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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-36041

INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) | 26-4567130 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| Two Logan Square 100 N. 18th St., 23 rd Floor Philadelphia, PA | 19103 |

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(215) 207-2100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Cira Centre, 2929 Arch St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19104

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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 Accelerated filer

Non-Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of May 5, 2016 there were 47,458,250 shares of the Registrant's common stock issued and outstanding.

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited and dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

| | As of March 31, 2016 | As of December 31, 2015 |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Investments in real estate: | | |
| Investments in real estate, at cost | \$1,357,338 | \$ 1,372,015 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (44,422) | (39,638) |
| Investments in real estate, net | 1,312,916 | 1,332,377 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 21,924 | 38,301 |
| Restricted cash | 7,015 | 5,413 |
| Accounts receivable and other assets | 2,795 | 3,362 |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$0 and \$3,736 respectively | — | 3,735 |
| Total Assets | \$1,344,650 | \$ 1,383,188 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY: | | |
| Indebtedness, net of unamortized discount and deferred financing costs of \$8,185 and \$8,920, respectively | | |
| | \$940,336 | \$ 966,611 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 16,089 | 19,304 |
| Accrued interest payable | 1,175 | 1,239 |
| Dividends payable | 3,007 | 3,006 |
| Other liabilities | 3,071 | 2,998 |
| Total Liabilities | 963,678 | 993,158 |
| Equity: | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized, 0 and 0 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | | |
| | — | — |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 300,000,000 shares authorized, 47,458,250 and 47,070,678 shares issued and outstanding, including 284,339 and 117,000 unvested restricted common share awards, respectively | | |
| | 475 | 471 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 380,152 | 378,187 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | (26) | (8) |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) | (23,094) | (14,500) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 357,507 | 364,150 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 23,465 | 25,880 |
| Total Equity | 380,972 | 390,030 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$1,344,650 | \$ 1,383,188 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited and dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| REVENUE: | | |
| Rental income | \$34,753 | \$19,443 |
| Tenant reimbursement income | 1,438 | 950 |
| Other income | 2,475 | 1,264 |
| Total revenue | 38,666 | 21,657 |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| Property operating expenses | 17,120 | 10,095 |
| General and administrative expenses | 926 | 499 |
| Asset management fees | 1,696 | 1,212 |
| Acquisition and integration expenses | 10 | 33 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 11,527 | 6,038 |
| Total expenses | 31,279 | 17,877 |
| Operating income | 7,387 | 3,780 |
| Interest expense | (9,977) | (4,022) |
| Interest income | — | 1 |
| Net gains (losses) on sale of assets | 2,453 | — |
| Gains (losses) on TSRE merger and property acquisitions | 91 | — |
| Net income (loss): | (46) | (241) |
| (Income) loss allocated to noncontrolling interest | (29) | 8 |
| Net income (loss) allocable to common shares | \$(75) | \$(233) |
| Earnings (loss) per share: | | |
| Basic | \$- | \$(0.01) |
| Diluted | \$- | \$(0.01) |
| Weighted-average shares: | | |
| Basic | 47,093,343 | 31,768,468 |
| Diluted | 47,093,343 | 31,768,468 |

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Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Unaudited and dollars in thousands)

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 | |
|---|---|---------|
| Net income (loss) | \$(46) | \$(241) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Change in fair value of interest rate hedges | (18) | — |
| Total other comprehensive income | (18) | — |
| Comprehensive income (loss) before allocation to noncontrolling interests | (64) | (241) |
| Allocation to noncontrolling interests | (29) | 8 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$(93) | \$(233) |

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

(Unaudited and dollars in thousands, except share information)

| | Common Shares | Par Value Common Shares | Additional Paid In Capital | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | Retained Earnings (Deficit) | Total Shareholders Equity | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2016 | 47,070,678 | \$ 471 | \$ 378,187 | \$ (8) | \$(14,500) | \$ 364,150 | \$ 25,880 | \$ 390,030 |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | (75) | (75) | 29 | (46) |
| Common dividends declared | - | - | - | - | (8,519) | (8,519) | - | (8,519) |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | (18) | - | (18) | - | (18) |
| Stock compensation expense | 210,000 | 2 | 203 | - | - | 205 | - | 205 |
| Common shares issued for equity compensation | (26,541) | - | (137) | - | - | (137) | - | (137) |
| Conversion of noncontrolling interest to common shares | 204,113 | 2 | 1,899 | - | - | 1,901 | (1,901) | - |
| Distribution to noncontrolling interest declared | - | - | - | - | - | - | (543) | (543) |
| Balance, March 31, 2016 | 47,458,250 | \$ 475 | \$ 380,152 | \$ (26) | \$(23,094) | \$ 357,507 | \$ 23,465 | \$ 380,972 |

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Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited and dollars in thousands)

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|--|----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$(46) | \$(241) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash flow from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 11,527 | 6,038 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and premium on indebtedness, net | 890 | (159) |
| Stock compensation expense | 205 | 70 |
| Net (gains) losses on sale of assets | (2,453) | - |
| (Gains) losses on TSRE merger and property acquisitions | (91) | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable and other assets | 597 | 452 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (3,192) | 2,338 |
| Accrued interest payable | (64) | (18) |
| Other liabilities | 84 | 23 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 7,457 | 8,503 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Disposition of real estate properties | 9,684 | - |
| TSRE merger | 91 | - |
| Capital expenditures | (2,273) | (993) |
| (Decrease) in restricted cash | (1,602) | (1,022) |
| Cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities | 5,900 | (2,015) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| (Payments related to) proceeds from issuance of common stock | (137) | (58) |
| Proceeds from Secured Credit Facility and mortgage indebtedness | 53,477 | 22,900 |
| Secured Credit Facility and mortgage principal repayments | (73,826) | (18,882) |
| Payments for deferred financing costs | (187) | (177) |
| Distributions on common stock | (8,506) | (5,719) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | (555) | (231) |
| Cash flow used in financing activities | (29,734) | (2,167) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (16,377) | 4,321 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 38,301 | 14,763 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period | \$21,924 | \$19,084 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$9,151 | \$4,199 |
| Non-cash decrease in noncontrolling interest from conversion of common limited partnership units to share of common stock | \$1,901 | \$- |

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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NOTE 1: Organization

Independence Realty Trust, Inc. was formed on March 26, 2009 as a Maryland corporation that has elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, commencing with the taxable year ended December 31, 2011. We are externally managed by a subsidiary of RAIT Financial Trust, or RAIT, a publicly traded Maryland REIT whose common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RAS." As used herein, the terms "we," "our" and "us" refer to Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and, as required by context, Independence Realty Operating Partnership, LP, which we refer to as IROP, and their subsidiaries. We own apartment properties in geographic submarkets that we believe support strong occupancy and have the potential for growth in rental rates. We seek to provide stockholders with attractive risk-adjusted returns, with an emphasis on distributions and capital appreciation. We own substantially all of our assets and conduct our operations through IROP, of which we are the sole general partner.

NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or GAAP. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although we believe that the included disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly our consolidated financial position and consolidated results of operations and cash flows are included. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current period presentation.

b. Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements reflect our accounts and the accounts of IROP and other wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Pursuant to the accounting standard issued in February 2015 classified under Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, Topic 810, "Consolidation", IROP is considered a variable interest entity. As our significant asset is our investment in IROP, substantially all of our assets and liabilities represent the assets and liabilities of IROP.

c. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash held in banks and highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased. Cash, including amounts restricted, may at times exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation deposit insurance limit of \$250 per institution. We mitigate credit risk by placing cash and cash equivalents with major financial institutions. To date, we have not experienced any losses on cash and cash equivalents.

e. Restricted Cash

Restricted cash includes tenant escrows and our funds held by lenders to fund certain expenditures or to be released at our discretion upon the occurrence of certain pre-specified events. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had \$7,015 and \$5,413, respectively, of restricted cash.

