

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 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): December 17, 2018

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota    001-35624    45-0311232  
(State or Other Jurisdiction                      (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
of Incorporation or Organization)

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

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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. "

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

IRET announced today that its Board of Directors approved a 1-for-10 reverse stock split of its outstanding shares. The reverse stock split is scheduled to take effect after the market closes on December 27, 2018 (the "Effective Time"). IRET's common shares are expected to begin trading on a split-adjusted basis on December 28, 2018. At the Effective Time, every ten (10) issued and outstanding shares of common stock of IRET will be converted into one (1) common share of IRET. Trading in the common stock will continue on the NYSE under the symbol "IRET," but the security will be assigned a new CUSIP number. Additional information regarding the reverse stock split, as well as IRET's previously announced change to a calendar year-end for financial reporting purposes, is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto.

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 Press Release

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

By:/s/ Mark O. Decker, Jr.

Date: November 6, 2018  
Mark O. Decker, Jr.  
President & Chief Executive Officer