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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF W. P. CAREY & CO. LLC

April 30, 2009

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders To Be Held Thursday, June 11, 2009

Dear W. P. Carey & Co. LLC Shareholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC will be held at TheTimesCenter, 242 West 41st Street, New York, New York, 10018, on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To elect twelve Directors for 2009;

To approve the W. P. Carey & Co. LLC 2009 Share Incentive Plan;

To approve the W. P. Carey & Co. LLC 2009 Non-Employee Directors Incentive Plan;

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Only shareholders who owned stock at the close of business on April 16, 2009 are entitled to vote at the meeting. W. P. Carey & Co. LLC mailed the attached Proxy Statement, proxy card and its Annual Report to shareholders on or about May 1, 2009.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Susan C. Hyde

Managing Director and Secretary

Whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. You may vote your shares by using the telephone or through the Internet. Instructions for using these services are set forth on the enclosed proxy card. You may also vote your shares by marking your votes on the enclosed proxy card, signing and dating it and mailing it in the business reply envelope provided. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may withdraw your proxy and vote in person.

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials For the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on June 11, 2009

This Proxy Statement and the Annual Report to Shareholders are available at www.proxyvote.com

W. P. CAREY & CO. LLC

PROXY STATEMENT MAY 1, 2009

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The accompanying Proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for use at its annual meeting of shareholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held at TheTimesCenter, 242 West 41st Street, New York, New York, 10018 on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., or any adjournment thereof. As used herein, W. P. Carey & Co., the Company, we, and us refer to W. P. Carey & Co. LLC. References this Proxy Statement to W. P. Carey & Co. LLC or the Company include W. P. Carey & Co. LLC s affiliates and subsidiaries, except where the context otherwise indicates.

Who is soliciting my proxy?

The Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC are sending you this Proxy Statement and enclosed proxy.

Why did I receive a Notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of the proxy materials this year instead of a paper copy of the proxy materials?

This year, we are pleased to be using a rule of the Securities and Exchange Commission, also known as the SEC, that allows companies to furnish their proxy materials over the Internet. As a result, we are mailing to many of our shareholders a Notice about the Internet availability of the proxy materials instead of a paper copy of the proxy materials. All shareholders receiving the Notice will have the ability to access the proxy materials over the Internet and request to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a paper copy may be found on the Notice.

Why didn t I receive a Notice about the Internet availability of the proxy materials?

We are providing some of our shareholders, including shareholders who have previously requested to receive paper copies of the proxy materials, with paper copies of the proxy materials instead of a Notice about the Internet availability of the proxy materials.

How can I access the proxy materials over the Internet?

Your Notice about the Internet availability of the proxy materials, proxy card or voting instruction card will contain instructions on how to view our proxy materials for the Annual Meeting on the Internet.

How may I obtain a paper copy of the proxy materials?

Shareholders receiving a Notice about the Internet availability of the proxy materials will find instructions about how to obtain a paper copy of the proxy materials on their Notice. All shareholders who do not receive the Notice will receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail.

Who is entitled to vote?

W. P. Carey & Co. LLC s shareholders as of the close of business on April 16, 2009 (the Record Date) are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

How do I vote?

You may vote your shares either by attending the Annual Meeting, by telephone, through the Internet, or by mail by following the instructions provided in the Notice or the printed copy of the proxy materials. If you hold your shares in street name through a broker or other nominee, you must follow the instructions provided by your broker or nominee to vote your shares. If you are a shareholder of record and received a printed copy of the proxy materials, to

vote by proxy, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you return your proxy card but fail to mark your voting preference, your shares will be voted FOR each of the nominees, FOR Proposals 2 and 3, and in the discretion of the proxy holders, if any other matter properly comes before the meeting. We suggest that you return a proxy even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

May I revoke my proxy?

Yes, if you are a shareholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before the meeting by notifying W. P. Carey & Co. LLC s Secretary or submitting a new proxy, or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. You should mail any notice of revocation of proxy to Susan C. Hyde, Secretary, W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020.

How many shares may vote?

At the close of business on the Record Date, W. P. Carey & Co. LLC had 39,099,668 shares of its Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Every shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share held.

What is a quorum?

