

**Corporate Presentation** 

January 2021

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### Non-GAAP Measures & Same-Store Definition



#### Non-GAAP Measures

This presentation contains certain non-GAAP financial measures. Funds from Operations ("FFO") and FFO per share are non-GAAP measures defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT") and are considered helpful measures of REIT performance by REITs and many REIT analysts. NAREIT defines FFO as a REIT's net income, excluding gains or losses from sales of property, and adding back real estate depreciation and amortization. FFO and FFO per share are not a substitute for net income or earnings per share. FFO is not a substitute for GAAP net cash flow in evaluating the company's liquidity or ability to pay dividends, because it excludes financing activities presented on the company's statements of cash flows. In addition, other REITs may compute these measures differently, so comparisons among REITs may not be helpful. However, the company believes that to further understand the performance of its stores, FFO should be considered along with the net income and cash flows reported in accordance with GAAP and as presented in the company's financial statements.

Adjusted FFO ("AFFO") represents FFO excluding the effects of business development, capital raising, store acquisition, and third-party management marketing expenses and non-recurring items, which management believes are not indicative of the company's operating results. Management presents AFFO because management believes it is a helpful measure in understanding the company's results of operations insofar as management believes that the items noted above that are included in FFO, but excluded from AFFO, are not indicative of the company's ongoing operating results. Management also believes that the investment community considers the company's AFFO (or similar measures using different terminology) when evaluating the company. Because other REITs or real estate companies may not compute AFFO in the same manner as the company does, and may use different terminology, the company's computation of AFFO may not be comparable to AFFO reported by other REITs or real estate companies.

Management believes net operating income or "NOI" is a meaningful measure of operating performance because management utilizes NOI in making decisions with respect to, among other things, capital allocations, determining current store values, evaluating store performance, and in comparing period-to-period and market-to-market store operating results. In addition, management believes the investment community utilizes NOI in determining operating performance and real estate values and does not consider depreciation expense because it is based upon historical cost. NOI is defined as net store earnings before general and administrative expenses, interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

NOI is not a substitute for net income, net operating cash flow, or other related GAAP financial measures, in evaluating the company's operating results.

#### **Same-Store Self Storage Operations Definition**

The company considers its same-store portfolio to consist of only those stores owned and operated on a stabilized basis at the beginning and at the end of the applicable periods presented. Management considers a store to be stabilized once it has achieved an occupancy rate that management believes, based on the company's assessment of market-specific data, is representative of similar self storage assets in the applicable market for a full year measured as of the most recent January 1 and has not been significantly damaged by natural disaster or undergone significant renovation or expansion. Management believes that same-store results are useful to investors in evaluating the company's performance because they provide information relating to changes in store-level operating performance without taking into account the effects of acquisitions, dispositions, or new ground-up developments. At September 30, 2020, the company owned nine same-store properties and three non same-store properties.

The company believes that, by providing same-store results from a stabilized pool of stores, with accompanying operating metrics including, but not limited to, variances in occupancy, rental revenue, operating expenses, and NOI, stockholders and potential investors are able to evaluate operating performance without the effects of non-stabilized occupancy levels, rent levels, expense levels, acquisitions, or completed developments. Same-store results should not be used as a basis for future same-store performance or for the performance of the company's stores as a whole.

### Who We Are

GLOBAL®
SELF STORAGE
NASDAQ: SELF

- Global Self Storage is a self-administered and selfmanaged Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)
- We own and/or manage 13 self-storage properties with 969,100 sf. of total leasable space <sup>1</sup>
- Primarily focus on secondary and tertiary markets in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest
- Highest same-store net operating income growth
  vs. publicly traded self storage peers, reflecting our
  winning strategy<sup>2</sup>
- Seeking to acquire & develop properties where our highly-effective professional management and best practices can improve operations









1) As of 9/30/20; Includes outside parking (RV, boat, auto), retail, office and commercial space, and West Henrietta Acquisition.
2) Based on information obtained in reports on Form 10-Q as of September 30, 2020 as filed with the SEC by public self-storage REITs (SELF, PSA, ESR. LSI. NSA, and CUBE).

