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## **\$1,000,000,000 Shares**

### **Common Stock**

Dividend Capital Trust Inc. is organized as a real estate investment trust that owns, operates and develops real estate properties, consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. Dividend Capital Trust was formed as a Maryland corporation in April 2002. Dividend Capital Trust is organized and conducts its operations in a manner so as to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes.

We are offering up to \$1,000,000,000 in shares of our common stock. We are offering up to 72,770,273 shares to the public at \$10.50 per share and Dividend Capital Securities LLC, which is an affiliate of Dividend Capital Trust, is acting as an underwriter and dealer manager of this offering on a best efforts basis. We are also offering up to 23,650,339 shares to participants in our distribution reinvestment plan at \$9.975 per share. Subject to certain exceptions described in this prospectus, investors that want to participate in this offering must invest a minimum of \$2,000.

Dividend Capital Advisors LLC, our advisor, which is an affiliate of Dividend Capital Trust, is responsible for managing our day-to-day activities under the terms and conditions of an advisory agreement. Our advisor is beneficially owned and/or controlled by three of our directors. See the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus for a discussion of the relationship between Dividend Capital Trust, our advisor and other of our affiliates.

**See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22 for a discussion of certain factors that you should consider before you invest in our common stock. In particular, you should carefully consider the following risks:**

We have a limited history of operations

There is no current public trading market for the common stock; if you choose to sell your shares, it will likely be at a price which is less than your purchase price

Reliance on our advisor to select properties and conduct our operations

Payment of substantial fees to our advisor and its affiliates

Borrowing which increases the risk of loss of our investments

Conflicts of interest between Dividend Capital Trust and certain affiliates which will be compensated for their services, including our advisor, Dividend Capital Property Management LLC, our property manager, and Dividend Capital Securities LLC, our dealer manager

Failure to qualify as a REIT could adversely affect the results of our operations and our ability to make distributions to our shareholders.

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulator has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. In addition, the Attorney General of the State of New York has not passed on or endorsed the merits of this offering. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The use of forecasts in this offering is prohibited. Any representation to the contrary and any predictions, written or oral, as to the amount or certainty of any present or future cash benefits or tax consequences which may flow from your investment is not permitted.

	Price to Public	Selling Commissions	Proceeds to the Company(2)(3)
Primary Offering Per Share	\$10.50	\$0.63(1)	\$9.87
Total Maximum	\$764,087,870	\$45,845,272(1)	\$718,242,598
Distribution Reinvestment Plan Per Share	\$9.975	\$	\$9.975
Total Maximum	\$235,912,130	\$	\$235,912,130

- (1) We will pay a sales commission to our dealer manager of up to 6% of the gross offering proceeds which may be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers.
- (2) Proceeds with respect to our primary offering are calculated before deducting certain dealer manager fees and organizational and offering expenses payable by us. We will pay a dealer manager fee to our dealer manager of up to 2% of gross offering proceeds and we will reimburse our advisor for organizational and offering expenses in an amount up to 2% of gross offering proceeds. Such fees and expenses are estimated to be approximately \$30,563,514 assuming 72,770,273 shares are sold at a public offering price of \$10.50 per share. See the "Management Management Compensation" section of this prospectus. Proceeds with respect to our distribution reinvestment plan are calculated before deducting a one-time servicing fee payable by us equal to 1% of the undiscounted selling price of the shares. Based on a public offering price of \$10.50 per share, such fee is estimated to be \$2,483,286 assuming 23,650,339 shares are sold pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan. We reserve the right to reallocate the shares we are offering between our primary offering and our distribution reinvestment plan. See the "Plan of Distribution" section of this prospectus for a complete description of the amount and terms of such fees and expense reimbursement.
- (3) The selling commissions and, in some cases, all or a portion of the dealer manager fee will not be charged with regard to shares sold to or for the account of certain categories of purchasers. The reduction in these fees will be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the per share purchase price, but will not impact the net proceeds received by us. See the "Plan of Distribution" section of this prospectus.

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## DIVIDEND CAPITAL SECURITIES LLC

(Dividend Capital Securities LLC will be underwriting any offering on a best efforts basis)

The date of this prospectus is June 27, 2005

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

We make statements in this prospectus that are considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are usually identified by the use of words such as "will," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "plans," "intends," "should" or similar expressions. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995 and are including this statement for purposes of complying with those safe harbor provisions. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views about our plans, strategies and prospects, which are based on the information currently available to us and on assumptions we have made. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations as reflected in or suggested by those forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. We have discussed in this prospectus some important risks, uncertainties and contingencies which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the forward-looking statements we make in these documents.

We assume no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In evaluating forward-looking statements, you should consider these risks and uncertainties, together with the other risks described from time to time in our reports and documents filed with the SEC, and you should not place undue reliance on those statements.

### SUITABILITY STANDARDS

The shares we are offering are suitable only as a long-term investment for persons of adequate financial means. Initially, we do not expect to have a public market for the common stock, which means that it may be difficult for you to sell your shares. You should not buy these shares if you need to sell them immediately or will need to sell them quickly in the future.

Dividend Capital Advisors LLC (the "Advisor" or our advisor) and those selling shares on our behalf shall make every reasonable effort to determine that the purchase of common stock is a suitable and appropriate investment for each investor based on information obtained by those selling shares on our behalf concerning the investor's financial situation and investment objectives. In consideration of these factors, we have established suitability standards for initial shareholders and subsequent transferees. Those selling shares on our behalf will determine that each purchaser of common stock satisfy these standards. These suitability standards require that a purchaser of common stock have either:

A net worth of at least \$150,000; or

A gross annual income of at least \$45,000 and a net worth of at least \$45,000.

