

VORNADO REALTY TRUST
Form S-8
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

VORNADO REALTY TRUST

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or
Organization)
22-1657560

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

888 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

VORNADO REALTY TRUST 2010 OMNIBUS SHARE PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Joseph Macnow

Vornado Realty Trust

888 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

(212) 894-7000

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities To Be Registered | Number of Shares To Be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2) | Amount of Registration Fee(2) |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (Par Value \$.04 Per Share)..... | 17,256,258 | \$86.32 | \$1,489,560,190.56 | \$172,937.94 |

(1) Amount represents 12,000,000 common shares pursuant to the registrant’s 2010 Omnibus Share Plan plus an amount of common shares as a result of forfeitures and potential forfeiture under the registrant’s 2002 Omnibus Share Plan that may become available for grant under the registrant’s 2010 Omnibus Share Plan. This registration statement shall also cover any of the registrant’s common shares which become issuable under the registrant’s 2010 Omnibus Share Plan by reason of any share dividend, share split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration and which results in an increase in the number of the registrant’s outstanding common shares.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Such estimate has been computed in accordance with Rule 457(c) and the third sentence of Rule 457(h)(1) based upon the average of the high and low price of the common shares of beneficial interest of Vornado Realty Trust as reported in the consolidated reporting system on March 15, 2011.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by Vornado Realty Trust (“Vornado”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 (File No. 001-11954); and
- (b) The description of Vornado’s common shares contained in Vornado’s registration statement on Form 8-B (File No. 001-11954), filed on May 10, 1993.

All documents filed by Vornado pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), subsequent to the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents, provided, however, that Vornado is not incorporating by reference any information furnished (but not filed) under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

The Common Shares are registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

Item 6. Indemnification of Trustees and Officers.

Maryland law permits a Maryland real estate investment trust to include in its declaration of trust a provision limiting the liability of its trustees and officers to the real estate investment trust and its shareholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (i) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (ii) active and deliberate dishonesty that is established by a final judgment and which is material to the cause of action. Vornado’s declaration of trust includes such a provision eliminating such liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

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Vornado's declaration of trust authorizes it, to the extent provided in Vornado's bylaws, to indemnify, and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses to, as such expenses are incurred by, each trustee, officer, employee or agent (including any person who, while a trustee of Vornado, is or was serving at the request of Vornado as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or employee benefit plan) from all claims and liabilities to which such person may become subject by reason of his being or having been a trustee, officer, employee or agent.

Vornado's bylaws require it to indemnify (a) any trustee or officer or any former trustee or officer (including and without limitation, any individual who, while a trustee or officer and at the request of Vornado, serves or has served another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee of such corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise) who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of a proceeding to which he was made a party by reason of such status, against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the proceeding and (b) any present or former trustee or officer against any claim or liability to which he may become subject by reason of such status unless it is established that (i) his act or omission was material to the course of action giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (ii) he actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (iii) in the case of a criminal proceeding, he had reasonable cause to believe that his act or omission was unlawful. In addition, Vornado's bylaws require it to pay or reimburse, in advance of final disposition of a proceeding, reasonable

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expenses incurred by a present or former trustee or officer made a party to a proceeding by reason of such status upon Vornado's receipt of (i) a written affirmation by the trustee or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the applicable standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by Vornado and (ii) a written undertaking by him or on his behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by Vornado if it shall ultimately be determined that the applicable standard of conduct was not met. Vornado's bylaws also (i) permit Vornado to provide indemnification and payment or reimbursement of expenses to a present or former trustee or officer who served a predecessor of Vornado in such capacity and to any employee or agent of Vornado or a predecessor of Vornado, (ii) provide that any indemnification or payment or reimbursement of the expenses permitted by the bylaws shall be furnished in accordance with the procedures provided for indemnification or payment or reimbursement of expenses, as the case may be, under Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL") for directors of Maryland corporations and (iii) permit Vornado to provide such other and further indemnification or payment or reimbursement of expenses as may be permitted by the MGCL, as in effect from time to time, for directors of Maryland corporations.

