

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):

January 4, 2016

Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

000-50805

20-0138854

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

2800 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 5000, Houston, Texas

77056-6118

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(888) 220-6121

Not Applicable

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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

January 2016 Distributions

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Hines Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) has authorized the Company to declare distributions for the month of January 2016. These distributions will be calculated based on shareholders of record each day during the month of January 2016 in an amount equal to \$0.00073973 per share, per day and will be paid in April 2016 in cash or reinvested in stock for those participating in the Company’s dividend reinvestment plan.

Share Redemption Plan

The Board determined to waive the limitation on the share redemption plan and fully honor all redemption requests received for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. Generally, funds available for redemption are limited to the amount of proceeds received from the Company’s dividend reinvestment plan in the prior quarter. However, the Board has the discretion to redeem shares in excess of this amount if it determines there are sufficient available funds and it is appropriate to do so as long as the total amount redeemed does not exceed the amount required to redeem 10% of the Company’s shares outstanding as of the same date in the prior calendar year. Pursuant to this discretion, the Board determined for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 to redeem shares in the amount of \$7.1 million (including \$2.7 million of shares to be redeemed in relation to the death or disability of stockholders), which was in excess of the \$5.4 million received from the dividend reinvestment plan in the prior quarter.

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including intentions, beliefs, expectations or projections relating to the timing and 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 described in the “Risk Factors” section of Hines REIT’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 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 thereunto duly authorized.

HINES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

January 4, 2016

By: /s/ J. Shea Morgenroth
J. Shea Morgenroth
Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer