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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

56-1431377

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Orlando, Florida 32801

Telephone: (407) 265-7348

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time following the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. "

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed		
		-	Proposed	
	Amount	Maximum		
Title of Each Class of	to be	Offering Price	Maximum	Amount of
			Aggregate	
Securities to be Registered	Registered (1)	Per Unit (2)	Offering Price	Registration Fee (3)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	16,000,000	\$41.08	\$657,280,000	\$76,376

- (1) In accordance with Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act, the Registrant is also registering hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of the Registrant s common stock that may be issued and resold resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act and based upon the average of the high and low prices reported on the New York Stock Exchange on February 19, 2015.
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 457(p), the Registrant is offsetting the registration fee of \$76,376 due under this Registration Statement by \$41,719, which represents the portion of the registration fee previously paid by the Registrant with respect to the securities registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-179698) originally filed by the Registrant on February 24, 2012, that were not sold.

Prospectus

National Retail Properties, Inc.

Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

16,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

Our dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan, which we refer to as the plan, provides an economical and convenient way for current stockholders and other interested new investors to invest in our common stock. Through participation in the plan, you will have the opportunity to:

Arrange to have dividends on all or a portion of your shares of common stock reinvested in common stock at a discount (currently 1%).

Make optional cash payments of \$100 to \$10,000 per month to purchase common stock at market price.

Make automatic monthly investments of \$100 to \$10,000 by authorizing automatic deductions from your banking or checking accounts to purchase shares of common stock at market price.

In some instances, subject to our approval, make optional cash payments in excess of \$10,000 to purchase common stock, at a discount of 0% to 5% as we determine in our sole discretion.

Our shares of common stock are quoted on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NNN. On February 20, 2015, the closing sales price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$41.04 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 6 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 23, 2015.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement, portions of which we have omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. If the SEC is rules and regulations require that a contract or document be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the copy of the contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement for a complete description. You should rely only on the information in our prospectus and the documents that are incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not offering these securities in any state where the offer is prohibited by law. You should not assume that the information in our prospectus or any incorporated document is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document.

In this prospectus, the words we, our, ours and us refer to National Retail Properties, Inc. and all of its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

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SUMMARY

The following summary may omit information that may be important to you. You should carefully read the entire text of this prospectus and the plan before you decide to participate in the plan.

National Retail Properties, Inc.

We acquire, own, invest in and develop properties that are leased primarily to retail tenants under long-term net leases and held primarily for investment. As of December 31, 2014, NNN owned 2,054 properties with an aggregate gross leasable area of 22,479,000 square feet, located in 47 states, with a weighted average remaining lease term of 12 years. Approximately 99 percent of the properties were leased as of December 31, 2014.

We are a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, formed in 1984.

Our executive offices are located at 450 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, Florida 32801, and our telephone number is (407) 265-7348.

The Plan

Participation: Participation in the plan allows you to purchase our common stock, in some cases, at a discount from the market price of the stock.

Enrollment if You Own Shares of Stock: You can participate in the plan if you currently own our common stock by submitting a completed authorization form to the plan s administrator, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC. You may obtain an authorization form from the plan administrator or by completing the enrollment procedures specified on the website of the plan administrator at www.amstock.com. You may participate directly in the plan only if you hold common stock in your own name. If you hold shares through a brokerage or other custodial account, you may arrange to have your broker or other custodian participate on your behalf.

Initial Investment if You Do Not Own **Shares of Stock:**

If you do not own any common stock, you can participate in the plan by making an initial investment in shares of common stock through the plan, with a minimum initial investment of \$100 at market price and without paying fees.

Reinvestment of Dividends:

You can reinvest your cash dividends on some or all of your common stock. You will be able to purchase additional shares of common stock by reinvesting your dividends at a discount (currently 1%) and without paying fees. Stock purchased under the plan will be purchased on the investment date in each month. The investment date for stock purchased pursuant to dividend reinvestments generally will be the quarterly

dividend payment date declared by our Board of Directors. To commence dividend reinvestments for any particular quarterly dividend, the plan administrator must receive a completed

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authorization form at least one business day before the record date for such quarterly dividend. We may offer a discount of up to 5% of the average of the high and low sales prices of the common stock on the applicable investment date. The plan administrator will report cost basis information to both the participants in the plan and the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS). The common reporting method applicable to dividend reinvestment plans is the average basis method. In order to use this method, the plan requires stockholders to reinvest a minimum of 10% of their dividend each scheduled disbursement date. If your account falls under the 10% mandatory threshold, you will be sent a notification outlining your alternatives for dividend reinvestment.

