

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
Form 10-K/A  
March 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K/A**

(Amendment No. 1)

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011**

or

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

**For the transition period from**                      **to**

**Commission file number 001-11312**

**COUSINS PROPERTIES INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**58-0869052**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1740

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(404) 407-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of each class	Name of Exchange on which registered
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	New York Stock Exchange
7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (\$1 par value)	New York Stock Exchange
7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (\$1 par value)	New York Stock Exchange

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

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As of June 30, 2011, the aggregate market value of the common stock of Cousins Properties Incorporated held by non-affiliates was \$763,722,037 based on the closing sales price as reported on the New York Stock Exchange. As of February 14, 2012, 104,142,932 shares of common stock were outstanding.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Registrant's proxy statement for the annual stockholders meeting to be held on May 8, 2012 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

**Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 1 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 21, 2012 (the Form 10-K ), is solely to furnish Exhibit 101 to the Form 10-K. Exhibit 101 provides the financial statement and related notes formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language).

No other changes have been made to the Form 10-K. This Amendment No. 1 to the Form 10-K speaks as of the original filing date of the Form 10-K, does not reflect events that may have occurred subsequent to the original filing date, and does not modify or update in any way disclosures made in the original Form 10-K.

**Item 15. Exhibits**

(b) Exhibits

- 3.1 Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended August 9, 1999, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.1.1 Articles of Amendment to Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended July 22, 2003, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 23, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.1.2 Articles of Amendment to Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended December 15, 2004, filed as Exhibit 3(a)(i) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.1.3 Articles of Amendment to Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, dated May 4, 2010, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 10, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.2 Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended and restated June 6, 2009, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 8, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4(a) Dividend Reinvestment Plan as restated as of March 27, 1995, filed in the Registrant's Form S-3 dated March 27, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(i)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 1989 Stock Option Plan, renamed the 1995 Stock Incentive Plan and approved by the Stockholders on May 6, 1996, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Form S-8 dated December 1, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(ii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan, as amended and restated, approved by the Stockholders on May 6, 2008, filed as Annex B to the Registrant's Proxy Statement dated April 13, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(iii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 9, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(iv)\* Amendment No. 1 to Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(iii) to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(v)\* Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate (with Performance Criteria), filed as Exhibit 10(a)(iv) to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(vi)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Non-Incentive Stock Option and Stock Appreciation Right Certificate, amended effective December 6, 2007, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(vi) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.

- 10(a)(vii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Incentive Stock Option and Stock Appreciation Right Certificate, amended effective December 6, 2007, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(vii) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(viii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate, filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 11, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(ix)\* Amendment No. 2 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(x)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate for Directors, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xi)\* Form of Change in Control Severance Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 31, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xii)\* Amendment No. 1 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(ii) to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xiii)\* Amendment No. 4 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan dated September 8, 2008, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xiii) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xiv)\* Amendment No. 5 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan dated February 16, 2009, filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xiv) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xv)\* Form of Amendment Number One to Change in Control Severance Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xvi)\* Amendment Number 6 to the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xvii)\* Form of Cousins Properties Incorporated Cash Long Term Incentive Award Certificate filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.

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- 10(a)(xviii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan, as approved by the Stockholders on May 12, 2009, filed as Annex B to the Registrant's Proxy Statement dated April 3, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xix)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated Director Non-Incentive Stock Option and Stock Appreciation Right Certificate under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xx)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate for 2010-2012 Performance Period filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xx) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxi)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Non-Incentive Stock Option Certificate filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxi) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Stock Grant Certificate filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxii) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxiii)\* Form of New Change in Control Severance Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxiv)\* Form of Amendment Number Two to Change in Control Severance Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 7, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxv)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Stock Grant Certificate filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxv) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxvi)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Non-Incentive Stock Option Certificate filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxvi) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxvii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Incentive Stock Option Certificate filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxvii) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxviii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate for 2011-2013 Performance Period filed as Exhibit 10(a)(xxviii) to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(a)(xxviiii)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan Form of Restricted Stock Unit Certificate for 2012-2016 Performance Period filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2012, and incorporated herein by reference.

- 10(a)(xxv)\* Cousins Properties Incorporated 2009 Incentive Stock Plan Form of Key Employee Incentive Stock Option Certificate filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2012, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(d)\* Retirement and Consulting Agreement and General Release with James A. Fleming dated August 9, 2010, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(e) Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 29, 2007, among Cousins Properties Incorporated as the Principal Borrower (and the Borrower Parties, as defined, and the Guarantors, as defined); Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer; Banc of America Securities LLC as Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Book Manager; Eurohypo AG, as Syndication Agent; PNC Bank, N. A., Wachovia Bank, N. A., and Wells Fargo Bank, as Documentation Agents; Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, as Managing Agent; Aareal Bank AG, Charter One Bank, N.A., and Regions Bank, as Co-Agents; and the Other Lenders Party Hereto, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 30, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(f) Loan Agreement dated as of August 31, 2007, between Cousins Properties Incorporated, a Georgia corporation, as Borrower and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., a banking association chartered under the laws of the United States of America, as Lender, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 7, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(g) Loan Agreement dated as of October 16, 2007, between 3280 Peachtree I LLC, a Georgia limited liability corporation, as Borrower and The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, as Lender, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 17, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(h) Contribution and Formation Agreement between Cousins Properties Incorporated, CP Venture Three LLC and The Prudential Insurance Company of America, including Exhibit U thereto, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on May 4, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(i) Form of Indemnification Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated June 18, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10(j) Underwriting Agreement dated September 15, 2009 by and among Cousins Properties Incorporated, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters, filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 17, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.



- 10(k) First Amendment dated as of February 19, 2010 to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated August 29, 2007, among Cousins Properties Incorporated as the Principal Borrower (and the Co-Borrowers, as defined, and the Guarantors, as defined); Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer; Banc of America Securities LLC, as Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Book Manager; Eurohypo AG, New York Branch, as Syndication Agent; PNC Bank, N. A., Wachovia Bank, N. A., and Wells Fargo Bank, N. A., as Documentation Agents; Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, as Managing Agent; and Aareal Bank AG, Charter One BANK, N.A. and Regions Bank, as Co-Agents, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 25, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 11^ Computation of Per Share Earnings. Data required by SFAS No. 128, Earnings Per Share, is provided in Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 12^ Statement Regarding Computation of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends.
- 21^ Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- 23^ Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 31.1^ Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2^ Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1^ Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2^ Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101\*\* The following financial information for the Registrant, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

^ Previously filed.

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\*\* Furnished herewith.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Cousins Properties Incorporated  
(Registrant)

Dated: March 20, 2012

BY: /s/ Gregg D. Adzema  
Gregg D. Adzema  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
  
Officer (Duly Authorized Officer)