

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Decker, John, F.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Investors Real Estate Trust / IRETS			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 432 39th Place NW			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) N/A	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year N/A		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(Street) Marysville, WA 98271				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) N/A					
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest	02/18/03	-	C	13,000,000	(A)	\$91,407,851.00	1851.000	D	IRA at D.A. Davidson

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