Optional Cash Payments:

After you enroll in the plan, you can buy common stock at market price without paying fees. You can invest a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$10,000 in any one month. The investment date for stock acquired pursuant to optional cash payments will generally be the 15th of each month, or, if such date is not a business day, the first business day thereafter. The deadline for submitting optional cash payments is two business days before the relevant investment date. Payment may be by check or money order. We may offer a discount of up to 5% of the average of the high and low sales prices of the common stock on the applicable investment date. See Purchase Price below.

Waivers of Maximum Monthly Limit on Optional Cash Payments:

Under some circumstances, we may approve a written request to waive the \$10,000 per month limit on optional cash payments. These requests must be submitted to us by facsimile at least five business days prior to the deadline for submitting optional cash payments. We will accept or reject the request no later than four business days prior to the deadline for submitting optional cash payments. If we grant the waiver, you must submit our written waiver along with payment no later than the deadline for submitting optional cash payments.

Source of Shares:

The administrator of the plan will purchase common stock in one of the following ways: (i) directly from us as newly issued common stock, or (ii) from parties other than us, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Purchase Price:

The purchase price of common stock under the plan depends on how you purchase the stock and on whether we issue new shares of common stock to you or the plan obtains your shares of common stock by purchasing them in the open market.

Payments of \$10,000 or Less:

Reinvested Dividends and Optional Cash Purchased from Us: With respect to reinvested dividends, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us initially will be 99% of the market price of the common stock. With respect to optional cash payments of \$10,000 or less, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us initially will be 100% of the

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market price of the common stock. We determine the market price of the common stock by taking the average of the daily high and low sales prices of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange over a period of five trading days preceding the relevant investment date. With respect to reinvested dividends, the discount from the market price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us may be changed by us from time to time, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. If you are a participant in the plan, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of any change in this discount. With respect to optional cash payments of \$10,000 or less, we may offer a discount to the market price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. If you are a participant in the plan, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of any adoption of, or change in, this discount.

Purchased from Parties Other than Us: The purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases from parties other than us, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, will be 100% of the average price per share actually paid by the plan administrator, excluding any brokerage commissions. If you are a participant in the plan during a time when we are offering a discount from the market price for common stock purchased directly from us, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of a purchase from parties other than us.

The plan administrator will report cost basis information to both the participants in the Plan and the IRS. The IRS requires stockholders to reinvest a minimum of 10% of their dividend each scheduled disbursement date. If your account falls under the 10% mandatory threshold, you will be sent a notification outlining your alternatives for dividend reinvestment.

Optional Cash Payments Greater than \$10,000:

Purchased from Us: The purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us will be the market price of the common stock less a discount that we may elect to offer in connection with a waiver of the \$10,000 limit, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. The market price for optional cash payments in excess of \$10,000 is determined in the same manner as for optional cash payments of less than \$10,000, except that we may set a threshold price that the average of the daily high and low prices of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange over a period of five

trading days preceding the relevant investment date must exceed. We will set the threshold price and the applicable discount, if any, six business days before the deadline for submitting optional cash payments. Written notice of the threshold

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price and the applicable discount at any time will not be provided to you. You must call our Investor Relations department at 800-666-7348 to obtain the threshold price and applicable discount, if any.

Purchased from Parties Other than Us: The purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases from parties other than us, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, will be 100% of the average price per share actually paid by the plan administrator, excluding any brokerage commissions.

Tracking Your Investment:

You will receive periodic statements of the transactions made in your plan account. These statements will provide you with details of the transactions and will indicate the share balance in your plan account.

Administration and Plan Administrator: American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC initially will serve as the plan administrator. You should send all correspondence with the administrator to:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

6201 15th Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11219

Attention Shareholder Relations Department

You should send all completed enrollment forms, payments and other documents for processing to:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

Wall Street Station

P.O. Box 922

New York, NY 10269

Please mention National Retail Properties, Inc. and this plan in all correspondence. In addition, you may call the plan administrator at 1-866-627-2644 or contact the plan administrator via the Internet at www.amstock.com.