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f. Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Bad Debts

We make estimates of the collectability of our accounts receivable related to base rents, expense reimbursements and other revenue. We analyze accounts receivable and historical bad debt levels, tenant credit worthiness and current economic trends when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. In addition, tenants experiencing financial difficulties are analyzed and estimates are made in connection with expected uncollectible receivables. Our reported operating results are affected by management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable.

g. Investments in Real Estate

Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Assets

We account for acquisitions of properties that meet the definition of a business pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 805, "Business Combinations". The fair value of the real estate acquired is allocated to the acquired tangible assets, consisting of land, building and tenant improvements, and identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of the value of above-market and below-market leases for acquired in-place leases and the value of tenant relationships, based in each case on their fair values. Purchase accounting is applied to assets and liabilities associated with the real estate acquired. Transaction costs and fees incurred related to acquisitions are expensed as incurred. Transaction costs and fees incurred related to the financing of an acquisition are capitalized and amortized over the life of the related financing.

Upon the acquisition of properties, we estimate the fair value of acquired tangible assets (consisting of land, building and improvements) and identified intangible assets (consisting of in-place leases), and assumed debt at the date of acquisition, based on the evaluation of information and estimates available at that date. Based on these estimates, we allocate the initial purchase price to the applicable assets and liabilities. As final information regarding fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed is received and estimates are refined, appropriate adjustments will be made to the purchase price allocation, in no case later than twelve months of the acquisition date. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we made an adjustment related to the TSRE acquisition described in NOTE 3: Investments in Real Estate, for further information.

The aggregate value of in-place leases is determined by evaluating various factors, including the terms of the leases that are in place and assumed lease-up periods. During the period ended March 31, 2016, we did not acquire any properties and, therefore, did not acquire any in-place leases. The value assigned to this intangible asset is amortized over the assumed lease up period, typically six months. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 we recorded \$3,735 and \$1,909, respectively, of amortization expense for intangible assets. As of March 31, 2016, all of our intangible assets were fully amortized.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management evaluates the recoverability of our investment in real estate assets, including related identifiable intangible assets, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 360, "Property, Plant and Equipment". This statement requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that recoverability of the assets is not assured.

Management reviews its long-lived assets on an ongoing basis and evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value when there is an indicator of impairment. An impairment charge is recorded when it is determined that the carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value. The estimated cash flows used for the impairment analysis and the determination of estimated fair value are based on our plans for the respective assets and our views of market and economic conditions. The estimates consider matters such as current and historical rental rates, occupancies for the respective and/or comparable properties, and recent sales data for comparable properties. Changes in estimated future cash flows due to changes in our plans or views of market and economic conditions could result in recognition of impairment losses, which, under the applicable accounting guidance, could be substantial.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation expense for real estate assets is computed using a straight-line method based on a life of 40 years for buildings and improvements and five to ten years for equipment and fixtures. Expenditures for tenant improvements are capitalized and amortized over the initial term of each lease. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 we recorded \$7,791 and \$4,129 of depreciation expense, respectively.

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h. Revenue and Expenses

Minimum rents are recognized on an accrual basis, over the terms of the related leases on a straight-line basis. Any above market lease value and the capitalized below-market lease values are amortized as an adjustment to rental income over the lease term. Recoveries from residential tenants for utility costs are recognized as revenue in the period that the applicable costs are incurred.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, we recognized revenues of \$75 related to recoveries of lost rental revenue due to natural disasters and other insurable events from our insurance providers.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we incurred \$447 and \$312 of advertising expenses, respectively.

i. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or inputs are not available, valuation models are applied. These valuation techniques involve management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or market and the instruments' complexity for disclosure purposes. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their value. Hierarchical levels, as defined in FASB ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuations of these assets and liabilities, are as follows:

- Level 1: Valuations are based on unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets carried at Level 1 fair value generally are equity securities listed in active markets. As such, valuations of these investments do not entail a significant degree of judgment.
- Level 2: Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset.

The availability of observable inputs can vary depending on the financial asset or liability and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of investment, whether the investment is new, whether the investment is traded on an active exchange or in the secondary market, and the current market condition. To the extent

that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by us in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant who holds the asset or owes the liability rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, our own assumptions are set to reflect those that management believes market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. We use prices and inputs that management believes are current as of the measurement date, including during periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many instruments. This condition could cause an instrument to be transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 or Level 2 to Level 3.

Fair value for certain of our Level 3 financial instruments is derived using internal valuation models. These internal valuation models include discounted cash flow analyses developed by management using current interest rates, estimates of the term of the particular instrument, specific issuer information and other market data for securities without an active market. In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", the impact of our own credit spreads is also considered when

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measuring the fair value of financial assets or liabilities, including derivative contracts. Where appropriate, valuation adjustments are made to account for various factors, including bid-ask spreads, credit quality and market liquidity. These adjustments are applied on a consistent basis and are based on observable inputs where available. Management's estimate of fair value requires significant management judgment and is subject to a high degree of variability based upon market conditions, the availability of specific issuer information and management's assumptions.

FASB ASC Topic 825, "Financial Instruments" requires disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value. The fair value of mortgage indebtedness is based on a discounted cash flows valuation technique. As this technique utilizes current credit spreads for various maturities and types of loans, which are generally unobservable, this is classified as a Level 3 fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy. The carrying value and fair value of mortgage indebtedness as of March 31, 2016 was \$530,204 and \$546,464 respectively. The carrying value and fair value of mortgage indebtedness as of December 31, 2015 was \$581,038 and \$589,320, respectively. The fair value of secured credit facility, bridge term loan, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash as of March 31, 2016 approximated unpaid principal balance due to the nature of these instruments and were \$324,977, \$90,216, \$21,924, and \$7,015, respectively. The fair value of our secured credit facility, bridge term loan, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash as of December 31, 2015 approximated unpaid principal balance due to the nature of these instruments and were \$271,500, \$120,000, \$38,301, and \$5,413, respectively.

j. Deferred Financing Costs

Costs incurred in connection with debt financing are deferred and classified within indebtedness and charged to interest expense over the terms of the related debt agreements, under the effective interest method.

k. Derivative Instruments

We may use derivative financial instruments to hedge all or a portion of the interest rate risk associated with our borrowings. The principal objective of such arrangements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with our operating and financial structure as well as to hedge specific anticipated transactions. The counterparties to these contractual arrangements are major financial institutions with which we and our affiliates may also have other financial relationships. In the event of nonperformance by the counterparties, we are potentially exposed to credit loss. However, because of the high credit ratings of the counterparties, we do not anticipate that any of the counterparties will fail to meet their obligations.

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging", we measure our derivative instruments at fair value. For derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, the changes in the fair value of the effective portion of the derivative is reported in other comprehensive income and changes in the ineffective portion, if any, is recognized in earnings. For derivatives not designated as hedges (or designated as fair value hedges), the change in fair value of the derivative instrument is recognized in earnings. Any derivatives that we designate in hedge relationships are done so at inception. At inception, we determine whether or not the derivative is highly effective in offsetting changes in the designated interest rate risk associated with the identified indebtedness using regression analysis. At each reporting period, we update our regression analysis and use the hypothetical derivative method to measure any ineffectiveness.

On September 30, 2015, we entered into an interest rate cap contract with a notional value of \$200 million, a strike rate of 3.0% based on 1-month LIBOR and a maturity date of October 17, 2017 to hedge our interest rate exposure on floating rate indebtedness. We designated this interest rate cap as a cash flow hedge at inception and determined that the hedge is highly effective in offsetting interest rate fluctuations associated with the identified indebtedness. As of March 31, 2016, this derivative had a fair value of \$6 and we concluded that this hedging relationship was and will continue to be highly effective and, using the hypothetical derivative method, did not recognize any ineffectiveness. As of March 31, 2016, \$26 was reported in accumulated other comprehensive income. During the three months ended March 31, 2016 no amounts have been reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings.