For purposes of determining suitability, net worth shall exclude the value of an investor's home, furnishings and automobiles.

The minimum purchase is \$2,000 except in certain states as described below. In order to satisfy the minimum purchase requirements for retirement plans, unless otherwise prohibited by state law, a husband and wife may jointly contribute funds from their separate IRAs, provided that each such contribution is made in increments of \$100. You should note that an investment in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust will not, in itself, create a retirement plan and that, in order to create a retirement plan, you must comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The minimum purchase for Maine, Minnesota, New York and North Carolina residents is \$2,500, except for IRAs and other qualified retirement plans which must purchase a minimum of \$2,000.

Purchases of common stock pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan may be in amounts less than set forth above.

Several states have established suitability standards different from those we have outlined. Shares will be sold only to investors in these states who meet the special suitability standards set forth below.

**Arizona, California, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee** Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$225,000 or (2) gross annual income of \$60,000 and a net worth of at least \$60,000.

**Maine** Investors must have either (1) a net worth of at least \$200,000 or (2) gross annual income of \$50,000 and a net worth of at least \$50,000.

**Kansas, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania** In addition to our suitability requirements, investors must have a net worth of at least ten times their investment in Dividend Capital Trust.

In the case of sales to fiduciary accounts, these suitability standards must be met by the fiduciary account, by the person who directly or indirectly supplied the funds for the purchase of the common stock or by the beneficiary of the account. These suitability standards are intended to help ensure that, given the long-term nature of an investment in our common stock, our investment objectives and the relative illiquidity of our common stock, shares of Dividend Capital Trust are an appropriate investment for each shareholder. Each participating broker-dealer must make every reasonable effort to determine that the purchase of shares is a suitable and appropriate investment for each shareholder based on information provided by the shareholder in the Subscription Agreement. Each participating broker-dealer is required to maintain for six years records of the information used to determine that an investment in the shares is suitable and appropriate for a shareholder.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This prospectus summary summarizes information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section.*

### **Dividend Capital Trust Inc.**

Dividend Capital Trust Inc. is organized as a real estate investment trust that owns, operates and develops real estate properties, consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. Dividend Capital Trust was formed as a Maryland corporation on April 12, 2002. We are structured as an umbrella partnership real estate investment trust ("UPREIT") under which substantially all of our current and future business is and will be conducted through our controlling interest in Dividend Capital Operating Partnership, LP (the "Partnership" or our operating partnership). Our office is located at 518 17th Street, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80202 and our telephone number is (303) 228-2200.

The Advisor is responsible for managing our affairs on a day-to-day basis and for identifying and making investments on our behalf. Our board of directors, or our investment committee comprised of board members, must approve each property acquisition or development proposed by the Advisor, as well as certain other matters set forth in our articles of incorporation. We have seven members on our board of directors. Four of our directors are independent of the Advisor and have responsibility for reviewing the performance of the Advisor. Our directors are elected annually by the shareholders.

### **Recent Developments**

#### ***Sale of Common Stock***

Since February 10, 2003, the date of our initial issuance of common stock, through March 31, 2005 we have raised approximately \$820 million in aggregate gross offering proceeds from the sale of our common stock, including the sale of our common stock pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, of which approximately \$143 million has been raised subsequent to December 31, 2004.

#### ***Our Operating Partnership's Private Placement***

Since November 26, 2003 through March 31, 2005, we have raised approximately \$50.6 million in gross proceeds from our operating partnership's private placement of tenancy-in-common interests in industrial properties, of which approximately \$18.0 million has been raised subsequent to December 31, 2004. Additionally, on April 8, 2005, our operating partnership issued approximately \$4.45 million of limited partnership units in our operating partnership in conjunction with the exercise of a purchase option for an industrial property in which our operating partnership had sold tenancy-in-common interests. The unamortized portion of up-front fees and expense reimbursements paid to affiliates in conjunction with the initial sale of tenancy-in-common interests in this property were recorded against shareholders' equity as a selling cost of the limited partnership units issued. Our operating partnership's private placement is discussed in greater detail in the "Investment Objectives and Criteria Our Operating Partnership's Private Placement" section of this prospectus.

#### ***Investment in Real Estate***

Consistent with our investment strategy to invest in high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties, since March 31, 2005 through May 23, 2005, we have completed a number of property acquisitions with a total estimated investment of approximately \$119 million. As of May 23, 2005, the total estimated investment in our properties was approximately \$970 million comprised of 124 industrial buildings located in 19 of our 25 target markets. (See the "Recent



Developments," "Investment Objectives and Criteria" and "Real Estate Investments" sections of this prospectus).

### **Our REIT Status**

We operate in a manner to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2003. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on income that we distribute to our shareholders. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), REITs are subject to numerous organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that they distribute at least 90% of their taxable income. If we fail to qualify for taxation as a REIT in any year, our income will be taxed at regular corporate rates, we will not be allowed a deduction for distributions to our shareholders in computing our taxable income and we may be precluded from qualifying for treatment as a REIT for the four-year period following the year of our failure to qualify. Even if we qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we may still be subject to state and local taxes on our income and property and to federal income and excise taxes on our undistributed income.

### **Summary Risk Factors**

Following are the most significant risks relating to your investment:

We have a limited history of operations and a limited portfolio of properties which you are able to evaluate in making a decision to purchase our common stock.

There is no current public market for the common stock and we have no obligation or immediate plans to apply for quotation or listing in any public securities market. Although in the future we will consider opportunities to establish a public market for our common stock, there can be no assurance that a public market will ever exist. It will therefore be very difficult for you to sell your shares promptly or at all.