You may also request that any or all shares held in the plan be sold by the plan administrator on your behalf for a fee. This fee, any brokerage costs and any applicable stock transfer taxes on the sale of such shares all will be deducted by the plan administrator, and the balance will be sent to you.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, please consider the risks described under the heading Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, on file with the SEC, which is incorporated herein by reference, in addition to any risks and additional information included in this prospectus, in an applicable prospectus supplement and in any subsequent filing with the SEC that is incorporated herein by reference. The risks and uncertainties we have described are those we believe to be the principal risks that could affect us, our business or our industry, and which could result in a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operation or the market price of our securities. However, additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may affect our business operations and the market price of our securities.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, including the documents that are incorporated by reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Also, when we use any of the words anticipate, assume, believe, estimate, expect, intend, or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guaranteed and are based on our present intentions and on our present expectations and assumptions. These statements, intentions, expectations and assumptions involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those we anticipate or project, such as:

changes in real estate market conditions and general economic conditions that could adversely impact our occupancy or rental rates;

the inherent risks associated with owning real estate, including local real estate market conditions, governing laws and regulations and illiquidity of real estate investments;

our ability to successfully implement our selective acquisition strategy;

our ability to purchase and sell properties at attractive prices;

our ability to integrate acquired properties and operations into existing operations;

our ability to locate suitable tenants for our properties;

the ability of our tenants to make payments under their respective leases, including our reliance on certain major tenants and our ability to re-lease properties that are currently vacant or that become vacant;

the ability of borrowers to make payments of principal and interest under structured finance investments we make;

our ability to gain access to the underlying collateral for any structured finance investments;

volatility and general market conditions affecting our sources and costs of capital;

continued availability of debt or equity capital, as needed, to meet our liquidity needs;

the availability of other debt and equity financing alternatives;

changes in interest rates under our credit facility and under any additional variable rate debt arrangements that we may enter into in the future;

our ability to repay debt financing obligations;

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our ability to refinance amounts outstanding under our credit facilities at maturity on terms favorable to us;

our ability to be in compliance with certain debt covenants;

the loss of any member of our management team;

our ability to maintain internal controls and processes to ensure all transactions are accounted for properly, all relevant disclosures and filings are timely made in accordance with all rules and regulations, and any potential fraud or embezzlement is thwarted or detected;

changes in accounting pronouncements or federal or state tax rules or regulations could have adverse tax consequences for us or our tenants;

changes in laws, the impact of future laws and regulations, and litigation risks; and

our ability to qualify as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, as events described or implied in such statements may not occur. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will receive proceeds from the sale of common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us. We will not receive proceeds from the sale of common stock that the plan administrator purchases in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. We intend to use the net proceeds from our sale of common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us for future acquisitions of properties, repayment of debt and general corporate purposes. We cannot estimate either the number of shares of common stock or the prices of the shares that we will sell in connection with the plan.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PLAN

The following questions and answers explain and constitute the plan as in effect beginning February 23, 2015. If you decide not to participate in the plan, you will receive cash dividends, as declared and paid in the usual manner.

PURPOSE

1. What is the purpose of the plan?

The primary purpose of the plan is to provide current stockholders and interested new investors with an economical and convenient way to increase their investment in National Retail Properties, Inc. Current stockholders are permitted to invest cash dividends in common stock without paying any brokerage commission or service charge and at a discount from the market price. Current stockholders and new investors also may invest optional cash payments in common stock at market price and without paying any brokerage commission or service charge.

We may also use the plan to raise additional capital through the sale each month of a portion of the shares available for issuance under the plan to purchasers of shares (including brokers or dealers) who, in connection with any resales of such shares, may be deemed to be underwriters. These sales will be made through our ability to waive limitations on the maximum amount of any optional cash payments.

The plan is primarily intended for the benefit of long-term investors, and not for the benefit of individuals or institutions which engage in short-term trading activities that could cause aberrations in the overall trading volume of our common stock. From time to time, financial intermediaries may engage in positioning transactions in order to benefit from the discount from the market price for common stock acquired through the reinvestment of dividends under the plan. These transactions may cause fluctuations in the trading volume of our common stock. We reserve the right to modify, suspend or terminate participation in this plan by otherwise eligible holders of common stock in order to eliminate practices which are not consistent with the purposes of the plan.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS

Information on how to participate in the plan is set forth in Questions 5 through 13.

2. What are my investment options under the plan?

Once enrolled in the plan, you may purchase common stock through the following investment options.

Dividend Reinvestment Program. Current holders of common stock and interested new investors that are not currently stockholders and who agree to make an initial investment in common stock, may elect to have all, a portion or none of their cash dividends paid on their common stock automatically reinvested in common stock through the

dividend reinvestment program. Cash dividends are paid on common stock when and as declared by

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our Board of Directors, generally on a quarterly basis. Subject to the availability of common stock registered for issuance under the plan, there is no limitation on the amount of dividends you may reinvest under the dividend reinvestment program.