A quorum is the presence, either in person or represented by proxy, of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting. There must be a quorum for the meeting to be held.

How many votes are required at the meeting for shareholder approval?

Assuming a quorum is present, with respect to the election of Directors, each share may be voted for as many individuals as there are Directors to be elected. A plurality of all the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect a Director. With respect to Proposals Two and Three, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the shareholders, in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, is necessary for approval. Abstentions and broker non-votes, which arise when a broker cannot vote on a particular matter because the matter is not routine and the beneficial owner of the shares has not given applicable instructions to the broker, are counted for quorum purposes but are not counted as votes for or against any matter. For these reasons, for any matter before the shareholders at the meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes have no effect on whether the votes cast at the meeting are enough for approval of the matter.

How will voting on shareholder proposals be conducted?

We do not know of any other matters that are likely to be brought before the meeting. However, if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, your signed proxy gives authority to the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote your shares on such matters in accordance with their best judgment to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Who will pay the cost for this proxy solicitation and how much will it cost?

W. P. Carey & Co. LLC will pay the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the Notice about Internet availability, this Proxy Statement, the Notice of Meeting and the enclosed proxy card. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, we may utilize some of the officers and employees of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Carey Asset Management Corp. (Carey Asset Management) and Carey Management Services, Inc. (Carey Management Services) (who will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries), to solicit proxies personally and by telephone. Currently, we do not intend to retain a solicitation firm to assist in the solicitation of proxies, but if sufficient proxies are not returned to us, we may retain an outside firm to assist in proxy solicitation for a fee estimated to be \$30,000 or less,

plus out-of-pocket expenses. We may request banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward copies of the proxy materials to their principals and to request authority for the execution of proxies and will reimburse such persons for their expenses in so doing. We expect the total cost of this solicitation, assuming an outside proxy firm is not needed, to be approximately \$65,000.

W. P. Carey & Co. LLC will provide shareholders, without charge, a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, including the financial statements and management s report of internal controls over financial reporting and schedules attached thereto, but excluding exhibits (the 2008 Form 10-K), which was filed with the SEC on March 2, 2009, upon written request to Ms. Susan C. Hyde, Director of Investor Relations, W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020.

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting, you and the other shareholders will elect twelve Directors, each to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders except in the event of death, resignation or removal. If a nominee is unavailable for election, the Board may reduce its size or designate a substitute. If a substitute is designated, proxies voting on the original nominee will be cast for the substituted nominee. Currently, the Board is unaware of any circumstances that would result in a nominee being unavailable. All of the nominees are now members of the Board of Directors.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers candidates for Board membership suggested by its members and other Board members, as well as by management and shareholders. A shareholder who wishes to recommend a prospective nominee for the Board should notify our Corporate Secretary or any member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in writing with the information and in the time period required by our By-Laws, which is set forth in more detail in Shareholder Proposals and Other Communications below.

Once the Nominating and 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 a search firm to gather additional information about the prospective nominee s background and experience and to report its findings to the Committee. The Committee then evaluates the prospective nominee s qualifications. As set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, there are no firm prerequisites to qualify as a candidate for the Board, although the Board seeks candidates who possess the background, skills, expertise, characteristics and time to make a significant contribution to the Board, W. P. Carey & Co. LLC and its shareholders. At least annually, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the qualifications and backgrounds of the Directors, as well as the overall composition of the Board.

The Committee also considers such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the balance of management Directors and Independent Directors, the need for Audit Committee or other expertise, and the qualifications of other potential nominees. In connection with its 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.

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Unless otherwise specified, proxies will be voted for the election of the named nominees. Detailed information on each nominee for election to the Board of Directors is provided below.

