

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST
Form 8-K
February 20, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 20, 2018 (February 15, 2018)**

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

001-35624
(Commission File Number)

45-0311232
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1400 31st Avenue SW, Suite 60
Post Office Box 1988
Minot, ND 58702-1988**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(701) 837-4738

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed from last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 15, 2018, the Board of Trustees of Investors Real Estate Trust (IRET) appointed Emily Nagle Green and Mary J. Twinem as trustees of IRET 's Board of Trustees, whose terms of office expire at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Board determined that both Ms. Green and Ms. Twinem qualify as independent directors in accordance with the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 20, 2018, IRET issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Green and Ms. Twinem to its Board of Trustees. The press release announcing these appointments is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information set forth in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, except as expressly provided by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	<u>Press Release dated February 20, 2018.</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Date: February 20, 2018

By:

/s/ Mark O. Decker, Jr.
Mark O. Decker, Jr.
President & Chief Executive Officer