RE 4160 Analysis and Writing Assignment 1: Analyze a potential REIT investment

You are a real estate investment counselor specializing in helping individual investors. Mary and John Smyth have hired you for advice. They are considering investing in a Real Estate Investment Trust. The one they have chosen is (assigned). They need you to educate them about this REIT, evaluate its historical performance, and recommend whether they should purchase shares or not, and why.

Prepare a 2-page report for the Smyths in which you describe the REIT (publicly/privately traded, which stock exchange, size, types of properties/mortgages in which it is invested, where the properties are located, management) and its financials (fees, return). Discuss any trends you observe in its performance and any analysts’ opinions of the REIT. Discuss expectations for the future. Based on this discussion, make a buy/do not buy recommendation with support for your recommendation. Cite any sources you use, including company reports, using APA or MLA style. The report will be evaluated based on the criteria provided. You will first submit a draft of the report for evaluation, receive feedback, revised the report and submit it for a final grade.

Start your research at nareit.com

List of REITs

- Acadia Realty Trust
- Agree Realty Corporation
- Alexandria Real Estate Equities
- AMB Property Corporation
- America First Apartment Investors
- American Campus Communities
- AmREIT
- Arbor Realty Trust
- Ashford Hospitality Trust
- Archstone Smith
- Associated Estates Realty Corporation
- Berkshire Income Realty
- BioMed Realty Trust
- Bixby Land Company
- Brookfield Properties
- Boston Properties
- Brandywine Realty Trust
- BRE Properties, Inc.
- Camden Properties Trust
- CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.
- Chartwell Seniors Housing REIT
- Cedar Shopping Centers REIT
- Corporate Office Properties Trust
- Colonial Properties Trust
Equity Inns, Inc.
Education Realty Trust, Inc.
Eagle Hospitality Properties Trust, Inc.
DiamondRock Hospitality Company
DCT Industrial Trust, Inc.
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.
Developers Diversified Realty Corporation
Equity One REIT
EastGroup Properties Inc.
Equity Residential
Entertainment Properties Trust
Essex Property Trust, Inc.
Forest City Enterprises, Inc.
First Potomac Realty Trust
Feldman Mall Properties
Federal Realty Investment Trust
GMH Communities Trust
Glimcher Realty Trust
General Growth Properties, Inc.
First Industrial Realty Trust