Wm. Polk Carev

AGE: 78

Director Since: 1996

Mr. Carey, Chairman of the Board of Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, has been active in lease financing since 1959 and a specialist in net leasing of corporate real estate property since 1964. Mr. Carey also serves as Chairman of the Board of Corporate Property Associates 14 (CPA:14), Corporate Property Associates 15 (CPA:5), Corporate Property Associates 16 Global (CPA6 Global) and Corporate Property Associates 17 Global (@CIPA Global and, together with CPA®:14, CPA®:15, and CPA®:16 Global, the CPA REITs), which are publicly owned, non-traded real estate investment trusts sponsored by the Company. He also served as the Co-Chief Executive Officer of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, CPA®:14, CPA®:15 and CPA®:16 Global from 2002 until March 2005. Before founding W. P. Carey & Co., Inc. in 1973, he served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Hubbard, Westervelt & Mottelay (subsequently Merrill Lynch Hubbard), head of Real Estate and Equipment Financing at Loeb Rhoades & Co. (subsequently Lehman Brothers) and Vice Chairman of the Investment Banking Board and Director of Corporate Finance of duPont Glore Forgan Inc. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania s Wharton School, Mr. Carey also received his Sc.D. honoris causa from Arizona State University, D.C.S. honoris causa from The City University of New York and D.C.L. honoris causa from the University of the South. He is a Trustee of The Johns Hopkins University and of other educational and philanthropic institutions. He serves as Chairman and a Trustee of the W. P. Carey Foundation and has served as Chairman of the Penn Institute for Economic Research. In the fall of 1999, Mr. Carey was Executive-in-Residence at Harvard Business School. Mr. Carey is the brother of Francis J. Carey, a Director.

Gordon F. DuGan

AGE: 42

Director Since: 1997

Mr. DuGan has been President of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC since 1999 and Chief Executive Officer since 2005, having served as co-CEO since 2002. Prior to that, Mr. DuGan served in various capacities, including Deputy Head of Investment. Mr. DuGan serves as Chief Executive Officer of CPA®:14, CPA®:15, CPA®:16 Global and CPA:17 Global and as Director of CPA®:15 and CPA®:17 Global. Mr. DuGan has served as a Director of CPA®:14 from June 2007 to July 2008, having previously served in that capacity from February 2005 to April 2006, and as a Director of CPA®:16 Global from December 2003 to July 2008. He serves as a Trustee of the W. P. Carey Foundation. He also serves on the Board of the New York Pops and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization and the Council on Foreign Relations. He recently joined the Advisory Board of The Innocence Project and the Advisory Board of India 2020, Limited a private equity firm investing in Indian middle-market businesses. He is a former member of the Board of NAREIT. Mr. DuGan received his B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Francis J. Carey

AGE: 83

Director Since: 1996

Mr. Carey was elected in 2000 as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC. Mr. Carey retired from his position as Vice Chairman in March 2005; he continues to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and as Chief Ethics Officer of the Company. Mr. Carey served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Carey Diversified LLC, the predecessor of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC, from 1997 to 2000. From 1987 to 1997, Mr. Carey held various positions with W. P. Carey & Co., Inc., a company wholly-owned by Wm. Polk Carey, and its affiliates, including as President and a Director of W. P. Carey & Co., Inc. and as President and Director of CPA®:10, CIP® and CPA®:12, REITs organized by those entities. Mr. Carey also served as a Director of W. P. Carey & Co., Inc. from its founding in 1973 until 1997 and has been President and a Director of that company from 2001 to the present. He has also served since 1990 as President

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and a Trustee of the W. P. Carey Foundation. Prior to 1987, he was senior partner in Philadelphia, head of the real estate department nationally, and a member of the Executive Committee of Reed Smith LLP, a law firm. He served as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Managers of the Western Savings Bank of Philadelphia from 1972 until its takeover by another bank in 1982, and is a former Chairman of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He served as a member of the Board of Overseers of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania from 1983 to 1990. He has served as a Trustee of Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania from 1961 to the present and as its President from 1966 to 1972. He has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the Investment Program Association from 1990 to 2000, and as its Chairman from 1998 to 2000, and served on the Business Advisory Council of the Business Council for the United Nations from 1994 to 2002. He has served since 2002 on the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Society and since 2006 as a Vice President and a member of its Executive Committee. Mr. Carey has also served from 2004 to 2007 as Chairman and Senior Warden of St. Martin s in the Field Episcopal Church in Biddeford Pool, Maine, and currently serves as its Warden at Large. He attended Princeton University, holds A.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed executive programs in corporate finance and accounting at Stanford University Graduate School of Business and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Carey is the brother of Wm. Polk Carey, the Company s Chairman.