# Why Choose Third-Party Management?





- Maximize the value of your property
  with experienced and dedicated
  industry professionals working for you
- Avoid the challenges of managing staff, budgets, Search Engine Optimization ("SEO"), marketing, and maintenance
- Rely on industry professionals with decades of experience to handle your self storage operational needs and success

## Why Choose Global Self Storage?



- Peer leading same-store net operating income growth <sup>1</sup>
- Highly trained and experienced regional managers provide dedicated support to your local property managers
- Sophisticated and effective revenue rate management
- Revenue generating internet presence and instant brand recognition
- An SEO strategy that makes you competitive with publicly traded self storage peers
- Automated collections services and auction process
- A reliable industry leading Call Center
- Personalized rate increase program
- Access to a team of experienced management professionals
- Exemplary attention to staff training and development
- A strong financial foundation
- Purchasing power and reduced operating expenses
- Exit strategy opportunities that fit your needs



1) Based on information obtained in reports on Form 10-Q as of September 30, 2020 as filed with the SEC by public self storage REITs (SELF, PSA, EXR, LSI, NSA, and CUBE).

## Strong Lease-up Performance at Expansions/ Conversions in 2020



#### Added 32,800+ Leasable Square Feet (Isf) of Climate-controlled and Drive-up Units in 2020



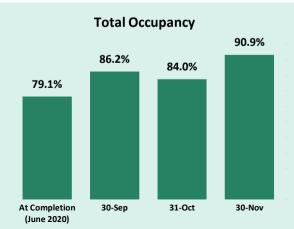
Millbrook, NY Completed February 2020 Added 11,800 lsf



(Feb 2020)

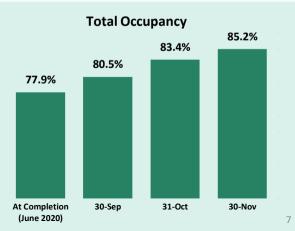


Fishers, IN Completed June 2020 Added 13,713 lsf



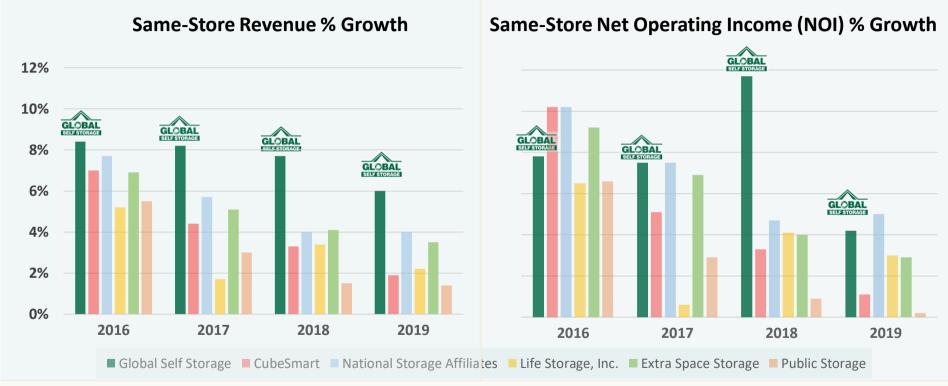


West Henrietta, NY Completed August 2020 Added 7,300 lsf



# Our Outperformance of Other Publicly-Traded Self Storage REITs Reflects Our Focus on Secondary & Tertiary Markets

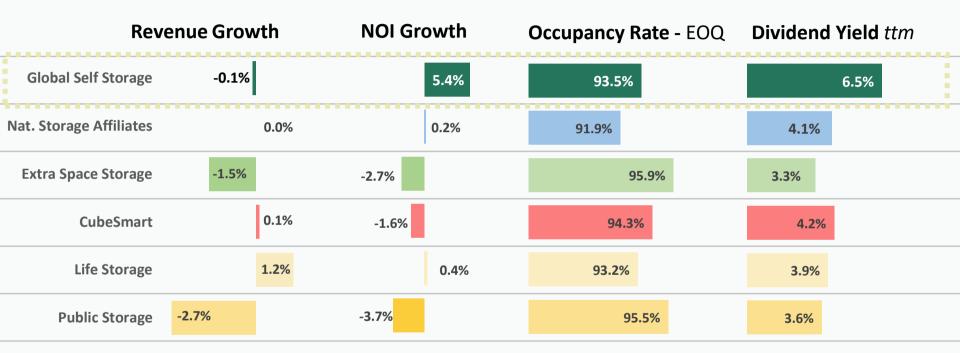




**Global Self Storage** has outperformed its REIT peers, which are generally experiencing declining NOI growth due to increasing supply in top MSA markets