We must rely on the Advisor for the day-to-day management of our business and the identification of real estate properties which we may acquire.

The timing and availability of cash distributions to our shareholders is uncertain.

To ensure that we continue to qualify as a REIT, our articles of incorporation prohibit any person or entity from owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock. This may discourage or prevent a third party from acquiring Dividend Capital Trust on terms that might be favorable to our shareholders.

If for any reason we fail to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we would be subject to tax on our income at corporate rates. That would reduce the amount of funds available for investment or distribution to our shareholders because of the additional tax liability for the years involved.

You will not have preemptive rights as a shareholder, so any common stock we issue in the future may dilute your interest in Dividend Capital Trust.

We will pay significant fees to the Advisor and its affiliates.

Real estate investments are subject to cyclical trends, which are beyond our control.

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We may enter into certain transactions that could potentially impair our ability to dispose of or otherwise turn our investments into cash and could potentially subject us to additional liabilities.

Loans we have and will obtain are and may be secured by some of our properties, which will put those properties at risk of forfeiture if we are unable to repay those loans.

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To the extent we invest in vacant land to be developed, such investment may create risks relating to the builder's ability to control construction costs, failure to perform or failure to build in conformity with plans, specifications and timetables.

If we have not listed our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market, completed a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our shareholders with a combination of cash and/or securities of a publicly traded company or sold substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration by February 2013, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our shareholders.

The Advisor will face various conflicts of interest resulting from its activities with affiliated entities.

Before you invest in Dividend Capital Trust, you should read the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus.

### **Description of Properties**

We invest in commercial real estate properties consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. These facilities will generally be located in the top 25 distribution and logistics markets in the United States. Such properties may include properties which are under development or construction, newly constructed or have been constructed and have operating histories. In addition, we may acquire properties with some level of vacancy at the time of closing. Please see the "Real Estate Investments" section of this prospectus for a more complete description of the properties we have acquired.

### **Estimated Use of Proceeds of Offering**

Our management team intends to invest approximately 91.2% of the gross offering proceeds, assuming we sell 72,770,273 shares to the public and 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, to acquire properties as described above. The remainder of the gross offering proceeds will be used to pay fees and expenses of this offering, which shall include sales commissions, dealer manager fees, distribution reinvestment plan servicing fees, the reimbursement of offering expenses and acquisition fees. In the aggregate, these fees total an amount of up to approximately 8.8% of gross offering proceeds, assuming we sell 72,770,273 shares to the public and 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan.

### **Investment Objectives**

Our investment objectives are:

To pay consistent quarterly cash distributions to our shareholders and to increase the amount of such distributions over time;

To manage risk in order to preserve, protect and return our shareholders' capital contributions; and

To ultimately list our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market or complete a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our shareholders with securities of a publicly traded company or sell substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration and to realize capital appreciation for our shareholders; if we do not complete such a transaction or obtain such listing of our common

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stock by February 2013, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and distribute the net proceeds to our shareholders.

We may only change these investment objectives upon a majority vote of our shareholders. See the "Investment Objectives and Criteria" section of this prospectus for a more complete description of our business and objectives.

### Conflicts of Interest

The Advisor will experience conflicts of interest in connection with the management of our business affairs, including but not limited to the following:

The managers of the Advisor will have to allocate their time between Dividend Capital Trust and other real estate projects and business activities in which they are involved;

The Advisor must determine whether any related entities should enter into joint ventures with Dividend Capital Trust for the acquisition and operation of specific properties. The terms of any joint ventures proposed by the Advisor may not be the result of arm's-length negotiations;

The Advisor will present to Dividend Capital Trust all investment opportunities which the Advisor determines are suitable for Dividend Capital Trust given our investment objectives and certain other considerations. Opportunities which the Advisor determines are not suitable for us may be pursued by affiliates of the Advisor. As a result, the Advisor may be subject to certain conflicts of interest in evaluating the suitability of investment opportunities and making recommendations to our board of directors;

The Advisor and its affiliates will receive distributions with respect to their limited partnership interests in the Partnership and fees in connection with transactions involving the purchase, management and sale of our properties regardless of the quality of the property acquired or the services provided to us; and

Dividend Capital Property Management LLC (the "Property Manager" or our property manager) may perform certain property management and leasing services with respect to the properties which we acquire and Dividend Capital Securities LLC (the "Dealer Manager" or our dealer manager) will serve as the dealer manager of any offering. The Property Manager is presently managed and directed by John Blumberg, James Mulvihill, Thomas Wattles and Evan Zucker, each of whom is a manager of the Advisor and each of whom, with the exception of Mr. Blumberg, is a director of Dividend Capital Trust. The Dealer Manager is beneficially owned by Mark Quam and Messrs. Blumberg, Florence, Mulvihill, Wattles and Zucker and/or their affiliates and is controlled by Mr. Florence, Mr. Quam, Phillip Perrone and Charles Murray. As a result, conflicts of interest may exist with respect to certain transactions between Dividend Capital Trust and the Property Manager and the Dealer Manager. See the "Management" and "Conflicts of Interest" sections of this prospectus for a more detailed discussion of these relationships and certain conflicts of interest.

The following chart shows the ownership structure of the various Dividend Capital entities that are affiliated with the Advisor. Dividend Capital Securities Group LLLP, Dividend Capital Management Group LLC, Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC and Dividend Capital Exchange Facilitators LLC are presently each majority owned by one or more of the following: John Blumberg, Thomas Florence, James Mulvihill, Mark Quam, Thomas Wattles, Evan Zucker and/or their affiliates. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC has issued and may further issue, and Dividend Capital Management Group LLC has not issued as of the date of this prospectus but may in the future issue, equity interests or derivatives thereof to certain of their employees or other unaffiliated individuals, consultants or other parties. However, none of such transactions are expected to result in a change in control of these entities.

