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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 8, 2007



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-12254 (Commission File Number) 52-1833074 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

20814

(Zip Code)

7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

> (301) 986-6200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

> > Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 8, 2007, Saul Centers, Inc. issued a press release to report its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release, dated November 8, 2007, of Saul Centers, Inc.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SAUL CENTERS, INC.

By: /s/ Scott V. Schneider

Scott V. Schneider Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 8, 2007

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Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release, dated November 8, 2007, of Saul Centers, Inc.

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Saul Centers, Inc. Reports **Third Quarter 2007 Earnings**

November 8, 2007, Bethesda, MD.

Saul Centers, Inc. (NYSE: BFS), an equity real estate investment trust (REIT), announced its operating results for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2007 ("2007 Quarter") increased 9.0% to \$38,014,000 compared to \$34,860,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2006 ("2006 Quarter"). Operating income, which is net income available to common stockholders before minority interests and preferred stock dividends, increased 15.8% to \$11,956,000 for the 2007 Quarter compared to \$10,328,000 for the 2006 Quarter. Net income available to common stockholders was \$7,624,000 or \$0.43 per diluted share for the 2007 Quarter, a per share increase of 16.2% compared to net income available to common stockholders of \$6,321,000 or \$0.37 per diluted share for the 2006 Quarter. The operating income increase for the 2007 Ouarter was produced by (1) rental rate growth at several core properties and expansions of two shopping centers, (2) Lansdowne Town Center, the 188,000 square foot shopping center development near Leesburg, Virginia, which commenced operations during the fourth quarter 2006, and (3) to a lesser extent operating income contributed by the Broadlands III development property.

Same property revenue for the total portfolio increased 2.9% for the 2007 Quarter compared to the 2006 Quarter and same property operating income increased 1.6%. The same property comparisons exclude the results of operations of properties not in operation for each of the comparable reporting periods. Same property operating income in the shopping center portfolio increased 1.8% for the 2007 Quarter compared to the 2006 Quarter. Same property operating income in the office portfolio grew 0.9% for the 2007 Quarter. Rental rate growth at several core properties and expansions of two shopping centers produced the significant portion of increased property operating income for the 2007 Quarter.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 ("2007 Period"), total revenue increased 9.5% to \$111,775,000 compared to \$102,075,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 ("2006 Period") and operating income before minority interests and preferred stock dividends increased 15.5% to \$34,042,000 compared to \$29,485,000 for the 2006 Period. Net income available to common stockholders was \$21,424,000 or \$1.21 per diluted share for the 2007 Period, a per share increase of 16.3% compared to \$17,825,000 or \$1.04 per diluted share for the 2006 Period. Overall same property revenue for the total portfolio increased 4.4% for the 2007



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Period compared to the 2006 Period and same property operating income increased 3.0%. Shopping center same property operating income increased 2.9% due to rental rate growth at several core shopping centers and expansions of two shopping centers for the 2007 Period. Office same property operating income increased 3.6% due to rental rate growth at two properties for the 2007 Period.

As of September 30, 2007, 95.4% of the operating portfolio was leased, compared to 97.0% a year earlier. On a same property basis, 95.5% of the portfolio was leased, compared to the prior year's level of 97.0%. The majority of the 2007 leasing percentage decrease resulted from the departure of a 32,000 square foot local grocery anchor at Belvedere shopping center and reduced occupancy at Smallwood shopping center, where the Company is preparing to redevelop the center's façade and common areas.

Funds from operations (FFO) available to common shareholders (after deducting preferred stock dividends) increased 11.4% to \$16,481,000 in the 2007 Quarter compared to \$14,791,000 for the 2006 Quarter. On a diluted per share basis, FFO available to common shareholders increased 9.2% to \$0.71 per share for the 2007 Quarter compared to \$0.65 per share for the 2006 Quarter. FFO, a widely accepted non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance for REITs, is defined as net income plus minority interests, extraordinary items and real estate depreciation and amortization, excluding gains and losses from property sales. FFO increased in the 2007 Quarter due to increased operating income from (1) the Lansdowne Town Center development, (2) rental rate growth at several core properties and expansions of two shopping centers, and (3) to a lesser extent operating income from acquisition and other development properties. FFO available to common shareholders for the 2007 Period increased 11.2% to \$47,518,000 from \$42,724,000 during the 2006 Period. FFO available to common shareholders increased 7.9% to \$2.05 per diluted share for the 2007 Period compared to \$1.90 per diluted share for the 2006 Period.

Saul Centers is a self-managed, self-administered equity REIT headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland. Saul Centers currently operates and manages a real estate portfolio of 48 community and neighborhood shopping center and office properties totaling approximately 8.0 million square feet of leasable area. Over 80% of the Company's property operating income is generated from properties in the metropolitan Washington, DC/Baltimore area.

