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CEDAR SHOPPING CENTERS, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD JUNE 17, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the offices of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10038, on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 4:00 in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To elect seven Directors.
2. To amend the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.
3. To approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 25, 2008, shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 17, 2008. THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OUR 2007 ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.CEDARSHOPPINGCENTERS.COM](http://www.cedarshoppingcenters.com).

By order of the Board of Directors
Leo S. Ullman
Chairman of the Board

Dated: April 28, 2008

Port Washington, NY

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PROXY STATEMENT

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The accompanying Proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting") to be held on June 17, 2008, at 4:00 in the afternoon, or any adjournment thereof, at which stockholders of record at the close of business on April 25, 2008 shall be entitled to vote. The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company has retained The Altman Group, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$14,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses. The Company also may use the services of its directors, officers, employees and others to solicit proxies, personally or by telephone; arrangements may also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees, fiduciaries and stockholders of record to forward solicitation material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record by such persons. The Company may reimburse such solicitors for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in soliciting, but no compensation will be paid for their services.

Each proxy executed and returned by a stockholder may be revoked at any time before it is voted by timely submission of written notice of revocation or by submission of a duly executed proxy bearing a later date (in either case directed to the Secretary of the Company) or, if a stockholder is present at the Meeting, he may elect to revoke his proxy and vote his shares personally.

The Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 is being mailed herewith to each stockholder of record. It is intended that this Proxy Statement and form of Proxy will first be sent or given to stockholders on or about April 28, 2008. The Company's website address is www.cedarshoppingcenters.com.

On April 25, 2008, the Company had outstanding and entitled to vote with respect to all matters to be acted upon at the meeting, 44,460,886 shares of Common Stock. Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by such holder. The presence of holders representing a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting will constitute a quorum at the meeting. In accordance with Maryland law, abstentions, but not broker non-votes, are counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business. Each item on the agenda must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock voted at the meeting in order to pass. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted in determining the votes cast with respect to any of the matters submitted to a vote of stockholders.

It is expected that the following business will be considered at the meeting and action taken thereon:

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended, the director nominees elected at this Meeting will be elected to serve one-year terms that expire upon the date of the next annual meeting or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

It is intended that the accompanying form of Proxy will be voted for the nominees set forth below, each of whom, except for Ms. Pamela N. Hootkin, is presently a director of the Company. If some unexpected occurrence should make necessary, in the Board of Directors' judgment, the substitution of some other person or persons for these nominees, shares will be voted for such other persons as the Board of Directors may select.

The Board of Directors is not aware that any nominee may be unable or unwilling to serve as a director. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the nominees.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Name	Age	Principal Occupation and Positions Held	Served as a Director Since
James J. Burns	68	Mr. Burns, a director since 2001 and a member of the Audit (Chair), Compensation and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees, was chief financial officer and senior vice president of Reis, Inc. (formerly Wellsford Real Properties, Inc.) from December 2000 until March 2006 when he became vice chairman. He joined Reis in October 1999 as chief accounting officer upon his retirement from Ernst & Young LLP in September 1999. At Ernst & Young LLP, Mr. Burns was a senior audit partner in the E&Y Kenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group for 22 years. Since 2000, Mr. Burns has also served as a director of One Liberty Properties, Inc., a real estate investment trust listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Burns is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Burns received a B.A. and M.B.A. from Baruch College of the City University of New York.	2001

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Richard Homburg	59	Mr. Homburg, a director since 1999, and chairman from November 1999 2002 to August 2000, was born and educated in the Netherlands. Mr. Homburg was the president and CEO of Uni-Invest N.V., a publicly-listed Netherlands real estate fund, from 1991 until 2000. In 2002, an investment group purchased 100% of the shares of Uni-Invest N.V., taking it private, at which time it was one of the largest real estate funds in the Netherlands with assets of approximately \$2.5 billion. Mr. Homburg is chairman and CEO of Homburg Invest Inc. and president of Homburg Invest USA Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Homburg Invest Inc.). In addition to his varied business interests, Mr. Homburg has served on many boards. Previous positions held by Mr. Homburg include president and director of the Investment Property Owners of Nova Scotia, the Evangeline Trust and the World Trade Center in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, as well as director or advisory board member of other large charitable organizations. Mr. Homburg holds an honorary Doctorate in Commerce from St. Mary's University in Canada and an honorary Doctorate in Law from the University of Prince Edward Island.	
Pamela N. Hootkin	60	Ms. Hootkin has been senior vice president, treasurer and director of investor relations at Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation since June 2007. She joined Phillips-Van Heusen in 1988 as vice president, treasurer and corporate secretary and in 1999 became vice president, treasurer and director of investor relations. From 1986 to 1988, Ms. Hootkin was vice president and chief financial officer of Yves Saint Laurent Parfums, Inc. From 1975 to 1986, she was employed by Squibb Corporation in various capacities, with her last position being vice president and treasurer of a division of Squibb. Ms. Hootkin is a board member of Safe Horizon, New York (a not-for-profit organization) where she also serves on the executive and finance committees. Ms. Hootkin received a B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a M.A. from Boston University.	
Paul G. Kirk, Jr.	70	Mr. Kirk, a director since 2005 and a member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance (Chair) and Compensation Committees and the Lead Director (as among the independent directors), is a retired partner of the law firm of Sullivan & Worcester, LLP of Boston, MA. He was a member of the firm from 1977 through 1990. He also serves as Chairman and CEO of Kirk & Associates, Inc., a business advisory and consulting firm. Mr. Kirk currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and Rayonier, Incorporated (a real estate investment trust listed on the New York Stock Exchange). He has previously served on the Boards of Directors of ITT Corporation (1989-1997) and of Bradley Real Estate, Inc. (1991-2000), a real estate investment trust that was subsequently acquired by Heritage Property Investment Trust, Inc. Mr. Kirk also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and was a founder and continues to serve as co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates. From 1985 to 1989, Mr. Kirk served as Chairman of the Democratic Party of the U.S., and from 1983-1985 as its Treasurer. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Kirk is past-Chairman of the Harvard Board of Overseers' Nominating Committee and currently serves as Chairman of the Harvard Board of Overseers' Committee to Visit the Department of Athletics. He has received many awards for civic leadership and public service, including honorary doctors of law degrees from Stonehill College and the Southern New England School of Law.	2005
Everett B. Miller, III	62	Mr. Miller, a director since 1998 and a member of the Audit and Compensation Committees, is vice president of alternative investments at the YMCA Retirement Fund. In March 2003, Mr. Miller was appointed to the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund. Prior to his retirement in May 2002 from Commonfund Realty, Inc., a registered investment advisor, Mr. Miller was the chief operating officer of that company from 1997 until	1998

Leo S. Ullman	68	<p>May 2002. From January 1995 through March 1997, Mr. Miller was the Principal Investment Officer for Real Estate and Alternative Investment at the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut. Prior thereto, Mr. Miller was employed for eighteen years at affiliates of Travelers Realty Investment Co., at which his last position was senior vice president. Mr. Miller received a B.S. from Yale University. Mr. Ullman, chief executive officer, president and chairman of the board of directors, has been involved in real estate property and asset management for more than thirty years. He was chairman and president since 1978 of the real estate management companies which were merged into the Company in 2003, and their respective predecessors and affiliates. Mr. Ullman was first elected as the Company's chairman in April 1998 and served until November 1999. He was re-elected in December 2000. Mr. Ullman also has been chief executive officer and president from April 1998 to date. He has been a member of the New York Bar since 1966 and was in private legal practice until 1998. From 1984 until 1993, he was a partner in the New York law firm of Reid & Priest (now Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP), and served as initial director of its real estate group. Mr. Ullman received an A.B. from Harvard University, an M.B.A. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business and a J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar. He has lectured and written several books, monographs and articles on investment in U.S. real estate, and is a former adjunct professor of business at the NYU Graduate School of Business. He also serves on the boards of several charities, is a member of the Development Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and has received several awards for community service. From 2005 to date, Mr. Ullman, a past regional winner, has served as a National Judge for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year Award Program.</p>	1998
Roger M. Widmann	68	<p>Mr. Widmann, a director since 2003 and a member of the Audit, Compensation (Chair), and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees, is an investment banker. He was a principal of the investment banking firm of Tanner & Co., Inc. from 1997 to 2004. From 1986 to 1995, Mr. Widmann was a senior managing director of Chemical Securities, Inc., a subsidiary of Chemical Banking Corporation (now JPMorgan Chase Corporation). Prior to joining Chemical Securities, Inc., Mr. Widmann was a founder and managing director of First Reserve Corporation, the largest independent energy investing firm in the U.S. Previously, he was senior vice president with the investment banking firm of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, responsible for the firm's domestic and international investment banking business. He had also been a vice president with New Court Securities (now Rothschild, Inc.). He was a director of Lydall, Inc. (NYSE), a manufacturer of thermal, acoustical and filtration materials, from 1974 to 2004, and its chairman from 1998 to 2004. He is a director of Standard Motor Products, Inc., a manufacturer of automobile replacement parts and GigaBeam Corporation, a manufacturer of "last mile" wireless transmission systems. He is also a senior moderator of the Executive Seminar at The Aspen Institute, and is a board member of the March of Dimes of Greater New York and of Oxfam America. Mr. Widmann received an A.B. from Brown University and a J.D. from Columbia University.</p>	2003

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Independent Directors

Pursuant to rules of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable law, a majority of the Company's directors must be independent as specified therein. As a result, the Board undertook a review of the independence of the Company's directors. During this review, the Board considered

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transactions and relationships between each director or any member of his or her immediate family and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including those reported under “Transactions with Related Persons” below. The Board also examined transactions and relationships between directors or their affiliates and members of the Company’s senior management or their affiliates. The purpose of this review was to determine whether any such relationship or transaction was inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent.

