

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
Form 8-K  
July 22, 2016

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 22, 2016 (July 18, 2016)**

**INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02**                                **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) and (e)

On July 18, 2016, Mark W. Reiling, the Company's Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President, tendered his letter of resignation, specifying his departure to be effective the end of the day on August 1, 2016. In connection with Mr. Reiling's departure, the Company expects to enter into a separation agreement and release with Mr. Reiling, whereby Mr. Reiling will be entitled to receive a one-time cash severance payment equal to his current annual base salary, \$262,500, less applicable withholdings, if he does not exercise his right of rescission.

**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: July 22, 2016

By:    /s/ Timothy P. Mihalick  
Timothy P. Mihalick  
President & Chief Executive Officer