Share Purchase Program. Each month, current holders of common stock, and interested new investors that are not currently stockholders and who agree to make an initial investment in common stock, may elect to invest optional cash payments in common stock, subject to a minimum monthly purchase limit of \$100 and a maximum monthly purchase limit of \$10,000 (unless the maximum limit is waived by us). You may elect to make optional cash payments through automatic deductions from your banking or checking accounts. We may, at our discretion, waive the maximum limit upon your written request. See Question 20 to learn how to request a waiver. You may make optional cash payments each month even if dividends on your shares are not being reinvested and even if a dividend has not been declared. You may, but are not required to, enroll any common stock purchased through the plan into the dividend reinvestment program. (To designate these shares for participation in the dividend reinvestment program, make the appropriate election on the authorization form described in Question 12.)

3. How can I change my investment options?

You may change your investment options at any time by requesting a new authorization form and returning it to the plan administrator at the address set forth in Question 7. Any authorization form which is returned to the plan administrator to change your investment options will be effective in accordance with the schedule described in Question 11.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the plan?

Before deciding whether to participate in the plan, you should consider the following advantages and disadvantages of the plan.

Advantages.

The plan provides you with the opportunity to reinvest cash dividends paid on all or a portion of your common stock towards the purchase of additional common stock at a discount from the market price of the common stock (currently 1%).

The plan provides you with the opportunity to make monthly investments of optional cash payments, subject to a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$10,000 (unless the maximum limit is waived by us), for the purchase of common stock at the market price. In addition, you have the flexibility to make these optional cash investments on a regular or occasional basis.

There are no costs associated with the plan that you must pay, except for certain costs if you decide to sell common stock you purchased through the plan (see Question 26 for a description of these costs). You will not pay brokerage commissions or service fees to purchase common stock through the plan.

As noted above, you will have the convenience of having all or a portion of your cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional common stock. In addition, since the plan administrator will credit fractional common stock to your plan account, you will receive full investment of your dividends. (See Questions 16 and 23.)

You will have the option of having your stock certificates held for safekeeping by the plan administrator, protecting the certificates representing your common stock from loss, theft or destruction.

You will simplify your record keeping by receiving periodic statements which will reflect all current activity in your plan account, including purchases, sales and latest balances. (See Question 22.)

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At any time, you may direct the plan administrator to sell or transfer all or a portion of the common stock held in your plan account. (See Question 26 through 28.) Disadvantages.

No interest will be paid by us or the plan administrator on dividends or optional cash payments held pending reinvestment or investment. In addition, optional cash payments of less than \$100 and that portion of any optional cash payment which exceeds the maximum monthly purchase limit of \$10,000 (unless the maximum limit has been waived), are subject to return to you without interest. Moreover, purchases above the \$10,000 limit that have been granted a waiver will also be subject to return to you without interest in the event that the threshold price, if any (see Question 20), is not met.

You may not know the actual number of shares of common stock that you have purchased until after the investment date.

Your participation in the dividend reinvestment program will result in you being treated, for federal income tax purposes, as having received a distribution equal to the fair market value (and not the market price, whether or not discounted) of the common stock on the date actually acquired from us. In addition, you will be treated as having received a distribution equal to your pro rata share of any brokerage commissions paid by us in connection with the purchase of common stock by the plan administrator from parties other than us. Such distributions will be taxable as dividends to the extent of our earnings and profits. These dividends may give rise to a liability for the payment of income tax without providing you with the immediate cash to pay the tax when it becomes due.

If you elect to make optional cash payments, you will be treated, for federal income tax purposes, as having received a distribution equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the common stock on the date actually acquired from us over the amount of your optional cash payment. In addition, you will be treated as having received a distribution equal to your pro rata share of any brokerage commissions paid by us in connection with the purchase of common stock by the plan administrator from parties other than us. Such distributions will be taxable as dividends to the extent of our earnings and profits. These dividends may give rise to a liability for the payment of income tax without providing you with the immediate cash to pay the tax when it becomes due.

Sales of common stock credited to your plan account will involve a fee per transaction to be deducted from the proceeds of the sale by the plan administrator (if you request the plan administrator to make such sale), plus any brokerage commission and any applicable stock transfer taxes on the sales. (See Question 26.)

Sales of common stock credited to your plan account may take up to 10 business days to process.

You cannot pledge common stock deposited in your plan account until the shares are withdrawn from the plan.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

5. Who administers the plan?

We have appointed American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC to be the plan administrator.

6. What are the responsibilities of the plan administrator?

The plan administrator s responsibilities include:

administration of the plan;

acting as your agent;

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keeping records of all plan accounts;

sending statements of activity to each participant;

purchasing and selling, on your behalf, all common stock under the plan; and

the performance of other duties relating to the plan.

Holding Shares. If you purchase shares through optional cash payments and do not choose to have the dividends that are paid with respect to these shares reinvested, you must indicate that the shares are not to be reinvested and request a stock certificate. The plan administrator will hold any shares you choose to enroll in the dividend reinvestment program and will register them in the plan administrator s name (or that of its nominee) as your agent.

Receipt of Dividends. As record holder for the plan shares, the plan administrator will credit the dividends accrued on your plan shares held as of the dividend record date to your plan account on the basis of whole or fractional plan shares held in such account and will automatically reinvest such dividends in additional common stock. Any remaining portion of cash dividends not designated for reinvestment will be sent to you.

Other Responsibilities. The plan administrator also acts as dividend disbursing agent, transfer agent and registrar for our common stock. If the plan administrator resigns or otherwise ceases to act as plan administrator, we will appoint a new plan administrator to administer the plan.

7. How do I contact the plan administrator?

You should send all correspondence with the administrator to:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

6201 15th Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11219

Attention Shareholder Relations Department

Please mention National Retail Properties, Inc. and this plan in all correspondence. In addition, you may call the plan administrator at 1-866-627-2644 or contact the plan administrator via the Internet at www.amstock.com.

PARTICIPATION

Existing stockholders are either record owners or beneficial owners. You are a record owner if you own common stock in your own name. You are a beneficial owner if you own common stock that is registered in a name other than your own name (for example, shares that are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee). A record owner may participate directly in the plan. If you are a beneficial owner, however, you will either have to become a record owner by having one or more shares transferred into your name or coordinate your participation through the broker, bank or other nominee in whose name your shares are held.

8. Who is eligible to participate?

The following persons are eligible to participate in the plan:

Record Owners. All record owners (stockholders whose shares are held in their name on the records kept by our transfer agent) of common stock are eligible to participate directly in this plan.

Beneficial Owners. Beneficial owners (stockholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee on the records kept by our transfer agent) of common stock may participate in two ways. A beneficial owner may participate directly by becoming a record owner by having one or more shares transferred into his or her name from that of the applicable broker, bank or other nominee. Alternatively, a beneficial owner may seek to arrange with the broker, bank or other nominee that is the record owner of his or her shares to participate on the beneficial owner s behalf.

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Non-Stockholders. Individuals who do not presently own any common stock (as either a record owner or beneficial owner) may participate in the plan by making an initial cash purchase of common stock through the plan s stock purchase program.

9. Are there limitations on participation in the plan other than those described above?

Foreign Law Restrictions. You may not participate in the plan if it would be unlawful for you to do so in the jurisdiction where you are a citizen or reside. If you are a citizen or resident of a country other than the United States, you should confirm that by participating in the plan you will not violate local laws governing, among other things, taxes, currency and exchange controls, stock registration and foreign investments.

REIT Qualification Restrictions. In order for us to maintain our qualification as a REIT, not more than 50% in value of any class or series of our outstanding capital stock may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code)). We may terminate, by written notice at any time, any participant s individual participation in the plan if such participation would be in violation of the restrictions contained in our Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as amended from time to time. These restrictions prohibit any stockholder, directly or indirectly, from beneficially owning more than 9.8% in value of our outstanding capital stock. Any attempted transfer or acquisition of capital stock that would create a direct or indirect ownership of capital stock in excess of this limit or otherwise result in our disqualification as a REIT will be null and void. Our Articles of Incorporation provide that capital stock subject to this limitation is subject to various rights that we have to enforce this limitation, including conversion of the shares into nonvoting stock and transfer to a trust. This summary of the ownership limitation is qualified in its entirety by reference to our Articles of Incorporation. We reserve the right to invalidate any purchases made under the plan that we determine, in our sole discretion, may violate the 9.8% ownership limit. Any grant of a request for waiver of the maximum monthly optional cash payment will not be deemed to be a waiver of such ownership limits.

Exclusion from Plan for Short-Term Trading or Other Practices. You should not use the plan to engage in short-term trading activities that could change the normal trading volume of the common stock. If you do engage in short-term trading activities, we may prevent you from participating in the plan. We reserve the right to modify, suspend or terminate participation in the plan, by otherwise eligible holders of common stock, in order to eliminate practices which we determine, in our sole discretion, are not consistent with the purposes or operation of the plan or which may adversely affect the price of the common stock.

Restrictions at Our Discretion. In addition to the restrictions described above, we reserve the right to prevent you from participating in the plan for any other reason. We have the sole discretion to exclude you from or terminate your participation in the plan.

10. How do I enroll in the plan?

Record Owners. Record owners may join the plan by completing and signing an authorization form (see Question 12) and returning it to the plan administrator, or by following the enrollment procedures specified on the plan administrator s website at www.amstock.com. Authorization forms may be obtained at any time by written request or by telephoning the plan administrator at the address and telephone number provided in Question 7, or via the Internet at the plan administrator s website at www.amstock.com.

Beneficial Owners. Beneficial owners who wish to join the plan must instruct their broker, bank or other nominee to arrange participation in the plan on the beneficial owner s behalf. The broker, bank or other nominee should then make arrangements with its securities depository and the securities depository will provide the plan administrator with the

information necessary to allow the beneficial owner to participate in the plan.

To facilitate participation by beneficial owners, we have made arrangements with the plan administrator to reinvest dividends and accept optional cash payments under the stock purchase program by record holders such

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as brokers, banks and other nominees, on behalf of beneficial owners. If you are an interested beneficial owner, be sure that your broker, bank or other nominee passes along the proceeds of any applicable discount to your account.

Alternatively, a beneficial owner may simply request that the number of shares the beneficial owner wishes to be enrolled in the plan be reregistered by the broker, bank or other nominee in the beneficial owner s own name as record owner in order to participate directly in the plan.

Non-Stockholders. Non-stockholders may join the plan as a record owner by making an initial investment in an amount of at least \$100 and up to a maximum of \$10,000 (unless the maximum limit is waived by us). The non-stockholder should complete the portions of the authorization form for a non-stockholder wishing to become a participant and should designate the amount of the initial purchase of common stock. At the same time, the new participant may designate all or none of the purchased shares to be enrolled in the dividend reinvestment program. The authorization form should be returned to the plan administrator, with payment, on or before the applicable dates described in Question 11. The non-stockholder may also follow the enrollment procedures specified on the plan administrator s website at www.amstock.com to join the plan. Online enrollment should be completed on or before the applicable dates described in Question 11.

Optional Cash Payments through Automatic Deductions. You may elect to have optional cash payments made through electronic fund transfers by completing an automatic cash investment application, which is available from the plan administrator at the address and telephone number provided in Question 7, or by logging on to www.amstock.com, and providing both your bank account number and your bank s routing number. The automatic cash investment application must be accompanied by a voided bank check or deposit slip for the account from which you authorize the plan administrator to draw the funds. Once the application is received and processed (which normally takes approximately two business days) funds will automatically be deducted from the designated account on the tenth business day prior to each investment date and will be invested on such investment date. In addition, you can also choose to invest monthly through automatic deductions. Automatic deductions are subject to the same monthly dollar maximum and minimum as other optional cash payments.

11. When will my participation in the plan begin?

If you are a current stockholder and your authorization form (see Question 12) is received by the plan administrator at least two business days before the record date established for a particular dividend, reinvestment will commence with that dividend. If your authorization form is received less than two business days before the record date established for a particular dividend, reinvestment will begin on the dividend payment date following the next record date if you are, or your broker, bank or other nominee is, still a record owner. Additionally, if you have submitted your authorization form and thus, are enrolled in the plan and you wish to make optional cash payments to purchase shares under the stock purchase program, the plan administrator must receive full payment by two business days before the relevant investment date.

In the case of current non-stockholders making an initial investment, both the authorization form and full payment of their designated initial investment must be received three business days before the relevant investment date.

Once you enroll in the plan, you will remain enrolled in the plan until you withdraw from the plan, we terminate your participation in the plan or we terminate the plan.

12. What does the authorization form provide?

The authorization form appoints the plan administrator as your agent and directs us to pay to the plan administrator, on the applicable record date, the cash dividends on your common stock that are enrolled in the dividend reinvestment program, including all whole and fractional common stock that are subsequently credited

to your plan account, as they are added with each reinvestment or optional cash payment designated for reinvestment. Cash dividends with respect to shares enrolled in the dividend reinvestment program will be automatically reinvested by the plan administrator in common stock. Any remaining cash dividends not enrolled in the dividend reinvestment program will be paid directly to you.