As the result of this review, the Board affirmatively determined that each of Messrs. Burns, Kirk, Miller and Widmann is independent of the Company and its management. The Board determined that none of these independent directors had any material relationships with the Company. The directors who are not independent are Messrs. Ullman and Homburg and Ms. Walker. Ms. Walker is not standing for re-election as a director. If elected, Ms. Hootkin would be an independent director.

Corporate Governance Principles and Committee Charters

Our Board of Directors has adopted a comprehensive set of corporate governance principles to reflect its commitment to corporate governance and the role of such principles in building and sustaining stockholder value. These principles are discussed more fully below and are set forth in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the committee charters for our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. These documents are available on our website at www.cedarshoppingcenters.com or by written request to the Company, attention: Investor Relations, 44 South Bayles Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050-3765.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

All of our employees, including our chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief accounting officer, and our Directors are required to comply with our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. Our Code is available on our website. It is our intention to disclose any amendments to, or waivers from, any provisions of this Code as it applies to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief accounting officer on our website within three business days of such amendment or waiver.

Audit Committee

The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee consisting of James J. Burns, Everett B. Miller, III and Roger M. Widmann. The charter of the Audit Committee is available on the Company’s website. All the members of the Audit Committee are independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable law. Mr. Burns is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of applicable law and the Board has determined that he has accounting and related financial management expertise under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. The functions of this committee include engaging and discharging of the independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the plan and results of the auditing engagement, reviewing the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm and reviewing the range of audit and non-audit fees.

Compensation Committee

The Board of Directors has established a Compensation Committee consisting of James J. Burns, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Everett B. Miller, III and Roger M. Widmann, all of whom are independent. This committee reviews and approves the compensation and benefits of executive officers and directors, administers and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding executive and director compensation and stock incentive plans and produces an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the proxy statement.

Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

The Board of Directors has established a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee consisting of James J. Burns, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., and Roger M. Widmann, all of whom are independent. This committee develops and recommends to the Board of Directors a set of corporate governance principles, adopts a code of ethics, adopts policies with respect to conflicts of interest, monitors compliance with corporate governance requirements of state and federal law and the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange, establishes criteria for prospective members of the Board of Directors, conducts candidate searches and interviews, oversees and evaluates the Board of Directors and management, evaluates from time to time the appropriate size and composition of the Board of Directors and formally proposes the slate of Directors to be elected at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Nomination of Directors

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for the selection and nomination of directors. The Committee has adopted a policy to consider nominees recommended by stockholders of the Company. Stockholders who wish to recommend a nominee should send nominations directly to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, at the principal executive offices of the Company, that include all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for the election of directors, including the nominee’s name, business experience and consent to be nominated for membership on our Board of Directors and to serve if elected by the stockholders.

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The recommendation must be received not later than the date for stockholder proposals set forth herein under “Other Matters—Stockholder Proposals.” We did not receive for this Meeting any recommended nominees for director from any of our stockholders, other than from our directors. We do not currently pay any fees to third parties to identify or evaluate or assist in identifying or evaluating potential nominees for director. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee considers candidates for Board membership suggested by its members and other Board members, as well as management and stockholders.

Once the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee has identified a prospective nominee, the Committee makes an initial determination as to whether to conduct a full evaluation of the candidate. This initial determination is based on whatever information is provided to the Committee with the recommendation of the prospective candidate, as well as the Committee’s own knowledge of the prospective candidate, which may be supplemented by inquiries to the person making the recommendation or others. The preliminary determination is based primarily on the need for additional Board members to fill vacancies or expand the size of the Board and the likelihood that the prospective nominee can satisfy the evaluation factors described below. If the Committee determines, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and other Board members as appropriate, that additional consideration is warranted, it may request additional information about the prospective nominee’s background and experience and report its findings to the Board. The Committee then evaluates the prospective nominee against the standards and qualifications set out in the Company’s guidelines, including:

- the ability of the prospective nominee to represent the interests of the stockholders of the Company;
- the prospective nominee’s standards of integrity, commitment and independence of thought and judgment;
- the prospective nominee’s ability to dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to the diligent performance of his or her duties, including the prospective nominee’s service on other public company boards and other professional experience to enhance the Board’s effectiveness;
- the extent to which the prospective nominee contributes to the range of talent, skill and expertise appropriate for the business of the Company; and
- the extent to which the prospective nominee helps the Board reflect the diversity of the Company’s stockholders, employees, customers and communities.

The Committee also considers such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the current composition of the Board, the balance of management and independent directors, the need for Audit Committee expertise and the evaluations of other prospective nominees. In connection with this evaluation, the Committee determines whether to interview the prospective nominee, and if warranted, one or more members of the Committee, and others as appropriate, interview prospective nominees in person or by telephone. After completing this evaluation and interview, the Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board as to the persons who should be nominated by the Board, and the Board determines the nominees after considering the recommendation and report of the Committee.

There would be no differences in the manner in which the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee evaluates nominees for director based on whether the nominee is recommended by a stockholder or the Committee.

Board Meetings

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, there were ten meetings of the Board of Directors, four meetings of the Audit Committee, six meetings of the Compensation Committee and five meetings of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. Each Director of the Company attended in excess of 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and committees on which he or she served. Board members are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders. All but one of our Directors attended our 2007 Annual Meeting.

Communications with the Board

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board approved a process for handling letters received by the Company and addressed to non-management members of the Board. Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating with any Directors of the Company (or the Board as a group), may do so by writing to the Secretary of the Company, at the Company’s principal executive offices. The Secretary will review all such correspondence and regularly forward to the Board a summary of all such correspondence and copies of all correspondence that, in the Secretary’s opinion, deals with the functions of the Board or committees thereof or that he otherwise determines to require the Board’s attention. The Board, or any member thereof, may at any time request that copies of all such correspondence be forwarded to the Board.

Correspondence relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters is handled by the Audit Committee in accordance with its procedures.

The non-management directors of our Board meet in executive session several times during the year, generally on the same day as regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors or as considered necessary or appropriate. Mr. Kirk has been chosen by the non-management Directors to be the independent lead director and to preside at each such meeting.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Overview of Compensation Program

In 2004, shortly after completion of a significant offering of our common stock, we formulated a preliminary compensation philosophy that was designed to provide a market-competitive, performance-based compensation package consisting of base salary, annual bonuses and long-term equity awards for performance. Since then, our Compensation Committee has designed and implemented this compensation program for the chief executive officer, or CEO, and other executives. The Committee evaluates the performance of the CEO and determines his compensation in light of the goals and objectives of the compensation program, based on all the criteria discussed herein. Based on initial recommendations and input from the CEO, the Committee assesses the performance of the other executives and determines their compensation. Our Compensation Committee retained a compensation consulting firm, Chernoff Diamond & Co., LLC, to assist our Committee in implementing the compensation policy. The consultant provides to our Committee relevant market data about our peer companies and makes recommendations as to compensation matters. The discussion under this Compensation Discussion and Analysis relates to the CEO and the other named executive officers included in the Summary Compensation Table.

Compensation Objectives

As set forth in its Charter, the Committee's compensation philosophy is to align executive compensation with the interests of stockholders, attract, retain and motivate a highly competent team of executives, link pay to performance, achieve a balance between short-term and long-term results, teamwork and individual contributions and utilize equity as a significant reward for performance.

The Committee uses three components in establishing executive compensation, namely base salary, annual bonuses and long-term equity compensation. As a result, two key elements of compensation depend upon the performance of the executive, including (a) an annual bonus that is based on an assessment of the executive's performance against pre-determined measures within the context of our overall performance and (b) equity compensation in the form of performance-based full value shares that are earned only if a three-year total stockholder return target is achieved, and that are subject to three-year vesting to require continued service with us. Salary is intended to be commensurate with the executive's scope of responsibility and effectiveness. Bonuses are designed to reward annual results. Long-term equity compensation focuses on our Company achieving long-term sustained results. We attempt to retain our executives by rewarding the executives with long-term equity only if the executive remains with us for the entire three-year performance period. The policy for allocating between either cash and non-cash compensation or short-term or long-term compensation is established on an annual basis. The Committee determines the appropriate level and mix of compensation. The Committee also considers the individual components of compensation, as well as the total compensation received by each named executive officer, relative to such officer's performance, the peer group and each other (i.e., internal equity) in making its determination. The Company does not provide material perquisites or supplemental retirement benefits. The Committee has not utilized tally sheets or wealth accumulation in evaluating compensation, but it may do so in the future.

