2005 fiscal year to 52.1% for our 2006 fiscal year.

*Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Costs of Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties increased by 16.0% from Ps.7.7 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.9.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to the amortization in our 2006 fiscal year of Bouchard 710 which we acquired in June 2005. The main component of cost for offices is the depreciation of leased properties.

*Hotel Operations*

Costs from hotel operations increased 18.5% from Ps.48.9 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.58.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year, primarily due to revenue increases. Higher costs for Hotel Operations are primarily due to an increase in the depreciation of the assets, salaries and social security contributions. Costs from Llao Llao Hotel increased Ps.5.3 million, costs from Hotel Intercontinental increased Ps.2.3 million and costs from Hotel Sheraton Libertador increased Ps.1.8 million. Costs from hotel operations as a percentage of revenues from this segment decreased from 56.2% in our 2005 fiscal year to 55.9% in our 2006 fiscal year.

*Credit Card Operations*

The cost of sales relating to Credit Card operations rose 90.2% from Ps.23.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.43.9 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to a cost increase of Ps.6.2 million in salaries and social security charges, of Ps.3.0 million in taxes, dues and contributions, of Ps.1.3 million of electricity and telephone expenses mainly as a result of the expansion of our operations; a higher charge in commissions and interest by a margin of Ps.5.6 million and an increase in fees and services of Ps.2.3 million mainly due to the new issues under the securitization program.

*Financial Operations and Others*

Costs from the Financial Operations and Others segment increased by Ps.0.4 million from Ps.1.0 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.1.4 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Costs included in this line represent expenses incurred for the rendering of services that generate revenues.

***Gross profit***

As a result of the foregoing, the gross profit increased by 65.4%, from Ps.201.8 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 to Ps.333.8 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

*Gain from recognition of inventories at net realizable value*

This line is generated as a result of valuing at the net realizable value those inventories for which we have received purchase price or lease advances that fix prices, and the contract terms and conditions of the transactions that we signed state the consummation of the sale and the gain. Ps.9.1 million were valued according to this criteria, which was principally applied to the following developments: Cruceros for Ps.4.6 million, Torres Rosario, for Ps.3.5 million, and Dock III Plot Z, for Ps.1.6 million and San Martín de Tours for Ps.0.6 million in losses.

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### *Selling expenses*

Selling expenses increased 63.2% from Ps.36.8 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.60.1 million for our 2006 fiscal year primarily due to an increase in selling expenses in our Credit Card, Shopping Center and Hotel segments. Selling expenses as a percentage of revenues increased from 10.0% for our 2005 fiscal year to 10.4% for our 2006 fiscal year.

### *Shopping Centers*

Selling expenses relating to Shopping Centers increased 47.3% from Ps.10.7 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.15.7 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The increase was mainly due to an increase of Ps.2.0 million in the charge for gross sales taxes in line with our higher revenues, an increase of Ps.1.1 million in the charge for provision of bad debts and an increase of Ps.0.5 million in the charge of advertising.

### *Development and Sale of Properties*

Selling expenses from Development and Sale of Properties decreased 8.4% from Ps.2.0 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.1.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Selling expenses for Development and Sale of Properties are mainly commissions and expenses from sales, sealing and gross sales tax.

### *Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Selling expenses relating to Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties increased 10.6% from Ps.0.9 million for our 2005 fiscal year 2005 to Ps.1.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year.

### *Hotel Operations*

Selling expenses relating to our Hotel Operations increased 9.2% from Ps.9.8 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.10.7 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to an increase in the gross sales tax, salaries and social security charges and the tourism agencies commissions due to an increase in revenues in the segment in line with higher levels of activity.

### *Credit Card Operations*

Selling expenses of the Credit Card segment increased 129.0%, from Ps.13.5 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.30.9 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly due to an increase of Ps.6.7 million in advertising expenses, a higher charge of Ps.3.8 million in gross sales taxes as a result of our higher revenues, and an increase in the charge for bad debts of Ps.6.2 million in line with the growth of our credit portfolio.

### *Administrative expenses*

Administrative expenses increased 37.1%, from Ps.70.7 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.96.9 million for our 2006 fiscal year, due to an increase in administrative expenses for our Shopping Center segment and, to a lesser extent, each of our other business segments. The main components of administrative expenses are salaries and social security charges, Directors' fees, fees and compensation for services, and depreciation and amortization.

### *Shopping Centers*

Administrative expenses of our Shopping Centers increased 56.1%, from Ps.16.5 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.25.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year primarily as a result of an increase in directors' fees of Ps.3.4 million, an increase in the fees and services of third parties of Ps.3.2 million, an increase in salaries, bonuses and social security charges of Ps.1.9 million, and an increase in taxes, rates and assessments of Ps.0.6 million, mainly due to the financial transactions tax.

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### *Development and Sale of Properties*

Administrative expenses of Development and Sale of Properties increased 27.1%, from Ps.10.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.12.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year, primarily due to (i) increases in expenses related to the design and implementation of our new system; (ii) an increase of Ps.0.8 million in salaries and social security charges, and (iii) an increase in directors' fees of Ps.0.3 million. Administrative expenses for Development and Sale of Properties as a percentage of revenues from this segment decreased from 31.2% for our 2005 fiscal year to 12.3% for our 2006 fiscal year.

### *Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties*

Administrative expenses of Offices and Other increased 15.8%, from Ps.9.8 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.11.3 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The increase is mainly due to an increase of Ps.0.7 million in salaries and social security charges and a Ps.0.3 million increase in directors' fees.

### *Hotel Operations*

Administrative expenses of our Hotel Operations increased 8.0%, from Ps.19.4 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.21.0 million for our 2006 fiscal year, primarily due to (i) a Ps.1.0 million increase from Hotel Intercontinental mainly due to an increase of Ps.0.7 million of fees and services to third parties, of Ps.0.1 million of salaries and social security charges and Ps.0.1 million of depreciations; (ii) an increase of Ps.1.0 million in Hotel Sheraton Libertador mainly due to an increase of Ps.0.5 million in fees and compensation for services and of Ps.0.4 million in salaries and social security charges; and due to (iii) a decrease of Ps.0.4 million in Hotel Llao Llao mainly due to a decrease of Ps.1.5 million related to lawsuits and to an increase of Ps.0.4 million in salaries and social security charges, an increase of Ps.0.3 million in taxes, duties and contributions, an increase of Ps.0.2 million in fees and compensation for services and an increase of Ps.0.1 million in depreciation and amortization. Administrative expenses of Hotel Operations as a percentage of revenues from hotel operations decreased from 22.3% for our 2005 fiscal year to 20.2% for our 2006 fiscal year.

### *Credit Card Operations*

Administrative expenses from the Credit Card segment increased 74.7%, from Ps.14.8 million in our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.25.9 million in our 2006 fiscal year, basically due to a Ps.5.9 million increase in salaries, bonuses and social security charges, Ps.2.4 million increase in fees and compensations for services, Ps.1.3 million increase in taxes and rent, and of Ps.1.6 million in insurance, amortization and others due to an expansion and increase of our operations.

### *Net income from retained interest in securitized receivables*

This gain results from the interest held by Alto Palermo in the Tarjeta Shopping Credit Card Trusts. The results of these credit card trusts increased 520.6% from Ps.0.4 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.2.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year as a result of the expansion of our credit card business segment through Tarshop, Alto Palermo's subsidiary.

### *Gain from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net*

The results from operations and holdings of real estate assets, net, decreased 54.8%, from a gain of Ps.27.9 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a gain of Ps.12.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The decrease in income from the previous year is due to a lower amount of recovery on the allowance for impairment of long lived assets.

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### ***Operating income***

Our operating income increased 43.7% from Ps.140.0 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.201.2 million for our 2006 fiscal year primarily as a result of increases in our Shopping centers, Developments and sale of properties, Credit card operations and Hotel Operations segments, partially offset by a small decrease in our Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties segment. Operating income as a percentage of revenues increased from 37.8% from our 2005 fiscal year to 34.8% for our 2006 fiscal year.

### ***Shopping Centers***

Operating income from Shopping Centers increased 29.3% from Ps.81.6 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.105.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year primarily due to a 29.9% increase in revenues, accompanied by an increase of 10.9% in costs and an increase of 56.1% and 47.3% in selling and administrative expenses for this segment, respectively.

### ***Development and Sale of Properties***

Operating income from Development and Sales of properties increased 115.3%, from Ps.20.6 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.44.3 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Operating income from the Development and Sale of Properties segment as a percentage of revenues from this segment decreased from 63.7% for our 2005 fiscal year to 42.6% for our 2006 fiscal year primarily as a result of an increase of 209.0% in costs which was accompanied by an increase of 221.8% in revenues for this segment.

### ***Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties***

Operating income from Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties decreased 10.3% from Ps.13.2 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.11.9 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Operating income from Offices and Other Non-Shopping Center Rental Properties as a percentage of revenues from this segment decreased from 68.0% for our 2005 fiscal year to 38.8% in our 2006 fiscal year primarily as a result of an increase of 57.3% in revenues accompanied with an increase of 16.0% in costs from this segment.

### ***Hotel Operations***

Operating income from Hotel Operations increased 31.5% from Ps.11.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.14.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Operating income from Hotel Operations as a percentage of revenues from this segment increased from 12.7% for fiscal year 2005 to 14.0% in fiscal year 2006 primarily as a result of a 18.5% increase in costs compared to a 19.1% increase in revenues.

### ***Credit Cards Operations***

Operating income from the Credit Card segment increased 83.3%, from Ps.13.5 million in fiscal year 2005 to Ps.24.8 million in fiscal year 2006. Operating income from the Credit Card segment as a percentage of revenue from this segment decreased from 21.0% from fiscal year 2005 to 20.2% in fiscal year 2006.