1. Income Taxes

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT beginning with the taxable year ended December 31, 2011. Accordingly, we recorded no income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

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To qualify as a REIT, we must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of our ordinary taxable income to stockholders. As a REIT, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on taxable income that we distribute to our stockholders. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income taxes on our taxable income at regular corporate rates and will not be permitted to qualify for treatment as a REIT for federal income tax purposes for four years following the year during which qualification is lost unless the Internal Revenue Service grants us relief under certain statutory provisions. Such an event could materially adversely affect our net income and net cash available for distribution to stockholders; however, we believe that we are organized and operate in such a manner as to qualify and maintain treatment as a REIT and intend to operate in such a manner so that we will remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.

m. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". This accounting standard generally replaces existing guidance by requiring an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. This standard is currently effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 810, "Consolidation". This accounting standard amends the consolidation analysis required under GAAP and requires management to reevaluate all previous consolidation conclusions. This standard considers limited partnerships to be VIEs, unless the limited partners have either substantive kick-out or participating rights. The presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership has also been eliminated. The standard amends the effect that fees paid to a decision maker or service provider have on the consolidation analysis, as well as amends how variable interests held by a reporting entity's related parties affect the consolidation conclusion. This standard also clarifies how to determine whether equity holders as a group have power over an entity. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with an early adoption permitted. The adoption of this accounting standard did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements as it did not change any of our existing consolidation conclusions.

In April 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 835, "Interest". This accounting standard amends existing guidance to change reporting requirements for debt issuance costs by requiring debt issuance costs to be presented on the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability. This standard was effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with an early adoption permitted. Retrospective application to prior periods is required. The adoption of this accounting standard resulted in the reclassification in our December 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheet of \$9,226 of net deferred costs to total indebtedness on our consolidated balance sheet.

In September 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 805, "Business Combinations". This accounting standard amends existing guidance related to measurement period adjustments by

requiring the adjustments to be recognized prospectively with disclosure of the impact of the adjustments had they been applied previously. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. As this standard only applied to measurement period adjustments that occur after the effective date, this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 825, "Financial Instruments". This accounting standard addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. Among other things, the amendment (i) eliminates certain disclosure requirements for financial instruments measured at amortized cost; (ii) requires the use of the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (iii) requires separate presentation, in other comprehensive income, of the change in fair value of a liability, when the fair value option has been elected, resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk; and (iv) requires separate presentation of financial instruments by measurement category and form. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for the separate presentation of changes in fair value due to changes in instrument-specific credit risk. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

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In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 842, “Leases”. This accounting standard amends lease accounting by requiring the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application of the amendments in this standard is permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 815, “Derivatives and Hedging”. This accounting standard clarifies that a change in the counterparty to a derivative instrument that has been designated as the hedging instrument under Topic 815 does not, in and of itself, require dedesignation of that hedging relationship provided that all other hedge accounting criteria continue to be met. This standard is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. Management does not expect this standard to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 815, “Derivatives and Hedging”. This accounting standard clarifies the requirements for assessing whether contingent call (put) options that can accelerate the payment of principal on debt instruments are clearly and closely related to their debt hosts. This accounting standard clarifies what steps are required when assessing whether the economic characteristics and risks of call (put) options are clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of their debt hosts, which is one of the criteria for bifurcating an embedded derivative. Consequently, when a call (put) option is contingently exercisable, an entity does not have to assess whether the event that triggers the ability to exercise a call (put) option is related to interest rates or credit risks. This standard is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. Management does not expect this standard to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 606, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers”. This accounting standard clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations in Topic 606. This accounting standard clarifies the following: (i) an entity determines whether it is a principal or an agent for each specified good or service promised to the customer; (ii) an entity determines the nature of each specified good or service (for example, whether it is a good, a service, or a right to a good or service); (iii) when a principal obtains control of a good or right to service whether another party is involved in providing goods or services to a customer; and (iv) the indicators in the assessment of control may be more or less relevant to the control assessment and that one or more indicators may be more or less persuasive to the control assessment, depending on the facts and circumstances. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 718, “Compensation – Stock Compensation”. This accounting standard simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment award

transactions, including: (i) income tax consequences; (ii) classification of awards as either equity or liabilities; and (iii) classification on the statement of cash flows. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim period within those annual periods. Early adoption is permitted for any entity in any interim or annual period. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard classified under FASB ASC Topic 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." The amendments in this standard add further guidance on identifying performance obligations and clarifying the licensing implementation guidance. The amendments do not change the core principle of the guidance in Topic 606. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods therein. Management is currently evaluating the impact that this standard may have on our consolidated financial statements.

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NOTE 3: Investments in Real Estate

As of March 31, 2016, our investments in real estate consisted of 48 apartment properties with 13,502 units (unaudited). The table below summarizes our investments in real estate:

| | As of March 31, 2016 | As of December 31, 2015 | Depreciable Lives (In years) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Land | \$ 187,485 | \$ 190,585 | — |
| Building | 1,155,339 | 1,168,453 | 40 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 14,514 | 12,977 | 5-10 |
| Total investment in real estate | \$ 1,357,338 | \$ 1,372,015 | |
| Accumulated depreciation | (44,422) | (39,638) | |
| Investments in real estate, net (1) | \$ 1,312,916 | \$ 1,332,377 | |

(1) As of March 31, 2016, two of our multi-family real estate properties were considered held-for-sale. The carrying amount and fair value less estimated to costs to sell of these properties was \$39,347 and \$69,300, respectively.

Acquisitions

During the first quarter of 2016, we received additional information regarding estimates we had made for certain accrued expenses related to our acquisition of Trade Street Residential Inc., or the TSRE acquisition, that was completed on September 17, 2015. This information led to an increase in fair value of the net assets we acquired of \$91, which we recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Dispositions

On February 18, 2016, we disposed of one multi-family real estate property for a total sale price of \$18,000. We recorded a gain on the sale of this asset of \$2,453.

In April 2016, we disposed of one multi-family real estate property for a total sale price of \$23,000. We will recognize a gain on the sale of this asset.

In May 2016, we disposed of one multi-family real estate property for a total sale price of \$47,000. We will recognize a gain on the sale of this asset.

NOTE 4: Indebtedness

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The following tables contains summary information concerning our indebtedness as of March 31, 2016:

| Debt: | Outstanding Principal | Unamortized Discount and Debt Issuance Costs | Carrying Amount | Type | Weighted Average Rate | Weighted Average Maturity (in years) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| Secured credit facility (1) | \$ 324,977 | \$ (4,122) | \$ 320,855 | Floating | 2.9% | 2.5 |
| Bridge term loan (2) | 90,216 | \$ (939) | 89,277 | Floating | 5.4% | 0.5 |
| Mortgages-Fixed rate | 495,253 | (3,124) | 492,129 | Fixed | 3.8% | 7.2 |
| Mortgages-Floating rate | 38,075 | - | 38,075 | Floating | 2.8% | 5.1 |
| Total Debt | \$ 948,521 | \$ (8,185) | \$ 940,336 | | 3.6% | 4.9 |

(1) The secured credit facility total capacity is \$325.0 million, of which \$325.0 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2016.

(2) The bridge term loan may be extended by 6 months at our option. If extended, the maturity date would be March 2017.

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| Debt: | Original maturities on or before December 31, | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Thereafter |
| Secured credit facility | \$- | \$- | \$324,977 | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| Bridge term loan (1) | 90,216 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mortgages-Fixed rate | 911 | 2,825 | 3,549 | 3,834 | 5,920 | 478,214 |
| Mortgages-Floating rate | - | - | - | - | - | 38,075 |
| Total | \$91,127 | \$2,825 | \$328,526 | \$3,834 | \$5,920 | \$516,289 |

(1)The bridge term loan may be extended by 6 months at our option. If extended, the maturity date would be March 2017.

