INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC Form SC 13G September 28, 2015

UNITED

**STATES SECURITIES** AND **EXCHANGE COMMISSION** Washington, D.C. 20549 **SCHEDULE** 13G Under the Securities **Exchange Act of** 1934 Independence Realty Trust, Inc. (Name of Issuer) Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Title of Class of Securities) 45378A106 (CUSIP Number) September 17, 2015 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

" Rule 13d-1(b) x Rule 13d-1(c) " Rule 13d-1(d)

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

<sup>\*</sup>The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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| 1                   | NAME OF<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON |                   |  |  |
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|                     | ALEXANDER<br>KLABIN            |                   |  |  |
|                     | CHECK<br>THE                   |                   |  |  |
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| 1  | NAME OF<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON   |   |  |
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| 2  | THE<br>APPROPRI <b>(ATE</b><br>BOX IF A<br>MEMBER (b) "<br>OF A<br>CROUP                 |   |  |
| 3  | GROUP<br>SEC USE ONLY<br>CITIZENSHIP OR<br>PLACE OF<br>ORGANIZATION                      |   |  |
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|  | 7  | 3,827,035<br>SOLE<br>DISPOSITIVE<br>POWER |  |
|  | 8  | 0<br>SHARED<br>DISPOSITIVE<br>POWER       |  |
| 9  | 3,827,035<br>AGGREGATE<br>AMOUNT<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON |   |  |
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Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER

Independence Realty Trust, Inc.

### Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Cira Centre, 2929 Arch Street, 17th Floor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

## Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING

Senator Investment Group LP serves as investment manager to various investment funds (collectively, the "<u>Funds</u>"), and as such, has investment discretion with respect to the Funds. Alexander Klabin and Douglas Silverman have control of a Delaware limited liability company that may be deemed to control Senator Investment Group LP. The foregoing persons are hereafter sometimes collectively referred to as the Reporting Persons.

The filing of this statement should not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is, for the purposes of Section 13 of the Act, the beneficial owner of the Common Stock reported herein.

## Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE

The principal office of each Reporting Person is:

c/o Senator Investment Group LP 510 Madison Avenue 28th Floor New York, NY 10022

## Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP

Senator Investment Group LP is a Delaware limited partnership. Each of Messrs. Klabin and Silverman is a United States citizen.

#### Item 2(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

**2(d).** 

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock")

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER

45378A106

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#### Item IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rules 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK 3. WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a)" Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- (b)" Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c)" Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d)" Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e)" An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)" A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)" A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of (i) " the Investment Company Act;
- A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J); (j) "
- (k)" Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).
- If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please

specify the type of institution:

#### Item **OWNERSHIP**

4.

The percentages used herein are calculated based upon approximately 47.1 million shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of September 17, 2015 after giving effect to the merger, as reflected and as described in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on September 18, 2015. (a) Amount of beneficially owned: 3,827,035

(b)Percent of class: 8.13%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,827,035
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 3,827,035

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# Item **OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS** 5.

Not applicable.

## Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

The partners and shareholders of the Funds have the right to participate in the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the securities reported herein held by the Funds in accordance with their respective ownership interests in the Funds.

#### Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON

Not applicable.

### Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

### **Item** 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

## Item **CERTIFICATION** 10.

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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## SIGNATURES

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

DATE: as of September 28, 2015

## SENATOR INVESTMENT GROUP LP

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub

Name: Evan Gartenlaub

Title: General Counsel

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact\*

## ALEXANDER KLABIN

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact\*\*

## **DOUGLAS SILVERMAN**

\* Pursuant to a Power of Attorney attached to the Schedule 13G filed by the Reporting Persons on April 24, 2013.

\*\* Pursuant to a Power of Attorney attached to the Schedule 13G filed by the Reporting Persons on April 24, 2013.

## Exhibit 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATE: as of September 28, 2015

## SENATOR INVESTMENT GROUP LP

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub

Name: Evan Gartenlaub

Title: General Counsel

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact\*

## ALEXANDER KLABIN

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact\*\*

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