# Publicly-Traded Self-Storage REIT Same-Store Comparison – Q3 2020





Global Self Storage Tops the Publicly-Traded Self-Storage REIT Industry in NOI Growth & Dividend Yield

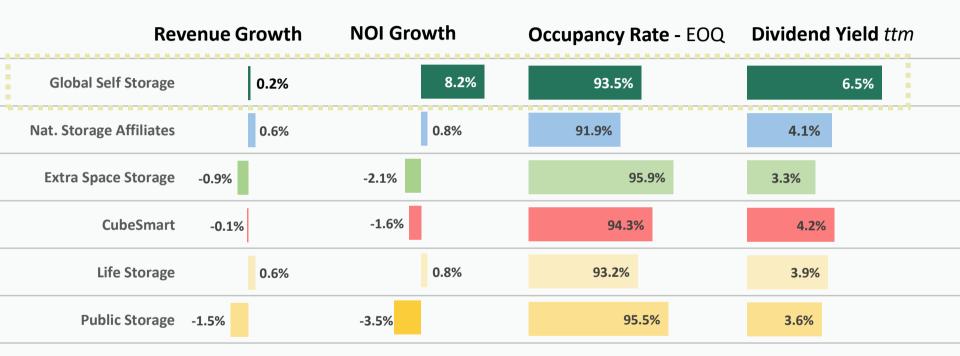
TTM = trailing twelve months; dividend yield based on closing price as of January 4, 2021.

OQ = End of quarter

Note: Based on information obtained in reports on Form 10-Q as of September 30, 2020 as filed with the SEC by public self-storage REITs (SELF, PSA, EXR, LSI, NSA, and CUBE).

# Publicly-Traded Self Storage REIT Same-Store Comparison – First Nine Months of 2020





#### Global Self Storage Tops the Publicly-Traded Self Storage REIT Industry in NOI Growth & Dividend Yield

First Nine Months ended September 30, 2020.

EOQ = End of quarter

Note: Based on information obtained in reports on Form 10-K as of Dec. 31, 2018 filed with the SEC by public self storage REITs (SELF, PSA, EXR, LSI, NSA, and CUBE).

<sup>\*</sup>TTM = trailing twelve months; dividend yield based on closing price as of January 4, 2021.

## Same-Store NOI Growth Comps to Peers



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-3.5%

2) YTD = Year to Date as of September 30, 2020.

<sup>1)</sup> Average of public peers. Does not include Global Self Storage (SELF) in average. Presentation based on information obtained in Form 10-Ks as of December 31, 2019 as filed with the SEC by public self-storage REITs (SELF, PSA, EXR, LSI, NSA, and CUBE).

# Customers Choose Us: High Quality Service & Facilities



- Property managers encouraged to maintain the highest security and cleanliness standards
- Employees are motivated to deliver courteous, attentive customer service
- All facilities include customer service call centers and 24/7 rental and payment kiosks
- Our goal is to make the customer experience as pleasant and hassle-free as possible

### **Easy Gate Access**



# 24/7 Security Monitoring



24/7 Rental & Payment Kiosks



## We Attract & Retain High Quality Tenants



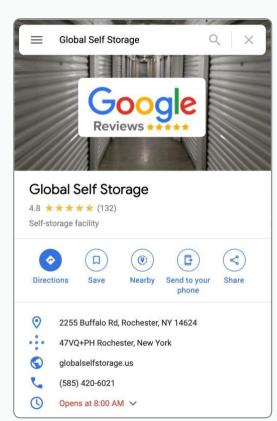
- Prioritize tenant *quality* in marketing and operational efforts
- Focus on credit card payers, who rent for longer duration and accept greater rental rate increases
- Referral marketing generates new tenant inquiries for highest quality new tenants
- Strong internet and social media presence generate new tenant inquiries
- Certain facilities offer referral discounts and complementary truck rental
- As a result, average same-store tenant duration was ~3.0 years in Q3 2020