Implementation

The consultant selected a peer group of 16 equity REITs with a business focus similar to ours, a majority of which are our direct competitors. The data that was obtained for these companies was for the 2006 fiscal year. The peer group selected by the consultant was reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Committee and consisted of the following companies:

Agree Realty Corp.	Inland Real Estate Corp.
Hersha Hospitality Trust	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers Inc.
Kite Realty Group Trust	Ashford Hospitality Trust Inc.
Ramco Gershenson Properties Trust	Lexington Realty Trust
First Potomac Realty Trust	National Retail Properties, Inc.
Acadia Realty Trust	Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust
Saul Centers Inc.	Washington Real Estate Investment Trust
Glimcher Realty Trust	Cousins Properties Inc.

Since we had a market capitalization that was smaller than 70% of such peers, the Committee determined to utilize the median of the peer group as an indication of target market position. With respect to the long-term compensation, the consultant determined that restricted stock was used more widely among the peer group than stock options, as is the practice of our Company. Although comparisons of compensation paid to our named executive officers relative to compensation paid to similarly situated executives in our peer group assists the Committee in determining compensation, the Committee evaluates compensation based on the corporate objectives discussed above.

Based on its review of compensation amounts for 2006, the consultant determined that the total compensation for the named executive officers (consisting of base salary, annual bonus and value of long-term equity grants) was at or slightly above the median of the peer group. Base salaries were determined to be within a reasonable range of the peer group median, total cash compensation was generally slightly below the

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median of the peer group and total equity grants were slightly above the median of the peer group.

Base Salary

Base salaries for our named executive officers depend on the scope of their responsibilities and their performance. Base salary is designed to compensate the executives for services rendered during the year. These salaries are compared to amounts paid to the executive's peers outside our company. Salary levels are typically considered annually as part of the Committee's performance review process and increases are based, in part, on the Committee's assessment of the performance of the executive. Due to the growth and performance of our Company and other factors, the Committee determined that base salary for 2008 for each of the named executive officers would be increased by 5%.

Annual Bonus

We seek to align the interests of the named executive officers by evaluating executive performance on the basis of specified financial tests. Target bonuses were established at a percentage of base salary according to the executive's level of responsibility. In addition, 30% of the bonus for the CEO would be discretionary and tied to strategic planning, governance, relationship with the Board of Directors, succession planning and other factors deemed relevant by the Committee. We attempt to achieve an appropriate mix between cash payments and equity awards.

As part of its continuing review of appropriate performance measures in 2006, the Compensation Committee determined that the bonus award should be based entirely on a calculation of the Company's adjusted funds from operations ("AFFO"). The Committee believes that such AFFO calculation is the appropriate benchmark for incentive compensation. For 2007, the Committee set \$1.04 per share of AFFO as the performance target for receiving the bonus, a significant increase over the \$0.89 per share of AFFO realized by the Company in 2006. The payout scale for 2007 was a 3% increase (or decrease) in bonus for each 1% increase (or decrease) in actual performance from the base target. No bonus would be paid if our actual results were less than 80% of the target. The maximum payout would be 200% of the target bonus. AFFO is defined as funds from operations ("FFO"), as reduced by straight-line rents and amortization of intangible lease liabilities, and increased by non-real estate amortization and the effect of restricted stock awards. For 2007, the Committee increased the AFFO result for the one-time charge related to the retirement of our former chief financial officer and for the hiring of a new chief financial officer, which had the effect of increasing the annual bonus amount by approximately \$90,000 in the aggregate for the named executive officers. The resulting bonus amounts paid to the named executive officers, premised on such AFFO calculation, was approximately 13.8% below the target amount for such officers.

Each year, a portion of the annual bonus is deferred in the form of restricted stock to be issued in accordance with the terms of our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2004 Stock Incentive Plan"), which is discounted 15% from the market price and which cliff vests on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to acceleration of vesting under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan upon retirement, death or disability or upon the occurrence of a change in control. For 2007, the portion of annual bonus allocated to restricted stock was 50%.

Long-Term Compensation

The Committee determined that long-term incentive compensation would be in the form of performance-based restricted stock to be issued in accordance with the terms of our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, with performance measured against an agreed-upon three-year total stockholder return ("TSR") target. TSR was selected since it ties this portion of the compensation to stockholder value, with the total value of these awards corresponding to stock price appreciation and dividends. It was determined to use different criteria for long-term compensation than for annual bonuses, with TSR having a longer-term focus than AFFO. For 2006, such compensation was paid by the granting of restricted stock under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, with 50% vesting on the third anniversary if the employee was still employed by the Company, and the remaining 50% to vest if the TSR over the three year period of 2006-2008 averaged 8% or more per year for the three years. For 2007, the Committee determined to use the same dollar amount as for 2006, with 40% to be based on time and 60% on performance, subject to the same vesting requirements. Dividends are paid on the shares issued as restricted stock even though such stock has not vested. TSR is determined by adding dividends paid during the year to the change in stock price for such year, with the stock price to be measured as the average closing price for the last 20 trading days of the year. This would be measured for the complete three-year period. Stock awards are based on both performance and continued service with us, subject to acceleration of vesting upon retirement, death or disability or upon a change in control. In order for the stock to be earned, we must achieve TSR goals within the three-year performance period and the employee must remain employed by us for such three years. Our practice is to determine the dollar amount of equity compensation to be granted and then to grant a number of full value shares that have a fair market value equal to that amount on the first trading day of the year for which the grant is made. Fair market value is determined by selecting the closing price of our common stock applicable to the relevant grant dates. The Committee reserved the right to establish different criteria for grants in future years. Historically, our practice has been to issue restricted stock and not to grant stock options. Aside from some minor grants of stock options to our directors in 2001, we have not granted any stock options.

Perquisites

The only material perquisite provided to our named executive officers is reimbursement for use of an automobile for business purposes since the executives need such vehicles for frequent travel to and from the Company's numerous shopping centers. No other material perquisites are provided. Since the perquisites are de minimus, the Committee does not focus on them.

Retirement Benefits

Named executive officers participate in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) plan providing for employer and employee contributions.

We do not provide any supplemental retirement benefits for the named executive officers.

Employment Agreements

We entered into employment agreements with the named executive officers and other officers commencing in 2003 and with our new chief financial officer in 2007. Each of these agreements has change in control provisions that are designed to promote stability and continuity of senior management. These agreements, including change in control payments, were negotiated on an arms-length basis and are more fully described in "Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers." The Committee does not believe these provisions will adversely affect the interests of our shareholders in the event of a change in control.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

In March 2007, we established target stock ownership guidelines for our named executive officers to more closely align their interests with our shareholders. The number of shares of our common stock that is targeted to be owned is set at a multiple of the executive's base salary. For the chief executive officer, the multiple is four times base salary, while for the other named executive officers the multiple is two times base salary. The chief executive officer exceeds this level, while the other named executive officers have until March 2011 to reach such level.

We also established target ownership guidelines for our directors. For each director who has served as a director for at least four years, such director is expected to own shares of our common stock totaling not less than the number of shares constituting the equity portion of his annual retainer for the previous four years. All our directors meet such guidelines.

Tax Deductibility of Compensation

The financial reporting and income tax consequences to the Company of the compensation components for the executive officers are considered by the Committee in analyzing the level and mix of compensation. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), was amended in 1993 with respect to the ability of publicly-held corporations such as the Company to deduct compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 per individual, other than performance-based compensation. The Compensation Committee continues to evaluate the deductibility of executive compensation, while retaining the discretion it deems necessary to compensate executive officers.

Executive Compensation

The following table sets forth certain information regarding compensation paid by the Company to its chief executive officer, chief financial officer and to each of its three other most highly compensated executive officers whose salary and bonus for 2007 exceeded \$100,000.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Bonus ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (\$)	Stock Awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
Leo S. Ullman	2007	456,875	428,337	275,866	39,387	1,200,465
President and Chief Executive Officer	2006	425,000	514,568	212,156	16,922	1,168,646
Thomas J. O'Keefe ⁽⁵⁾	2007	161,250	167,500	486,894 ⁽⁵⁾	30,662	844,306
Chief Financial Officer	2006	300,000	363,230	93,964	16,813	774,007
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr. ⁽⁶⁾	2007	331,731	145,138	84,611	5,000	566,480
Chief Financial Officer	2006	250,000	363,230	87,315	10,718	711,263
Thomas B. Richey	2007	268,750	302,349	152,027	20,117	743,243
Vice President	2006	250,000	363,230	87,315	10,718	711,263
Brenda J. Walker	2007	268,750	166,292	68,541	27,205	530,788
Vice President						

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	2006	250,000	199,782	47,128	12,150	509,060
Nancy H. Mozzachio	2007	241,875	176,875	61,713	14,805	495,268
Vice President						
	2006	225,000	211,876	22,667	9,060	468,603

- (1) In 2006, all of the named executives contributed (a) a portion of their cash bonus to the 2005 Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, and (b) a portion of their salaries to the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan. In 2007, all of the named executives other than Messrs. Ullman, O'Keeffe and Kreider contributed a portion of their cash bonus to the 2005 Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan; in addition, all of the named executives contributed a portion of their salaries to the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan.
- (2) This column represents (a) the total bonus earned in 2007, 50% of which was paid in cash and 50% of which was paid in the form of restricted shares of common stock issued at a 15% discount to the market price as of the close of business on January 2, 2008 and (b) the total bonus earned in 2006, 40% of which was paid in cash and 60% of which was paid in the form of restricted shares of common stock issued at a 15% discount to the market price as of the close of business on January 2, 2007. These shares vest on the third anniversary of the grant dates, or January 2, 2011 and January 2, 2010, respectively.
- (3) This column represents the dollar amount charged to operations for financial statement reporting purposes during 2007 and 2006 with respect to all restricted stock grants (those granted in the respective years as well as for prior years), in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, "Share-Based Payments" ("SFAS 123R"), as adjusted for fluctuations in the market value of the Company's common stock in accordance with the provisions of the Emerging Issues Task Force No. 97-14, "Accounting for Deferred Compensation Arrangements Where Amounts Earned Are Held in a Rabbi Trust and Invested" ("EITF 97-14"). A portion of the restricted share grants is subject to market conditions, i.e., they are tied to total stockholder return, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CDA"), which reduces the grant-date fair value under SFAS 123R. For additional information, see Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Stock-Based Compensation", to the Company's consolidated financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (4) Consists of matching contributions and other payments made by the Company related to its 401(k) plan.
- (5) Mr. O'Keeffe retired as Chief Financial Officer on June 20, 2007. The stock award amount includes \$485,849 that was charged by the Company to operations as the result of Mr. O'Keeffe's retirement.
- (6) Mr. Kreider was appointed as Chief Financial Officer effective June 20, 2007.