Trevor P. Bond*

AGE: 47

Director Since: 2007

Mr. Bond served as an Independent Director and a member of the Audit Committees of CPA®:14, CPA®:15 and CPA®:16 Global, from 2005 to April 2007. Mr. Bond has been the managing member of a private investment vehicle investing in real estate limited partnerships Maidstone Investment Co., LLC, since 2002. Mr. Bond served in several management capacities for Credit Suisse First Boston from 1992 to 2002, including: co-founder of CSFB s Real Estate Equity Group, which managed approximately \$3 billion of real estate assets; founding team member of Praedium Recovery Fund, a \$100 million fund managing distressed real estate and mortgage debt; and as a member of the Principal Transactions Group managing \$100 million of distressed mortgage debt. Prior to CSFB, Mr. Bond served as an associate to the real estate and finance departments of Tishman Realty & Construction Co. and Goldman Sachs & Co. in New York. Mr. Bond also founded and managed an international trading company from 1985 to 1987 that sourced industrial products in China for U.S. manufacturers. Mr. Bond received an M.B.A. from Harvard University.

Nathaniel S. Coolidge*

AGE: 70

Director Since: 2002

Mr. Coolidge currently serves as Chairman of the Investment Committee. He has previously served as Chairman of the Audit Committee and is currently a member of that Committee. Mr. Coolidge, former Senior Vice President of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, retired in 1996 after 23 years of service. From 1986 to 1996, Mr. Coolidge headed the Bond and Corporate Finance Department, which was responsible for managing its entire fixed income investments portfolio. Prior to 1986, Mr. Coolidge served as Second Vice President and Senior Investment Officer. Mr. Coolidge is a graduate of Harvard University and served as a U.S. Naval officer.

Eberhard Faber, IV*

AGE: 72

Director Since: 1998

Mr. Faber currently serves as Lead Director and Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. He serves as Chairman of the Board of King s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Mr. Faber held various posts

with Eberhard Faber Inc., the worldwide manufacturer of writing products and art supplies, serving as Chairman and CEO from 1973 until 1987, when the company merged into Faber-Castell Corporation. He served as a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia from 1980 to 1986, chairing its Budget and Operations Committee, and was Chairman of the Board of Citizen s Voice Newspaper from 1992 to 2002. Currently, he is a member of the Northeast Pennsylvania Advisory Board of PNC Bank, N.A., where he served as a Director from 1994

to 1998, a Trustee of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital and the Eberhard L. Faber Foundation, and a Borough Councilman of Bear Creek Village. In addition to graduating from Princeton University *magna cum laude*, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa while serving as Chairman of The Daily Princetonian, and was a Fulbright Scholar and teaching fellow at the University of Caen in France. Mr. Faber also served as a Director of First Eastern Bank from 1986 to 1992 and as the Chairman of the Board from 1992 to 1994, when the bank was sold to PNC Bank, N.A.

Benjamin H. Griswold, IV*

AGE: 68

Director Since: 2006

Mr. Griswold currently serves as Chairman of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Griswold is a partner and chairman of Brown Advisory, a Baltimore-based firm providing asset management and strategic advisory services in the U.S. and abroad. Prior to joining Brown Advisory as senior partner in March 2005, Mr. Griswold had served as Senior Chairman of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. He had served as Senior Chairman of Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown, the predecessor of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., since the acquisition of Bankers Trust by Deutsche Bank in 1999. Mr. Griswold began his career at Alex. Brown & Sons in 1967, and became a partner of the firm in 1972. He headed the company s research department, equity trading and equity division prior to being elected Vice Chairman of the Board and Director in 1984, and Chairman of the Board in 1987. Upon the acquisition of Alex. Brown by Bankers Trust New York Corporation in 1997, he became Senior Chairman of BT Alex. Brown. Mr. Griswold is a member of the boards of Black & Decker, Baltimore Life Insurance and Flowers Foods. A former Director of the New York Stock Exchange, he is active in civic affairs in the Baltimore area and serves on the board of Johns Hopkins University and heads the endowment board of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Griswold received his B.A. from Princeton University, his M.B.A. from Harvard University and served as a U.S. Army officer.