The Advisor initially invested \$200,000 in the Partnership in exchange for a regular limited partner interest. Dividend Capital Trust, which serves as the general partner of the Partnership, contributed \$2,000 in exchange for 200 general partnership units of the Partnership. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of the Advisor, has invested \$1,000 in the Partnership and has been issued limited partnership units of the Partnership which constitute the Special Units (as defined below). Currently, except as described above, the Advisor, the Dealer Manager and the Property Manager do not have any ownership interests in Dividend Capital Trust or the Partnership.

In January 2005, in connection with our third public offering, members of our board of directors, managers of our advisor, our advisor's senior management team and/or each of their respective affiliates collectively purchased in excess of \$1.0 million of our common stock.

#### **Prior Offering Summary**

Certain managers of the Advisor, directly or indirectly through affiliated entities, have sponsored two public REITs, (i) American Real Estate Investment Corp. (known as Keystone Property Trust, NYSE:KTR) which raised approximately \$93,230,000 of equity capital (including \$10,750,000 in its initial public offering and \$82,480,000 in connection with the acquisition of real estate) from more than

130 investors and was acquired by ProLogis (NYSE:PLD) in August 2004, and (ii) Dividend Capital Trust Inc., which as of March 31, 2005, had raised approximately \$820,000,000 from more than 20,900 investors. In addition, as of March 31, 2005, certain of these managers have sponsored 49 private real estate programs which had raised approximately \$510,000,000 of equity capital from over 600 investors. Collectively, as of March 31, 2005, the public and private programs sponsored by certain managers of the Advisor, as described above, purchased interests in 215 real estate projects having combined acquisition and development costs of approximately \$1.7 billion. In addition, the Chief Investment Officer of the Advisor, in his capacity as either or both Co-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ProLogis, participated in overseeing the growth in its asset base from its inception in 1992 to approximately \$2.5 billion in March 1997.

### **The Offering**

We are offering up to \$1,000,000,000 in shares of our common stock. We are offering up to 72,770,273 shares to the public at \$10.50 per share, and we are also offering up to 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan through which participants will be able to acquire shares at a discounted price equal to 95% of the current offering price of our common stock, or \$9.975 per share. We reserve the right to reallocate the shares of common stock we are offering between our primary offering and our distribution reinvestment plan.

In addition, after the commencement of this offering, our board of directors may from time to time change the offering price of our common stock, and therefore the amount of shares being offered in this offering, through one or more supplements or amendments to this prospectus or post-effective amendments to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

### **Terms of the Offering**

This offering will continue until June 9, 2007 (two years after the SEC's effective date of this offering) or until all shares under this offering are sold, whichever is sooner. However, our board of directors may also terminate this offering at any time prior to such termination dates. The offering proceeds will be available for the acquisition of properties or the payment of fees and expenses as soon as we accept your Subscription Agreement. We generally intend to continue to admit shareholders to Dividend Capital Trust on a daily basis.

**Compensation to the Advisor**

The Advisor and its affiliates will receive compensation and fees for services relating to any offering and the investment and management of our assets. In addition, Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of the Advisor, has been issued partnership units in the Partnership constituting a separate series of limited partnership interests with special distribution rights (the "Special Units"). The most significant items of compensation and the terms of the Special Units are as follows:

***Organizational and Offering Stage***

Sales Commissions:	Up to 6.0% of gross offering proceeds (all or substantially all of which we expect will be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers).
Dealer Manager Fee:	Up to 2.0% of gross offering proceeds (up to 1% of which the Dealer Manager may re-allow to participating broker-dealers as a marketing expense reimbursement based on such factors as the volume of shares sold by such participating broker-dealers, marketing support and bona fide conference fees incurred).
Distribution Reinvestment Plan Servicing Fee:	Up to 1% of the undiscounted selling price of shares issued pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan (all or substantially all of which we expect will be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers).
Organizational and Offering Expense Reimbursement:	Up to 2.0% of aggregate gross offering proceeds. Of the approximately \$15.3 million maximum organizational and offering expense reimbursement (assuming we sell 72,770,273 shares to the public), approximately \$12.7 million of the expenses are anticipated to be used for wholesaling activities and are therefore deemed to be additional underwriting compensation within the meaning established by the National Association of Securities Dealers. To the extent that the remaining approximately \$2.6 million of organizational and offering expenses are insufficient to cover our cost of administering this offering, such shortfall would serve to reduce the organizational and offering expenses available to provide underwriting compensation.

***Acquisition and Development Stage***

Acquisition and Advisory Fees:	Up to 1% of the aggregate purchase price of all properties we acquire.
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***Operational Stage***

Asset Management Fees:	Up to 0.75% annually of the cost of properties acquired (before non-cash reserves and depreciation).
Property Management Fees:	Up to the lesser of 3% of the gross revenues of our properties managed by the Property Manager or 0.6% of the net asset value of our properties managed by the Property Manager.
Initial Lease-Up Fee for Newly Constructed Property:	Competitive fee for geographic location of property based on a survey of brokers and agents.

Real Estate Commissions: Up to the lesser of (1) 50% of the reasonable, customary and competitive commission paid for the sale of a comparable property or (2) 3% of the contract price of each property sold. Payment of any Real Estate Commissions is deferred until partners of the Partnership have received a return of capital plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual pre-tax return on their net capital contributions.

Special Units: In general, the holder of the Special Units will be entitled to receive 15% of specified distributions made after other partners of the Partnership have received, in the aggregate, cumulative distributions equal to their capital contributions plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual pre-tax return on their net contributions.