Additionally, the authorization form directs the plan administrator to purchase common stock with your optional cash payments, if any, and whether to enroll all or none of such purchased shares in the dividend reinvestment program.

The authorization form provides for the purchase of initial or additional common stock through the following investment options:

Full Dividend Reinvestment If this option is elected, the plan administrator will apply all cash dividends on all common stock then or subsequently registered in your name, and all cash dividends on all plan shares (except as otherwise directed under Optional Cash Payments below), together with any optional cash payments, toward the purchase of additional plan shares.

Partial Dividend Reinvestment If this option is elected, the plan administrator will apply all cash dividends on only the number of shares of common stock then or subsequently registered in your name and specified on the authorization form and all cash dividends on all plan shares (except as otherwise directed under Optional Cash Payments below), together with any optional cash payments, toward the purchase of additional plan shares. The plan administrator will report cost basis information to both the participants in the plan and the IRS. The common reporting method applicable to dividend reinvestment plans is the average basis method. In order to use this method, the plan requires stockholders to reinvest a minimum of 10% of their dividend each scheduled disbursement date. If your account falls under the 10% mandatory threshold, you will be sent a notification outlining your alternatives for dividend reinvestment.

Optional Cash Payments If this option is elected, the plan administrator will apply any optional cash payments made by you to the purchase of additional shares of common stock in accordance with the plan and will apply dividends on such additional plan shares.

Unless you designate all or none of your new plan shares for enrollment in the dividend reinvestment program, you will be enrolled as having selected the full dividend reinvestment option. In addition, if you return a properly executed authorization form to the plan administrator without electing an investment option, you will be enrolled as having selected the full dividend reinvestment option.

You may select any one of the options desired, and the designated options will remain in effect until you specify otherwise by indicating a different option on a new authorization form, by withdrawing some or all shares from the plan in favor of receiving cash dividends or in order to sell your common stock, or until the plan is terminated.

13. What does the plan administrator s website provide?

Instead of submitting an authorization form (see Question 12), you can participate in the plan by accessing the plan administrator s website at www.amstock.com. You may do the following online:

enroll to participate in the plan;

make initial and additional purchases of common stock;

sell shares of common stock;

request a stock certificate for non-fractional shares of common stock held in your plan account; and

view your account history and balances.

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PURCHASES AND PRICES OF SHARES

14. How does the stock purchase program work?

All current record owners and non-stockholders who have timely submitted signed authorization forms or online requests via www.amstock.com indicating their intention to participate in this program of the plan, and beneficial owners whose brokers, banks or other nominees have timely submitted authorization forms or online requests via www.amstock.com indicating their intention to participate in this program, are eligible to make optional cash payments during any month, whether or not a dividend is declared. Each month, the plan administrator will apply any optional cash payment received from a participant by the deadline described below to the purchase of additional common stock for the account of the participant on the following investment date and will enroll all such shares in the dividend reinvestment program unless the participant requests that such shares not be subject to the dividend reinvestment program.

Deadline for Submitting Optional Cash Payments. Optional cash payments will be invested every month on the related investment date, which will generally be the 15th of each month, or, if such date is not a business day, the first business day thereafter (See Question 18). The deadline for submitting optional cash payments is two business days prior to the relevant investment date.

Each month, the plan administrator will apply an optional cash payment for which funds are timely received to the purchase of common stock for your account on the next investment date. In order for funds to be invested on the next investment date, the plan administrator must have received a check, money order or wire transfer by the deadline for submitting optional cash payments. Checks and money orders are accepted subject to timely collection as funds and verification of compliance with the terms of the plan. Checks or money orders should be made payable to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC National Retail Properties, Inc. DRSPP. Checks returned for any reason will not be resubmitted for collection.

No Interest on Optional Cash Payments. No interest will be paid by us or the plan administrator on optional cash payments pending investment. Since no interest is paid on cash held by the plan administrator, it normally will be in your best interest to defer optional cash payments until shortly before the deadline described above. Generally, optional cash payments received after the deadline will be held by the plan administrator and invested on the next investment date.

Refunds of Uninvested Optional Cash Payments. Upon written request to the plan administrator received at least five business days prior to the deadline for submitting optional cash payments for the investment date with respect to which optional cash payments have been delivered to the plan administrator, your optional cash payments will be returned to you as soon as practicable. Requests received less than five business days prior to such date will not be returned but instead will be held by the plan administrator and invested on the next investment date.