Dr. Lawrence R. Klein*

AGE: 88

Director Since: 1998

Dr. Klein currently serves as Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee. He is Benjamin Franklin Professor Emeritus of Economics and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and its Wharton School, having joined the faculty of the University in 1958. Dr. Klein is a holder of earned degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has been awarded the Alfred Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, as well as a number of honorary degrees. Founder of Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, Inc., Dr. Klein has been counselor to various corporations, governments and government agencies, including WealthEffect.com, the Federal Reserve Board and the President s Council of Economic Advisers. Dr. Klein joined W. P. Carey & Co., Inc. in 1984 as Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee and as a Director. He also serves as a Trustee of the W. P. Carey Foundation. Dr. Klein serves as a Director of a software company, Prognoz, in Philadelphia, PA. He is also Chairman of a Panel to survey world economic issues every fortnight at Global Insight, an economic consulting company in Waltham, MA.

Robert E. Mittelstaedt, Jr.*

AGE: 65

Director Since: 2007

Mr. Mittelstaedt currently serves as the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Mittelstaedt has served as dean of the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University since June 2004. He also serves on the Boards of Directors of Innovative Solutions & Support, Inc., Laboratory Corporation of America Inc. and ASU Research Park. Between 1973 and 2004, Mr. Mittelstaedt served in numerous positions at The Wharton School, most recently as Vice Dean, Executive Education, and Director of the Aresty Institute of Executive Education. From 1985-1990 he

co-founded, developed and sold Intellego, Inc., a company engaged in practice management, systems development and service bureau billing operations in the medical industry. He formerly served as a member of the corporate Boards of Directors of: A.G. Simpson Automotive, Inc., Dresser Insurance, Inc., HIP Foundation, Inc. and Intelligent Electronics, Inc. He served on the non-profit board of The Methodist Home for Children of Philadelphia. Mr. Mittelstaedt received his B.S. (Mechanical Engineering) from Tulane University and his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Parente*

AGE: 68

Director Since: 2006

Mr. Parente currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Parente also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Pagnotti Enterprises, Inc., a diversified holding company whose primary business includes workers compensation insurance, real estate, anthracite coal mining preparation and sales, and as Chairman and CEO of CP Media, LLC, a holding company that owns broadcast television stations. Mr. Parente has also served as a Director of Community Bank System, Inc., a bank holding company, and its affiliated bank, Community Bank, N.A., since May 2004. Prior to this, from 1988 through 1993, he served as President and CEO of C-TEC Corporation, a telecommunications and high-technology company. From 1970 through 1987, Mr. Parente was CEO and Managing Partner of Parente Randolph, LLC, the leading independent accounting and consulting firm in Pennsylvania and among the top 30 in the country. Before this, from 1962 through 1970, he was a Principal at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, a public accounting firm. Mr. Parente is a member of the Board of Directors of: Sordoni Construction Services, Inc., a commercial construction and real estate development company; Circle Bolt & Nut Co., a distributor of industrial products; and Frank Martz Coach Co. & Subsidiaries, a diversified transportation company. He is active with various civic and community organizations, is past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, Inc. and is a board member of The Luzerne Foundation and King s College, where he also served as Chairman from 1989 through 1998. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He graduated cum laude from King s College in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Dr. Karsten von Köller*

AGE: 69

Director Since: 2003

Dr. von Köller is currently Chairman of Lone Star Germany GmbH, Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Corealcredit Bank AG, Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of MHB Bank AG, and Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG. Dr. von Köller was Chief Executive Officer of Eurohypo AG until 2003.

Reginald Winssinger*

AGE: 66

Director Since: 1998

Mr. Winssinger is founder and Chairman of National Portfolio, Inc., an Arizona-based firm involved in acquisition, financing, management and construction of commercial, multi-family, industrial and land development real estate projects. He spent ten years at the Winssinger family real estate company, a third-generation Belgian real estate enterprise, before coming to the United States in 1979 to expand their investment activity. Over a 20-year period he created and managed a \$500 million portfolio of U.S. real estate investment for U.S. and European investors. He later formed Horizon Real Estate Group, Inc., doing business as NAI Horizon in Phoenix, Arizona, a full service real estate firm providing brokerage, property management, construction management and real estate consulting services. He also serves as a Director of Carey Storage Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Winssinger currently manages multiple companies with real estate investments primarily in Arizona, California and Texas. He also serves as a Director of Pierce-Eislen, Inc., and is the Honorary Consul of Belgium to Arizona. He attended the Sorbonne and is an alumnus of the University of California at Berkeley.