More specifically, while the Special Units are outstanding, and after other partners of the Partnership have received, in the aggregate, cumulative distributions from all sources equal to their net capital contributions plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual pre-tax return on their contributions, the holder will receive 15% of net sales proceeds received by the Partnership on dispositions of the Partnership's assets. Special Units will be redeemed upon the earlier of the listing of our common stock or a sale or merger that results in a termination or non-renewal of the Advisory Agreement for the amount that would have been distributed with respect to the Special Units in accordance with the preceding sentence if the Partnership sold all of its assets for their then fair market values, paid all of its liabilities and distributed any remaining amounts to partners in liquidation of the Partnership.

Except as described above, the Special Units shall not be entitled to receive any redemption or similar payment from Dividend Capital Trust or the Partnership.

There are many conditions to and restrictions on the amount of compensation the Advisor and its affiliates may receive. There are also some smaller items of expense reimbursements that the Advisor may receive. For a more detailed explanation of these fees and expenses payable to the Advisor and its affiliates, and for a more detailed discussion of the Special Units described above, please see the "Management Management Compensation" section of this prospectus.

### **Distribution Policy**

Dividend Capital Trust operates in a manner to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2003. In order to qualify as a REIT, we are required to distribute 90% of our annual taxable income to our shareholders. We accrue and pay distributions on a quarterly basis and we will calculate our distributions based upon daily record and distribution declaration dates so investors will be entitled to earn distributions immediately upon purchasing common stock.

### **Liquidity Event**

We presently intend to list our common stock on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market or complete a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which



provides our shareholders with securities of a publicly traded company. In the event we do not list our common stock, complete a sale or merger of Dividend Capital Trust in a transaction which provides our shareholders with a combination of cash and/or securities of a publicly-traded company or sell substantially all of our properties for cash or other consideration prior to February 2013, our articles of incorporation require us to begin selling our properties and other assets and to distribute the net proceeds to our shareholders.

### Distribution Reinvestment Plan

You may participate in our distribution reinvestment plan pursuant to which you may have the cash distributions you receive reinvested in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust at a discount purchase price equal to the current or most recent offering price of our common stock less 5%. If you participate, you will be taxed on an amount equal to the fair market value, on the relevant distribution date, of the shares of our common stock purchased with reinvested distributions even though you will not receive the cash from those distributions. As a result, you may incur a tax liability without receiving cash to pay such liability. Our board of directors may terminate the distribution reinvestment plan in our discretion at any time upon 10 days notice to our shareholders. Following any termination of the distribution reinvestment plan, all subsequent distributions to shareholders would be made in cash. Any such termination may limit our ability to fund the share redemptions discussed below. (See "Description of Securities Distribution Reinvestment Plan").

### Share Redemption Program

As long as our common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange or traded on an over-the-counter market, shareholders of Dividend Capital Trust who have held their shares for at least one year may be able to redeem all or any portion of their shares in accordance with the procedures outlined in the prospectus relating to the shares they purchased. At that time, we may, subject to the conditions and limitations described below, redeem the shares presented for redemption for cash to the extent that we have sufficient funds available to us to fund such redemption.

The amount received from the redemption of shares issued pursuant to this prospectus will be equal to a percentage of the price actually paid for the shares, which percentage is dependent upon the number of years the shares are held, as described in the following table:

Share Purchase Anniversary	Redemption Price as a Percentage of Purchase Price*
0-1	No Redemption Allowed
1	92.5%
2	95.0%
3	97.5%
4	100.0%

\*

Subject to change and in no event will the redemption price exceed the then current offering price of our common shares (excluding sales from our distribution reinvestment plan).

We currently expect that our distribution reinvestment plan will be the primary source of funds used to redeem common stock. Our board of directors reserves the right to use other sources of funds to redeem common stock, to reject any request for redemption of common stock for any reason or no reason or to amend or terminate the share redemption program at any time. You will have no right to request the redemption of your shares after the common stock is listed on a national securities exchange or an over-the-counter market. (See "Description of Securities Share Redemption Program").

### **Dividend Capital Operating Partnership**

We intend to own all of our real estate properties through Dividend Capital Operating Partnership LP or its subsidiaries. We are the sole general partner of the Partnership. Along with the Advisor and the parent of the Advisor, we are currently the only limited partners of the Partnership. Our ownership of properties in the Partnership allows us to acquire real estate properties in exchange for limited partnership units in the Partnership. This structure will also allow sellers of properties to transfer their properties to the Partnership in exchange for limited partnership units of the Partnership and defer recognition of taxable gain that would have been recognized if the properties had instead been sold to us. The holders of limited partnership units in the Partnership may have their units redeemed under certain circumstances. (See "The Partnership Agreement").

### **ERISA Considerations**

The section of this prospectus entitled "ERISA Considerations" describes the effect the purchase of common stock will have on individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and retirement plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), and/or the Code. ERISA is a federal law that regulates the operation of certain tax-advantaged retirement plans. Any retirement plan trustee or individual considering purchasing common stock for a retirement plan or an IRA should read this section of the prospectus very carefully.

### **Description of Securities**

#### ***General***

Your investment will be recorded on our books only. We will not issue stock certificates. If you wish to transfer your shares, you will be required to send an executed transfer form to us. We will provide the required form to you upon request.

#### ***Shareholder Voting Rights and Limitations***

We will hold annual meetings of our shareholders for the purpose of electing our directors and conducting other business matters that may be presented at such meetings. We may also call a special meeting of shareholders from time to time for the purpose of conducting certain matters. You are entitled to one vote for each share you own at any of these meetings.