The Maryland REIT law permits a Maryland real estate investment trust to indemnify and advance expenses to its trustees, officers, employees and agents to the same extent as permitted by the MGCL for directors and officers of Maryland corporations. The MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. In addition, the MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or on his behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it shall ultimately be determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

The Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of October 20, 1997, as amended (the "Partnership Agreement"), of Vornado Realty L.P. provides, generally, for the indemnification of an "Indemnitee" against losses, claims, damages, liabilities, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and other legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts that relate to the operations of Vornado Realty L.P. unless it is established that (i) the act or omission of the Indemnitee was material and either was committed in bad faith or pursuant to active and deliberate dishonesty, (ii) the Indemnitee actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the Indemnitee had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. For this purpose, the term "Indemnitee" includes (i) any person made a party to a proceeding by reason of its status as (A) the general partner of Vornado Realty L.P., (B) a limited partner of Vornado Realty L.P. or (C) an officer of Vornado Realty L.P. or a trustee, officer or shareholder of Vornado and (ii) such other persons (including affiliates of Vornado or Vornado Realty L.P.) as Vornado may designate from time to time in its discretion. Any such indemnification will be made only out of assets of Vornado Realty L.P., and in no event may an Indemnitee subject the limited partners of Vornado Realty L.P. to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions in the Partnership Agreement.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to officers, trustees or controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, Vornado has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy and,

therefore, unenforceable. In addition, indemnification may be limited by state securities laws. Vornado has purchased liability insurance for the purpose of providing a source of funds to pay the indemnification described above.

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Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed in the exhibit index beginning immediately following the signature pages hereto are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

Vornado hereby undertakes:

(a) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a) (1)(i) and (a) (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by Vornado pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of Vornado's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Vornado pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, Vornado has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by Vornado of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of Vornado in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted against Vornado by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, Vornado will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Vornado Realty Trust certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York and State of New York, on March 16, 2011.

VORNADO REALTY TRUST,
a Maryland real estate investment trust

By: /s/ Joseph Macnow
Name: Joseph Macnow
Title: Executive Vice President - Finance and
Administration, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Steven Roth, Michael D. Fascitelli and Joseph Macnow, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements to this registration statement and any and all registration statements necessary to register additional securities, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|---|----------------|
| /s/ Steven Roth Steven Roth | Chairman of the Board of Trustees | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Michael D. Fascitelli Michael D. Fascitelli | President and Trustee, Chief Executive Officer, (Principal Executive Officer) | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Joseph Macnow Joseph Macnow | Executive Vice President - Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Candace K. Beinecke Candace K. Beinecke | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Anthony W. Deering Anthony W. Deering | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Robert P. Kogod Robert P. Kogod | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Michael Lynne Michael Lynne | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ David Mandelbaum David Mandelbaum | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |
| /s/ Ronald G. Targan Ronald G. Targan | Trustee | March 16, 2011 |

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/s/ Richard R. West
Richard R. West

Trustee

March 16, 2011

/s/ Russell B. Wight, Jr.
Russell B. Wight, Jr.

Trustee

March 16, 2011

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| 3.1 | Restated Declaration of Trust of Vornado Realty Trust, as filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland on July 30, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.75 of Vornado Realty Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-11954), filed on July 31, 2007). |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Vornado Realty Trust, as amended on March 2, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.12 of Vornado Realty Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 (File No. 001-11954), filed on March 9, 2000). |
| 4.1 | Instruments defining the rights of security holders (see Exhibits 3.1 through 3.2 of this registration statement). |
| 4.2 | Vornado Realty Trust's 2010 Omnibus Share Plan (incorporated by reference to Annex B to Vornado Realty Trust's Proxy Statement dated April 1, 2010 (File No 001-11954 filed on April 11, 2010). |
| 4.3 | Specimen certificate representing Vornado Realty Trust's Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to Vornado Realty Trust's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 033-62395), filed on October 26, 1995). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Venable LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Venable LLP (included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1). |
| 23.2 | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP. |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (included on page II-4). |