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Saul Centers, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (\$ in thousands)

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Assets	(Unaudited)	
Assets Real estate investments		
Land	\$ 166,336	\$ 154,047
Buildings and equipment	669,415	631,797
Construction in progress	45,895	56,017
	881,646	841,861
Accumulated depreciation	(229,055)	(214,210)
Accumulated depretration		
Cash and each aquivalants	652,591 7,043	627,651 8,061
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable and accrued income, net	32,952	33,248
Deferred leasing costs, net	16,783	18,137
Prepaid expenses, net	4,146	2,507
Deferred debt costs, net	5,186	5,328
Other assets	6,322	5,605
Total assets	<u>\$ 725,023</u>	\$ 700,537
Liabilities		
Mortgage notes payable	\$ 528,604	\$ 487,443
Revolving credit facility		35,000
Dividends and distributions payable	12,876	11,558
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	15,109	16,409
Deferred income	14,813	12,251
Total liabilities	571,402	562,661
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Minority interests	5,091	5,785
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock	100,000	100,000
Common stock	177	173
Additional paid-in capital	160,305	141,554
Accumulated deficit	(111,952)	(109,636)
Total stockholders' equity	148,530	132,091
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 725,023	\$ 700,537

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Saul Centers, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Th	ree Months En	ded Sep	· · · · ·	Ni	ne Months End	ed Sep	,
		2007		2006		2007		2006
D		(Unau	dited)	ited)		(Unau	dited)	
Revenue	¢	20.064	¢	07 706	¢	00 (1(¢	01.000
Base rent	\$	30,064	\$	27,736	\$	88,616	\$	81,826
Expense recoveries		6,638		5,802		19,518		16,722
Percentage rent		249		326		763		924
Other		1,063		996		2,878		2,603
Total revenue		38,014		34,860		111,775		102,075
Operating expenses								
Property operating expenses		4,777		4,264		13,925		12,195
Provision for credit losses		65		115		280		302
Real estate taxes		3,558		3,129		10,622		9,175
Interest expense and amortization of deferred debt		8,497		8,145		25,116		24,236
Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing costs		6,525		6,463		19,476		19,239
General and administrative		2,636		2,416		8,314		7,443
Total operating expenses		26,058		24,532		77,733		72,590
Operating income		11,956		10,328		34,042		29,485
Minority interests		(2,332)		(2,007)		(6,618)		(5,660
Net income		9,624		8,321		27,424		23,825
Preferred dividends		(2,000)		(2,000)		(6,000)		(6,000
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	7,624	\$	6,321	\$	21,424	\$	17,825
Per share net income available to common stockholders:								
Diluted	\$	0.43	\$	0.37	\$	1.21	\$	1.04
Weighted average common stock:								
Common stock		17,674		17,118		17,540		17,008
Effect of dilutive options		157		148		179		144
Diluted weighted average common stock		17,831		17,266		17,719		17,152
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Saul Centers, Inc. Supplemental Information

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2007		2006		2007		2006
Reconciliation of net income to funds from operations		(Unau	dited)			(Unau	dited)	
(FFO): ⁽¹⁾								
Net Income	\$	9,624	\$	8,321	\$	27,424	\$	23,825
Add: Real property depreciation & amortization	Ψ	6,525	Ψ	6,463	Ψ	19,476	Ψ	19,239
Add: Minority interests		2,332		2,007		6,618		5,660
FFO		18,481		16,791		53,518		48,724
Less: Preferred dividends		(2,000)		(2,000)		(6,000)		(6,000)
FFO available to common shareholders	\$	16,481	\$	14,791	\$	47,518	\$	42,724
Weighted average shares:								
Diluted weighted average common stock		17,831		17,266		17,719		17,152
Convertible limited partnership units		5,416		5,416		5,416		5,387
Diluted & converted weighted average shares		23,247		22,682		23,135		22,539
Per share amounts:								
FFO available to common shareholders (diluted)	\$	0.71	\$	0.65	\$	2.05	\$	1.90
Reconciliation of net income to same property operating								
income:								
Net income	\$	9,624	\$	8,321	\$	27,424	\$	23,825
Add: Interest expense and amortization of deferred debt		8,497		8,145		25,116		24,236
Add: Depreciation and amortization of deferred leasing								
costs		6,525		6,463		19,476		19,239
Add: General and administrative		2,636		2,416		8,314		7,443
Less: Interest income		(115)		(54)		(353)		(220)
Add: Minority interests		2,332		2,007		6,618		5,660
Property operating income		29,499		27,298		86,595		80,183
Less: Acquisitions & developments		(1,809)		(35)		(5,179)		(1,170)
Total same property operating income	\$	27,690	\$	27,263	\$	81,416	\$	79,013
Total shopping centers	\$	20,693	\$	20,330	\$	60,532	\$	58,847
Total office properties		6,997		6,933		20,884		20,166
Total same property operating income	\$	27,690	\$	27,263	\$	81,416	\$	79,013

(1) The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) developed FFO as a relative non-GAAP financial measure of performance of an equity REIT in order to recognize that income-producing real estate historically has not depreciated on the basis determined under GAAP. FFO is defined by NAREIT as net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, plus minority interests, extraordinary items and real estate depreciation and amortization, excluding gains or losses from property sales. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs, which is disclosed in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the applicable periods. There are no material legal or functional restrictions on the use of FFO. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income, its most directly comparable GAAP measure, as a indicator of the Company's operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. Management considers FFO a meaningful supplemental measure of operating performance because it primarily excludes the assumption that the value of the real estate assets diminishes predictably over time (i.e. depreciation), which is contrary to what we believe occurs with our assets, and because industry analysts have accepted it as a performance measure. FFO may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other REITs.