^{*} Independent Director

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors have been appointed to serve on various committees of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has currently established a Compensation Committee, an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the functions of which are summarized below. The Board of Directors has also established an Executive Committee, which has the authority, subject to certain limitations, to exercise the powers of the Board of Directors during intervals between meetings of the full Board of Directors, an Economic Policy Committee, which is available to render advice on economic policy matters affecting the Company, and a Strategic Planning Committee, which reviews and oversees the Company s strategic planning processes.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee is responsibilities include setting compensation principles that apply generally to Company employees; reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to compensation for Directors; reviewing the compensation structure for all current key executives, including incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans; reviewing goals and objectives relevant to Executive Officers compensation, evaluating the Executive Officers performance and approving their compensation levels and annual and long-term awards; and reviewing and approving the number of shares, price per share and period of duration for stock grants under any approved share incentive plan. There were five Compensation Committee meetings held during 2008.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has been established to assist the Board of Directors in monitoring the integrity of the financial statements and management s report of internal controls over financial reporting of the Company, the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements and the independence, qualifications and performance of the Company s internal audit function and Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Among the responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to engage an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, review with the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm the plans and results of the audit engagement, approve professional services provided by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, review the independence of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and consider the range of audit and non-audit fees. The Committee ratifies the engagement of the internal auditors and reviews the scope of their internal audit plan. The Committee also reviews and discusses with management the internal auditors and the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, the Company s internal controls and reviews the results of the internal audit program. There were eight Audit Committee meetings held during 2008.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for developing and implementing policies and practices relating to corporate governance, including monitoring implementation of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC s corporate governance policies. In addition, the Committee develops and reviews background information for candidates for the Board of Directors, including those recommended by shareholders, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding such candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met five times during 2008.

The Board has adopted written charters for each of the Compensation, Audit, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, each of which can be viewed on our website, www.wpcarey.com, under the heading Investor Relations. Printed copies of each may also be obtained upon a request submitted to our Investor Relations department.

Certain members of the Board are also members of the Investment Committee of Carey Asset Management, a subsidiary of the Company that provides advisory services to the CPA® REITs and may also provide services to the Company. Before a property is acquired by a CPA® REIT, the transaction is reviewed by the Investment Committee

to ensure that it satisfies the relevant CPA® REIT s investment criteria. The Investment Committee is not directly involved in originating or negotiating potential investments but instead functions as a separate and final step in the investment process. In addition, the Investment Committee may at the request of our Board of Directors or Executive Committee also review any initial investment in which W. P. Carey & Co. LLC proposes to engage directly. Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC who also serve on the Investment Committee are Messrs. Bond, Coolidge (Chairman), Klein and von Köller.

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Board Meetings and Directors Attendance

There were four regular quarterly and three special Board meetings held in 2008, and each Director attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate of such meetings and of the meetings held during the year by the Committees of which he was a member. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, each Director is required to make every effort to attend each Board meeting, and applicable Committee meetings, except in unavoidable circumstances.

Since December 2006, Eberhard Faber, IV has served as Lead Director. His primary responsibility as Lead Director is to preside over periodic executive sessions of the Board in which management Directors and other members of management will not participate.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

				Nominating and Corporate	Economic	Strategic
Name	Executive	Compensation	Audit	Governance	Policy	Planning
Wm. Polk Carey	X					X
Gordon F. DuGan	X					X
Francis J. Carey	X*					
Trevor P. Bond		X	X			
Nathaniel S. Coolidge			X			
Eberhard Faber, IV	X		X	X*		X
Benjamin H. Griswold, IV	X	X*		X		X
Lawrence R. Klein				X	X*	
Robert E. Mittelstaedt, Jr.				X		X^*
Charles E. Parente**		X	X^*			X
Karsten von Köller					X	
Reginald Winssinger		X		X		

^{*} Chairman of Committee

The Board of Directors has determined that none of the Directors who currently serve on the Compensation, Audit, or Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees has a relationship to W. P. Carey & Co. LLC that may interfere with his independence from W. P. Carey & Co. LLC and its management, and therefore all such Directors are independent as defined in the Listing Standards of the New York Stock Exchange, which we also refer to in this Proxy Statement as the Exchange. Directors who serve on the Audit Committee also satisfy the SEC s standards for audit committee membership.