### ***Financial Operations and Others***

Operating income from Financial Operations and Others segment increased 243.6% from a loss of Ps.0.04 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a gain of Ps.0.1 million for our 2006 fiscal year. Operating income from Financial Operations and Other as a percentage of revenues from this segment increased from a loss of 4.1% for our 2005 fiscal year to a gain of 4.0% for our 2006 fiscal year. This is mainly attributable to an increase of 50.4% in revenues accompanied with an increase of 38.7% in costs from this segment.

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Amortization of goodwill mainly includes: (i) the amortization of goodwill during this fiscal year, for the goodwill from the following subsidiaries of Alto Palermo: Shopping Alto Palermo S.A., Fibesa S.A., Tarshop S.A. and Emprendimiento Recoleta S.A., with no significant variation and (ii) the depreciation, during this year, of our own negative goodwill due to the purchase of Alto Palermo stock. Amortization of goodwill decreased 35.1% from a loss of Ps.1.7 million for fiscal year 2005 to a loss of Ps.1.1 million for fiscal year 2006, as a result of the incorporation of new negative goodwill as described in point (ii) above.

***Financial results, net***

Financial results, net showed a variation of 245.4%, from a loss of Ps.11.8 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a loss of Ps.40.9 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The main reasons for this variation were: (i) a Ps.21.7 million increase in our loss attributable to variation in exchange rates, owing to the depreciation of the Peso to the U.S. dollar from Ps.2.887 in our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.3.086 in our 2006 fiscal year; (ii) the non-recurrence of Ps.2.2 million of discounts obtained in 2006 due to the cancellation with discount of financial loans owed by Mendoza Plaza Shopping S.A.; (iii) a loss with respect to the previous fiscal year of Ps.2.6 million of financial results mainly due to interest and other expenses in connection with the loan of Hoteles Argentinos S.A. and financial expenses from Alto Palermo, and (iv) the decrease of Ps.10.6 million in income from financial operations, due to Dolphin Fund PLC decrease in profits by Ps.16.3 million and NCH Development Partner Fund increase in profits by Ps.4.6 million and the gains from the interest rate swap agreement entered into with Deutsche Bank AG for Ps.1.2 million, and (v) the increase of Ps.7.4 million on interest gain as a result of the refinancing of the Hoteles Argentinos loan.

***Gain on equity investees***

Our gain on equity investments decreased 38.0% from a gain of Ps.67.2 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a gain of Ps.41.7 million for our 2006 fiscal year. This lower gain is mainly due to: (i) a lower gain by Banco Hipotecario of Ps.8.2 million from Ps.55.2 million to Ps.47.0 million as a result of a lower gain from Banco Hipotecario's investment in Sovereign Bonds (BODEN), (ii) a gain of Ps.12.2 million corresponding to the Hotel segment, and (iii) the negative impact of the dilution of our interest in Alto Palermo amounting to Ps.0.9 million.

***Other expenses, net***

Other expenses, net increased 29.6% from net expenses of Ps.14.1 million for our 2005 fiscal year to net expenses of Ps.18.3 million for our 2006 fiscal year, primarily due to the effect of (i) an increase of Ps.7.5 million in the allowance for doubtful accounts; (ii) an increase of Ps.1.9 million from non recoverable value added tax, (iii) a gain of Ps.2.4 million due to the accelerated accrual of unrealized revenues, (iv) a decrease of Ps.1.3 million in donation charges and (v) a lower charge of Ps.1.1 million for minimum presumed income tax.

***Income before taxes and minority interest***

As a result of the foregoing, income before taxes and minority interest increased 1.6%, from a gain of Ps.179.6 million for our 2005 fiscal year, to a gain of Ps.182.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year.

***Minority interest***

Minority interest increased 17.4% from a loss of Ps.23.2 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a loss of Ps.27.2 million for our 2006 fiscal year, mainly as a result of an increase in net income from the Shopping Centers segment that generated an increase in the results of minority interest.

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***Income tax and minimum presumed income tax expense***

Income tax and minimum presumed income tax expense increased 10.5%, from Ps.53.2 million for our 2005 fiscal year, to Ps.58.8 million for our 2006 fiscal year. The deferred tax allocation method was used to calculate the income tax corresponding to the two fiscal years, thus recognizing the temporary differences in the accounting and tax assets and liabilities. The variation of Ps.5.6 million was mainly due to the net impact of:

a Ps.14.8 million increase in Alto Palermo's income tax expense, from Ps.33.6 million for our 2005 fiscal year to Ps.48.5 million for our 2006 fiscal year, due to an increase in taxable income resulting from our 57.0% increase in revenues during fiscal year 2006;

increased income tax expense of Nuevas Fronteras S.A., Baldovinos S.A., Inversora Bolívar S.A. and Llao Llao Resorts S.A. which during our 2006 fiscal year were Ps.1.9 million, Ps.1.0 million, Ps.2.7 million and Ps.0.5 million higher, respectively, than during our 2005 fiscal year;

a Ps.1.1 million decrease in our income tax expense, and

the variation in income tax expense for Buenos Aires Trade & Finance Center S.A. which changed from a Ps.12.6 million expense for our 2005 fiscal year to a Ps.0.2 million expense for our 2006 fiscal year, as a result of the swap agreement entered into in connection with plot 1.c) of Dock III and the purchase agreement entered into in connection with plot 1.d) of Dock III.

Our effective tax rate increased to 32.2% in fiscal year 2006 from 29.6% in fiscal year 2005.

***Net income***

As a result of the foregoing, net income decreased 6.5% from a gain of Ps.103.2 million for our 2005 fiscal year to a gain of Ps.96.6 million for our 2006 fiscal year.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

***Liquidity***

Our principal sources of liquidity have historically been:

cash generated by operations;

cash from borrowings and financings arrangements; and

cash proceeds from the sale of real estate.

Our principal cash requirements or uses (other than in connection with our operating activities) have historically been:

capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment;



interest payments and repayments of short-term and long-term debt;

payments of dividends; and

acquisitions or purchases of real estate.

Our liquidity and capital resources include our cash and cash equivalents, proceeds from bank borrowings and long-term debt, capital financing and sales of real estate investments.

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As of June 30, 2007, we had a working capital of Ps.523.7 million. At the same date, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling Ps.708.5 million, an increase of 332.2% from the Ps.163.9 million of cash and cash equivalents held as of June 30, 2006.

As of June 30, 2006, we had a working capital of Ps.62.6 million. At the same date, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling Ps.163.9 million, an increase of 15.0% from the Ps.142.6 million of cash and cash equivalents held as of June 30, 2005.

As of June 30 2005, we had a working capital of Ps.78.8 million. At the same date, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling Ps.142.6 million, an increase of 16.0% from Ps.122.9 million of cash and cash equivalents held as of June 30, 2004.

## **Cash Flow Information**

### ***Operating Activities***

*2007 Fiscal Year.* Our operating activities resulted in net cash inflows of Ps.163.1 million for fiscal year 2007 primarily as a result of operating gains of Ps.276.0 million, an increase in trade accounts payable of Ps.65.1 million, a decrease in inventories of Ps.29.0 million, and an increase in accrued interest of Ps.21.5 million partially offset by an increase in mortgages and leases receivables of Ps.79.7 million, and increase in Other receivables and prepaid expenses of Ps.79.6 million, an increase in non-current investments of Ps.35.6 million and an increase in current investments of Ps.29.8 million.

*2006 Fiscal Year.* Our operating activities resulted in net cash inflows of Ps.194.7 million for fiscal year 2006 primarily as a result of operating gains of Ps.218.5 million, an increase in trade accounts payable of Ps.56.0 million, a decrease in inventories of Ps.25.1 million, an increase in accrued interest of Ps.14.0 million and a decrease in current investments of Ps.10.3 million partially offset by an increase in mortgages and leases receivables of Ps.80.3 million, a decrease in customer advances, salaries and social security payable and taxes payable of Ps.28.4 million and an increase in non-current investments of Ps.26.4 million.

*2005 Fiscal Year.* Our operating activities resulted in net cash inflows of Ps.93.5 million for fiscal years 2005. The operating cash inflows for fiscal year 2005 primarily resulted from operating gains of Ps.127.2 million, an increase in customer advances, salaries and social security payable and taxes payable of Ps.12.0 million and an increase in trade accounts payable of Ps.21.0 million partially offset by an increase in mortgages and leases receivables for Ps.49.2 million and a decrease in other liabilities of Ps.17.7 million.

### ***Investment Activities***

*2007 Fiscal Year.* Our investing activities resulted in net cash outflows of Ps.510.8 million for fiscal year 2007, primarily as a result of investments in fixed assets of Ps.410.1 million due to (i) the acquisition of Bouchard 551 for Ps.243.2 million, (ii) Ps.96.4 million through Alto Palermo primarily for improvements made in shopping centers (iii) improvements in the Hotel Operations segment for Ps.57.1 million, principally in Llao Llao for Ps.49.4 million, and as a result of a decrease in minority interest of Ps.40.4 million principally due to the increase in our ownership in Palermo Invest and in Alto Palermo for Ps.27.5 million and Ps.7.2 million, respectively.

On December 12, 2006 we purchased from different holders 34,710 shares of Canteras Natal Crespo for a total amount of Ps.1.8 million. After this transaction, our interest on Canteras (jointly with our partner ECIPSA) increased up to 98.45%.

*2006 Fiscal Year.* Our investing activities resulted in net cash outflows of Ps.136.6 million for fiscal year 2006, primarily as a result of investments in fixed assets of Ps.54.1 million due to (i) improvements made in shopping centers amounting to Ps.33.6 million and (ii) improvements in the Hotel Operations segment for Ps.20.1 million. We also invested Ps.62.1 million in undeveloped parcels of land primarily through our subsidiary Alto

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Palermo. We also made investments of Ps.4.3 million to increase our ownership interest in Alto Palermo, and Ps.4.2 million in the acquisition of 43.2% of Canteras Natal Crespo S.A. Additionally, we posted a guaranty deposit for Ps.8.6 million at Deutsche Bank guaranteeing our obligations to Argentimo S.A. relating to an agreement entered into between Alto Palermo, Argentimo S.A. and Constructora San José Argentina S.A. for the acquisition of land for the development of a shopping center and a dwelling and/or office building.

*2005 Fiscal Year.* Our investing activities resulted in net cash outflows of Ps.126.7 million for fiscal year 2005, primarily as a result of investments in fixed assets of Ps.79.3 million, due to (i) the development of Alto Rosario Shopping and improvements made in other shopping centers totaling Ps.50.9 million, and (ii) partial payment for the acquisition of Bouchard 710 for Ps.20.4 million. We also invested Ps.35.0 million in the acquisition of an additional ownership interest of 49.9% in Mendoza Plaza Shopping and we also made a payment of US\$4 million (Ps.11.7 million) in connection with a contract entered into with Credit Suisse in June 2005, pursuant to which, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, we expect to take out a loan for US\$10.0 million, establishing a mortgage on an office building in the City of Buenos Aires.

### ***Financing Activities***

*2007 Fiscal Year.* Our financing activities resulted in net cash inflows of Ps.892.2 million. Our net cash provided by financing activities for fiscal year 2007 was primarily related to (i) the proceeds from short-term and long-term debt for Ps.1,199.7 million, primarily due to the issuance of our notes and Alto Palermo notes (ii) our issuance of common shares as a result of the exercise of warrants for Ps.26.0 million, partially offset by (i) the payment of short-term and long-term debt for Ps.292.2 million, (ii) the payment of dividends to minority shareholders for Ps.23.2 million and (iii) a the partial repayment of Ps.18.0 million of a mortgage payable.

*2006 Fiscal Year.* Our financing activities resulted in net cash outflows of Ps.36.8 million. Our net cash spent on financing activities for fiscal year 2006 was primarily related to the payment of short-term and long-term debt for Ps.82.5 million, the payment of dividends by our subsidiaries to minority shareholders totaling Ps.12.7 million, the repayment of debt owed to minority shareholders for Ps.5.2 million and a partial repayment of Ps.25.6 million of a mortgage payable, partially offset by our issuance of common shares as a result of the exercise of warrants for Ps.43.6 million and proceeds from issuance of short-term and long-term debt totaling Ps.45.1 million.

*2005 Fiscal Year.* Our financing activities resulted in net cash inflows of Ps.52.9 million. Our net cash provided by financing activities for fiscal year 2005 relates to our issuance of common shares as a result of the exercise of warrants for Ps.105.7 million, proceeds from issuance of short-term and long-term debt totaling Ps.117.2 million and proceeds from the settlement of a swap agreement for Ps.15.8 million, partially offset by the payment of short-term and long-term debt for Ps.167.3 million, the payment of dividends by our subsidiaries to minority shareholders totaling Ps.10.3 million, and the payment of Ps.5.8 million to Credit Suisse, establishing a guarantee for the debt of our subsidiary Hoteles Argentinos.

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The following table sets forth the scheduled maturities of our outstanding debt as of June 30, 2007:

	Currency	Maturity Schedule					Total <sup>(2)</sup> %	Average annual interest rate %
		Less than 1 year <sup>(1)</sup>	From 1 to 2 years (in million of pesos) <sup>(3)</sup>	From 2 to 3 years	From 3 to 4 years	More than 4 years		
<b>Bank and other debt</b>								
Unsecured bank loans	US\$	14.6	21.4	13.8			49.8	7.36
Unsecured bank loans	Ps.	52.9	4.7	1.4			59.0	11.80
Secured floating rate notes due 2009	US\$	23.8	34.7	22.5			81.0	7.36
Hoteles Argentinos secured loan	US\$	1.2	17.9				19.1	12.36
Alto Palermo 10% convertible notes due 2014	US\$	2.1				47.9	50.0	10.00
IRSA 8% convertible notes due 2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	US\$	59.0					59.0	8.00
Alto Palermo 11% Series II notes <sup>(4)</sup>	Ps.	1.8	21.4	43.7	43.9	43.9	154.7	11.00
Alto Palermo 7.875% Series I notes due 2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	US\$	3.6	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	369.8	371.0	7.87
IRSA 8.5% notes due 2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	US\$	15.1	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	459.0	471.5	8.50
Debt related to purchase of subsidiaries	US\$	22.4	15.5	9.3		52.1	99.2	7.80
<b>Total bank and other debt</b>		196.7	113.9	89.0	42.2	972.7	1,414.5	
<b>Mortgages payable</b>								
Mortgage payable Bouchard 710	US\$	14.8					14.8	8.50
Mortgage payable Terrenos Bariloche	US\$	2.8	3.0	1.6			7.3	7.00
<b>Total mortgages payable</b>		17.5	3.0	1.6			22.1	
<b>Total debt</b>		214.2	116.9	90.6	42.2	972.7	1,436.6	

(1) Includes earned interests.

(2) Figures may not sum due to rounding.

(3) Exchange rate as of June 30, 2007: US\$1.00 = Ps.3.093.

(4) Includes issuance expenses (under Argentine GAAP expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of debt are classified as short-term or long-term debts, as appropriate).

*Unsecured loans*

On November 21, 2002, we consummated a debt restructuring with six financial creditors (Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, BankBoston, Banco Ciudad, HSBC, Banco Itaú and Banco Nación) of our US\$80.0 million unsecured loan agreement and our US\$37.0 million of convertible secured floating rate notes. In connection with this restructuring we incurred US\$51.0 million of unsecured restructured bank debt of which as of June 30, 2007 there was US\$16.1 million outstanding. These loans bear interest at three-month LIBOR plus 200 basis points and amortize quarterly until maturity in November 2009. This loan agreement contains a number of covenants requiring us to comply with certain financial ratios and other tests. The most restrictive financial covenants under these loan agreements and bonds require us to maintain:

a ratio of consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters to consolidated financial expense for such period of at least 1.40; and

maximum consolidated indebtedness not to exceed the greater of (i) US\$222.9 million and (ii) 2.8 times consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters.



**Table of Contents***Secured floating rate notes*

In connection with our 2002 debt restructuring, we issued US\$37.4 million of secured floating rate notes of which as of June 30, 2007, there was US\$26.2 million outstanding. The secured floating rate notes bear interest at three-month LIBOR plus 200 basis points and amortize quarterly until maturity in November 2009. The secured floating rate notes are secured by a first mortgage lien on (i) 13 units in our office building at Libertador 498, (ii) 71 units at Laminar Plaza and (iii) 19 units at Dique IV. The secured floating rate notes contain the same financial maintenance covenants as our unsecured loan agreement.

*Hoteles Argentinos secured loan*

On March 23, 2005, Credit Suisse First Boston International acquired the US\$11.1 million indebtedness incurred by Hoteles Argentinos which had been in default since January 2002. On April 21, 2006, Hoteles Argentinos reduced the outstanding principal amount to US\$6.0 million with a prepayment, and the unpaid balance was restructured to mature in March 2010 with scheduled amortization payments as described below:

Date	Amount due (US\$ thousands)
March 15, 2008	213
September 15, 2008	225
March 15, 2009	239
September 15, 2009	253
March 15, 2010	5,070

Interest accrues on the unpaid principal of this loan at six-month LIBOR plus 7.0%.

In addition, we entered into a credit default swap agreement with Credit Suisse International which, among other stipulations, secures payment of Hoteles Argentinos' indebtedness and provides that, in the event of default, we will be required to acquire the loan. Simultaneously with the amendment of Hoteles Argentinos' loan agreement, we amended the credit default swap with Credit Suisse International. Thus, we would only assume 80.0% of Hoteles Argentinos' indebtedness in the event of default. The remaining 20.0% was assumed by Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc. (Starwood), an indirect minority shareholder in Hoteles Argentinos, which has also been instrumented through a credit default swap. To secure performance of our obligations under the agreement with Credit Suisse International, we made an escrow deposit of US\$1.2 million.

The loan agreement of Hoteles Argentinos provides that it may not declare or pay any dividends or make any distribution on our capital stock, or purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise acquire any of our own shares, or make any distribution of assets, capital stock, warrants, rights, options, obligations or securities to our shareholders, except in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (x) Hoteles Argentinos' excess cash flow for the preceding year, or (y) our consolidated retained earnings and consolidated profits earned; and then only if, after giving pro forma effect to such action, no default or event of default would occur as a consequence thereof.

*Alto Palermo 10% convertible notes due 2014*

On August 20, 2002 Alto Palermo issued US\$50.0 million unsecured convertible notes in exchange for cash and the liquidation of determined liabilities owed to our shareholders. These convertible notes mature on July 19, 2014, in accordance with the extension of the initially scheduled maturity date approved at a meeting of holders of such convertible notes on May 2, 2006. Such securities accrue interest payable biannually at a fixed annual rate of 10% and are convertible at any time at the option of the holder into common shares, face value of Ps.0.10 per share. The conversion rate per US dollar is the lesser of (i) 30.8642 and (ii) the result obtained by dividing the rate of exchange effective on the date of conversion by the face value of the common shares of Alto Palermo. As of June 30, 2007, as a result of conversions previously made, the outstanding principal amount of Alto Palermo's convertible notes was US\$47.2 million. In the event all the bondholders exercise their conversion rights, Alto Palermo's common shares would increase from 782.0 million shares (having a face value of Ps. 78.2 million) to 2,237.5 million shares (having a face value of Ps.223.7 million). As of June 30, 2007, we held US\$31.7 million of Alto Palermo's convertible notes.

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### *Our 8% convertible notes due 2007*

On November 21, 2002, we issued US\$100.0 million of convertible notes due November 2007. The convertible notes accrue interest at 8% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis. The conversion price is US\$0.545 per common share, which means that each US\$1.00 principal amount of such convertible note may be exchanged for 1.8347 common shares. Additionally, each convertible note contains a warrant attached that grants its holder an option to acquire 1.8347 shares at a price of US\$0.6541 each.

From the date of issuance through June 30, 2007, the holders of our convertible notes exercised their conversion rights for a total of 81.1 million units with a face value of US\$1.0 each, issuing 148.8 million common shares with a face value of Ps.1.0 each. In addition, from the date of issuance through June 30, 2007, warrants issued by us were exercised for a total amount of US\$56.8 million, and 104.2 million shares were issued in exchange. we received funds aggregating US\$68.1 million.

As of June 30, 2007, the outstanding amount of our convertible notes and warrants was US\$18.9 million and 43.2 million, respectively, and the amount of our outstanding shares was 464,969,156. On June 30, 2007 our shares traded at US\$1.850 per share. Hence, if on June 30, 2007, convertible note holders had exercised their rights and sell the underlying shares, they would have received for each convertible note approximately US\$3.924. Moreover, if on such date holders had exercised the warrants and sold their underlying shares, they would have received another US\$3.92 per share, paying the exercise price of US\$1.2 per warrant. If all the holders of our convertible notes and warrants were to exercise their conversion and exercise rights, the amount of our shares outstanding would be increased to 578,971,665 and we would receive cash proceeds of approximately US\$51.9 million.

### *Alto Palermo series I and series II notes*

On May 11, 2007, Alto Palermo issued two new series of notes in an aggregate principal amount of US\$170 million. Series I consists of US\$120 million of notes due on May 11, 2017, which accrue interest at a fixed rate of 7.875% payable semi-annually on May 11 and November 11 of each year, commencing on November 11, 2007. The Series I notes mature in a single installment on May 11, 2017.

Series II consists of Ps.154 million (equivalent to US\$50 million) of notes which mature in seven, equal and consecutive semi-annual installments commencing on June 11, 2009, and which accrue interest at 11% per annum, payable on June 11 and December 11 of each year commencing on December 11, 2007.

### *Our 8.5% notes due 2017*

On February 2, 2007, we issued our 2017 fixed rate notes for a total amount of US\$150.0 million at an annual interest rate of 8.5% payable semi-annual and mature on February 2, 2017.

## **Capital Expenditures**

*2007 Fiscal Year.* During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, we had capital expenditures of Ps.419.4 million. We made investment in fixed assets of Ps.410.1 million primarily to the acquisition of Bouchard 551 for Ps.243.2 million, Ps.96.4 million thorough Alto Palermo primarily for the improvement of Shopping Centers and Ps.57.1 million in the Hotel Segment, primarily in Liao Liao for Ps.49.4 million. We also invested Ps.9.3 million in undeveloped plots of land.

*2006 Fiscal Year.* During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, we had capital expenditures of Ps.116.2 million. We made investment in fixed assets of Ps.54.1 million primarily in shopping centers totaling Ps.33.6 million and in Hotel segment of Ps.20.1 million.

*2005 Fiscal Year.* During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, we had capital expenditures of Ps.80.0 million. We made investments in fixed assets of Ps.79.3 million, primarily in shopping centers totaling Ps.50.9 million and in the acquisition of Bouchard 710 for Ps.20.4 million. We also invested Ps.0.7 million in undeveloped plots of land.

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	Total	Payments due by period <sup>(13)</sup>			More than 5 years
		Less than 1 year	1 3 years (Ps. millions)	3 5 years	
<b>Short term debt obligations</b>					
<b>Long term debt obligations</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>461</b>
Unsecured bank loans <sup>(1)</sup>	109	68	41		
Secured floating rate notes due 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	81	24	57		
Hoteles Argentinos S.A. secured loan <sup>(3)</sup>	19	1	18		
Alto Palermo 10% convertible notes due 2014 <sup>(4)</sup>	50	2		48	
IRSA 8% convertible notes due 2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	59	59			
Alto Palermo 11% Series II notes <sup>(6)</sup>	155	2	65	88	
Alto Palermo 7.875% Series I notes due 2017 <sup>(7)</sup>	371	4	(2)	369	
IRSA 8.5% notes due 2017 <sup>(8)</sup>	472	15	(2)	(2)	461
<b>Purchase obligations</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>93</b>	
Seller financing for acquisition of Palermo Invest S.A. <sup>(9)</sup>	29	10	19		
Seller financing for acquisition of Empalme <sup>(10)</sup>	18	12	6		
Seller financing for acquisition of Rummaala	52			52	
Debt for the purchase of Rummaala	41			41	
Suppliers	1	1			
Mortgage payable Bouchard 170 <sup>(1)</sup>	15	15			
Mortgage payable Llaolao <sup>(2)</sup>	8	3	5		
<b>Other long term obligations</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Guarantee deposits	7	4	3		
Others	3		1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>462</b>

(1) Accrued interest at Libor rate + 200 bps

(2) Accrued interest at Libor rate + 200 bps

(3) Accrued interest at Libor rate + 700 bps

(4) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 10% per annum

(5) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 8% per annum

(6) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 11% per annum

(7) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 7.875% per annum

(8) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 8.5% per annum

(9) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 8% per annum.

(10) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 6% per annum.

(11) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 8.50% per annum.

(12) Accrued interest at fixed rate of 7% per annum.

(13) Not including unaccrued interest.

**Off-balance sheet arrangements**

At June 30, 2007, we did not have any off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements or obligations with unconsolidated entities or others that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

**Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk**

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to interest rate and exchange rates risks, primarily related to changes in exchanges rates and interest rates. We manage our exposure to these risks through the use of various financial instruments, none of which are entered into for trading purposes. We have established policies and procedures governing the use of such financial instruments. The use of financial derivatives instruments is related to our core business and is supervised by internal control policies.





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The following discusses our exposure to these risks. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could vary materially as a result of a number of factors including those set forth in the risk factors section of this offering memorandum. Uncertainties that are either nonfinancial or nonquantifiable, such as political, economic, tax, other regulatory, or credit risks, are not included in the following assessment of our market risks.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve capital while maximizing yields without significantly increasing risk. To achieve this objective, we maintain our portfolio of cash equivalents and short-term investments in a variety of securities, including both government and corporate obligations and money market funds.

Investments in both fixed rate and floating rate interest earning instruments carry varying degrees of interest rate risk. Fixed rate securities may have their fair market value adversely impacted as a result of a rise in interest rates. In general, securities with longer maturities are subject to greater interest rate risk than those with shorter maturities. While floating rate securities are generally subject to less interest rate risk than fixed rate securities, floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates decrease. Due in part to these factors, our investment income may fall short of expectations or we may suffer losses in principal if securities that have declined in market value due to changes in interest rates are sold. To date, we have not utilized derivative financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk; however, we may employ hedging strategies in the future.

We are also exposed to changes in interest rates primarily as a result of our borrowing activities, which include short-term borrowings, and other floating-rate long-term debt used to maintain liquidity and fund our business operations. Our interest expense is sensitive to changes in the general level of interest rates because part of our long-term debt (i.e., our secured floating rate notes and syndicated loan) bear interest at floating rates. We estimate, based on the current composition of our balance sheet as of June 30, 2007, that every variation in the interest rate of 100 basis points, plus or minus, to our current floating-rate consolidated debt would result in a variation of approximately Ps.1.2 million of interest expense on an annual basis, assuming no change in the principal amount of this indebtedness. This analysis is based on the assumption that such variation of interest rates occurred at the same time for the different type of floating rates to which our actual debt is exposed.

### ***Foreign Exchange Risk***

From April 1, 1991, until the beginning of 2002, the Convertibility Law No. 23,928 was in effect in Argentina. This law established a fixed exchange rate, under which the Central Bank was obliged to sell U.S. dollars to any person at a fixed rate of one Peso per U.S. dollar. As a result, the foreign currency fluctuations were reduced to a minimum level, during this period. The primary economic change implemented by the current Argentine government in January 2002 was the announcement of the devaluation of the Peso. Due to the end of the Convertibility Plan, our foreign exchange exposure has increased considerably.

Foreign currency exchange restrictions imposed by the Argentine government in the future could prevent or restrict our access to U.S. dollars, and affect our ability to service our U.S. dollar-denominated liabilities, including the notes. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Peso and the U.S. dollar may also adversely affect the U.S. dollar equivalent of the Peso price of our common shares on the *Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires*, and as a result would likely affect the market price of our GDSs in the United States. Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations could also impact our cash flow in Pesos, since some of our products and inputs are payable in U.S. dollars. At June 30, 2007 all of our debt was denominated in U.S. dollars.

We estimate, based on composition of our balance sheet as of June 30, 2007, that every exchange rate variation of Ps.0.10 against the U.S. dollar, plus or minus, would result in a variation of approximately Ps.20.9 million of our consolidated financial indebtedness.

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**BANCO HIPOTECARIO S MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Overview**

We do not consolidate the consolidated financial statements of our investee Banco Hipotecario. However, according to Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X, we are required to file separate financial statements of significant investees. This Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read together with Banco Hipotecario s consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements include, among others, those statements including the words *expects*, *anticipates*, *intends*, *believes* and similar language. The actual results may differ materially and adversely from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those set forth elsewhere in this prospectus.

Banco Hipotecario maintains its financial books and records in Pesos and prepares its financial statements in conformity with the polices of the Argentine Central Bank which prescribes the reporting and disclosure requirements for banks and financial institutions in Argentina ( Central Bank accounting rules ). These rules differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles in Argentina ( Argentine GAAP ). A description of significant differences between Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP are set forth in Note 6 to Banco Hipotecario s consolidated financial statements. Central Bank accounting rules and Argentine GAAP also differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. Such differences involve methods of measuring the amounts shown in the consolidated financial statements, as well as additional disclosures required by U.S. GAAP and regulations of the SEC. See Note 37 to the consolidated financial statements of Banco Hipotecario included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the principal differences between Central Bank accounting rules and U.S. GAAP, as they relate to Banco Hipotecario, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of Banco Hipotecario s net income (loss) and shareholder s equity.

**Events in Argentina and Their Adverse Impact on Banco Hipotecario**

Banco Hipotecario s business and results of operations are dependent on, and significantly impacted by, the macroeconomic situation prevailing in Argentina. As such, its business and results of operations were materially and adversely affected. Argentine economic crisis began in 2001 and prevailed throughout most of 2002. Since 2003, the Argentine economy has shown signs of recovery compared to 2001 and 2002 and GDP has grown in each of 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. In addition, interest rates have fallen and the foreign exchange market has stabilized. The financial system has gradually recovered its liquidity levels, recording a significant increase in deposits and the level of loan originations began to grow, especially in 2005 and 2006. Based on current data, the Argentine economy during 2003, 2004 and 2005, GDP increased by 8.8%, 9.0% and 9.0% and 8.5% according to INDEC estimates. Based on INDEC estimates, in US dollar terms GDP increased from US\$69.8 billion in 2002 to US\$208.1 billion estimated in 2006, and unemployment decreased to 8.7% as of the fourth quarter of 2006. As of December 31, 2006, approximately 30% of the population was below the poverty line according to INDEC. In 2004, 2005, and 2006 Argentina posted a fiscal surplus of approximately Ps.11,657.8 million and 19,661.0 million, and Ps.23,158.0 million respectively. After the settlement of its exchange offer, Argentina s sovereign debt outstanding amounted to US\$126,466.0 million, representing approximately 60% of the GDP estimated for the year ending December 31, 2006.

During 2005 and 2006 inflation increased by 10.7 and 7.1 as measured by the WPI, and 12.3%, and 9.8% as measured by the CPI. The preceding information is based on data published by the Ministry of Economy and the Central Bank.

**Banco Hipotecario s Response to the Crisis**

The economic crisis of 2001 and 2002 had devastating effects on the Argentine financial system and particularly on its mortgage business as the pesification of its assets without the *corralito* reduction in the

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portfolio of its foreign-currency denominated liabilities resulted in a severe mismatch of its asset and liability positions. In response to the crisis, Banco Hipotecario undertook various measures designed to shore up its business. These included the following key initiatives:

- (i) Recovering financial stability and strengthening liquidity,
- (ii) Maximizing the present value of the loan assets in its loan portfolio,
- (iii) Improving operating efficiency,
- (iv) Reconstituting financial brokerage and service businesses,
- (v) Strengthening financial position and
- (vi) Minimizing interest rate, maturity and currency mismatch risks.

The success Banco Hipotecario achieved in implementing its plan has allowed it to:

Restructure all its financial liabilities, amounting to approximately US\$1,208.4 million, thus aligning principal and interest payments with its cash flow, thus becoming the first financial institution in Argentina to achieve this objective.

Reduce its debt by US\$361.0 million, extending the average life of its outstanding debt, and reducing average interest rates, thus matching the term of lending and borrowing transactions, achieving proper financial intermediation margins and full hedging of foreign currency-denominated liabilities.

Improve its liquidity levels.

Position itself as one of the leading private banks in terms of equity in Argentina, with full provisioning of non-performing loans.

Reduce its exposure to the public sector risk.

Improve profitability by controlling operating expenses and generating stable operating results.

**Factors Affecting Comparability of Financial Data**

Its consolidated results of operations for the twelve month periods ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and its financial condition at those dates reflect significant ongoing changes in the nature of its business, the composition of its loan and investment portfolios, changes in its sources of funding and in the regulatory environment. Subsequent to the economic crisis in Argentina, Banco Hipotecario has complemented its traditional mortgage lending with other types of banking services. As a result, its results of operations for the periods ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 are not comparable in many important respects to its results for preceding periods and are not necessarily indicative of its future results.

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Argentina experienced a high rate of inflation in 2002. Therefore, on July 17, 2002, through Decree No. 1269/02, the Argentine Government reestablished the practice of restating financial information to account for inflation for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002. This was regulated by Comunicado A 3702 of the Argentine Central Bank, Resolution No. 415/02 of the Comisión Nacional de Valores. Starting on January 1,

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2002, Banco Hipotecario began to adjust its financial statements for inflation based on changes in the wholesale price index published by the National Institute of Statistics and Census, or INDEC. Through Decree No. 664/03, Argentine Central Bank's Communiqué A 3921 and Resolution No. 441/03 of the *Comisión Nacional de Valores*, dated April 8, 2003, the Government eliminated the requirement that financial statements be prepared in constant currency, effective for financial periods ending on or after March 1, 2003.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Banco Hipotecario believes that the following are the critical accounting policies under Central Bank accounting rules and U.S. GAAP, as they are important to the portrayal of its financial condition and results of operations and require its most difficult, subjective and complex judgment and the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

#### ***Reserve for Loan Losses***

Banco Hipotecario's reserve for loan losses are maintained in accordance with Central Bank accounting rules. Under such regulations, a minimum reserve for loan losses is calculated primarily based upon the classification of Banco Hipotecario's commercial loan borrowers and the past due status of Banco Hipotecario's individual loan borrowers. Although the Banco Hipotecario are required to follow the methodology and guidelines for determining its reserve for loan loss as set forth by the Central Bank, are allowed to provide additional allowances for loan loss reserves.

Banco Hipotecario classifies individual loans based upon their past due status consistent with the requirements of the Central Bank. Minimum loss percentages required by the Central Bank are also applied to the totals in each loan classification. Balances of loans and reserves are charged-off and reflected on its balance sheets three months from the date on which the loans were fully covered by its loan loss reserves.

For commercial loans, Banco Hipotecario is required to classify all of its commercial loan borrowers. In order to perform the classification, Banco Hipotecario must consider the management and operating history of the borrower, the present and projected financial situation of the borrower, the borrower's payment history and ability to service the debt, the capability of the borrower's internal information and control systems and the risk in the sector in which the borrower operates. Banco Hipotecario applies the minimum loss percentages required by the Central Bank to Banco Hipotecario's commercial loan borrowers based on the loan classification and the nature of the collateral, or guarantees, of the loan. In addition, based on the overall risk of the portfolio, Banco Hipotecario considers whether or not additional loan loss reserves in excess of the minimum required are warranted.

Under U.S. GAAP reserve for loan losses represents the estimate of probable losses in the loan portfolio. Determining the reserve for loan losses requires significant management judgments and estimates including, among others, identifying impaired loans, determining customers' ability to pay and estimating the fair value of underlying collateral or the expected future cash flows to be received. Actual events are likely to differ from the estimates and assumptions used in determining the allowance for loan losses. Additional provisions for loan losses could be required in the future.

#### ***Fair Value Estimates***

Banco Hipotecario prepares its financial statements in accordance with the rules of the Central Bank related thereto, which differ from U.S. GAAP in valuing financial instruments.

U.S. GAAP requires financial instruments to be valued at fair value. Banco Hipotecario estimated the fair value as the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced sale or liquidation, and such value was best evidenced by a quoted market price, if one existed. In cases where quoted market prices were not available, fair value estimation was based on the quoted market price of a financial instrument with similar characteristics, the present value of expected future cash flows, or other valuation techniques, all of which were significantly affected by the assumptions used.

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For a detailed description of the applicable accounting principles, please see Note 5 to Banco Hipotecario's consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

### ***Government Securities – BODEN***

Central Bank accounting rules regarding investments in government securities allow banks to classify their portfolio of government securities into two balance sheet categories: trading and investing securities. Trading securities are marked to market daily with the resulting gain or loss reflected in the statements of income. Investing securities are carried at cost plus accretion of discount or amortization of premiums and accrued interest, as applicable.

The compensatory and hedge (additional Boden 2012 subscribed) bonds Banco Hipotecario receives are classified as Investing securities at par value based on Central Bank accounting rules, notwithstanding that the estimated market value of such bonds is lower than such par value. As of June 30, 2006 the BODEN were trading in the secondary market at a price of approximately US\$94.5 for every US\$100 of nominal value. As market conditions change, adjustments to the estimated market value of the BODEN are not reflected in its financial position. Future sales or settlements of the BODEN will reflect the market conditions at the time and may result in a significant gain or loss that represents the difference between the settlement amount and the then carrying value. See note to its audited financial statements.

Its right to receive BODEN that are issued in hedge transactions is classified as Other receivables from financial transactions and is being recognized at par value of the BODEN to be issued, notwithstanding that the estimated market value of the BODEN linked to such right is significantly below such carrying value. As of June 30, 2007, the BODEN were trading in the secondary market at a price of approximately US\$95.15 for every US\$100 of nominal value.