As of March 31, 2016 we were in compliance with all financial covenants contained in our indebtedness.

The following tables contains summary information concerning our indebtedness as of December 31, 2015:

| Debt: | Outstanding Principal | Unamortized Discount and Debt Issuance Costs | Carrying Amount | Type | Rate | Weighted Average Maturity (in years) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|----------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Secured credit facility (1) | \$ 271,500 | \$ (4,345) | \$ 267,155 | Floating | 2.9% | 2.7 |
| Bridge term loan (2) | 120,000 | \$ (1,582) | 118,418 | Floating | 5.4% | 0.7 |
| Mortgages-Fixed rate | 545,956 | (2,993) | 542,963 | Fixed | 3.8% | 6.9 |
| Mortgages-Floating rate | 38,075 | - | 38,075 | Floating | 2.8% | 5.4 |
| Total Debt | \$ 975,531 | \$ (8,920) | \$ 966,611 | | 3.7% | 4.9 |

(1)The secured credit facility total capacity was \$325.0 million, of which \$271.5 million was outstanding as of December 31, 2015.

(2)The bridge term loan may be extended by 6 months at our option. If extended, the maturity date would be March 2017.

The weighted average interest rate of our mortgage indebtedness was 3.7% as of March 31, 2016. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, RAIT held \$38,075 and \$38,075 of our mortgage indebtedness, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015, we incurred approximately \$265 and \$238 of interest expense related to the RAIT indebtedness, respectively.

Secured Credit Facility

On September 17, 2015, IROP entered into a credit agreement with KeyBank with respect to a \$325 million senior secured credit facility, or the KeyBank senior facility, which will mature on September 17, 2018. The KeyBank senior facility is available for additional loans, may be increased to \$450.0 million and/or extended for two 12-month terms. At March 31, 2016, amounts outstanding under the KeyBank secured facility bear interest at 245 basis points over 1-month LIBOR.

On September 17, 2015, IROP entered into a credit agreement with respect to a \$120 million senior interim term loan facility, or the KeyBank interim facility, which will mature on September 16, 2016. The KeyBank interim facility may be extended for a six-month term. The KeyBank interim facility requires monthly payments of interest only. IROP was required to reduce the principal amount outstanding under the KeyBank interim facility to no greater than \$100.0 million within six months of closing and must apply 100% of all net proceeds from equity issuances, sales of assets, or refinancing of assets towards repaying the KeyBank interim facility. At March 31, 2016, the KeyBank interim facility bears interest at 500 basis points over 1-month LIBOR.

In January and February of 2016, IROP repaid \$23,784 of the KeyBank interim facility subsequent to two property dispositions.

In March of 2016, IROP drew down \$8,000 on the KeyBank senior facility, which was used to repay \$6,000 of the KeyBank interim facility.

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In March of 2016, IROP drew down \$45,476 on the KeyBank senior facility, which was used to satisfy the existing mortgages and closing costs relating to the Oklahoma City portfolio of properties we acquired in 2014.

In April of 2016, IROP repaid \$11,600 of the KeyBank interim facility subsequent to a property disposition.

In May of 2016, IROP repaid \$18,400 of the KeyBank interim facility subsequent to a property disposition.

Mortgages-Fixed Rate

In February of 2016, we repaid \$6,659 of mortgage indebtedness as part of a property disposition.

Mortgages-Floating Rate

In April of 2016, we repaid \$10,575 of mortgage indebtedness as part of a property disposition. This indebtedness was held by RAIT as of March 31, 2016.

In May of 2016, we repaid \$27,500 of mortgage indebtedness as part of a property disposition. This indebtedness was held by RAIT as of March 31, 2016.

NOTE 5: Shareholder Equity and Noncontrolling Interests

Stockholder Equity

Common Shares

On January 14, 2016, our board of directors declared the following dividends:

| | | | Dividend |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | | | Declared |
| Month | Record Date | Payment Date | Per Share |
| January 2016 | January 29, 2016 | February 16, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| February 2016 | February 29, 2016 | March 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |

March 2016 March 31, 2016 April 15, 2016 \$ 0.06

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we also paid \$42 of dividends on restricted common share awards that vested this period.

On April 14, 2016, our board of directors declared the following dividends:

| | | | Dividend |
|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | | Declared |
| Month | Record Date | Payment Date | Per Share |
| April 2016 | April 29, 2016 | May 16, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| May 2016 | May 31, 2016 | June 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| June 2016 | June 30, 2016 | July 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |

Noncontrolling Interest

On February 1, 2016, holders of IROP units exchanged 204,115 units for 204,113 shares of our common stock with fractional units being settled in cash. As a result of this exchange, as of March 31, 2016, 2,950,816 IROP units held by unaffiliated third parties remain outstanding with a redemption value of \$21,010, based on IRT's stock price as of March 31, 2016.

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On January 14, 2016, our board of directors declared the following distributions on IROP's LP units:

| | | | Dividend |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | | | Declared |
| Month | Record Date | Payment Date | Per Share |
| January 2016 | January 29, 2016 | February 16, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| February 2016 | February 29, 2016 | March 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| March 2016 | March 31, 2016 | April 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |

On April 14, 2016, our board of directors declared the following distributions on IROP's LP units:

| | | | Dividend |
|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | | Declared |
| Month | Record Date | Payment Date | Per Share |
| April 2016 | April 29, 2016 | May 16, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| May 2016 | May 31, 2016 | June 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |
| June 2016 | June 30, 2016 | July 15, 2016 | \$ 0.06 |

NOTE 6: Equity Compensation Plans

Long Term Incentive Plan

On April 5, 2011, our board of directors approved and adopted the Long Term Incentive Plan, or the incentive plan, and the Independent Directors Compensation Plan, or the director plan. Our incentive plan provides for the grants of awards to our directors, officers and full-time employees (in the event we ever have employees), full-time employees of our advisor and its affiliates, full-time employees of entities that provide services to our advisor, directors of our advisor or of entities that provide services to it, certain of our consultants and certain consultants to our advisor and its

affiliates or to entities that provide services to our advisor. The incentive plan authorizes the grant of restricted or unrestricted shares of our common stock, non-qualified and incentive stock options, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalents and other stock- or cash-based awards. On July 29, 2013, our board of directors and stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of our incentive plan to reduce the number of shares of common stock issuable thereunder to 800,000 shares.

Under the director plan, which operates as a sub-plan of our incentive plan, each of our independent directors will receive 3,000 shares of common stock annually. In addition, our independent directors may elect to receive their annual cash fee in the form of our common shares or a combination of common shares and cash.

On February 12, 2016, our compensation committee awarded 210,000 restricted stock awards valued at \$6.22 per share, or \$1,306 in the aggregate. The awards vest over a three-year period.

NOTE 7: Related Party Transactions and Arrangements

Fees and Expenses Paid to Our Advisor

As of September 25, 2015 we entered into the Second Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement. The Second Amendment amends the advisory agreement to extend its term to October 1, 2020, and so that, for periods subsequent to October 1, 2015, our Advisor will be compensated as follows:

- Quarterly base management fee of 0.375% of our cumulative equity raised; and
- Quarterly incentive fee equal to 20% of our Core FFO, as defined in the advisory agreement, in excess of \$0.20 per share.

Prior to the Second Amendment, the Second Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement, which was effective as of May 7, 2013 through September 30, 2015, provided that our Advisor was compensated as follows:

- Quarterly base management fee of 0.1875% of average gross real estate assets as of the last day of such quarter. Average gross real estate assets means the average of the aggregate book value of our real estate assets before reserves for depreciation or other similar noncash reserves and excluding the book values attributable to the eight properties that were

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acquired prior to August 16, 2013. We computed average gross real estate assets by taking the average of these book values at the end of each month during the quarter for which we are calculated the fee.