Employment Agreements With Named Executive Officers

The Company has entered into employment agreements, as amended, with each of the named executive officers, Messrs. Ullman, Kreider and Richey and Ms. Mozzachio and Ms. Walker. The annual base salary established for each of these officers for 2008 is \$456,875, \$350,000, \$268,750, \$241,875 and \$268,750, respectively.

Each agreement initially was for a term of four years expiring October 31, 2007, except for Mr. Kreider that was for four years expiring June 2011 and for Ms. Mozzachio that was for two years. Commencing October 1, 2007, and on each October 1 thereafter, Mr. Ullman's agreement is automatically extended for successive one year periods unless either the Company or Mr. Ullman, by notice given at least 60 days prior to the scheduled termination, elects not to so extend the agreement. Thus, Mr. Ullman's term is effectively a three-year evergreen term. Mr. Richey's agreement was amended to provide that it terminates on October 31, 2009, while Ms. Mozzachio's and Ms. Walker's agreements were amended to provide that they expire October 31, 2008.

Effective June 20, 2007, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Kreider. Upon the effectiveness of the agreement, Mr. Kreider was paid \$150,000 and received 20,000 shares of restricted common stock of the Company which cliff vest on the third anniversary of grant. Mr. Kreider also participates in the Company's annual bonus plan for senior executive officers, with his initial bonus for 2007 targeted at an annualized amount of \$275,000. Payment of the bonus is guaranteed for one year. In addition, Mr. Kreider participates in the Company's long-term incentive compensation plan pursuant to which he will be entitled to receive grants of restricted stock, initially to be valued at \$275,000 for the first year.

Mr. Kreider's agreement is for four years, but the Company has the right to terminate the agreement not less than 60 days prior to June 30, 2008. If the Company elects to terminate the agreement prior to June 30, 2008 other than for "cause" or if Mr. Kreider elects to terminate the agreement for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the agreement), then Mr. Kreider will receive, as severance pay, a lump sum cash payment equal to 125% of his annual salary and bonus and 50% of the restricted shares shall vest. If thereafter Mr. Kreider's employment shall be terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Kreider for good reason, he will be entitled to receive a lump sum cash payment equal to two and one-half times his annual base salary and average annual bonus for the preceding two years, his health insurance benefits will be continued for 12 months and the vesting of all restricted stock will be accelerated.

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Under each agreement, an officer's employment agreement will terminate automatically upon the retirement, death or disability of such officer, without payment of any additional compensation, except that under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan all unvested Restricted Shares will immediately become fully vested. Upon the termination of employment by an officer without cause, no additional compensation will be due to such officer. In the event of termination of an agreement by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason, or, in the case of Mr. Ullman the Company elects not to extend his employment on October 1, 2008 or on any October 1 thereafter, the executive is entitled to receive from the Company within five days following termination:

- Any earned and unpaid base salary;
- A lump sum cash payment of two and one-half times (2.99 times with respect to Mr. Ullman) the executive's annual base salary and average annual bonus for the preceding two years;
- Continuation of health insurance benefits for 12 months (to be reduced to the extent the executive receives comparable benefits); and
- Acceleration of vesting of all options, restricted shares and other awards.

The named executive officers (other than Mr. Kreider) will also be entitled to be grossed up, on an after-tax basis, for any excise taxes imposed under the Code on any excess parachute payments that they receive in connection with the benefits and payments provided to them in connection with any change in control.

Good reason means:

- Material breach by the Company of the employment agreement;
- A material reduction in the executive's duties or responsibilities;
- The relocation of the executive or the headquarters of the Company to any location outside of the New York City metropolitan area; or
- A change in control of the Company.

Each employment agreement also provides that each executive will not compete with the Company or hire any employees of the Company for a period of one year after the termination of the executive's employment, unless employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason.

If employment of any of our named executive officers is terminated by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason in a situation not involving a change in control, the chart below sets forth the severance payments that would have been made based on a hypothetical termination date of December 31, 2007 and using the closing price of our stock on that date. These amounts are estimates and the actual amounts to be paid can only be determined at the time of the termination of the executive's employment.

Termination of Employment Without Change In Control

Name	Cash Compensation (Salary and Bonus) (\$)	Value of Accelerated Vesting of Stock Awards (\$)	Medical and Other Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Leo S. Ullman	2,775,699	705,423	12,337	3,493,459
Thomas J. O'Keeffe	737,500	202,915	N/A	940,415
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr.	1,750,000	229,485	12,337	1,991,822
Brenda J. Walker	1,129,468	162,588	5,589	1,297,645
Thomas B. Richey	1,503,849	335,139	15,975	1,854,963
Nancy H. Mozzachio	1,090,626	131,789	12,337	1,234,752

If employment of any of our named executive officers is terminated in connection with a change in control, the chart below sets forth the change in control payments that would have been made based on a hypothetical termination date of December 31, 2007 and using the closing price of our stock on that date. These amounts are estimates and the actual amounts to be paid can only be determined at the time of the termination of the executive's employment.

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Termination of Employment In Connection With Change In Control

Name	Cash Compensation (Salary and Bonus) (\$)	Value of Accelerated Vesting of Stock Awards (\$)	Tax Gross Up (\$)(1)	Medical and Other Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Leo S. Ullman	2,775,699	705,423	1,544,690	12,337	5,038,149
Thomas J. O'Keeffe	1,658,075	202,915	759,425	N/A	2,620,415
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr.	1,750,000	229,485	N/A	12,337	1,991,822
Brenda J. Walker	1,129,468	162,588	538,989	5,589	1,836,634
Thomas B. Richey	1,503,849	335,139	812,536	15,975	2,667,499
Nancy H. Mozzachio	1,090,626	131,789	509,170	12,337	1,743,922

- (1) Upon a change in control, several of the Company's executives may be subject to certain excise taxes under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Company has agreed to reimburse the affected executives (except for Mr. Kreider) for those excise taxes as well as for any income and excise taxes payable by the executives as a result of any such reimbursement. The amounts in this column are based on an excise tax rate of 20% and a total income tax rate of 40% to cover federal, state and other payroll-related taxes.

Equity Awards

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the grant of equity awards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) (1)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Full Fair Value (7) (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Leo S. Ullman						18,599(2)		12,399(3) 22,992(4) 4,729(5)			681,986
Thomas J. O'Keeffe								9,300(3)			152,985
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr.								19,164(3) 20,000(6)			562,003
Thomas B. Richey						7,440(2)		4,960(3) 16,229(4) 907(5)			331,371
Brenda J. Walker						3,162(2)		2,108(3) 8,926(4)			166,108

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Nancy H. Mozzachio	1,860(2)	775(5)	143,851
		1,240(3)	
		9,494(4)	
		730(5)	

- (1) Dividends were paid on such shares from January 1, 2007, the date the shares were earned, even though the stock certificates representing such shares were not issued until a subsequent date.
- (2) These are restricted shares granted to the named executives that will vest at the end of a three-year performance period (commencing January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009) which are market and cash return driven and therefore completely at risk. See the CDA for a description of the performance goals.
- (3) These are restricted shares granted to the named executives representing the time based portion of long term compensation (see CDA) that will vest three years from the date of grant.
- (4) These are restricted shares granted to the named executives representing the stock portion of the annual bonus (see CDA) that will vest three years from the date of grant.
- (5) These are additional restricted shares granted to the named executive officers that will vest three years from the date of grant.
- (6) Restricted shares granted to Mr. Kreider upon commencement of employment that will vest three years from the date of grant.
- (7) This column shows the grant date full fair value of restricted share grants to the named executives for 2007 under SFAS 123R (including the restricted share portion of the 2007 bonus, as reflected in the Summary Compensation Table). For restricted share grants, fair value is determined (1) for time based grants as the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant and (2) for market/performance based grants by an independent appraisal.