As of the date of this information Banco Hipotecario had subscribed additional BODEN due 2012 in principal amount of US\$403.7 million, for cash in aggregate principal amount of Ps.1,247.9 million.

Under U.S. GAAP compensatory and hedge bonds are valued at fair value. See Fair Value Estimates above.

### ***Other Receivables from Financial Transactions and Miscellaneous Receivables,***

Banco Hipotecario carries other receivables from financial transactions and miscellaneous receivables net of allowances for uncollectible amounts. Its judgment regarding the ultimate collectibility is performed on an account-by-account basis and considers its assessment of the borrower's ability to pay based on factors such as the borrower's financial condition, past payment history, guarantees and past-due status.

### ***Minimum Presumed Income Tax***

Banco Hipotecario recognized the minimum presumed income tax accrued as of June 30, 2007 and paid in prior years as an asset as of June 30, 2007, because Banco Hipotecario started to generate taxable income and Banco Hipotecario expects to be able to compute it as a payment on account of income tax in future years. Recognition of this asset arises from the ability to generate sufficient taxable income in future years to absorb the asset before it expires. Management's determination of the likelihood that deferred tax assets can be realized is subjective, and involves estimates and assumptions about matters that are inherently uncertain. The realization of deferred tax assets arises from levels of future taxable income and the achievement of tax planning strategies.

Underlying estimates and assumptions can change over time, influencing its overall tax positions, as a result of unanticipated events or circumstances.

**Table of Contents****Twelve month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006****General**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its net income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

	<b>Twelve months ended June 30,</b>		<b>% Change</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>
	<b>(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)</b>		
Financial income	Ps. 733.8	Ps. 882.2	20.2%
Financial expenses	(412.2)	(374.7)	(9.1)
Net financial income	321.6	507.6	57.8
Provision for losses on loans	(10.5)	(43.7)	316.0
Net contribution from insurance <sup>(1)</sup>	44.9	69.8	55.6
Other income from services	47.6	83.4	75.3
Other expenses on services	(30.6)	(67.8)	121.6
Administrative expenses	(185.2)	(270.8)	46.2
Miscellaneous income, net <sup>(2)</sup>	124.5	81.4	(34.6)
Minority interest	(1.9)	(0.9)	(51.7)
Income tax	(1.3)	(1.0)	(23.8)
Net income	Ps. 309.1	Ps. 357.9	15.8%

(1) Insurance premiums minus insurance claims paid.

(2) Miscellaneous income minus miscellaneous expenses.

**Net Income**

Banco Hipotecario's net income for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 of Ps.357.9 million was higher than Ps 309.1 for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006, principally due to:

Higher financial income principally as a result of higher income from government and private securities, hedging transactions and the increase of new consumer products.

Higher net contributions from insurance as a result of an increase in new loan origination and an expansion on insurance products offered.

Higher income from services as a result of higher bank activity.  
These factors were partially offset by:

Higher administrative expenses mainly related to social security contributions, and fees related to actions adopted by Banco Hipotecario in developing its retail banking business.

Higher expenses on services mainly to commissions related to Visa Credit Cards, scoring and origination of personal loans and higher structuring and underwriting expenses.



*Financial Income*

The following table sets forth the principal components of its financial income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

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	Twelve months ended June 30,		%
	2006	2007	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Mortgage loans and other financial transactions	Ps. 170.2	Ps. 177.7	4.4%
Government guaranteed loans	96.2	10.6	(89.0)
Government and Private Securities	190.7	273.1	43.2
Compensatory and other BODEN	24.6	9.6	(61.0)
Buyback of restructured debt	51.2	12.9	(74.8)
Hedges	37.5	140.8	275.2
Mortgage-backed securities	27.6	51.3	85.8
Other loans	16.7	32.3	93.4
Credit Cards loans	7.0	32.5	366.9
Personal loans	38.5	82.1	113.4
Advance loans	18.3	24.3	33.0
Effects of changes in exchange rates	46.2	19.3	(58.3)
Cash and due from banks	3.5	4.4	25.4
Interbank Loans	1.8	5.2	190.4
Others	3.6	6.0	67.0
Total	Ps. 733.8	Ps. 882.2	20.2%

Banco Hipotecario's financial income increase 20.2% to Ps.882.2 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 as compared to Ps.733.8 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 primarily as a result of:

Higher income from some government and private securities as a result of higher market prices.

Higher income from the increase of LIBO rate accrued during this period on the stock of BODEN US\$2012 recorded in investment account.

Higher income from credit cards, personal loans and new consumer products as a result of a significant increase in the volume of such loans granted during 2007.

Higher income from derivate operations resulting from hedging transactions including its total return swap.  
These factors were partially offset by:

Lower income from hedge bond, as a result of the subscription made.

Lower income from the repurchase of restructured financial debts at market prices.

Lower income from Secured loans as a consequence of the reduction of the stock.

**Financial Expenses**

The following table sets forth information regarding its financial expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.



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	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2006	2007	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Bonds and similar obligations	Ps. 222.2	Ps. 278.6	25.4%
Borrowings from Central Bank	121.9	20.1	(83.5)
Borrowings from banks	30.0	16.2	(46.0)
Time deposits	17.7	36.5	106.4
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	6.5	3.5	(45.9)
Contributions and taxes on financial income	13.8	19.7	42.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 412.2</b>	<b>Ps. 374.7</b>	<b>(9.1)%</b>

(1) Includes interest and other amounts payable on savings accounts, checking accounts, and other deposits.

Banco Hipotecario's financial expenses for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 decreased 9.1% to Ps.374.7 million from Ps.412.2 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 primarily as a result of lower financial expenditures principally as result of the substantial reduction of Central Bank and others Banks borrowings. This effect was partially offset by higher interest liabilities resulting from increased average balances on savings accounts and time deposits, related to the growth of private sector.

**Provision for Losses on Loans**

The following table sets forth its provision for loan losses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2006	2007	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Provision for loan losses	Ps. 10.5	Ps. 43.7	316.0%
Charge-offs	Ps. 142.7	Ps. 52.0	(63.6)%

Banco Hipotecario's provision for loan losses for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 increased to Ps.43.7 million from Ps.10.5 million in the twelve-month period ended on June 30, 2006 in connection with the significant increase in the volume of the loans granted during 2007.

The Risk and Credit Committee decided to maintain a maximum 100% coverage of the loan loss reserve, relative to the total amount of those loans classified as non-performing, consequently a recovery of Ps.100 million was recorded. Reserves and funds created in connection with the special reserve envisaged by Section 13 of Law 24,143 and the Special fund created by a resolution of the board of directors of Banco Hipotecario dated December 12, 2001, shall not be included in the total amount used for calculating such coverage.

**Table of Contents*****Net Contribution from Insurance***

The following table sets forth the principal components of its net contribution from insurance for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007:

	<b>Twelve Months ended June 30,</b>		<b>% Change</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>
	<b>(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)</b>		
<b>Insurance premiums earned:</b>			
Life	Ps. 37.1	Ps. 60.0	61.8%
Property damage	12.6	12.1	(4.0)
Unemployment	1.4	1.2	(14.5)
Other	2.8	Ps. 3.7	33.2
<b>Total premiums earned</b>	<b>Ps. 53.9</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>
<b>Insurance claims paid:</b>			
Life	8.0	6.1	(23.7)
Property damage	0.4	0.3	(19.5)
Unemployment	0.2	0.2	(2.6)
Other	0.3	0.5	57.2
<b>Total claims paid</b>	<b>Ps. 9.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>(20.0)</b>
<b>Net contribution from insurance</b>	<b>Ps. 44.9</b>	<b>Ps. 69.8</b>	<b>55.6%</b>

Banco Hipotecario's net contribution from insurance activities of Ps.69.8 million during the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 increased 55.6% from Ps.44.9 million, compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006. This increase was primarily a consequence of higher premiums resulted from an increase in new loan origination and an expansion of insurance products offered.

***Other Income from Services***

The following table includes the principal components of its other income from services for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007:

	<b>Twelve Months ended June 30,</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)</b>		
Loan servicing fees from third parties	Ps. 1.4	Ps. 1.8	27.3%
FONAVI commissions	3.3	4.1	22.5
Other commissions	1.4	1.5	7.4
Credit card commissions	12.3	47.9	290.0
Saving accounts commissions	3.2	5.5	70.6
Current accounts commissions	1.1	3.2	178.5
Commissions for technological services (MSI)	12.0		NM
<b>Total commissions</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>84.1</b>
Recovery of loan expenses	7.7	13.0	67.7
Other	5.0	6.3	26.2

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Total	Ps. 47.6	Ps. 83.4	75.3%
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Banco Hipotecario's income from services increased to Ps.83.4 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 from Ps 47.6 million in the same period of 2006, as a result of higher commissions derived from credit cards, origination of mortgage loans and new consumer products. This higher income was attributable not only to the greater number of credit cards, but also to the greater average purchases made with such cards recorded during the period.

**Table of Contents*****Other Expenses on Services***

The following table includes the principal components of its other expenses on services for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007:

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change 2006/2007
	2006	2007	
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Structuring and underwriting fee	Ps. 9.2	Ps. 9.5	3.8
Banking services	4.7	5.8	23.2
Commissions on third party originations	0.2	0.1	(36.4)
Collections	0.3	0.4	56.4
Commissions on Visa	9.9	38.1	284.7
Commissions on saving accounts	1.6	2.4	52.4
Commissions on scoring	2.0	6.6	231.6
Commissions paid to real estate agents	1.0	1.6	60.8
Total	28.9	64.7	124.0
Contributions and taxes on income from services	1.7	3.2	82.1
Total	Ps. 30.6	Ps. 67.8	121.6

Banco Hipotecario's other expenses on services increased 121.6% to Ps.67.8 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 from Ps.30.6 million in the period ended June 30, 2006. This increase was mainly to commissions recorded in other expenditures on services related to the VISA credit card and scoring, in connection with the higher number of credit cards managed.

