

INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC
Form 8-K
July 21, 2014

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):

July 15, 2014

Independence Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-36041

26-4567130

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

Cira Centre, 2929 Arch Street, 17th Floor,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

19104

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(215) 243-9000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 15, 2014, Independence Realty Trust, Inc. ("IRT", "we", "us" or "our"), Independence Realty Operating Partnership, LP ("IROP") and Independence Realty Advisors, LLC (The "Advisor") entered into an equity underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), with respect to an underwritten public offering (the "Offering") by IRT of 7,000,000 shares of IRT's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Shares"), at a public offering price of \$9.50 per Common Share, on the terms set forth therein. As part of the Offering, IRT granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days, to purchase up to an additional 1,050,000 Common Shares (the "Option").

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of IRT, IROP and the Advisor, conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties, and termination provisions. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, IRT and IROP agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain specified types of liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to contribute to payments the Underwriters may be required to make in respect of these liabilities and to reimburse the Underwriters for certain expenses.

On July 16, 2014, the Underwriters exercised the Option in full. On July 21, 2014, IRT issued and sold 8,050,000 Common Shares pursuant to the Offering, which included the Common Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the Option. Total gross proceeds to IRT from the Offering, before deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$76.5 million. RAIT Financial Trust ("RAIT"), the parent company of IRT's external advisor and IRT's largest single stockholder, purchased 300,000 Common Shares in the Offering at the public offering price, for which no underwriting discounts and commissions were paid to the Underwriters. The Offering was made pursuant to the prospectus supplement dated July 15, 2014 and the accompanying base prospectus dated June 16, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to IRT's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-196033) (the "Registration Statement").

Certain of the Underwriters and/or their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking services for IRT and for RAIT in the ordinary course of their business, including acting as underwriters in connection with public offerings of IRT's securities and RAIT's securities. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. In addition, certain of the Underwriters and/or their affiliates may in the future engage in investment banking services for other affiliates of IRT and RAIT in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and commissions. An affiliate of The Huntington Investment Company, one of the Underwriters, is the lender under IRT's secured revolving credit facility.

The above summary of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the opinion of Venable LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of Common Shares in the Offering is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 5.1. A copy of the opinion of Ledgewood, a professional corporation, as to tax matters is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 8.1. This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed for the purpose of filing Exhibit 1.1, Exhibit 5.1, Exhibit 8.1, Exhibit 23.1 and Exhibit 23.2 as exhibits to the Registration Statement and such exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated July 15, 2014, by and among Independence Realty Trust, Inc. Independence Realty Operating Partnership, LP, Independence Realty Advisors, LLC and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named in Schedule I thereto.

5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP as to validity of the Common Shares.

8.1 Opinion of Ledgewood, a professional corporation, as to tax matters.

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23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

23.2 Consent of Ledgewood, a professional corporation (included in Exhibit 8.1).

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SIGNATURES

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.

Independence Realty Trust, Inc.

July 21, 2014

By: */s/ James J. Sebra*

Name: James J. Sebra

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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8.1	Opinion of Ledgewood, a professional corporation, as to tax matters (including Exhibit 23.2 Consent of Ledgewood, a professional corporation).