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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kirchmann John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST [IRET]

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(First)

C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST, 1400 31ST AVE. SW,

SUITE 60

(Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

12/15/2017

Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify EVP and CFO

10% Owner

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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MINOT, ND 58702

(City) (State) (Zip)

12/15/2017

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Owned

Securities Beneficially Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

7,580 Α

7,580

Transaction(s)

IRA

(9-02)

Common Stock

Common

Stock

24,671 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kirchmann John C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST 1400 31ST AVE. SW, SUITE 60 MINOT, ND 58702

EVP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Anne Olson, Attorney in Fact 12/19/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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