- An incentive fee based on our pre-incentive fee core funds from operations, or Core FFO. The incentive fee is computed at the end of each fiscal quarter as follows:
- no incentive fee in any fiscal quarter in which our pre-incentive fee Core FFO does not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75% (7% annualized) of the cumulative gross amount of equity capital we have obtained; and
- 20% of the amount of our pre-incentive fee Core FFO that exceeds 1.75% (7% annualized) of the cumulative gross proceeds from the issuance of equity securities.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, our advisor earned \$1,631 and \$1,001 of asset management fees, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, our advisor earned \$65 and \$211 of incentive fees, respectively. These fees are included within asset management fees in our consolidated statements of operations.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2015 we had liabilities payable to our Advisor for asset management fees and incentive fees of \$1,696 and \$1,856, respectively. These liabilities are presented within accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Property Management Fees Paid to Our Property Manager

We have entered into property management agreements with RAIT Residential, or our property manager, which is wholly owned by RAIT, with respect to each of our properties. Pursuant to the property management agreements, we pay our property manager property management and leasing fees on a monthly basis of an amount up to 4.0% of the gross revenues from the property for each month. Additionally, we may pay our property manager a separate fee for the one-time initial rent-up or leasing-up of newly constructed properties in an amount not to exceed the fee customarily charged in arm's length transactions by others rendering similar services in the same geographic area for similar properties as determined by a survey of brokers and agents in such area. Each management agreement has an initial one year term, subject to automatic one-year renewals unless either party gives prior notice of its desire to terminate the management agreement. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 our property manager earned \$1,262 of property management and leasing fees. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 our property manager earned \$755 of property management and leasing fees. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had liabilities payable to our property manager for property management and leasing fees of \$428 and \$263, respectively. These liabilities are presented within accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Dividends Paid to Affiliates of our Advisor

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, RAIT owned 15.4% and 15.5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we declared and subsequently paid dividends of \$1,309 and \$1,309, respectively, related to shares of common stock owned by RAIT.

RAIT Indebtedness

See NOTE 4: Indebtedness, for a description of our mortgage indebtedness owed to RAIT.

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NOTE 8: Earnings (Loss) Per Share

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015:

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net Income (loss) | \$(46) | \$(241) |
| (Income) loss allocated to non-controlling interests | (29) | 8 |
| Net Income (loss) allocable to common shares | (75) | (233) |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding—Basic | 47,093,343 | 31,768,468 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding—Diluted | 47,093,343 | 31,768,468 |
| Earnings (loss) per share—Basic | \$- | \$(0.01) |
| Earnings (loss) per share—Diluted | \$- | \$(0.01) |

Certain IROP units, stock appreciation rights, or SARs, and unvested shares were excluded from the earnings (loss) per share computation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive, totaling 3,061,585 and 1,421,950 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 9: Other Disclosures

Litigation

On June 11, 2015, three purported stockholders filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on behalf of a putative class of TSRE stockholders and naming as defendants TSRE's Board of Directors, or the individual defendants, and TSRE. The case is captioned Tony Blank Family Trust et al. v. Trade Street Residential, Inc. et al., Case No. 24-C-15-003081, or the Blank action. TSRE is listed as a defendant in the caption of plaintiffs' complaint, but no claim is asserted against TSRE. On July 15, 2015, the plaintiffs amended their complaint and added Monarch Alternative Capital, LP, Senator Investment Group, LP, and BHR Capital LLC, or the shareholder defendants, as defendants.

The amended complaint generally alleges that, in connection with the acquisition of TSRE by IRT, the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by approving an acquisition that was financially unfair to TSRE's

stockholders and by conducting a sale process in which the individual defendants had conflicts of interest. The amended complaint also alleges that the shareholder defendants aided and abetted the individual defendants' alleged breaches of their fiduciary duties and were unjustly enriched by the TSRE acquisition. The amended complaint seeks, among other things, compensatory damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, an order requiring that the individual defendants affiliated with the shareholder defendants disgorge all profits, compensation and other benefits obtained by them as a result of their conduct in connection with the TSRE acquisition, and an award of the plaintiffs' costs and disbursements of this action, including attorney's fees. On September 25, 2015 the defendants moved to dismiss the amended complaint. On November 6, 2015, plaintiffs in the Blank action amended their complaint for a second time in response to certain arguments raised by defendants in their motions to dismiss. The second amended complaint adds a claim against the shareholder defendants for breach of fiduciary duty as controlling stockholders of TSRE. The defendants have moved to dismiss the second amended complaint and the motions are currently pending.

IRT, as successor by the TSRE acquisition to TSRE, and the individual defendants intend to vigorously defend against the claim. We cannot assure you that the matter will be resolved favorably to us. We have included in our loss contingency an estimate of probable loss relating to our legal defense costs in connection with this matter, but currently cannot reasonably estimate any further possible loss, or any range of reasonably possible loss, in connection with this matter.

In addition, we are subject to various other legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business operations. Matters which arise out of allegations of bodily injury, property damage, and employment practices are generally covered by insurance. While the resolution of these other matters cannot be predicted with certainty, we currently believe the final outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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Other Matters

To the extent that a natural disaster or similar event occurs with more than a remote risk of having a material impact on the consolidated financial statements, we will disclose the estimated range of possible outcomes, and, if an outcome is probable, accrue an appropriate liability.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Forward-Looking Statements

The Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, encourages companies to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand a company's future prospects and make informed investment decisions. This report contains or incorporates by reference such "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act.

Words such as "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes" and words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance identify forward-looking statements. As used herein, the terms "we," "our" and "us" refer to Independence Realty Trust, Inc. and, as required by context, Independence Realty Operating Partnership, LP, which we refer to as IROP, and their subsidiaries.

We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be made directly in this report and they may also be incorporated by reference in this report to other documents filed with the SEC, and include, but are not limited to, statements about future financial and operating results and performance, statements about our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions with respect to future operations, products and services, and other statements that are not historical facts. These forward-looking statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of our management and are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions with respect to future business strategies and decisions that are subject to change. Actual results may differ materially from the anticipated results discussed in these forward-looking statements.

The risk factors discussed and identified in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2016, and in other of our public filings with the SEC, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, we undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this filing or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Overview

We are a Maryland corporation that owns apartment properties in geographic submarkets that we believe support strong occupancy and have the potential for growth in rental rates. We seek to provide stockholders with attractive risk-adjusted returns, with an emphasis on distributions and capital appreciation. We are externally advised by a wholly-owned subsidiary of RAIT Financial Trust, or RAIT (NYSE: RAS), a multi-strategy commercial real estate company organized as an internally managed REIT with approximately \$5.9 billion of assets under management as of March 31, 2016. RAIT invests primarily in commercial mortgage loans and, to a lesser extent, apartment properties. RAIT owned 15.4% of our outstanding common shares as of March 31, 2016. We elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 2011.

We seek to acquire and operate apartment properties that:

- have stable occupancy;

- are located in submarkets that we do not expect will experience substantial new apartment construction in the foreseeable future;
- in appropriate circumstances, present opportunities for repositioning or updating through capital expenditures; and
- present opportunities to apply tailored marketing and management strategies to attract and retain residents and enable rent increases.

In the three month period ended March 31, 2016, we focused on absorbing the growth we experienced during 2015 due primarily to our acquisition of TSRE in September 2015 and implementing our capital recycling strategy described below to reduce our leverage over time. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2016, revenue increased \$17.0 million as compared to last year. This increase was primarily due to \$16.7 million of revenue associated with properties we acquired in the TSRE acquisition.

On a same-store basis, rental revenue was up this quarter as compared to first quarter last year, as rental rates increased 3.3% on average across the same-store portfolio. On a same-store basis, net operating income increased 3.7% year-to-year. See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Same Store Portfolio Net Operating Income” below for our definition of same store and definitions and reconciliations related to our net operating income margin.