***Administrative Expenses***

The following table sets forth the principal components of its administrative expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007:

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change 2006/2007
	2006	2007	
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Salaries and social security contributions	Ps. 84.4	Ps. 111.4	31.9
Fees and external administrative services	24.6	55.3	125.1
Maintenance and repair	4.4	4.9	11.8
Advertising and publicity	15.7	20.9	33.3
Nonrecoverable VAT and other taxes	11.8	17.0	43.7
Electricity and communications	7.1	10.9	52.6
Depreciation of bank premises and equipment	7.1	6.7	(6.2)
Amortization of organizational expenses	2.9	3.0	4.5
Corporate personnel benefits	14.5	20.6	42.1
Other	12.6	20.2	59.5
Total	Ps. 185.2	Ps. 270.8	46.2

Administrative expenses for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 increased 46.2% to Ps.270.8 million from Ps.185.2 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006. The main reasons for this increase were higher salaries and social security contributions required under applicable regulations in Argentina, higher advertising expenses related to the launch of its new products and an increase in other fees related to the actions adopted by Banco Hipotecario in developing its retail banking business.





**Table of Contents****Miscellaneous Income**

The following table sets forth its miscellaneous income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change
	2006	2007	2006/2007
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Penalty interest	5.9	Ps. 6.4	8.9
Loan loss recoveries	87.2	207.2	135.9
Capitalization of presumed income tax	24.6		NM
Reversal of reserve for loan losses	10.2		NM
Reversal of provision for contingencies	25.4	13.5	(46.7)
Other	19.7	4.6	(76.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 173.7</b>	<b>Ps. 231.8</b>	<b>33.5</b>

Banco Hipotecario's miscellaneous income increased 33.5% to Ps.231.8 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 from Ps.173.7 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 primarily as a result of a reversal of reserve for loan losses of the restructured loans and for the result of the two sales of a portion of non performing portfolio recorded in memorandum accounts for approximately Ps.120 million.

**Miscellaneous Expenses**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its miscellaneous expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2007:

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change
	2006	2007	2006/2007
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Provision for lawsuit contingencies	Ps.	Ps. 14.6	NM
Provision for miscellaneous receivables and others			NM
Provision StAR granted creditors under guaranteed debt		35.1	NM
Provision SAR		39.4	NM
Provision for insurance contingencies	1.5	3.0	98.4
Provision for administrative organization	10.8	34.9	223.1
Bogar and Guarantee loans adjustment	20.8		NM
Other taxes	7.7	9.1	17.2
Contingency related to the sale of non-performing mortgage portfolio		8.0	NM
Other	8.4	6.3	(25.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 49.2</b>	<b>Ps. 150.4</b>	<b>205.8</b>

Banco Hipotecario's miscellaneous expenses increased 205.8% to Ps.150.4 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 from Ps.49.2 million for 2006 primarily as a result of:

Higher provisions related to the appreciation in the trading price of its Class D shares, which is designed to account for the higher value attributable to the stock appreciation rights issued with and attached to its Medium Term Guaranteed Debt due 2010 and its management compensation plan.

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Higher provision for: Stock Appreciation Compensation plan, Lawsuits, contingencies, administrative organization and for the sale of a portion of its non performing portfolio.

This effect was partially offset by an extraordinaire adjust on changes in the valuation of public sector assets given as collateral for Central Bank borrowings (BOGAR and Secured loans).

**Table of Contents****Twelve month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005****General**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its net income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

	<b>Twelve Months ended June 30,</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)</b>		
Financial income	Ps. 681.5	Ps. 733.8	7.7
Financial expenses	(388.9)	(412.2)	6.0
<b>Net financial income</b>	<b>292.6</b>	<b>321.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Provision for losses on loans	(16.7)	(10.5)	(37.1)
Net contribution from insurance <sup>(1)</sup>	37.0	44.9	21.4
Other income from services	43.7	47.6	8.9
Other expenses on services	(14.8)	(30.6)	106.8
Administrative expenses	(147.0)	(185.2)	26.0
Miscellaneous income, net <sup>(2)</sup>	(42.3)	124.5	NM
Minority interest	5.6	(1.9)	(133.9)
Income tax	(7.0)	(1.3)	(81.4)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>Ps. 151.0</b>	<b>Ps. 309.1</b>	<b>104.7</b>

(1) Insurance premiums minus insurance claims paid.

(2) Miscellaneous income minus miscellaneous expenses.

**Net Income**

Banco Hipotecario's net income for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 of Ps.309.1 million was higher than Ps 151.0 for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005, principally due to:

Higher financial income principally as a result of higher income from government and private securities, and

Higher miscellaneous income as a result of reversal of certain provisions and a capitalization of minimum presumed income tax. These factors were partially offset by:

Higher financial expenses as a result of higher financial expenses from foreign currency denominated liabilities,

An extraordinary adjust on changes in the valuation of public sector assets given as collateral for Central Bank borrowings (Bogar and Guarantee loans) and,

Higher administrative expenses mainly related to advertising campaigns and higher salaries and social security contributions.



**Table of Contents****Financial Income**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its financial income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Mortgage loans and other financial transactions	Ps. 189.7	Ps. 170.2	(10.3)
Government-guaranteed loans	92.1	96.2	4.4
Government and private securities	82.6	190.7	130.9
Compensatory and other BODEN	59.9	24.6	(58.9)
Buyback of restructured debt	109.1	51.2	(53.0)
Hedges	76.4	37.5	(50.9)
Mortgage-backed securities	36.3	27.6	(23.9)
Other loans	15.1	16.7	10.7
Credit Cards loans	0.6	7.0	NM
Personal loans	6.4	38.5	NM
Advance loans	6.8	18.3	167.4
Effects of changes in exchange rates	0	46.2	NM
Cash and due from banks	1.0	3.5	266.1
Interbank loans	1.2	1.8	46.4
Others	4.1	3.6	(12.7)
Total	Ps. 681.5	Ps. 733.8	7.7

Banco Hipotecario's financial income increase 7.7% to Ps.733.8 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 as compared to Ps.681.5 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005 primarily as a result of:

Higher income from government and private securities as a result of higher market prices and higher libor rate accrued during this period on the stock of BODEN US\$2012 recorded in investment account,

Higher income of credit cards, origination of personal loans and new consumer products as a result of higher bank activity, and

Higher income as a result of effect of changes in exchange rates during the year ended on June 2006.

These factors were partially offset by:

lower income from compensatory and additional BODEN, resulting from the receipt of BODEN US\$2012 a compensation granted to financial institutions,

Lower income from the buyback of restructured financial debts at market prices, and

Lower income from hedges, as a result of lower impact in derivatives adjusted by CER.

**Financial Expenses**

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The following table sets forth information regarding its financial expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

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	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change
	2005	2006	2005/2006
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Bonds and similar obligations	Ps. 109.8	Ps. 222.2	102.4
Borrowings from Central Bank	219.2	121.9	(44.4)
Borrowings from banks	28.8	30.0	4.4
Effects of changes in exchange rates	6.1		NM
Time deposits	8.0	17.7	121.9
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	6.5	160.0
Contributions and taxes on financial income	14.5	13.8	(4.6)
Total	Ps. 388.9	Ps. 412.2	6.0

(1) Includes interest and other amounts payable on savings accounts, checking accounts, and other deposits.

Banco Hipotecario's financial expenses for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 increased 6.0% to Ps.412.2 million from Ps.388.9 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005 primarily as a result of:

higher financial expenses from foreign currency-denominated liabilities due to new external financing mainly due to higher interest paid on bonds resulting from newly issued notes and strengthening Banco Hipotecario's position in the international capital markets, and

Higher interest liabilities resulting from increased average balances on savings accounts and time deposits, related to the growth of private sector.

This effect was partially offset by lower financial expenditures principally as result of the substantial reduction of Central Bank borrowings.

***Provision for Losses on Loans***

The following table sets forth its provision for loan losses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Provision for loan losses	Ps. 16.7	Ps. 10.5	(37.1)
Charge-offs	Ps. 73.2	Ps. 142.7	94.9

Banco Hipotecario's provision for loan losses for the period ended June 30, 2006 decreased to Ps.10.5 million from Ps.16.7 million in the period ended on June 30, 2005. This decreased provision reflects the improvement in the portfolio of performing loans. As of result of this improvement, the Risk and Credit Committee decided to maintain a maximum 100% coverage of the loan loss reserve, relative to the total amount of those loans classified as non-performing. Reserves and funds created in connection with the special reserve envisaged by Section 13 of Law 24,143 and the Special fund created by a resolution of the board of Directors of Banco Hipotecario dated December 12, 2001, shall not be included in the total amount used for calculating such coverage.