#### ***Restriction on Share Ownership***

Our articles of incorporation contain a restriction on ownership of the common stock that prevents any person or entity from owning directly or indirectly more than 9.8% of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our stock. (See "Description of Securities Restriction on Ownership of Common Stock"). These restrictions, as well as other share ownership and transfer restrictions contained in our articles of incorporation, are designed to enable us to comply with share accumulation and other restrictions imposed on REITs by the Code. For a more complete description of the common stock, including restrictions on the ownership of common stock, please see the "Description of Securities" section of this prospectus.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS OFFERING**

Set forth below are some of the more frequently asked questions and answers relating to an offering of this type. Please see the "Prospectus Summary", the remainder of this prospectus for more detailed information about this offering.

**Q: What is a real estate investment trust?**

**A:** In general, a real estate investment trust, or REIT, is a company that:

Offers the benefit of a diversified real estate portfolio under professional management;

Pays distributions to its shareholders of at least 90% of its taxable income for each year;

Prevents the federal "double taxation" treatment of income that generally results from investments in a corporation because a REIT is not generally subject to federal corporate income taxes on its taxable income, provided certain income tax requirements are satisfied; and

Combines the capital of many investors to acquire or provide financing for real estate properties.

**Q: What is Dividend Capital Trust Inc.?**

**A:** Dividend Capital Trust was formed in April 2002 as a Maryland corporation to invest in commercial real estate properties consisting primarily of high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. Our management team targets for acquisitions or development facilities generally located in what we believe are the top 25 distribution and logistics markets in the United States.

**Q: Who will choose which real estate properties to invest in?**

**A:** Dividend Capital Advisors LLC is our advisor and it makes recommendations on all property acquisitions, developments and joint ventures to our board of directors. Our board of directors may delegate to its investment committee, which is comprised of three directors, two of whom are independent directors, the ability to approve acquisitions or developments of up to \$25 million. Acquisitions or developments in excess of \$25 million must be approved by our full board of directors, including a majority of the independent directors.

**Q: What is Dividend Capital Advisors?**

**A:** The Advisor was formed as a Colorado limited liability company in April 2002 in order to provide management and advisory services to us. Certain managers of the Advisor, directly or indirectly through affiliated entities, have sponsored two public REITs, American Real Estate Investment Corp. (known as Keystone Property Trust, NYSE: KTR) which raised approximately \$93,230,000 of equity capital (including \$10,750,000 in its initial public offering and \$82,480,000 in connection with the acquisition of real estate) from more than 130 investors and was acquired by ProLogis in August 2004, and Dividend Capital Trust Inc., which as of March 31, 2005, has raised approximately \$820,000,000 from more than 20,900 investors. In addition, as of March 31, 2005, certain of these managers have sponsored 49 private real estate programs which had raised approximately \$510,000,000 of equity capital from over 600 investors. Collectively, as of March 31, 2005, the public and private programs sponsored by certain managers of the Advisor, as described above, purchased interests in 215 real estate projects having combined acquisition and development costs of approximately \$1.7 billion. In addition, the Chief Investment Officer of the Advisor, in his capacity as either or both Co-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer of ProLogis (NYSE: PLD), participated in overseeing the growth in its asset base from its inception in 1992 to approximately \$2.5 billion in March 1997.



**Q:** **What is the ownership structure of Dividend Capital Trust and its affiliates?**

**A:** The following chart shows the ownership structure of the various Dividend Capital entities that are affiliated with the Advisor. Dividend Capital Securities Group LLLP, Dividend Capital Management Group LLC and Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC are presently each majority owned by one or more of the following: John Blumberg, Thomas Florence, James Mulvihill, Mark Quam, Thomas Wattles, Evan Zucker and/or their affiliates. Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC has issued and may further issue, and Dividend Capital Management Group LLC has not issued as of the date of this prospectus but may in the future issue, equity interests or derivatives thereof to certain of their employees or other unaffiliated individuals, consultants or other parties. However, none of such transactions are expected to result in a change in control of these entities.

**Q:** **What are some of the risks and conflicts to investing in this offering?**

**A:** We have summarized certain risks in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus, which you should review carefully. We have also described certain conflicts in the "Conflicts of Interest" section of this prospectus. These risks and conflicts include, but are not limited to:

We have a limited operating history;

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There is no current public market for your shares and no such public market may ever develop; it may be difficult for you to sell your shares and should you choose to sell your shares it will likely be at a price which is less than your purchase price;

We rely on the Advisor and our board of directors for the selection of properties and the application of offering proceeds;

The timing and availability of cash distributions to our shareholders is uncertain;

We will be subject to the risks which are inherent in the ownership of real estate;

Failure to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes could adversely affect our operations and our ability to make distributions to shareholders;

The Advisor will be subject to conflicts of interest in the allocation of both management time and real estate opportunities among Dividend Capital Trust and other entities affiliated with the Advisor; and

We will pay the Advisor and its affiliates significant fees. Certain fees, such as those relating to property acquisitions and asset management services, will be paid regardless of the quality of the properties acquired or the services provided.