Additionally, optional cash payments will be returned by check, without interest, as soon as practicable after the applicable period in which the price of the common stock is determined if the threshold price, if any, applicable to optional cash payments made pursuant to requests for waiver of the maximum limit on optional cash payments shall not have been met. (See Question 20.)

Also, each optional cash payment, to the extent that it does not conform to the limitations described in Question 19 will be subject to return to you as soon as practicable.

15. What will be the price of shares purchased under the plan?

Purchase Price and Discounts. The purchase price of common stock under the plan depends on how you purchase the shares and on whether we issue new shares to you or the plan obtains your shares by purchasing them in the open market.

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With respect to reinvested dividends, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us initially will be 99% of the market price of the common stock. With respect to optional cash payments of \$10,000 or less, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us initially will be 100% of the market price of the common stock. With respect to reinvested dividends, the discount from the market price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us may be changed by us from time to time, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. If you are a participant in the plan, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of any change in this discount. With respect to optional cash payments of \$10,000 or less, the administrator may offer a discount to the market price for common shares that the plan administrator purchases directly from us, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. If you are a participant in the plan, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of any adoption of, or change in, this discount.

With respect to reinvested dividends and optional cash payments of \$10,000 or less, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases from parties other than us, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, will be 100% of the average price per share actually paid by the plan administrator, excluding any brokerage commissions. If you are a participant in the plan during a time when we are offering a discount from the market price for common stock purchased directly from us, you will be provided with at least 30 days prior written notice of a purchase from parties other than us.

With respect to optional cash payments greater than \$10,000, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases directly from us will be the market price of the common stock less a discount that we may elect to offer, provided that in no event will the discount exceed 5% of the average of the high and low trading prices on the applicable investment date. The market price for optional cash payments in excess of \$10,000 is determined in the same manner as for optional cash payments of less than \$10,000, except that we may set a threshold price that the market price of our common stock must exceed. We will refund the investment if the market price does not equal or exceed the threshold price. We will set the threshold price and any applicable discount, if any, six business days before the deadline for submitting optional cash payments. Written notice of the threshold price and the applicable discount, if any, at any time will not be provided to you. You must call us to obtain the threshold price and applicable discount, if any.

With respect to optional cash payments greater than \$10,000, the purchase price for common stock that the plan administrator purchases from parties other than us, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, will be 100% of the average price per share actually paid by the plan administrator, excluding any brokerage commissions.

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This Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons on July 13, 2016 (the "Original Schedule 13D") with respect to the Common Shares of the Issuer. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment and not otherwise defined shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Original Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

This Amendment amends the Original Schedule 13D to add the following paragraph immediately prior to the first paragraph of Item 4 of the Original Schedule 13D:

"As of June 12, 2017, Daniel S. Sundheim has ceased to serve as Chief Investment Officer of VGI and no longer serves as an Executive Committee Member of Viking Global Partners LLC (the general partner of VGI), VGP, VLFGP and Opportunities GP. Therefore, Mr. Sundheim no longer beneficially owns any Common Shares of the Issuer."

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 14, 2017

By: <u>/s/O. Andreas Halvorsen</u>

By: O. Andreas Halvorsen - individually and as an Executive Committee Member of VIKING GLOBAL PERFORMANCE LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING GLOBAL EQUITIES LP, VIKING GLOBAL EQUITIES II LP and VGE III PORTFOLIO LTD., and as an Executive Committee Member of Viking Global Partners LLC, on behalf of VIKING GLOBAL INVESTORS LP, and as an Executive Committee Member of VIKING LONG FUND GP LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING LONG FUND MASTER LTD., and as an Executive Committee Member of VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES GP LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO GP LLC and VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES ILLIQUID INVESTMENTS SUB-MASTER LP

By: _/s/David C. Ott

By: David C. Ott - individually and as an Executive Committee Member of VIKING GLOBAL PERFORMANCE LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING GLOBAL EQUITIES LP, VIKING GLOBAL EQUITIES II LP and VGE III PORTFOLIO LTD., and as an Executive Committee Member of Viking Global Partners LLC, on behalf of VIKING GLOBAL INVESTORS LP, and as Executive Committee Member of VIKING LONG FUND GP LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING LONG FUND MASTER LTD., and as an Executive Committee Member of VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES GP LLC, on behalf of itself and VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO GP LLC and VIKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES ILLIQUID INVESTMENTS SUB-MASTER LP

By: /s/Daniel S. Sundheim

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