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Subject: Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation (Election Merger) -
Anticipated Adjustment
Option Symbol: MNR
New Symbol: EQC1
Date:??? (Election Deadline: 09/09/2021???)

On August 31, 2021, Shareholders of Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation (MNR) will vote concerning the proposed merger with Equity Commonwealth (EQC).

The EQC/MNR Proxy Statement/Prospectus was initially filed on July 23, 2021 ("Proxy"). An Amendment to the Proxy was filed on August 18, 2021 ("Amendment").

The Merger: Aggregate Terms

The aggregate amount of cash to be paid to MNR common shareholders as part of the common merger consideration will be \$641 million and the aggregate amount of EQC common shares to be issued to MNR common shareholders as part of the common merger consideration will be approximately 46.2 million shares.

The Merger: Individual Share Elections

Within the terms of the Merger, individual MNR Shareholders may:

- Elect to receive \$19.00 in cash ("Cash Consideration"). The Cash Consideration will be subject to proration. OR,
- Elect to receive 0.713 Equity Commonwealth (EQC) Common Shares ("Stock Consideration"). Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional shares. The Stock Consideration will be subject to proration. OR,
- Register no preference by not making an election. Under the terms of the election, shares which are not subject to an effective election will be treated as non-electing shares and converted into the right to receive the Stock Consideration, which is subject to proration as described in the Amendment ("Non-Electing Consideration").

Elections must be submitted to the exchange agent, Equiniti Trust Company. **The election deadline is on the date of the closing, which is expected to be on 5:00 PM New York City time on September 9, 2021.** MNR Shareholders must observe all terms and conditions for the election as specified in the Amendment. It should be noted that it is unknown if shares may be delivered pursuant to an election under "Notices of Guaranteed Delivery" which allows delivery of MNR shares within a certain number of business days of submission of the notices. In all cases, Call option holders exercising in order to obtain stock for an election must exercise in sufficient time to be able to make valid delivery pursuant to the election procedures.

The Merger Consideration: Prorations

The Cash, Stock, and Non-Electing Considerations will be subject to proration as described in the Amendment.

Contract Adjustment

Date:	Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated. Contract adjustment is expected to occur on or around September 10, 2021.
Option Symbol:	MNR changes to EQC1
Strike Divisor:	1
Contract Multiplier:	1
New Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium or strike price extensions, 1.00 yields \$100)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	<p>The deliverable for adjusted MNR options will be BASED ON THE MERGER CONSIDERATION WHICH ACCRUES TO NON-ELECTING MNR SHAREHOLDERS (stated in terms of a current 100-Share deliverable).</p> <p>100 x the Non-Electing Consideration</p>
CUSIP:	EQC: 294628102

Delayed Settlement

OCC will delay settlement of EQC1 options until the non-electing consideration has been determined.

Important Exercise Considerations

Holders of MNR Call options who wish to make their own elections with respect to MNR shares received through exercise (for example, to receive a consideration other than the Non-Electing consideration) bear sole responsibility in determining when to exercise their options to permit a valid election. After the merger is consummated and the contract adjustment described above is effected, adjusted MNR options will no longer call for the delivery of MNR shares upon exercise. Call option holders will receive upon exercise (and Put holders deliver upon exercise) the non-electing merger consideration (on a per contract basis).

Delivery Settlement and Protect Provisions

Option contracts which are exercised, and physically-settled security futures contracts which mature, will require the settlement of all component securities included in the contract deliverable at the time of the futures contract maturation or option contract exercise, including rights, warrants, or similar instruments. Additional MNR entitlements (such as due bills, eligibility to participate in tender offers, elections, etc.) may also automatically attach to securities deliverable upon physically-settled futures contract maturity or option exercise. Conversely, securities not included in the contract deliverable at the time of the option exercise or futures contract maturity, or other entitlements not associated with the underlying deliverable securities, may preclude holders of long futures contracts from realizing the benefit of such entitlements. For example, if a physically-settled security futures underlying security is the subject of a tender offer, exchange offer, or similar event which expires *before* the futures contract reaches its maturity, the securities due to long futures holders upon maturity *will not* be eligible for participation in the tender/exchange offer. Conversely, if such tender

offer, exchange offer or similar event expires *after* the futures contract matures, securities deliverable to long futures holders *will* be eligible for participation in these events.

Except in unusual cases, securities deliverable as a result of equity option exercise or the maturity of physically-settled security futures are settled through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC).

Rights and obligations of Members with respect to securities settling at NSCC as a result of an option exercise or assignment or a physically-settled security future delivery or receipt obligation are governed by the rules of NSCC. NSCC has its own rules which enable purchasers of securities to protect themselves for value which may be lost if timely delivery is not made to them of securities subject to specific deadlines, such as the expiration of a tender offer, rights subscription, election, or similar event. These rules are generally called protect or liability notice procedures, and are intended to protect purchasers by binding the delivering parties to liability if such value is lost because timely delivery is not effected. Purchasers of securities must observe the rules and procedures of NSCC to avail themselves of such "protect" provisions of NSCC. Questions regarding these provisions should be addressed to NSCC.

Special Risks

Writers of call options and holders of short positions in physically-settled security futures at maturity who are uncovered with respect to deliverable securities subject to deadlines or cut-off times (such as expirations of tender offers, rights subscriptions, elections, or similar events) should be aware of a risk associated with the timing of their possible assignments or physically-settled security futures delivery obligations: Equity option exercise settlement and settlement of physically-settled security futures delivery obligations normally occurs 2 business days after the option exercise date or the security-futures maturity date. An uncovered call writer or uncovered short futures holder who has an obligation to deliver, and who waits until after assignment or futures maturity to effect purchase of the underlying security, may not be able to effect timely delivery by a regular-way purchase (2 business-day settlement) or call option exercise (2 business-day settlement after exercise). Such uncovered writer or short futures holder may nevertheless be subject to liability under the protect provisions of NSCC (see above) with respect to his delivery obligation, because he cannot make timely delivery. Additionally, Cash Markets (same-day, or less-than-2-business-day settlement) may not be available, or may be expensive for buyers of the underlying security.

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