

CommonWealth REIT  
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**COMMONWEALTH REIT**

(Name of the Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

**CORVEX MANAGEMENT LP**

**KEITH MEISTER**

**RELATED FUND MANAGEMENT, LLC**

**RELATED REAL ESTATE RECOVERY FUND GP-A, LLC**

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## CORVEX AND RELATED COMMENT ON

### COMMONWEALTH REIT'S RECENT MISLEADING ACTIONS

**NEW YORK, December 23, 2013** Corvex Management LP ( Corvex ) and Related Fund Management, LLC ( Related ), whose separately managed investment funds collectively own approximately 9.6% of the outstanding shares of CommonWealth REIT (NYSE:CWH), today commented on the actions taken by CommonWealth:

The Portnoys are a day late and a dollar short with these revocable modifications that pay lip service to shareholders and continue to limit basic shareholder rights. The fact remains that CommonWealth continues to maintain an outdated, extremely conflicted management structure, which has led to 27 years of underperformance and that has served to enrich only the Portnoy family. It must be recognized that the current management team and Board are responsible for multiple egregious actions taken over the past year in an effort to actively disenfranchise all shareholders. We believe our consent solicitation will enable shareholders to elect truly independent and accountable trustees in the near term, restoring value and effecting real permanent change for CommonWealth.

#### **Additional Information Regarding the Solicitation**

Corvex Management LP and Related Fund Management, LLC have filed a preliminary solicitation statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) to (1) solicit consents to remove the entire board of trustees of CommonWealth REIT (the Removal Proposal ), and (2) elect five new trustees at a special meeting of shareholders that must be promptly called in the event that the Removal Proposal is successful. **Investors and security holders are urged to read the preliminary solicitation statement in its entirety, and the definitive solicitation statement and other relevant documents when they become available, because they will contain important information regarding the solicitation.** The preliminary and definitive solicitation statement and all other relevant documents will be available, free of charge, on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The following persons are participants in connection with the solicitation of CommonWealth REIT shareholders: Corvex Management LP, Keith Meister, Related Fund Management, LLC, Related Real Estate Recovery Fund GP-A, LLC, Related Real Estate Recovery Fund GP, L.P., Related Real Estate Recovery Fund, L.P., RRERF Acquisition, LLC, Jeff T. Blau, Richard O. Toole and David R. Johnson. Information regarding the participants in the solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, to the extent applicable, is available in the preliminary solicitation statement filed with the SEC on December 3, 2013.

#### **About Corvex Management LP**

Corvex Management LP is an investment firm headquartered in New York, New York that engages in value-based investing across the capital structure in situations with identifiable catalysts. Corvex was founded in March 2011 and follows an opportunistic approach to investing with a specific focus on equity investments, special situations and distressed securities largely in North America.

### **About Related Fund Management LLC**

Related Fund Management, LLC is an affiliate of Related Companies, one of the most prominent privately-owned real estate firms in the United States. Formed 40 years ago, Related is a fully integrated, highly diversified industry leader with experience in virtually every aspect of development, acquisitions, management, finance, marketing and sales. Related's existing portfolio of real estate assets, valued at over \$15 billion, is made up of best-in-class mixed-use, residential, retail, office and affordable properties. For more information about Related Companies please visit [www.related.com](http://www.related.com).

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