**Q:**  
**What fees will Dividend Capital Trust incur?**

- A:**
- We will incur various fees and expenses in our organization and offering stage, our acquisition and development stage and our operating stage. In most cases, these fees will be paid to the Advisor or its affiliates, including the Dealer Manager and our property manager. These fees, which are discussed in detail in the "Management Management Compensation" section of this prospectus, consist of:
- (i) Dealer manager fee payable to our dealer manager of up to 2% of gross offering proceeds;
  - (ii) Sales commissions payable to our dealer manager (all or substantially all of which we expect will be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers) of up to 6% of gross offering proceeds;
  - (iii) One-time servicing fee payable to our dealer manager (all or substantially all of which we expect will be re-allowed to participating broker-dealers) of up to 1% of the undiscounted selling price of the shares issued pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan;
  - (iv) Reimbursement to the Advisor or its affiliates for organization and offering expenses of up to 2% of aggregate gross offering proceeds;
  - (v) Acquisition fees payable to the Advisor or its affiliates which may represent up to 1% of the aggregate purchase price of properties we acquire;
  - (vi) Asset management fee payable to the Advisor of up to 0.75% annually of the cost of properties acquired (before non-cash reserves and depreciation);
  - (vii) Property management and leasing fees payable to our property manager which may equal up to 3% of the gross revenues of each property per annum;

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- (viii) Initial lease-up fees for newly constructed properties;
- (ix) Real estate commissions payable to the Advisor or its affiliates on property sales of up to 50% of the brokerage commission paid, provided that 50% of such commission shall not exceed 3% of the contract price of the property sold; and
- (x) Distributions made to an affiliate of the Advisor with respect to the Special Units (as defined in the "Prospectus Summary" section of this prospectus). In general, the holder of the Special Units will be entitled to receive 15% of specified distributions after other



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partners have received, in the aggregate, cumulative distributions equal to their capital contributions plus a 7% cumulative non-compounded annual pre-tax return on their net contributions.

**Q:** **Will our advisor use any specific criteria when selecting a potential property acquisition?**

**A:** Yes. The Advisor will generally seek to invest in properties that satisfy four primary objectives: (1) providing consistent quarterly distributions to our shareholders with the potential to increase the amount of the distribution over time; (2) protecting our shareholders' capital contributions; (3) exhibiting potential to realize capital appreciation upon the ultimate sale of our properties or the occurrence of a liquidity event; and (4) having a high degree of liquidity, relative to other real estate assets, due to their attractiveness to the institutional market.

The Advisor's management team plans to accomplish these objectives by acquiring primarily high-quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. These facilities will generally be located in the top 25 distribution and logistics markets in the United States. Such properties may include properties which are under development or construction, newly constructed or have been constructed and have operating histories. The Advisor's management team will on a limited basis also develop properties directly or in joint ventures with third party developers. In general, national, regional and local companies utilize the space in these building types to store and ship product to their customers. In some cases, the buildings can be used for light manufacturing or assembly. The Advisor intends to generally focus on properties that have been leased or pre-leased on a net basis to one or more creditworthy corporate customers, although some of the properties we purchase may have some vacancy to be filled after closing.

**Q:** **Why do you plan on focusing your investments on industrial properties?**

**A:** We believe that ownership of industrial properties may have certain potential advantages relative to ownership of other classes of real estate. We believe that industrial customers tend to be more stable than customers of residential or office properties, resulting in greater revenue stability. Because industrial properties are typically leased on a net basis, the owner has limited management responsibilities. We believe that the costs of capital improvements are also generally lower for industrial properties. We also believe that many industrial properties have a shorter development period than other real estate classes, allowing owners to respond more quickly to changes in demand.

Although our management team also believes that there may be certain advantages to investing in industrial properties, by focusing on industrial properties we will not have the advantage of a portfolio of properties that is diversified across different property types. As a result, we will be exposed to risks or trends that have a greater impact on the market for industrial properties. These risks or trends may include the movement of manufacturing facilities to foreign markets which have lower labor or production costs, transportation or distribution trends which may change user demand for distribution space on a national or regional basis, including our target markets and other economic trends or events which would cause industrial properties to under-perform other property types.

**Q:** **Why may you acquire certain properties in joint ventures?**

**A:** We may acquire some of our properties in joint ventures, some of which may be entered into with affiliates of the Advisor. Joint ventures may allow us to acquire an interest in a property without requiring that we fund the entire purchase price. In addition, certain properties may be available to us only through joint ventures. As a result, joint ventures may allow us to diversify our portfolio of properties in terms of geographic region, property type and industry group of our customers. We may also enter into joint ventures with developers to construct new properties or into ventures

that include acquisition rights on current or future properties to be built or leased or both. Depending upon the circumstance, the joint ventures may have a debt and/or an equity component.

**Q: What steps do you intend to take to make sure you purchase environmentally compliant property?**

A: We intend to obtain a new Phase I environmental assessment of each property purchased which, in addition to our internal review, is also reviewed by our environmental legal counsel. In addition, we generally intend to obtain a representation from the seller that, to its knowledge, the property is not contaminated with hazardous materials. Although these steps may reduce certain environmental risks, Dividend Capital Trust may nevertheless be liable for the costs related to removal or redemption of hazardous materials found on any properties we acquire.

**Q: What are the proposed terms of the leases you expect to enter into?**

A: The Advisor's management team will seek primarily to enter into "net" leases, the majority of which we expect will have five to seven year original lease terms, and many of which will have renewal options for additional periods. "Net" means that the customer is responsible for repairs, maintenance, property taxes, utilities, insurance and other operating costs. We expect that the majority of our leases will provide that we, as landlord, have responsibility for certain capital repairs or replacement of specific structural components of a property such as the roof of the building, the truck court and parking areas, as well as the interior floor or slab of the building.

