

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Form DEFA14A

July 25, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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Exchange Act of 1934

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*** Exercise Your Right to Vote ***

IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on September 18, 2012

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: July 20, 2012

Date: September 18, 2012 Time: 7:00 p.m., CDT

Location:

Grand International
1505 North Broadway
Minot, ND 58703

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST
1400 31st Ave SW, Suite 60
PO Box 1988
MINOT, ND 58702-1988

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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Before You Vote
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Annual Report
2. Notice & Proxy Statement

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow è XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before September 04, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow è XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Trustees recommends that you vote FOR the following:

For All o	Withhold All o	For All Except o	To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.
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1. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
NOMINEES:

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| 01) — Timothy P. Mihalick | 02) — Jeffrey L. Miller | 03) — John T. Reed | 04) — W. David Scott | 05) — Stephen L. Stenehjem |
| 06) — John D. Stewart | 07) — Thomas A. Wentz, Jr. | 08) — Jeffrey K. Woodbury | 09) — Linda Hall Keller | |

The Board of Trustees recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

2. ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

3. RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF GRANT THORNTON
LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2013.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

