

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Altshuler Barry | | (Month/Day/Year) | EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 02/10/2015 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| CHICAGO,Â ILÂ 60606 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | Executive Vice President | |
| | | | 6. 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 | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 29,999.766 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 998.6596 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 62 ⁽³⁾ | I | Spouse |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (4) | 02/03/2022 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 2,760 | \$ 60.25 | D | Â |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (5) | 02/07/2023 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 6,148 | \$ 54.82 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Altshuler Barry TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | Â | Â | Â Executive Vice President | Â |

Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/17/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (2) Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through February 10, 2015.
- (3) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Altshuler's spouse. Mr. Altshuler disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 3, 2013, February 3, 2014 and February 2, 2015.
- (5) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 7, 2014, February 7, 2015 and February 7, 2016.

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