Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. Form SC 13G February 01, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)* Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.

(Name of Issuer) Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities) 292104106

(CUSIP Number) December 31, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)

[] Rule 13d-1(c)

[] Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page. Beneficial ownership information contained herein is given as of the date listed above.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

 Names of Reporting Persons. Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) 	
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instruct (a) [] (b) [] 	tions)
 3 SEC Use Only 4 Citizenship or Place of Organization. Japan 	
	5 Sole Voting Power 8,221,178 shares
	6 Shared Voting Power 0 shares
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7 Sole Dispositive Power 13,700 shares
	8 Shared Dispositive Power 8,207,478 shares

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 8,221,178 shares Refer to Item 4 below.

10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [] Not applicable

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)5.2%

Refer to Item 4 below.

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) FI (Non-U.S. Institution)

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SCHEDULE 13G		
Item 1		
(a) Name of Issuer		
Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer")		
(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices		
111 West 33rd Street, 12th Floor		
New York, New York 10120		
Item 2		
(a) Name of Person Filing		
Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd.		
(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence		
Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd.		
GranTokyo North Tower		
9-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-6753		
(c) Citizenship		
Japan		
(d) Title of Class of Securities		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value		
(e) CUSIP Number		
292104106		
Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:		
(a) [] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780);		
(b) [] Bank as defined in section $3(a)(6)$ of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);		
(c) [] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;		
(d) [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C		
50a-6);		
 (e) [] An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); 		
 (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); (h) [] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); 		
(i) [] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit instrance Act (12 0.3.6. 1815), A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section $3(c)(14)$ of		
(i) [] A church plan matrix excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 5(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);		
(j) [X] A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d–1(b)(1)(ii)(J);		
(k) [] Group, in accordance with $\$240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K)$.		
Item 4Ownership		
Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the		
issuer identified in Item 1.		
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned		
8,221,178 shares		
(b) Percent of Class		
5.2%		
(c) Number of shares as to which each such person has voting and dispositive power:		
(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote		
8,221,178 shares		
(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote		
0 shares		
(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of		
13,700 shares		
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of		
8,207,478 shares		
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If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following []. Not applicable Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person Not applicable Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company Not applicable Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group Not applicable Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group Not applicable Item 10 Certification By the Item 10 Certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foreign regulatory scheme applicable to holding companies is substantially comparable to the regulatory scheme applicable to the functionally equivalent U.

holding companies is substantially comparable to the regulatory scheme applicable to the functionally equivalent U.S. institution(s). I also undertake to furnish to the Commission staff, upon request, information that would otherwise be disclosed in a Schedule 13D.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: February 1, 2018

By: <u>/s/ Shuichi Nagaya</u> Shuichi Nagaya Head of Legal & Compliance Department