**Q: How will Dividend Capital Trust own its real estate properties?**

A: We expect to own all of our real estate properties through an operating partnership called Dividend Capital Operating Partnership LP or subsidiaries of our operating partnership. Our operating partnership has been organized to own and lease real properties on our behalf. Dividend Capital Trust is the sole general partner of our operating partnership and Dividend Capital Trust, the Advisor and Dividend Capital Advisors Group LLC, the parent of the Advisor, are currently the only limited partners of our operating partnership. Dividend Capital Trust has and will continue to contribute net offering proceeds to our operating partnership in return for limited partnership interests. Our operating partnership will use these proceeds to acquire real estate properties. In addition, fractional interests in certain of our properties are held in a taxable REIT subsidiary, and may continue to be held in one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries that are wholly owned by our operating partnership. We intend to utilize the taxable REIT subsidiary, or additional taxable REIT subsidiaries, in certain transactions to potentially facilitate the sale of interests in our limited partnership.

**Q: What is an "UPREIT"?**

A: UPREIT stands for "Umbrella Partnership Real Estate Investment Trust". An UPREIT is a REIT that holds all or substantially all of its properties through a partnership in which the REIT holds an interest. We use this structure because a sale of property directly to the REIT is generally a taxable transaction to the selling property owner. In an UPREIT structure, a seller of a property who desires to defer taxable gain on the sale of his property may transfer the property to the partnership in exchange for limited partnership units in the operating partnership and defer taxation of gain until the seller later sells the partnership units or redeems his partnership units normally on a one-for-one basis for REIT common stock. If the REIT common stock is publicly traded, the former property owner will achieve liquidity for his investment. Using an UPREIT structure gives us an advantage in acquiring desired properties from persons who may not otherwise sell their properties because of unfavorable tax results.

**Q: If I buy common stock, will I receive distributions and how often?**

A: We intend to pay distributions on a quarterly basis to our shareholders. The amount of each distribution is determined by the board of directors and typically depends on the amount of distributable funds, current and projected cash requirements, tax considerations and other factors. Certain portions of distributions paid to our shareholders have previously included amounts in excess of our earnings and profits. It is likely that certain portions of future distributions, if any, that may be paid to our shareholders will include amounts in excess of our earnings and profits. Any such amounts would likely be paid out of cash flow from operations and, if necessary, borrowed funds. In order to qualify as a REIT, we must make distributions of at least 90% of our taxable income for each year. Please see the question in this section entitled "Will the distributions I receive be taxable as ordinary income?"

**Q: How do you calculate the payment of distributions to shareholders?**

A: We will calculate our quarterly distribution using daily record and declaration dates so your distributions will begin to accrue immediately upon becoming a shareholder.

**Q: May I reinvest the distributions I may receive in common stock of Dividend Capital Trust?**

A: Yes. You may participate in our distribution reinvestment plan by checking the appropriate box on the Subscription Agreement (see "Appendix A" of this prospectus) or by filling out an enrollment form we will provide to you upon your request. The \$1,000,000,000 maximum gross offering proceeds of this offering include up to 23,650,339 shares of common stock which will be sold under the distribution reinvestment plan at a discounted price equal to the current offering price per share less a 5% discount on the applicable distribution date. (See "Description of Securities Distribution Reinvestment Plan").

**Q: Will the distributions I receive be taxable as ordinary income?**

A: Yes and No. Generally, distributions that you receive, including distributions that are reinvested pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, will be taxed as ordinary income at the recipient's individual tax rate to the extent they are from current or accumulated earnings and profits. Although recently enacted tax legislation generally reduces the maximum tax rate for distributions payable by corporations to individuals to 15% through 2008, distributions payable by REITs generally continue to be taxed at the normal ordinary income rates applicable to the individual recipient, rather than the 15% preferential rate. We expect that some portion of your distributions may not be subject to tax in the year received due to the fact that depreciation expenses reduce earnings and profits but do not reduce cash available for distribution. Amounts distributed to you in excess of our earnings and profits will reduce the tax basis of your investment and distributions in excess of tax basis will be taxable as an amount realized from a deemed sale of your shares of our common stock. This, in effect, would defer a portion of your taxes until your investment is sold or our assets are liquidated and the net proceeds are distributed to our shareholders, at which time you may be taxed at capital gains rates. However, because each shareholder's tax considerations are different, you are urged to consult with your tax advisor. You should also review the section of this prospectus entitled "Federal Income Tax Considerations."

**Q: What will you do with the capital raised in this offering?**

A: Our management team will use the net offering proceeds to invest in commercial real estate consisting primarily of high quality, generic distribution warehouses and light industrial properties that are net leased to creditworthy corporate customers. Our management team intends to invest approximately 91.2% of the gross offering proceeds, assuming we sell 72,770,273 shares to the public and 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan, to acquire such properties. The remainder of the gross offering proceeds will be used to pay fees and expenses of

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this offering, which shall include sales commissions, dealer manager fees, distribution reinvestment plan servicing fees, reimbursement of offering expenses and acquisition fees in an aggregate amount of up to approximately 8.8% of gross offering proceeds, assuming we sell 72,770,273 shares to the public and 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan.

**Q:**

**How will the payment of fees and expenses affect my invested capital?**

**A:**

The payment of fees and expenses will reduce the funds available for investment in real estate. The payment of fees and expenses will also reduce the book value of your shares. Until we invest the proceeds of any offering in real estate, we may invest in short-term, highly liquid investments including but not limited to government obligations, bank certificates of deposit, short-term debt obligations, interest bearing accounts and preferred securities of other REITs. These short-term investments may earn a lower return than we expect to earn on our real estate investments, and we cannot guarantee how long it will take to fully invest the proceeds in real estate.

**Q:**

**What kind of offering is this?**

**A:**

We are offering up to \$1,000,000,000 in shares of our common stock. We are offering up to 72,770,273 shares to the public at \$10.50 per share and the Dealer Manager will act as an underwriter and dealer manager of this offering on a best efforts basis. We are also offering up to 23,650,339 shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan through which participants will be able to acquire shares at a discounted price equal to 95% of the current offering price of