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Digital Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2017

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): August 10, 2017

DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, INC.  
DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, L.P.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	001-32336	26-0081711
Maryland	000-54023	20-2402955
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3200      94111  
San Francisco, California  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
(415) 738-6500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.: Emerging growth company        
Digital Realty Trust, L.P.: Emerging growth company     

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.: “  
Digital Realty Trust, L.P.: “

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective as of September 15, 2017, Jarrett B. Appleby, Chief Operating Officer, will depart from Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company"). In connection with his departure, Mr. Appleby will be eligible to receive a cash severance payment, as well as various other severance payments and benefits, in accordance with the non-cause termination provisions of Mr. Appleby's existing employment agreement and applicable equity award agreements with the Company.

Safe Harbor Statement

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements which are based on current expectations, forecasts and assumptions that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially, including statements related to Mr. Appleby's departure. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, the risks and uncertainties included in the reports and other filings by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 under the heading "Risk Factors." The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Item 7.01 Regulation of FD Disclosure.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

On August 11, 2017, we issued a press release regarding actions concerning the executive officers of the Company. The text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 11, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

By: /s/ Joshua A. Mills  
Joshua A. Mills  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

By: Digital Realty Trust, Inc.  
Its general partner

By: /s/ Joshua A. Mills  
Joshua A. Mills  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

Date: August 11, 2017

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