No options were granted by the Company or exercised during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to option exercises and option values and stock awards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Leo S. Ullman	3,333			10.50	7/10/2011	27,700(2)	283,371		(1)
						17,768(3)	181,767	17,768(10)	181,767
						20,646(4)	211,209	18,599(11)	190,268
						12,399(5)	126,842		
						4,729(6)	48,378		

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Thomas J. O'Keeffe					22,992(7)	235,208		
					12,200(2)	124,806		
					10,660(3)	109,052		
					14,574(4)	149,092		
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr. Thomas B. Richey					9,300(5)	95,139		
					39,164(8)	400,648		
					12,200(2)	124,806		
					7,107(3)	72,705	7,107(10)	72,705
					14,574(4)	149,092	7,440(11)	76,111
					4,960(5)	50,741		
					907(6)	9,279		
					16,229(7)	166,023		
Brenda J. Walker	3,333	10.50	7/10/2011		7,000(2)	71,610		
					3,021(3)	30,905	3,021(10)	30,905
					8,016(4)	82,004	3,162(11)	32,347
					2,108(5)	21,565		
					775(6)	7,928		
					8,926(7)	91,313		
					1,777(3)	18,179	1,777(10)	18,179
					8,501(4)	86,965	1,860(11)	19,028
Nancy H. Mozzachio					1,240(5)	12,685		
					730(6)	7,468		
					9,494(7)	97,124		
					3,600(9)	36,828		

- (1) Based on the closing price of a share of common stock on December 31, 2007.
- (2) These shares vest on September 13, 2008.
- (3) These shares vest on October 25, 2009.
- (4) These shares vest on January 2, 2010.
- (5) These shares vest on February 16, 2010.
- (6) These shares vest on November 13, 2010.
- (7) These shares vest on January 2, 2011.
- (8) These shares vest on June 20, 2010.
- (9) These shares vest on December 30, 2008.
- (10) These shares vest on December 31, 2009.
- (11) These shares vest on December 31, 2010.

Consulting Agreement

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Effective June 20, 2007, the Company entered into a consulting agreement with Thomas J. O’Keeffe. On that date, Mr. O’Keeffe retired as Chief Financial Officer of the Company and his employment agreement with the Company was terminated. The consulting agreement terminates March 30, 2010 and provides for payment of monthly consulting fees commencing July 1, 2007 of \$25,000 per month through June 30, 2008 and \$20,000 per month thereafter. In addition, he was paid his salary through June 30, 2007 and received a bonus of \$167,500 for 2007. These payments will continue to be made if the Company terminates Mr. O’Keeffe’s services or if Mr. O’Keeffe should die or become disabled. Mr. O’Keeffe has agreed to make himself available to the Company for consulting purposes at reasonable times and to be available at least ten days each calendar quarter. Mr. O’Keeffe will receive \$1,500 for each day spent providing consulting services to the Company. Upon the occurrence of a change in control, Mr. O’Keeffe will be entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to two and one-half times his annual salary and bonus for 2006 and all restricted shares shall be vested and he will be entitled to be grossed up, on an after-tax basis, for any excise taxes imposed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on any excess parachute payments.

Compensation of Directors

Prior to January 1, 2008, independent directors’ fees were \$25,000 per year and meeting attendance fees were \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively, for each Board and Committee meeting. Audit Committee members (other than the chairman) also received a flat fee of \$4,000 per year, while other committee members (other than the chairmen) received a flat fee of \$3,000 per year. The chairman of the Audit Committee received \$12,000 per year, the chairman of the Compensation Committee received \$7,500 per year and the chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee received \$5,500 per year. The annual Directors fees, at the option of each Director, may be paid in cash or shares of the Company’s common stock. Each Director (other than Directors who are members of management) also was to receive an annual grant of \$40,000 of restricted stock that would vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The annual retainer for the lead director was \$15,000.

The Compensation Committee retained a compensation consulting firm, Chernoff Diamond & Co., LLC, to assist the Committee in determining the appropriate compensation to be paid to our independent directors. Director compensation was compared to the same peer group of companies used by the consultant to recommend executive compensation. The consultant determined that total compensation of the directors was above the peer group (the director data was for the 2006 fiscal year of the peer group).

The consultant determined that since our company was towards the small end of the peer group, a reasonable target for total director compensation would be the median (approximately \$80,000 per annum).

The Committee concluded that, based on the workload and responsibilities of the directors, the trend of annual increases in director compensation being made by public companies, the last increase in director compensation was in mid-2006, and the range of director compensation within the peer group, it was appropriate to increase director compensation. Accordingly, effective January 1, 2008, director compensation was increased as follows: the annual retainer was increased by 5% from \$25,000 to \$26,250; the retainer for the chairman of the Audit Committee was increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000; and the retainer for the chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee was increased from \$5,500 to \$7,500.

The following table provides information regarding Director compensation in 2007, which reflects the compensation described above. The table does not include reimbursement of travel expenses related to attending Board and Committee meetings. Mr. Ullman and Ms. Walker do not receive additional compensation for serving as directors.

Director Compensation - 2007

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) (1)	Stock Awards (\$) (2)	Total (\$)
James J. Burns	77,000	935	77,935
Richard Homburg	38,000	10,856	48,856
Paul G. Kirk, Jr.	73,000	21,623	94,623
Everett B. Miller, III	55,000	(3,995)	51,005
Roger M. Widmann	70,000	10,856	80,856

(1) Mr. Miller contributed a portion of his fees to the 2005 Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

(2) Each director received a grant of \$40,000 of restricted stock that will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant. This column represents the dollar amount charged to operations for financial statement reporting purposes during 2007 with respect to all restricted stock grants (for 2007 as well as for prior years), in accordance with SFAS No. 123R, as adjusted for fluctuations in the market value of the Company’s common stock, in accordance with the provisions of EITF 97-14. Each of Messrs. Burns and Miller has outstanding options to purchase 3,333 shares of Common Stock of the Company. Each director has the following total number of restricted shares which have not yet vested: James J. Burns, 7,200; Richard Homburg, 7,200; Paul G. Kirk, Jr., 7,200; Everett B. Miller, III, 7,200; and

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Roger M. Widmann, 7,200. All these shares are included in the security ownership chart for directors and executive officers.

Stock Plans

The Company has in effect the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and the 1998 Stock Option Plan (the "Option Plan"). Under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, a total of 850,000 shares of common stock may be issued. In connection with the adoption of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, the Company agreed that it would not issue any more options under the Option Plan. The Plans are administered by the Compensation Committee, which determines, among other things, the number of shares subject to each grant, the vesting period for each grant and the exercise price (subject to applicable regulations with respect to incentive stock options) for the awards.

The following table sets forth information at March 31, 2008 regarding the existing compensation plans and individual compensation arrangements pursuant to which the Company's equity securities are authorized for issuance to employees or non-employees (such as directors, consultants, advisors, vendors, customers, suppliers, or lenders) in exchange for consideration in the form of goods and services.

Equity Compensation

	A	B	C
<u>Plan Category</u>	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuances Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities in Column A)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	13,332	\$10.50	229,258
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	83,333	\$13.50	--
Total	96,665		229,258

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

James J. Burns, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Everett B. Miller, III and Roger M. Widmann are members of the Compensation Committee. None of the executive officers of the Company has served on the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee of any other entity that has had any of such entity's executive officers serve either on the Company's Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following is a schedule of all persons who, to the knowledge of the Company, beneficially owned more than 5% of the outstanding common stock of the Company as of March 10, 2008:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Stock</u>
Inland American Real Estate Trust, Inc. Inland Investment Advisors, Inc. Inland Real Estate Investment Corporation The Inland Group, Inc. 2901 Butterfield Road Oak Brook, IL 60523	6,191,788 4,193,277	13.9% 9.43%

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2,988,158 6.7%

2,726,107 6.13%

2,312,287 5.20%

2,235,236 5.03%

- (1) According to a Schedule 13G, these shares are owned under shared dispositive power. Moreover, the direct parent company of Snyder Capital Management, L.P. ("SCMLP"), and Snyder Capital Management, Inc. ("SCMI"), is IXIS Asset Management North America, L.P. ("IXIS"), which is ultimately owned by three large affiliated French financial services firms. SCMI and IXIS operate under an understanding that all investment and voting decisions regarding managed accounts are to be made by SCMI and SCMLP and not by IXIS or any entity controlling it. Accordingly, SCMI and SCMLP do not consider IXIS Asset Management North America or any entity controlling it to have any direct or indirect control over the securities held in managed accounts.

The following table sets forth information concerning the security ownership of directors, nominees for directors and named executive officers as of March 31, 2008:

<u>Name</u>	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned(1)	Percent of Stock(2)
Leo S. Ullman ⁽³⁾	777,778	1.74%
James J. Burns ⁽⁴⁾	20,095	*
Richard Homburg ⁽⁵⁾	62,772	*
Pamela N. Hootkin	0	0
Paul G. Kirk, Jr.	11,172	*
Everett B. Miller III ⁽⁴⁾	20,128	*
Brenda J. Walker ⁽⁶⁾	170,015	*
Roger M. Widmann	13,772	*
Lawrence E. Kreider, Jr.	49,164	*
Thomas B. Richey	142,671	*
Nancy H. Mozzachio	37,422	*
Directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (12 persons) ⁽⁷⁾	1,358,395	3.03%

*Less than 1%

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- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding such options but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person.
- (2) Percentage amount assumes the exercise by such persons of all options to acquire shares of common stock or exchange of limited partnership interests in Cedar Shopping Centers Partnership, L.P. for shares of common stock and no exercise or exchange by any other person.
- (3) Includes options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock and 296,670 limited partnership interests in Cedar Shopping Centers Partnership, L.P. exchangeable for an equal number of shares of common stock of the Company ("OP Units"). 66,080 of the shares of common stock owned by Mr. Ullman are pledged to a bank to secure loans made by such bank to Mr. Ullman.
- (4) Includes options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock.
- (5) Includes 50,000 shares owned by subsidiaries of Homburg Invest, Inc., a company controlled by Richard Homburg for the benefit of his family. Mr. Homburg may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all shares of common stock owned by Homburg Invest, Inc. He disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (6) Includes options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock and 69,333 OP Units.
- (7) Includes 13,332 shares of common stock issuable on exercise of options and 366,003 OP Units.

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee is comprised of James J. Burns, Everett B. Miller, III and Roger M. Widmann, all of whom are independent directors as defined by Sections 303.01(B)(2)(a) and (3) of the New York Stock Exchange Listing Standards. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter, which was adopted by the Board. The Audit Committee appoints the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, presently Ernst & Young LLP ("Ernst & Young").

Company management has primary responsibility for preparing the Company's financial statements and the financial reporting process, including establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and evaluating the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Ernst & Young is responsible for performing an independent audit of (i) the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and (ii) the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and issuing reports thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

In this context, during 2007 the Audit Committee met four times and held separate discussions with management, the accounting firm that provides internal audit services to the Company and Ernst & Young. Management represented to the Audit Committee that its consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Additionally, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements with management and Ernst & Young. The Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees).

The Committee received and reviewed a report from the internal auditors detailing the results of such firm's internal audit procedures and the Company's compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the Company's internal quality control procedures and any material issues raised by Ernst & Young's most recent internal quality-control review.

The Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young their independence from the Company under the rules adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

In discharging its duties, during the year the Committee met with management of the Company and Ernst & Young and discussed the status of the Company's internal control procedures and reviewed and discussed the Company's interim unaudited consolidated financial statements for 2007 and audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The Committee also discussed with Ernst & Young the critical accounting policies and practices used in the preparation of the Company's audited financial statements. Management and Ernst & Young have represented to the Committee that the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the review and discussions with management, the internal auditors and Ernst & Young LLP, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the Committee referred to above and in the Audit Committee Charter, the Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors the inclusion of the audited financial statements of the Company in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Audit Committee

James J. Burns

Everett B. Miller, III

Roger M. Widmann

Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management of the Company the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based on its review and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

The Compensation Committee

James J. Burns

Paul G. Kirk, Jr.

Everett B. Miller, III

Roger M. Widmann

Transactions With Related Persons

With respect to approval of transactions with related persons, we have a written policy to have the Audit Committee approve any transactions between the Company and any related person. In determining whether to approve a related person transaction, the Audit Committee takes into account, among other factors it deems appropriate, whether the related person transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction.

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 44 South Bayles Avenue, Port Washington, New York. Mr. Ullman owns 24% of this building through general and limited partner interests. The lease, at rentals consistent with other leases in the building, expires in March 2012. Rent is currently approximately \$265,000 per year and escalates annually.

Mr. Ullman's son, Frank C. Ullman, is employed by the Company as a vice president and received total compensation in 2007 of \$280,000 (including a restricted stock grant of \$80,000).

On December 6, 2007, the Company completed the formation of a joint venture with a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Homburg Invest Inc., a publicly-traded Canadian corporation listed on the Toronto and Euronext Amsterdam Stock Exchanges ("Homburg Invest"), pursuant to an April 2, 2007 agreement, with respect to four shopping centers owned and managed by the Company at the time the agreement was entered into and five shopping centers acquired by the Company on April 4, 2007; the aggregate valuation for the nine properties was approximately \$170 million. Richard Homburg, a director of the Company, is Chairman and CEO of Homburg Invest. In connection with the joint venture transaction, the independent members of the Company's board of directors obtained appraisals in support of the transfer values of the then-owned properties. The Company holds a 20% interest in, and is the sole general partner of, the joint venture and Homburg Invest, through such subsidiary, acquired the remaining 80% interest. In connection with the transaction, the Company received \$53.2 million, including closing costs and preliminary adjustments, which was used to reduce the outstanding balance on its secured revolving credit facility. Homburg Invest is entitled to certain fees with respect to funding its interest in the joint venture, up to a maximum of \$958,000, payable by the Company (\$479,000 of such fees have been paid through December 31, 2007). The Company is entitled to a "promote" structure, applicable separately to each property, which, if certain targets are met, will permit the Company between 40% and 50% of the returns in excess of a leveraged 9.25% threshold. Additionally, the Company will receive fees for ongoing property management, leasing, construction management, acquisitions, dispositions, financings and refinancings. The joint venture transaction does not qualify as a sale for financial reporting purposes; accordingly, the Company continues to consolidate the properties.

Our articles of incorporation generally prohibit any person or group from owning more than 9.9% of our outstanding shares of stock, subject to a waiver of the limit that may be granted by our board of directors. Inland American Real Estate Trust, Inland Investment Advisors, Inc., Inland Real Estate Corporation and The Inland Group, Inc. (collectively, "Inland") requested a waiver of this provision to permit them to acquire up to 14% of our outstanding stock. Our board of directors agreed to this waiver, contingent on Inland agreeing to various voting and other restrictions. As the result, Inland has entered into a voting agreement with us, dated as of February 13, 2008. We have previously granted a waiver of this provision to other stockholders.

Pursuant to the voting agreement, we have agreed to waive the 9.9% limit for Inland to permit purchases of additional shares by Inland such that they may acquire up to an additional 1,881,111 shares; provided, however, that they may not own collectively more than 14% of our issued and outstanding shares or voting securities. If the number of outstanding voting securities is reduced for any reason, Inland will not be required to dispose of any of their holdings even if their beneficial ownership exceeds 14% of the outstanding voting securities. If during the term of the

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voting agreement shares beneficially owned by Inland are sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, then they may not reacquire any shares above the greater of (i) their then existing ownership percentage of the Company or (ii) the existing 9.9% ownership limit.

The voting agreement grants certain officers of the Company named in the voting agreement a proxy to vote all shares owned by Inland in excess of 9.9%, and Inland has agreed otherwise to cause such shares to be (a) voted in favor of any matters proposed by the Company's board of directors and presented to the Company's stockholders; (b) voted for all nominees for directors that have been nominated by the Company's board of directors; (c) voted against any matters or nominees for directors not proposed by the Company's board of directors and presented to the Company's stockholders; and (d) duly represented, in person or by proxy, at each meeting of stockholders of the Company duly called by the Company's board of directors.

Inland has also agreed under the voting agreement that they will not, without the prior consent of the Company's board of directors (w) directly or indirectly or through any other person or entity, solicit proxies with respect to voting securities under any circumstance or become a "participant" in any "election contest" relating to the election of directors of the Company (as such terms are used in Rule 14a-11 of Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934); (x) deposit any voting securities in a voting trust, or subject any voting securities to a voting or similar agreement; (y) directly or indirectly or through or in conjunction with any other person or entity, engage in a tender or exchange offer for the Company's voting securities made by any other person or entity without the prior approval of the Company, or engage in any proxy solicitation or any other activity with any other person or entity relating to the Company without the prior approval of the Company; or (z) become a member of a Section 13(d) group that is seeking to obtain or take control of the Company.

Unless terminated earlier by the written agreement of the parties, the voting agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale or other disposition by Inland of all its shares in excess of 9.9%, (ii) February 13, 2018 or (iii) any action by the Company's board of directors to revoke the waiver of the ownership limit.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

The Company believes that during 2007 its officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of its common stock complied with all filing requirements under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except for Mr. Homburg. He was late in filing a Form 4. In making this disclosure, the Company has relied solely on written representations of its directors, officers and holders of more than 10% of the Company's common stock and on copies of reports that have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

2. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2004 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

On March 23, 2004, the Board of Directors approved the Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2004 Stock Incentive Plan"), which was approved by the stockholders on June 15, 2004. The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan has been amended, subject to stockholder approval, to increase the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued thereunder from 850,000 shares to 2,750,000 shares, an increase of 1,900,000 shares. In addition, the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan has been amended to change the number of shares that may be granted to any participant during any calendar year. As of March 31, 2008, a total of 620,742 Restricted Shares had been granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, of which 599,372 remained unvested as of that date. After giving effect to the amendment and subject to stockholder approval, 2,129,258 shares will be available for future issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares, performance units and performance shares (collectively, "Awards"); however, there are no stock appreciation rights outstanding and the Company will not issue any stock appreciation rights in the future.

The table below summarizes as of March 31, 2008, the remaining share reserve under each of our equity incentive plans and the number of shares subject to outstanding awards under each such plan. Under the 1998 Stock Option Plan, we have a total of 13,332 options outstanding at an exercise price of \$10.50 per share, all of which expire July 10, 2011. The Company will no longer grant any more awards under this plan. As the result, the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan is the only employee benefit plan under which the Company may award shares of stock.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Shares Available for Future Grant</u>	<u>Outstanding Awards</u>
	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>
2004 Stock Incentive Plan	2,129,258*	620,742**
1998 Stock Option Plan	0	13,332

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*Includes 229,258 shares presently authorized and 1,900,000 shares that may be issued subject to stockholder approval of the amendment to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

**Includes 21,370 shares that have vested and 599,372 shares that will vest and become issuable upon the passage of time or the attainment of designated performance objectives.

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

Administration

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors, which is composed of at least two members of the Board of Directors, each of whom satisfies the requirements for a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and to the extent compliance with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") is desired, an "outside director" within the meaning of regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of the Code. Pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, the Committee selects participants to whom Awards will be granted and determines the type, size, terms and conditions of Awards, including the per share purchase price and vesting provisions of stock options and the restrictions or performance criteria relating to restricted shares and performance Awards, except that all determinations regarding any Award granted to a non-employee director will be made by the Board of Directors. The Committee also administers, construes and interprets the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

At March 31, 2008, approximately 100 employees and directors of the Company were eligible to participate in the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

Securities Offered

The maximum number of shares of common stock of the Company that the Company may issue pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be 2,750,000 if the proposed amendment is approved by stockholders. The maximum number of shares that were the subject of Awards granted to any participant during the term of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or any calendar year had been set at 250,000 shares. This provision has been amended so that the maximum number of shares that may be granted to a participant in any calendar year may not exceed 250,000 shares and the provision relating to the maximum number of shares that may be granted during the term of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan has been deleted. In the event of certain changes in capitalization of the Company, the Committee may adjust the maximum number and class of shares with respect to which Awards may be granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, the maximum number of shares with respect to which Awards may be granted to any participant during the term of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or any calendar year, the number and class of shares which are subject to outstanding Awards granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and if applicable, the purchase price therefor. In addition, if any Award expires or terminates without having been exercised, the shares subject to that Award again become available for grant under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. On April 18, 2008, the closing price of a share of common stock of the Company was \$12.58.

Eligibility

All of the Company's (and any of its subsidiaries') officers, employees, consultants and directors are eligible to receive Awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. Awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan are granted at the sole discretion of the Committee. The granting of an Award does not confer upon the participant any right to continue in the employ or service of the Company or affect any right or power of the Company to terminate the services of such participant at any time.

Awards

Stock Options

The Committee may grant to participants options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company. Subject to the provisions of the Code, and in the sole discretion of the Committee, options may either be incentive stock options (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, and referred to herein as "ISOs") or nonqualified stock options. The per share purchase price (i.e., the exercise price) under each option is established by the Committee at the time the option is granted. The per share exercise price of any option will be determined by the Committee, but may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock of the Company on the date the option is granted, or 110% in the case of an ISO granted to a participant who owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of shares of the Company (a "Ten-Percent Shareholder"). Options may be exercisable at such times and in such installments as determined by the Committee. The Committee may accelerate the exercisability of any option at any time. The Committee will not modify or substitute outstanding options to effect any re-pricing or replacement of any options that have an exercise price that is above the then fair market value of the Company's common stock. The term of each option granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be determined by the Committee, provided, however, that no option may be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from its grant date (five years in the case of an ISO granted to a Ten-Percent Shareholder).

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Each option granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be evidenced by a written agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to such option, including, but not limited to: (i) the exercise price, (ii) the term, (iii) the vesting schedule, (iv) the amount of shares subject to such option, and (v) the effect of a termination or change in the employment or service status of the optionee, in each case, as determined by the Committee and in accordance with the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

Unless permitted by the Committee, options are not transferable by the optionee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and may be exercised during the optionee's lifetime only by the optionee or the optionee's guardian or legal representative. The purchase price for shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an option must be paid (i) in cash, (ii) by transferring shares to the Company, or (iii) a combination of the foregoing, upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee has the discretion to determine the form of payment acceptable in respect of the exercise of an option, including establishing cashless exercise procedures, which provide for the simultaneous exercise of an option and sale of the underlying share. Upon a "change in control" (as determined under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) of the Company, all options outstanding under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will become immediately and fully exercisable.

Stock Appreciation Rights

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan permits the granting of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") to participants in connection with the grant of an option or as a freestanding right. A SAR permits the grantee to receive, upon exercise, cash and/or shares of common stock of the Company, at the discretion of the Committee, equal in value to an amount determined by multiplying: (i) the excess, if any, of (A) for SARs granted in connection with the grant of an option, the per share fair market value on the date preceding the exercise date over the per share purchase price under the related option, or (B) for SARs not granted in connection with the grant of an option, the per share fair market value on the date preceding the exercise date over the per share fair market value on the grant date of the SAR by (ii) the number of shares as to which such SAR is being exercised.

SARs granted in connection with an option cover the same shares of common stock as those covered by such option and are generally subject to the same terms. A SAR granted in connection with an ISO is exercisable only if the fair market value of a share of common stock of the Company on the exercise date exceeds the purchase price specified in the related ISO agreement. Freestanding SARs may be granted on such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee, but may not have a term of greater than ten years. The Committee will not modify or substitute outstanding SARs to effect any re-pricing or replacement of any that have a base value above the then fair market value. Upon a "change in control" (as determined under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) of the Company, all SARs will become immediately and fully exercisable.

There are no SARs outstanding and the Company will not issue any SARs in the future.

Restricted Shares

The terms of a restricted share Award, including the restrictions placed on such shares of common stock of the Company and the time or times at which such restrictions will lapse, will be determined by the Committee at the time the Award is made; provided, however, that all restricted shares will require a minimum vesting of three years if time-based and one year if performance-based. The Committee may determine at the time an Award of restricted shares is granted that dividends paid on such restricted shares may be paid to the grantee or deferred and, if deferred, whether such dividends will be reinvested in shares of common stock of the Company. Deferred dividends (together with any interest accrued thereon) will be paid upon the lapsing of restrictions on restricted shares or forfeited upon the forfeiture of restricted shares. Each restricted share Award granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be evidenced by a written agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to such Award, including, but not limited to, the effect of a termination or change in the employment or service status of the grantee. Upon a "change in control" (as determined under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) of the Company, the restrictions on restricted shares will lapse and all such shares will become fully vested.

Performance Units and Performance Shares

Performance units and performance shares may be awarded at such times as the Committee may determine and the vesting of performance units and performance shares is based upon the attainment of specified performance objectives by the Company and/or a subsidiary or all subsidiaries of the Company within the specified performance period (the "Performance Cycle"); provided, however, all performance units and performance shares will require a minimum vesting of one year. Performance objectives and the length of the Performance Cycle for performance units and performance shares may be determined by the Committee at the time the Award is made. Performance objectives may be expressed in terms of earnings per share, pre-tax profits, net earnings or net worth, return on equity or assets, any combination of those objectives or any other standards determined appropriate by the Committee at the time the Award is made. Prior to the end of a Performance Cycle, the Committee may, in its discretion, adjust the performance objectives to reflect certain changes in capitalization of the Company, a change in the tax rate or book tax rate of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, or any other event which may materially affect the performance of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. Each performance unit or performance share Award granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be evidenced by a written agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to such Award, including, but

not limited to, the effect of a termination or change in the employment or service status of the grantee. Each performance unit will represent one share of common stock of the Company and payments in respect of vested performance units will be made in cash, common stock of the Company or restricted shares or any combination of the foregoing. The Committee may determine the total number of performance shares subject to an Award and the time or times at which the performance shares will be issued to the grantee at the time the Award is made. In addition, the Committee may determine (a) the time or times at which the awarded but not issued performance shares will be issued to the grantee and (b) the time or times at which awarded and issued performance shares will become vested or forfeited by the grantee, in either case based upon the attainment of specified performance objectives within the Performance Cycle. At the time the Award of performance shares is made, the Committee may determine that dividends be paid or deferred on the performance shares issued. Deferred dividends (together with any interest accrued thereon) will be paid upon the lapsing of restrictions on performance shares or forfeited upon the forfeiture of performance shares. Upon a "change in control" (as determined under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) of the Company, (i) a percentage of performance units, as determined by the Committee at the time an Award of performance units is made, will become vested and the grantee will be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to the per share fair market value multiplied by the number of performance units which become vested, and (ii) with respect to performance shares, all restrictions will lapse with respect to a percentage of the performance shares, as determined by the Committee at the time the Award of performance shares is made.

Additional Information

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan provides that in satisfaction of the federal, state and local income taxes and other amounts as may be required by law to be withheld with respect to an Award, the optionee or grantee may make a written election to have withheld a portion of the shares of common stock of the Company issuable to him or her having an aggregate fair market value equal to the withholding taxes.

The Committee has the authority at the time a grant of an option or other type of Award is made to award designated optionees or grantees tax bonuses that will be paid on the exercise of such option or payment of such other type of Award. The Committee will have full authority to determine the amount of any such tax bonus and the terms and conditions affecting the vesting and payment thereof.

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will terminate on the day preceding the tenth anniversary of its effective date. The Board of Directors may terminate or amend the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan at any time, except that (i) no such amendment or termination may adversely affect outstanding Awards without the consent of the recipients thereof, (ii) no such amendment may increase benefits to participants, increase the number of shares subject to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or modify eligibility requirements unless approved by shareholders, and (iii) to the extent necessary under applicable law or securities exchange rule, no amendment will be effective unless approved by shareholders.

Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences

Stock Options

In general, an optionee will not recognize taxable income upon grant or exercise of an ISO and the Company will not be entitled to any business expense deduction with respect to the grant or exercise of an ISO. However, upon the exercise of an ISO, the excess of the fair market value on the date of the exercise of the shares of common stock of the Company received over the exercise price of the shares of the common stock will be treated as an adjustment to alternative minimum taxable income. In order for the exercise of an ISO to qualify for the foregoing tax treatment, the optionee generally must be an employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company from the date the ISO is granted through the date three months before the date of exercise, except in the case of death or disability, where special rules apply.

If the optionee has held the shares of common stock of the Company acquired upon exercise of an ISO for at least two years after the date of grant and for at least one year after the date of exercise, upon disposition of such shares by the optionee, the difference, if any, between the sale price of such shares and the exercise price of the option will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss. If the optionee does not satisfy these holding period requirements, the optionee will recognize ordinary income at the time of the disposition of the shares, generally in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time the option was exercised over the exercise price of the option. The balance of gain realized, if any, will be long-term or short-term capital gain, depending on whether or not the shares were sold more than one year after the option was exercised. If the optionee sells the shares prior to the satisfaction of the holding period requirements but at a price below the fair market value of the shares at the time the option was exercised, the amount of ordinary income will be limited to the excess of the amount realized on the sale over the exercise price of the option. Subject to the discussion below with respect to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Company will be allowed a business expense deduction to the extent the optionee recognizes ordinary income.

In general, an optionee to whom a nonqualified stock option is granted will recognize no income at the time of the grant of the option. Upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option, the optionee will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise exceeds the exercise price of the option (special rules may apply in the case of an optionee who is subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act). Subject to the discussion below with respect to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Company will be

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entitled to a business expense deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the optionee recognizes ordinary income.

Stock Appreciation Rights

Upon exercise of a SAR, the optionee will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the cash or fair market value of the shares of common stock of the Company received on the exercise date. Subject to the discussion below with respect to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Company will be entitled to a business expense deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the optionee of a SAR recognizes ordinary income.

Restricted Shares

Generally, a participant will not recognize income upon the grant of restricted shares. However, a participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the restricted shares at the end of the applicable restricted period over the amount (if any) paid by the participant. Any disposition of a restricted share by a participant after the end of the restricted period will result in a long-term or short-term capital gain or loss (depending on the length of time the restricted share is held after the end of the restricted period). Alternatively, a participant may, within thirty days after the grant of a restricted share Award, elect to recognize ordinary income as of the date of grant in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of such shares on such date of grant over the amount (if any) paid by the participant (in which case subsequent appreciation or depreciation will generally be taxed as capital gain or loss). Dividends received by a participant prior to the end of the restricted period will constitute ordinary income to the participant in the year paid. The Company generally will be entitled to a business expense deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the participant recognizes ordinary income.

Performance Shares and Performance Units

Generally, a participant will not recognize taxable income upon the grant of a performance share or performance unit. A participant will recognize ordinary income equal to any cash that is paid or the fair market value of any shares of common stock of the Company transferred in settlement of a performance unit. To the extent performance units are settled in restricted shares, the participant will recognize ordinary income as applicable to restricted shares as described above. A participant generally will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the performance shares at the time the restrictions on such performance shares lapse. Alternatively, a participant may, within thirty days after the date of the grant of a performance share Award, elect to recognize ordinary income as of the date of grant in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of such shares on such date of grant over the amount (if any) paid by the participant (in which case subsequent appreciation or depreciation will generally be taxed as capital gain or loss). Any deferred dividends are taken into income when paid. The Company generally will be entitled to a business expense deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the participant recognizes ordinary income.

Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code

Under certain circumstances, the accelerated vesting of options or the accelerated lapse of restrictions on other Awards in connection with a “change in control” (as determined under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) of the Company might be deemed an “excess parachute payment” for purposes of the golden parachute tax provisions of Section 280G of the Code. To the extent it is so considered, the optionee or grantee of the other Award may be subject to a 20% excise tax and the Company may be denied a tax deduction.

Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder generally would disallow the Company a federal income tax deduction for compensation paid to its Chief Executive Officer and its four other most highly compensated executive officers to the extent such compensation paid to any of such individuals exceeds \$1,000,000 in any year. Section 162(m) generally does not disallow a deduction for payments of “qualified performance-based compensation” the material terms of which have been approved by shareholders. The Company intends that compensation attributable to options, SARs, performance shares and performance units granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will be “qualified performance-based compensation.”

Section 409A of the Code

The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 introduced a new section of the Code (“Section 409A”) covering certain nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements. Section 409A generally established new rules that must be followed with respect to covered deferred compensation arrangements in order to avoid the imposition of an additional 20% tax (plus interest) on the service provider who is entitled to receive the deferred compensation. Certain awards that may be granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan may constitute “deferred compensation” within the meaning of and subject to Section 409A. While the Company intends to administer and operate the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and establish terms (or make required amendments) with respect to awards subject to Section 409A in a manner that will avoid the imposition of additional taxation under Section 409A upon a participant, there can be no assurance that additional taxation under Section 409A will be avoided in all cases.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal to approve the amendment to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan is required for approval of this Proposal 2.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR approval of the proposal to approve the amendment to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of the Company has selected Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if such representative so desires and to respond to appropriate questions.

Audit and Non-Audit Fees

The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of the Company's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007 and fees billed for other services rendered by such firm during the periods:

	2006 Actual Fees	2007 Actual Fees
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾		
Audit of consolidated financial statements and internal controls	\$ 516,000	\$ 659,000
Quarterly reviews	90,000	90,000
SEC filings, including comfort letters and consents	167,500	40,000
Total Audit Fees	773,500	789,000
Audit-Related Fees ⁽²⁾		
Audits and accounting consultations in connection with acquisitions	403,373	215,000
Total Audit-Related Fees	403,373	215,000
All Other Fees	0	0
Total Fees	\$1,176,873	\$1,004,000

(1) Includes fees and expenses related to the annual audit and interim reviews, notwithstanding when the fees and expenses were billed or when the services rendered.

(2) Includes fees and expenses for services rendered from January through December, notwithstanding when the fees and expenses were billed. Such fees include audits of acquisitions required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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All audit-related services and each of the other services were pre-approved by the Audit Committee, which concluded that the provision of such services by the Company's auditors was compatible with the maintenance of that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing functions. The policy of the Audit Committee provides for pre-approval of the yearly audits, quarterly reviews and tax compliance on an annual basis. As individual engagements arise, they are approved on a case-by-case basis. The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more of its members pre-approval authority with respect to permitted services.

Audit Committee Consideration of these Fees

The Company's Audit Committee has considered whether the provisions of the services covered under the categories of "Audit-Related Fees" and "All Other Fees" are compatible with maintaining the independence of Ernst & Young LLP.

The Board of Directors of the Company recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company.

4. OTHER MATTERS

Stockholder Proposals

Proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by the Company on or prior to December 29, 2008 to be eligible for inclusion in the Company's Proxy Statement and form of Proxy to be used in connection with such meeting. Any notice of stockholder proposals received after this date is considered untimely.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the date of this Proxy Statement, the only business which the Board of Directors intends to present or knows that others will present at the Meeting is that hereinabove set forth. If any other matter or matters are properly brought before the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of Proxy to vote the Proxy on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

Leo S. Ullman
Chairman of the Board
Dated: April 28, 2008

CEDAR SHOPPING CENTERS, INC.

2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS - JUNE 17, 2008

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned stockholder of Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc., a Maryland corporation, hereby appoints Leo S. Ullman and Brenda J. Walker and each of them the proxies of the undersigned with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at 4:00 PM on June 17, 2008, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof (the "Meeting"), with all the power which the undersigned would have if personally present, hereby revoking any proxy heretofore given. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the proxy statement for the Meeting and instructs the proxies to vote as directed on the reverse side.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF

CEDAR SHOPPING CENTERS, INC.

JUNE 17, 2008

PLEASE DATE, SIGN AND MAIL

YOUR PROXY CARD IN THE

ENVELOPE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

- Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided. -

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2 AND 3.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE [X]

1. To elect 7 nominees for Directors:

NOMINEES:

[]	FOR ALL NOMINEES	()	James J. Burns
		()	Richard Homburg
		()	Pamela N. Hootkin
		()	Paul G. Kirk, Jr.
[]	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY	()	Everett B. Miller, III
	FOR ALL NOMINEES	()	Leo S. Ullman
		()	Roger Widmann

[] FOR ALL EXCEPT
(see instructions below)

INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT" and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here. (X)

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method. []

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
2. To amend the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan	[]	[]	[]
3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008	[]	[]	[]
4. With discretionary authority upon such other matters as may properly come before the Meeting			

THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY SIGNED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED, IF NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES SET FORTH HEREIN, FOR PROPOSAL 2, FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PROXY HOLDERS AS TO ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. MARK HERE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING []

Signature of Stockholder

Date:

Signature of Stockholder

Date:

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Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.