## **Key Competitive Factors vs. Public REIT Peers**



- We primarily focus on secondary and tertiary markets where there is less self-storage oversupply
- Attract quality, long-staying tenants by incentivizing credit card auto-payers
- Effective revenue rate management program
  - Dynamic rate management through daily analysis of competitive rates
  - Systematic rate increases per customers
  - Self-service kiosks make rentals and payments convenient
- Greater agility allows innovation and faster response to market conditions and trends
- **Security is Our First Priority**<sup>SM</sup> we provide high-end and highly secure facilities with security cameras
- Positive reviews on Google attract customers



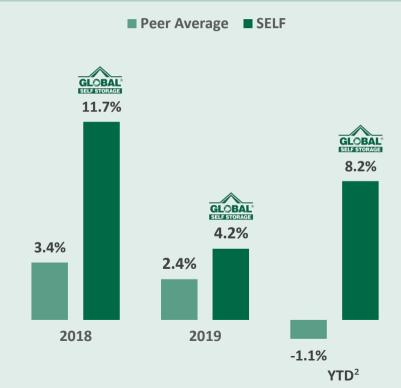
## **Key Takeaways**



- Industry-leading self-storage REIT with proven management strategies and highest same-store net operating income (NOI) growth vs. peers <sup>1</sup>
- Strong lease-up performance in 2020
- Continued to demonstrate resiliency during COVID-19 pandemic
- Unique focus on high-quality tenants in select markets supports higher occupancy rates, longer lengths of stay and revenue rate increases

#### Average of public peers. Does not include Global Self Storage (SELF) in average. Presentation based on information obtained in Form 10-Ks as of December 31, 2019 as filed with the SEC by public self-storage REITs (SELF, PSA, EXR, LSI, NSA, and CUBE). See definition of FFO & AFFO, both non-GAAP terms, in slide 3 of this presentation, and reconciliation to GAAP in the Appendix.

#### Same-Store NOI Growth vs. Peer Average<sup>1</sup>



<sup>2)</sup> YTD = Year-to-date as of September 30, 2020.

### **Management Team**



#### Mark C. Winmill

CEO & President

Chief executive officer since company's inception in 2012.

37+ years of real estate investing experience.

Led the acquisition, development and management of over 50 projects valued at \$300+ million since 1982, including over \$65 million of self storage properties since 2012.

Previously founder and CEO of Bull & Bear Securities, a nationwide discount broker, from 1987 until its sale to the Royal Bank of Canada in

Trustee of two charitable foundations, numerous family trusts and a director of two other companies.

#### Thomas O'Malley

CFO, Treasurer & Vice President

Chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, treasurer and vice president since company's inception in 2012.

31+ years of financial and operating experience in the real estate, financial services, and investment management sectors.

Previously served as assistant controller of the investment advisory, Reich & Tang. Earlier, was an audit manager at RSM.

Certified public accountant.

#### **Donald Klimoski II**

General Counsel, Secretary, CCO & Vice President

General counsel, secretary, chief compliance officer and vice president since 2017.

Previously, served as the associate general counsel of NASDAQ-listed Commvault Systems from 2014 to 2017.

Prior to leaving private practice, was an associate at Sullivan and Cromwell, where his practice focused on mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate governance, intellectual property and related matters from 2008 to 2014

Member of the New York and New Jersey State Bars, and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

#### Robert J. Mathers

Property Operations, Vice President

Vice president of property operations since company's inception in 2012.

30+ years of real estate property operations management experience.

#### **Russell Kamerman**

Asst. General Counsel, Asst. Secretary, Asst. CCO & Vice President

Assistant general counsel, assistant secretary, assistant chief compliance officer and vice president since 2014.

Previously, an associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP and Kleinberg, Kaplan, Wolff & Cohen, where his practice focused on asset management, securities law, compliance, and other corporate matters 2008 - 2014.

Member of the New York State Bar.

#### Angelito Sarabia

Controller

Controller and accounting coordinator since 2013.

15+ years of combined experience in financial and management services.

#### Isabella Rahm

Marketing Consultant

Independent marketing consultant to the company since June 2020.

Previously served as marketing coordinator of the company from August 2017 to June 2020.

Prior to joining the company, studied at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in May 2017.



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