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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

**November 24, 2009**

**Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-50805**

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(Commission  
File Number)

**20-0138854**

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2800 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 5000, Houston, Texas**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**77056-6118**

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(888) 220-6121**

**Not Applicable**

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 24, 2009, Hines Interests Limited Partnership ("Hines") the sponsor of Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. ("Hines REIT" or the "Company") issued a press release discussing the certification of Williams Tower as a LEED Gold building. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such exhibit and the information set forth therein are deemed to have been furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.****December 2009 Distribution**

With the authorization of its board of directors, Hines REIT declared distributions for the month of December 2009. These distributions will be calculated based on shareholders of record each day during December in an amount equal to \$0.00165699 per share, per day and will be paid in January 2010 in cash or reinvested in stock for those participating in Hines REIT's dividend reinvestment plan.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits-

Press Release of Hines dated November 24, 2009

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including intentions, beliefs, expectations or projections relating to the timing of payment of distributions, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are based on current expectations and assumptions with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive and market conditions and future business decisions that may prove incorrect or inaccurate. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements include the risks associated with property acquisitions and other risks described in the "Risk Factors" section of Hines REIT's Registration Statement on Form S-11, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

November 24, 2009

By: /s/ Frank Apollo

Name: Frank Apollo

Title: Senior Vice President - Finance,  
Treasurer and Secretary

## Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Hines dated November 24, 2009

# News Release

For Immediate Release  
November 24, 2009

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## **HINES' HEADQUARTERS AWARDED LEED® GOLD** **Iconic Williams Tower Transformed into a Beacon of Green**

(HOUSTON) – The Houston office of Hines, the international real estate firm, announced today that its iconic headquarters building, Williams Tower, has received Gold certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® for Existing Buildings Rating System.

Williams Tower is a 1.5 million-square-foot, 64-story office building that was developed by Hines in 1982 and has been managed and leased by Hines since. Designed by Philip Johnson/John Burgee, the tower was once the largest building in the world outside of a downtown area.

Challenging traditional assumptions about skyscrapers, Williams Tower has demonstrated excellent energy efficiency, as reflected in its recognition by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. With six ENERGY STAR® labels and a current ENERGY STAR rating of 85, the building is 34 percent more energy efficient and annually saves \$1.33 per square foot in energy costs when compared to the national average office building. This translates into greenhouse gas reductions equivalent to removing 2,125 cars from the road.

Hines' property management team recently took the building through the LEED certification process, implementing a series of retrofits and building upgrades to meet rising tenant expectations for high-performing, sustainable office space.

Ford Hubbard, marketing director of HOK Houston, which has been a tenant in the tower since 1996, said, "As with architectural quality, Hines was a pioneer among commercial developers for its early adoption of sustainable construction and operations practices. The LEED Gold certification validates that the strategies Hines has espoused for decades really do work—and this is, in part, what has kept HOK in this building for so long."

Green features and programs include: reduction in indoor potable water use through low-flow fixtures; heat island reduction through reflective surfaces; environmentally sensitive cleaning products; a comprehensive recycling and waste diversion program; green build-out guidelines for tenants; and the implementation of a comprehensive and ongoing retro-commissioning program, among other things.

Hines President Jeffrey C. Hines said, "Reflecting our firm's guiding principles—which state that we will strive to be the industry leader in sustainability—the certification of our headquarters is symbolic of the commitment we have to green our entire portfolio and to deliver the highest quality to tenants, owners and investors."

Williams Tower is leased to a number of world class companies, including: Citi, Hines, HOK, Rowan Companies, Van Kampen Investments, Wachovia, and Williams, among others.

Consistent with its approach to enhance long-term investment value, building owner Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (Hines REIT) is implementing energy conservation measures and is pursuing LEED certification on a number of properties in its portfolio. Hines REIT is also active in the ENERGY STAR program, with interests in 45 buildings that have earned the label. As a result of its efforts, Hines REIT is a two-time winner of the NAREIT Leader in the Light award (at the Gold and Bronze levels), which is given to member companies that have demonstrated superior and sustained energy use practices.

Hines has secured LEED certifications for six Houston properties, totaling approximately six million square feet. Globally Hines is responsible for 145 projects, representing more than 89 million square feet that have been certified, pre-certified or registered under the various LEED rating systems. Hines was a founding member of the German Sustainable Building Council, and is active in the BRE Environmental Assessment Method program in the United Kingdom and the Haute Qualité Environnementale program in France.

In 2009 Hines was recognized by the EPA, for the second time, with the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award; Hines has 138 buildings, representing approximately 77 million square feet, that have earned the ENERGY STAR label. Twelve Hines development or redevelopment projects, representing more than six million square feet, have been designated as Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR.

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Hines is a privately owned real estate firm involved in real estate investment, development and property management worldwide. The firm's historical and current portfolio of projects that are underway, completed, acquired and managed for third parties includes 1,111 properties representing more than 449 million square feet of office, residential, mixed-use, industrial, hotel, medical and sports facilities, as well as large, master-planned communities and land developments. Hines has offices in more than 100 cities in 17 countries and controls assets valued at approximately \$22.9 billion. Visit [www.hines.com](http://www.hines.com) for more information. To learn more about sustainability at Hines, visit [www.hines.com/sustainability](http://www.hines.com/sustainability).