***Net Contribution from Insurance***

The following table sets forth the principal components of its net contribution from insurance for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

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	Twelve Months ended June 30		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
<b>Insurance premiums earned:</b>			
Life	Ps. 27.8	Ps. 37.1	33.5
Property damage	12.9	12.6	(2.2)
Unemployment	1.6	1.4	(13.8)
Other	2.5	2.8	9.4
<b>Total premiums earned</b>	<b>Ps. 44.8</b>	<b>Ps. 53.9</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Insurance claims paid:</b>			
Life	Ps. 6.9	8.0	16.4
Property damage	0.4	0.4	8.7
Unemployment	0.2	0.2	(2.6)
Other	0.3	0.3	(2.8)
<b>Total claims paid</b>	<b>Ps. 7.7</b>	<b>Ps. 9.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Net contribution from insurance</b>	<b>Ps. 37.0</b>	<b>Ps. 44.9</b>	<b>21.3</b>

Banco Hipotecario's net contribution from insurance activities of Ps.44.9 million during the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 increased 21.3% from Ps.37.0 million, compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005. This increase was primarily a consequence of higher premiums resulted from an increase in new loan origination and an expansion of insurance products offered. However, these effects were partially offset by higher claims paid during the quarter.

**Other Income from Services**

The following table includes the principal components of its other income from services for the periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Loan servicing fees from third parties	Ps. 2.1	Ps. 1.4	30.0
FONAVI commissions	3.0	3.3	9.7
Other Commissions	4.1	18.1	344.5
Commissions for technological services (MSI)	22.7	12.0	(47.4)
<b>Total commissions</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Recovery of loan expenses	9.1	7.7	(15.2)
Other	2.7	5.0	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 43.7</b>	<b>Ps. 47.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>

Banco Hipotecario's income from services increased to Ps.47.6 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 from Ps 43.7 million in the same period of 2005, as a result of higher commissions derived from credit cards, origination of mortgage loans and new consumer products, as a result of higher bank activity. These effects were partially offset by commissions for technological services in Banco Hipotecario's subsidiary MSI.





**Table of Contents****Other Expenses on Services**

The following table includes the principal components of its other expenses on services for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006:

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Structuring and underwriting fees	Ps. 0.2	Ps. 0.3	25.9%
Banking services	5.0	9.2	84.5
Commissions on third party originations	7.0	16.2	131.6
Collections	0.3	0.2	(35.8)
Others	0.9	3.0	250.1
Total	13.3	28.8	116.7
Contributions and taxes on income from services	1.5	1.7	13.3
Total	Ps. 14.8	Ps. 30.6	106.3%

Banco Hipotecario's other expenses on services increased 106.3% to Ps.30.6 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 from Ps.14.8 million in the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005. This increase was mainly to commissions recorded in other expenditures on services related to the VISA credit card as a consequence of higher credit card financings and increased customer base, and higher structuring and underwriting expenses associated with the issue of bonds and financial trusts.

**Administrative Expenses**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its administrative expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		% Change
	2005	2006	2005/2006
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Salaries and social security contributions	Ps. 83.2	Ps. 98.9	18.9%
Fees and external administrative services	16.1	24.6	52.7
Maintenance and repair	4.2	4.4	6.1
Advertising and publicity	7.2	15.7	117.4
Nonrecoverable VAT and other taxes	10.2	11.8	16.1
Electricity and communications	5.5	7.1	28.6
Depreciation of bank premises and equipment	7.3	7.1	(2.0)
Amortization of organizational expenses	2.2	2.9	29.3
Other	11.1	12.6	13.9
Total	Ps. 147.0	Ps. 185.2	26.0%

Administrative expenses for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 increased 26.0% to Ps.185.2 million from Ps.147.0 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005. The main reasons for this increase were higher salaries and social security contributions required under applicable regulations in Argentina, higher advertising expenses related to the launch of its new products and an increase in other fees related to the actions adopted by Banco Hipotecario in developing its retail banking business.

**Miscellaneous Income**

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The following table sets forth its miscellaneous income for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006.

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	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos as, except for percentages)		
Penalty interest	Ps. 9.6	Ps. 5.9	(38.2)%
Loan loss recoveries	58.9	87.2	49.1
Capitalization of presumed income tax		24.6	NM
Reversal of reserve for loan losses		10.2	NM
Reversal of provision for contingencies	0.2	25.4	NM
Other	15.3	19.7	29.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 84.0</b>	<b>Ps. 173.7</b>	<b>106.7%</b>

Banco Hipotecario's miscellaneous income increased 106.7% to Ps.173.7 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 from Ps.84.0 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2005 primarily as a result of:

A reversal of reserve for loan losses and higher income from recovered loans due to the continued improvement in its loan portfolio.

A capitalization of minimum presumed income tax paid for the fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, resulting from Banco Hipotecario intention to charge the minimum presumed income tax credit held by it against future income tax liabilities.

A reversal of provision for contingences principally as a result of recovery of reserves for director's fees established in compliance with shareholder resolutions and recovery of stock appreciation rights.

**Miscellaneous Expenses**

The following table sets forth the principal components of its miscellaneous expenses for the twelve-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2006:

	Twelve Months ended June 30,		%
	2005	2006	Change
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Provision for lawsuit contingencies	Ps. 1.3	Ps.	NM
Provision for miscellaneous receivables and others	4.6		NM
Provision StAR granted creditors under guaranteed debt	71.3		NM
Provision SAR	26.9		NM
Provision for administrative organization	8.9	12.3	38.2
Bogar and Guarantee loans adjustment		20.8	NM
Other	13.3	16.1	21.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 126.4</b>	<b>Ps. 49.2</b>	<b>(61.1)%</b>

Banco Hipotecario's miscellaneous expenses decreased 61.1% to Ps.49.2 million for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 from Ps.126.4 million for 2005 primarily as a result of:

Higher provisions recorded in the period ended June 30, of 2005 related to the appreciation in the trading price of its Class D shares, which is designed to account for the higher value attributable to the stock appreciation rights issued with and attached to its Medium

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Term Guaranteed Debt due 2010 and its management compensation plan.

This effect was partially offset by an extraordinary adjustment on changes in the valuation of public sector assets given as collateral for central Bank borrowings (Bogar and Guarantee loans).

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### **Exchange Rate Sensitivity**

Exchange-rate sensitivity is the relationship between the fluctuations of exchange rates and Banco Hipotecario's net financial income resulting from the revaluation of Banco Hipotecario's assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency. The impact of variations in the exchange rate on Banco Hipotecario's net financial income depends on whether Banco Hipotecario has a net asset foreign currency position (the amount by which foreign currency denominated assets exceed foreign currency denominated liabilities) or a short foreign currency position (the amount by which foreign currency denominated liabilities exceed foreign currency denominated assets). In the first case an increase/decrease in the exchange rate derives in a gain/loss, respectively. In the second case, an increase/decrease derives in a loss/gain, respectively.

At June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 its total foreign currency-denominated liabilities were Ps.4,850 million and 5,210 million, respectively, all of which were US dollar-and Euro-denominated obligations. At June 30, 2007, its US dollar-denominated assets (including BODEN) were Ps.3,349 million, and its Euro-denominated assets were Ps.1,097 million, while its US dollar-denominated liabilities were Ps.3,862 million, and its Euro-denominated liabilities were Ps.988 million.

### **Liquidity**

Its general policy has been to maintain liquidity adequate to meet its operational needs and financial obligations. At June 30, 2007, its liquid assets consisted of:

Ps.327.6 million of cash and due from banks;

Ps.330.9 million of Argentine government and corporate securities classified as held for trading, and

Ps.403.9 million of Argentine Central Bank Bills.

At June 30, 2006, its liquid assets consisted of:

Ps.314.9 million of cash and due from banks;

Ps.387.1 million of Argentine government and corporate securities classified as held for trading; and

Ps.318.1 million of Argentine Central Bank Bills.

*Cash Flows from Operating Activities.* The changes in cash flows from operating activities were principally due to the change in:

- (i) Provision for losses on loans and for contingencies and miscellaneous receivables, net of reversals,
- (ii) Net (gain) loss on government securities,
- (iii) Net indexing of loans, deposits and other debt, and

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(iv) Net change in other assets and liabilities.

*Cash Flows from Investing Activities.* The changes in cash flow from investing activities were due to subscription of Argentine Government Hedge BODENs.

*Cash Flows from Financing Activities.* The changes in cash flows from financing activities were principally due to the issuance of notes Series IV partially offset by payments on Central Bank debt, Bonds, Notes and Long Term debts, as a result of the changes in its restructuring financial debt in 2004 and 2003.

**Table of Contents****Funding**

Historically, Banco Hipotecario financed its lending operations mainly through:

the issuance of fixed and floating rate securities in the international capital markets,

other financing arrangements with international and domestic financial institutions,

securitizations of mortgage loans,

cash flow from existing loans,

deposits, and

Central Bank long term loans.

At June 30, 2007 and 2006, Banco Hipotecario had four principal funding sources: bonds, Central Bank, other liabilities from financial institutions and deposits. The table below sets forth its liabilities outstanding with respect to each of its sources of funding as of the dates indicated.

	As of June 30,		% Change
	2006	2007	2006/2007
	(in millions of pesos, except for percentages)		
Bonds(1)	Ps. 3,253.8	Ps. 3,587.20	10.2%
Borrowings from Central Bank	198.3	218	9.9
Borrowings from banks and international entities	376.9	231.7	(40.1)
Deposits	610	864.5	41.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ps. 4,449.2</b>	<b>Ps. 4,901.4</b>	<b>(10.2)%</b>

(1) Excludes accrued interest.

**Bonds**

The principal amount values of the different series of notes Banco Hipotecario has issued and outstanding is as follows:



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	Outstanding principal amount			Annual
	at		Date of Issue	Interest rate
	June 30, 2007 (millions of pesos)		Maturity Date	(%)
Bonds issued prior to restructuring <sup>(1)</sup> <b>GMTN (US\$1,200,000,000)</b>	Ps. 92.9			
<b>Notes Issued in Restructuring:</b>				
Guaranteed bonds (US\$107,941,000)			Sep. 15, 2003	