As of March 31, 2016, we had \$1.4 billion of gross investments in real estate, representing 13,502 units and \$0.9 billion of debt, with a weighted average effective interest cost of 3.6%. Since we completed the TSRE acquisition in September 2015, we have been actively reducing IRT’s leverage through targeted asset sales. As of the date of this filing, we have sold four properties for an aggregate purchase price \$121.6 million, realizing an aggregate of \$53.9 million of proceeds after costs and repayment of property specific financing. All of these proceeds were used to reduce our KeyBank interim facility to \$60.2 million in May 2016. We are contemplating options to retire and/or finance the remaining balance of the KeyBank interim facility prior to its maturity. After that refinancing, IRT would have no debt maturities in 2016 or 2017, other than normal principal amortization.

As of March 31, 2016, we own 48 apartment properties containing an aggregate of 13,502 apartment units. We refer to these apartment properties as our “existing portfolio.” As of March 31, 2016, our existing portfolio had an average occupancy of 93.5% and an average monthly effective rent per occupied apartment unit of \$952.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Funds from Operations and Core Funds from Operations

We believe that FFO and Core FFO, each of which is a non-GAAP financial measure, are additional appropriate measures of the operating performance of a REIT and us in particular. We compute FFO in accordance with the standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, or NAREIT, as net income or loss allocated to common shares (computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP), excluding real estate-related depreciation and amortization expense, gains or losses on sales of real estate and the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.

Core FFO is a computation made by analysts and investors to measure a real estate company’s operating performance by removing the effect of items that do not reflect ongoing property operations, including acquisition and integration expenses, expensed costs related to the issuance of shares of our common stock, gains or losses on real estate transactions and equity-based compensation expenses, from the determination of FFO. We incur acquisition and integration expenses in connection with acquisitions of real estate properties and expense those costs when incurred in accordance with U.S. GAAP. As these expenses are one-time and reflective of investing activities rather than operating performance, we add back these costs to FFO in determining Core FFO.

Our calculation of Core FFO differs from the methodology used for calculating Core FFO by some other REITs and, accordingly, our Core FFO may not be comparable to Core FFO reported by other REITs. Our management utilizes FFO and Core FFO as measures of our operating performance, and believes they are also useful to investors, because they facilitate an understanding of our operating performance after adjustment for certain non-cash items, such as depreciation and amortization expenses, and with respect to Core FFO, acquisition and integration expenses and pursuit costs that are required by GAAP to be expensed but may not necessarily be indicative of current operating performance and that may not accurately compare our operating performance between periods. Furthermore, although FFO, Core FFO and other supplemental performance measures are defined in various ways throughout the REIT industry, we also believe that FFO and Core FFO may provide us and our investors with an additional useful measure to compare our financial performance to certain other REITs. We also use Core FFO for purposes of determining the quarterly incentive fee, if any, payable to our advisor.

Neither FFO nor Core FFO is equivalent to net income or cash generated from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP. Furthermore, FFO and Core FFO do not represent amounts available for management's discretionary use because of needed capital replacement or expansion, debt service obligations or other commitments or uncertainties. Neither FFO nor Core FFO should be considered as an alternative to net income as an indicator of our operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our liquidity.

Set forth below is a reconciliation of net income (loss) to FFO and Core FFO for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands, except share and per share information):

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 | | For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | |
|---|---|--------|---|----------|
| | Per Share | | Per Share | |
| | Amount | (1) | Amount | (2) |
| Funds From Operations: | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$(46) | \$- | \$(241) | \$(0.01) |
| Adjustments: | | | | |
| Real estate depreciation and amortization | 11,527 | 0.23 | 6,038 | 0.19 |
| Net (gains) losses on sale of assets | (2,453) | (0.05) | - | - |
| Funds From Operations | \$9,028 | \$0.18 | \$5,797 | \$0.18 |
| Core Funds From Operations: | | | | |
| Funds From Operations | \$9,028 | \$0.18 | \$5,797 | \$0.18 |
| Adjustments: | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation | 205 | - | 70 | 0.01 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 1,197 | 0.03 | - | - |
| Acquisition and integration expenses | 10 | - | 33 | - |
| (Gains) losses on TSRE merger and property acquisitions | (91) | - | - | - |
| Core Funds From Operations | \$10,349 | \$0.21 | \$5,900 | \$0.19 |

(1)Based on 50,113,693 weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

(2)Based on 31,768,468 weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Same Store Portfolio Net Operating Income

We believe that Net Operating Income, or NOI, a non-GAAP measure, is a useful measure of our operating performance. We define NOI as total property revenues less total property operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, asset management fees, acquisition and integration expenses and general administrative expenses. Other REITs may use different methodologies for calculating NOI, and accordingly, our NOI may not be comparable to other REITs. We believe that this measure provides an operating perspective not immediately apparent from GAAP operating income or net income. We use NOI to evaluate our performance on a same store and non-same store basis because NOI measures the core operations of property performance by excluding corporate level expenses and other items not related to property operating performance and captures trends in rental housing and property operating expenses. However, NOI should only be used as an alternative measure of our financial performance.

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We review our same store properties or portfolio at the beginning of each calendar year. Properties are added into the same store portfolio if they were owned at the beginning of the previous year. Properties that have been sold are excluded from the same store portfolio.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | (a) | | % |
| | 2016 | 2015 | change |
| Revenue: | | | |
| Rental income | \$18,839 | \$18,269 | 3.1 % |
| Reimbursement and other income | 2,208 | 2,070 | 6.7 % |
| Total revenue | 21,047 | 20,339 | 3.5 % |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Real estate taxes | 2,340 | 2,275 | 2.9 % |
| Property insurance | 590 | 566 | 4.2 % |
| Personnel expenses | 2,233 | 2,079 | 7.4 % |
| Utilities | 1,663 | 1,721 | -3.4 % |
| Repairs and maintenance | 763 | 660 | 15.6 % |
| Management fees | 729 | 702 | 3.8 % |
| Contract services | 623 | 622 | 0.2 % |
| Advertising expenses | 269 | 295 | -8.8 % |
| Other expenses | 602 | 582 | 3.4 % |
| Total operating expenses | 9,812 | 9,502 | 3.3 % |
| Net operating income | \$11,235 | \$10,837 | 3.7 % |
| NOI Margin | 53.4 % | 53.3 % | 0.1 % |
| Average Occupancy | 93.3 % | 93.3 % | 0.0 % |
| Average effective monthly rent, per unit | \$856 | \$828 | 3.4 % |
| Reconciliation of Same-Store Net Operating Income to Net Income (Loss) | | | |
| Same-store portfolio net operating income (a) | \$11,235 | \$10,837 | |
| Non same-store net operating income | 10,311 | 725 | |
| Asset management fees | (1,696) | (1,212) | |
| General and administrative expenses | (926) | (499) | |
| Acquisition and integration expenses | (10) | (33) | |
| Depreciation and amortization | (11,527) | (6,038) | |
| Interest expense | (9,977) | (4,022) | |
| Interest income | - | 1 | |
| Net gains (losses) on sale of assets | 2,453 | - | |
| Gains (losses) on TSRE merger and property acquisitions | 91 | - | |
| (Income) loss allocated to noncontrolling interests | (29) | 8 | |
| Net income (loss) available to common shares | \$(75) | \$(233) | |

