

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name Investors Real Estate Trust		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 45-0311232	
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8 Date of action 12/08/10,03/09/11,06/03/11,09/02/11	9 Classification and description Investors Real Estate Trust common shares of beneficial interest		
10 CUSIP number 461730103	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol IRET	13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ See Statement 1 attached.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ See Statement 1 attached.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ See Statement 1 attached.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ 301 (c)(2) & 316

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ 2011

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature ▶ *Diane K. Bryantt* Date ▶ 1-16-2012

Print your name ▶ Diane K. Bryantt Title ▶ Sr. V.P.

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	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no.

Statement 1 – Questions 14, 15 and 16

Cash distributions during calendar 2011 that affect shareholders' basis in IRET shares:

Declared Date	Ex-Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Amount per share
12/08/10	12/30/10	01/03/11	01/14/11	\$0.0763 (i)
03/09/11	03/17/11	03/21/11	04/01/11	\$0.0763 (i)
06/03/11	06/13/11	06/15/11	07/01/11	\$0.0763 (i)
09/02/11	09/08/11	09/12/11	10/03/11	<u>\$0.0578 (i)</u>
			Total	\$0.2867

- (i) The 2011 cash distributions listed above for each share in Investors Real Estate Trust "IRET" are treated as a return of capital and not as "dividend income" in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 301 (c)(2) and 316. Holders of IRET shares on which the distributions listed above have been paid should reduce their tax basis in such IRET shares by the amount of these distributions.

We urge each shareholder to consult with his or her own tax advisor to determine the tax consequences of the distributions, including any state, local or foreign tax considerations.