Compensation of the Board of Directors

W. P. Carey & Co. LLC pays its Directors who are not its officers or employees or retired officers or employees fees for their services as Directors. From January 1, 2008 through September 17, 2008, Board meeting annual compensation included a \$1,250 cash fee per regular quarterly meeting attended, a retainer of \$7,500 in cash payable quarterly (for a total of \$30,000 annually), and \$7,500 payable quarterly in the form of restricted shares of Common

^{**} Financial Expert

Stock, issuable under the Company s 1997 Non-Employee Directors Incentive Plan. The number of shares of restricted stock issued was calculated by dividing the dollar amount of the quarterly grant by .93, to take into consideration vesting of the shares ratably over three years, and dividing that amount by the closing price of the Common Stock on the date of grant. During 2008, the Board, based on the advice of an independent compensation consultant, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, determined to change certain aspects of Board compensation, commencing with the September 18, 2008 Board meeting: the per meeting cash fee was increased to \$1,500 and extended to include telephonic meetings; the annual cash retainer was increased to \$50,000; members of the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meetings were to receive a fee of \$1,500 per committee meeting; and, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the Annual Meeting, the \$7,500 quarterly

payment of restricted was replaced by an annual grant of restricted stock units (also referred to in this Proxy Statement as RSUs) with a total value of \$50,000, which are immediately vested but are required to be deferred until the Director completes his or her service on the Board, as more fully described under Proposal Three below.

Mr. Griswold receives an additional \$10,000 per year for serving as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and \$10,000 per year for serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Parente receives \$10,000 per year for serving as Chairman of the Audit Committee and received \$7,500 in 2008 for serving as the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee from January 1, 2008 through the September 17, 2008 Board meeting. Mr. Faber receives \$10,000 per year for serving as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, \$10,000 per year for serving as Lead Director and \$10,000 per year for serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Mittelstaedt receives \$10,000 per year for serving as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, having received \$2,500 in 2008 for serving in that capacity commencing with the September 17, 2008 Board meeting. All of such fees are payable in cash quarterly. Messrs. Bond, Coolidge, Klein and von Köller are also members of the Investment Committee of Carey Asset Management, and each receives a cash fee of \$1,500 per Investment Committee meeting attended. Mr. Coolidge receives an additional \$20,000 per year cash fee for serving as Chairman of the Investment Committee. In addition, Messrs. Bond, Klein, von Köller and Winssinger are members of the Board of Directors of W. P. Carey International LLC, a subsidiary of the Company that structures net lease transactions on behalf of the CPA® REITs outside of the United States (WPCI), for which service they receive \$10,000 in annual fees, payable in cash quarterly. Mr. Bond receives an additional \$10,000 per year for serving on the Investment Advisory Committee for WPCI-Asia. Mr. von Köller receives an additional \$5,000 in fees annually for serving on the Board of Directors of W. P. Carey & Co. BV, a Netherlands subsidiary of the Company that manages international assets for the Company as well as the CPA REITs. Mr. Winssinger is a member of the Board of Directors of Carey Storage Asset Management, a subsidiary of the Company, and he receives \$25,000 per year for such Board service, payable in cash monthly. Messrs. Wm. Polk Carey, Francis J. Carey, and DuGan, who are officers or employees of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC and/or its subsidiaries, are also Directors and are not paid any Director fees.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE FISCAL 2008

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Option Awards ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
Trevor P. Bond	71,500	28,580	4,011	104,091
Nathaniel S. Coolidge	77,000	27,624	0	104,624
Eberhard Faber, IV	73,500	27,624	0	101,124
Benjamin H. Griswold, IV	60,500	29,317	3,354	93,171
Lawrence R. Klein	70,000	27,624	0	97,624
Robert E. Mittelstaedt, Jr.	44,500	24,814	2,617	71,931
Charles E. Parente	61,000	22,216	2,659	85,875
Karsten von Köller	55,000	27,624	0	82,624