(a) Same store portfolio for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 includes 28 properties containing 8,277 units.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

| | SAME STORE PROPERTIES | | | | NON SAME STORE PROPERTIES | | | | CONSOLIDATED | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|
| | Three Months Ended | | | | Three Months Ended | | | | Three Months Ended | | | |
| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase % (Decrease) Change | 2016 | 2015 | Increase % (Decrease) Change | 2016 | 2015 | Increase % (Decrease) Change | 2016 | 2015 | Increase % (Decrease) Change |
| Revenue: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rental income | \$18,839 | \$18,269 | \$570 3.1% | \$15,914 | \$1,174 | \$14,740 1255.5% | \$34,753 | \$19,443 | \$15,310 78.7% | | | |
| Reimbursement and other income | 2,208 | 2,070 | 138 6.7% | 1,705 | 144 | 1,561 1084.0% | 3,913 | 2,214 | 1,699 76.7% | | | |
| Total revenue | 21,047 | 20,339 | 708 3.5% | 17,619 | 1,318 | 16,301 1236.8% | 38,666 | 21,657 | 17,009 78.5% | | | |
| Expenses: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real estate operating expenses | 9,812 | 9,502 | 310 3.3% | 7,308 | 593 | 6,715 1132.4% | 17,120 | 10,095 | 7,025 69.6% | | | |
| Net Operating Income | \$11,235 | \$10,837 | \$398 3.7% | \$10,311 | \$725 | \$9,586 1322.2% | \$21,546 | \$11,562 | \$9,984 86.4% | | | |
| Corporate and other expenses: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General and administrative expenses | | | | | | | 926 | 499 | 427 85.6% | | | |
| Asset management fees - Base | | | | | | | 1,631 | 1,001 | 630 62.9% | | | |
| Asset management fees - Incentive | | | | | | | 65 | 211 | (146) -69.2% | | | |
| Acquisition and integration expenses | | | | | | | 10 | 33 | (23) -69.7% | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | | | | | | | 11,527 | 6,038 | 5,489 90.9% | | | |
| Total corporate and other expenses | | | | | | | 14,159 | 7,782 | 6,377 81.9% | | | |
| Operating Income (loss) | | | | | | | 7,387 | 3,780 | 3,607 95.4% | | | |
| Interest expense | | | | | | | (9,977) | (4,022) | (5,955) 148.1% | | | |
| Interest income | | | | | | | - | 1 | (1) -100.0% | | | |
| Net gains (losses) on sale of assets | | | | | | | 2,453 | - | 2,453 N/M | | | |
| Gains (losses) on TSRE merger and property acquisitions | | | | | | | 91 | - | 91 N/M | | | |
| Net income (loss) | | | | | | | (46) | (241) | 195 -80.9% | | | |
| (Income) loss allocated to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | (29) | 8 | (37) -462.5% | | | |
| Net income (loss) available to common shares | | | | | | | \$(75) | \$(233) | \$158 -67.8% | | | |

Revenue

Rental income. Rental revenue increased \$15.3 million to \$34.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$19.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is attributable to \$15.7 million of rental income from the acquisition of 20 properties since March 31, 2015 and \$0.5 million from improved occupancy and rental rates in 2016 as compared to 2015 in our other properties. The increase was partially offset by \$0.9 million of rental income related to two properties that were disposed of after March 31, 2015.

Tenant reimbursement and other income. Tenant reimbursement and other income increased \$1.7 million to \$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$2.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is attributable to \$1.7 million of tenant reimbursement and other income from 20 new properties acquired since March 31, 2015.

Expenses

Property operating expenses. Property operating expenses increased \$7.0 million to \$17.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$10.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is attributable to \$7.1 million of real estate operating expense from 20 new properties acquired since March 31, 2015, and an increase of \$0.3 million of real estate operating expense in our same store portfolio. The increase was partially offset by \$0.4 million of real estate operating expense related to two properties that were disposed of after March 31, 2015.

General and administrative expenses. General and administrative expenses increased \$0.4 million to \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. This is primarily due to an increase of \$0.1 million in stock based compensation due to an increased number of awards being unvested for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015 and an increase of \$0.2 million in insurance deductibles for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Asset management fees. Asset management fees increased \$0.5 million to \$1.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is due to 20 new properties acquired since March 31, 2015.

Depreciation and amortization expense. Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$5.5 million to \$11.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$6.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is attributable to \$7.7 million of depreciation and amortization expense from 20 new properties acquired since March 31, 2015. The increase was partially offset by \$0.3 million of depreciation and amortization expense related to two properties that were disposed of after March 31, 2015 and a decrease of \$1.9 million of amortization expense in our same store portfolio.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased \$6.0 million to \$10.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 from \$4.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is primarily attributable to \$1.5 million of interest expense on the 20 new properties acquired since March 31, 2015 and \$4.4 million of interest expense on debt obtained in connection with the TSRE merger.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is a measure of our ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund and maintain investments, pay distributions and other general business needs. We believe our available cash balances, financing arrangements and cash flows from operations will be sufficient to fund our liquidity requirements with respect to our existing portfolio for the next 12 months and the foreseeable future.

Our primary cash requirements are to:

- make investments and fund the associated costs;
- repay our indebtedness;
- pay our operating expenses, including fees paid to our advisor and our property manager; and
- distribute a minimum of 90% of our REIT taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding net capital gain) and to make investments in a manner that enables us to maintain our qualification as a REIT.

We intend to meet these liquidity requirements primarily through:

- the use of our cash and cash equivalent balance of \$21.9 million as of March 31, 2016;
- existing and future financing secured directly or indirectly by the apartment properties in our portfolio;
- cash generated from operating activities;
- net cash proceeds from property sales implementing our capital recycling strategy and other sales;
- proceeds from the sale of our common stock; and
- if required, proceeds from future borrowings and offerings.

As previously disclosed in prior reports, we determined that the strategic long term benefits of the TSRE acquisition justified exceeding our historical leverage limits, defined as having total indebtedness of no more than approximately 65% of the combined initial purchase price of all of the properties in our portfolio. Also, as previously disclosed in “Overview”, following the completion of the TSRE acquisition, we have instituted a strategy, which we refer to as our capital recycling strategy, seeking to reduce IRT’s leverage ratio over time by using the proceeds from sales of properties which are outside our core geographic footprint in the Southeastern United States or which we believe we have limited potential for further improvements to their operating results to repay a portion of our indebtedness. We have successfully continued to implement our capital recycling strategy since our 2015 year end to reduce our leverage and reduce our exposure to short term indebtedness, particularly the KeyBank interim facility:

- We have sold four targeted properties for \$121.6 million, in the aggregate, generating net cash proceeds of \$54.3 million, in the aggregate, after costs and repayment of property specific financing.

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- In March 2016, we refinanced a \$43.9 million mortgage on our Oklahoma City portfolio with \$45.4 million borrowed under the KeyBank senior facility. We are seeking to refinance the three properties on the KeyBank senior facility with long term fixed rate mortgages. We cannot assure you we will be able to carry out such refinancing.
- The net cash proceeds from these sales and the additional loan proceeds under the KeyBank senior facility have been used to pay down the KeyBank interim facility to \$60.1 million as of May 5, 2016.

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Cash Flows

As of March 31, 2016 and 2015, we maintained cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$21.9 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. Our cash and cash equivalents were generated from the following activities (dollars in thousands):

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|--|----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | \$7,457 | \$8,503 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | 5,900 | (2,015) |
| Cash flow from financing activities | (29,734) | (2,167) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (16,377) | 4,321 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 38,301 | 14,763 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$21,924 | \$19,084 |

Our cash inflow from operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2016 is primarily due to the ongoing operations of our properties; however, this inflow was impacted by \$2.5 million of gain on sale of assets during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Our cash inflow from investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2016 is primarily due to the disposition of one property. Our cash outflow from investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2015 is due to capital expenditures and a decrease in restricted cash.

Our cash outflow from our financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2016 is primarily due to repayments of mortgage indebtedness and the KeyBank interim facility offset by proceeds from the KeyBank senior facility.

As a REIT, we evaluate our dividend coverage based on our cash flow from operating activities, excluding acquisition and integration expenses and changes in other assets and liabilities. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we paid distributions to our common stockholders and noncontrolling interests of \$9,061 and generated cash flow from operating activities excluding acquisition and integration expenses and changes in other assets and liabilities of \$10,042.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

None.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 contains a discussion of our critical accounting policies. On January 1, 2016 we adopted three new accounting pronouncements and revised our accounting policies as described in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report. Management discusses our critical accounting policies and management's judgments and estimates with the audit committee of our board of trustees.

Item 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk.

Market risk is the adverse effect on the value of a financial instrument that results from a change in interest rates. We may be exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of long-term debt used to maintain liquidity, fund capital expenditures and expand our real estate investment portfolio and operations. Market fluctuations in real estate financing may affect the availability and cost of funds needed to expand our investment portfolio. In addition, restrictions upon the availability of real estate financing or high interest rates for real estate loans could adversely affect our ability to dispose of real estate in the future. We seek to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. We may use derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in interest rates on loans secured by our assets. The market risk associated with interest-rate contracts is managed by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degree of market risk that may be undertaken. With regard to variable rate financing, our advisor assesses our interest rate cash flow risk by continually identifying and monitoring changes in interest rate exposures that may adversely impact expected future cash flows and by evaluating hedging opportunities. Our advisor maintains risk management control systems to monitor interest rate cash flow risk attributable to both our outstanding and forecasted debt obligations as well as our potential offsetting hedge positions. While this hedging strategy is designed to minimize the impact on our net income and funds from operations of changes in interest rates, the overall returns on any investment in our securities may be reduced. We currently have limited exposure to financial market risks.

We may also be exposed to credit risk in derivative contracts we may use. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. If the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty will owe us, which creates credit risk for us. If the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, we will owe the counterparty and, therefore, do not have credit risk. We seek to minimize the credit risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties.

There have been no material changes in quantitative and qualitative market risks during the three months ended March 31, 2016 from the disclosures included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

Under the supervision of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer and with the participation of our disclosure committee, we have carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors during the quarter ended March 31, 2016, that have materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

On June 11, 2015, three purported stockholders filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on behalf of a putative class of TSRE stockholders and naming as defendants TSRE's Board of Directors, or the individual defendants, and TSRE. The case is captioned Tony Blank Family Trust et al. v. Trade Street Residential, Inc. et al., Case No. 24-C-15-003081, or the Blank action. The information required by this Item regarding the Blank action has been previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2016.

In addition, we are subject to various other legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business operations. Matters which arise out of allegations of bodily injury, property damage, and employment practices are generally covered by insurance. While the resolution of these other matters cannot be predicted with

certainty, we currently believe the final outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have not been any material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A—“Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and use of proceeds.

(a) We have previously disclosed four “UPREIT” transactions completed in May 2014, August 2014, November 2014 and December 2014 wherein IROP, issued, in the aggregate, 1,282,449 common units, or units, to unaffiliated entities or persons in order to acquire properties. In addition, we have previously disclosed that in September 2015, IROP issued 1,925,419 units, plus cash in lieu of fractional TSR OP units, in a transaction related to the TSRE acquisition. All of such issuances were exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. As previously disclosed, these units are subject to exchange agreements containing

the terms and conditions under which the units could be exchanged for cash in an amount equal to the value of an equivalent number of shares of our common stock as of the date IROP receives the holder's notice of its desire to exchange the units for cash or, at IROP's option, for the equivalent number of shares of our common stock. In 2016 through March 31, 2016, IROP exchanged 204,115 units for 204,113 shares of our common stock (with fractional units being settled in cash). As a result of these exchanges, at March 31, 2016, there remained outstanding 2,950,816 units held by unaffiliated third parties. The issuance of the shares of our common stock in these exchanges was exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506 of Regulation D; all of the persons receiving such shares were accredited investors.

(c) We withheld the following common shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations during the quarter ending March 31, 2016 arising from the vesting of restricted share awards made pursuant to the incentive plan. These common shares may be deemed to be "issuer purchases" of common shares that are required to be disclosed pursuant to the item.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 01/01/2016 to 01/31/2016 | 5,132 | (1)\$6.81 | (1) 5,132 | - |
| 02/01/2016 to 02/29/2016 | 14,409 | (1)\$6.80 | (1) 14,409 | - |
| 03/01/2016 to 03/31/2016 | - | \$- | - | - |
| Total | 19,541 | (1)\$6.80 | (1) 19,541 | - |

(1)The price reported is the price paid per share using our closing stock price on the NYSE MKT on the vesting date of the relevant award.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index (following the signatures section of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q) are included herewith.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Independence Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: May 6, 2016 By: /s/ Scott f. Schaeffer
Scott F. Schaeffer
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 6, 2016 By: /s/ James J. Sebra
James J. Sebra
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 11, 2015, by and among Independence Realty Trust, Inc., IROP, Adventure Merger Sub LLC, IRT Limited Partner, LLC, Trade Street Residential, Inc. and Trade Street Operating Partnership, LP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 12, 2015 (the "5/12/15 Form 8-K").
- 2.2 Amendment No. 1, dated as of September 11, 2015, to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 11, 2015, by and among Independence Realty Trust, Inc., IROP, Adventure Merger Sub LLC, IRT Limited Partner, LLC, Trade Street Residential, Inc. and Trade Street Operating Partnership, LP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 11, 2015).
- 3.1 Articles of Restatement of Independence Realty Trust, Inc. ("IRT"), dated as of August 20, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 20, 2013.
- 3.2 Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of IRT, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to IRT's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 (the "2013 Q1 10-Q").
- 4.1.1 Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Independence Realty Operating Partnership, LP ("IROP"), dated as of May 7, 2013 (the "IROP LP Agreement"), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the 2013 Q1 10-Q.
- 4.1.2 Form of Exchange Rights Agreement for Partnership Units, incorporated by reference to Exhibit C of Exhibit 4.1.1 hereto.
- 4.1.3 First Amendment, dated as of August 20, 2013, to Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of IROP, dated as of May 7, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 20, 2013.
- 4.1.4 Admission Agreement and Amendment dated as of May 7, 2014 to Fourth Amendment and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of IROP dated as of May 7, 2013, a corrected copy was incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to IRT's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 (the "2014 Q1 10-Q"), replacing the copy filed as Exhibit 4.1 to IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2014 (the "5/7/14 Form 8-K").
- 4.1.5 Admission Agreement and Amendment dated as of August 28, 2014 to Fourth Amendment and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of IROP dated as of May 7, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to IRT's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 (the "2014 Q3 10-Q").
- 4.1.6 Exchange Rights Agreement dated as of August 28, 2014 among IRT, IROP and the limited partners named therein, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the 2014 Q3 10-Q.
- 4.1.7 Admission Agreement and Amendment dated as of November 24, 2014 to Fourth Amendment and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of IROP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.7 to IRT's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 10-K").

- 4.1.8 Admission Agreement and Amendment dated as of December 30, 2014 to Fourth Amendment and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of IROP dated as of December 30, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.8 to the 2014 10-K.
- 4.1.9 Exchange Rights Agreement dated as of December 30, 2014 among IRT, IROP and the limited partners named therein, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.9 to the 2014 10-K.
- 4.1.10 Amendment dated as of January 1, 2015 to the IROP LP Agreement, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.10 to the 2014 10-K.
- 4.1.11 Exchange Rights Agreement, dated as of September 17, 2015, by and among Independence Realty Trust, Inc., IROP and Michael D. and Heidi Baumann, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to IRT's first Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 18, 2015 (the "9/18/15 Form 8-K").
- 4.2 Registration Rights Agreement by and among IRT, IROP, RAIT Financial Trust and the RAIT Parties (as defined therein), dated as of July 26, 2013, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 1, 2013.

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Exhibit Description

- 10.1 Second Amendment dated as of September 25, 2015 to the Second Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement dated May 7, 2013 among Independence Realty Trust, Inc., IROP and Independence Realty Advisors, LLC incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of IRT's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 25, 2015.
- 12.1 Statements regarding computation of ratios as of March 31, 2016, filed herewith.
- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 101 XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language). The following materials, formatted in XBRL: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 and (v) notes to the consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2016.