### INDEPENDENCE REALTY TRUST, INC

Form SC 13G/A February 17, 2015

#### **SECURITIES**

**AND** 

**EXCHANGE** 

**COMMISSION** 

Washington,

D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE**

13G/A

Under the

Securities

Exchange Act of

1934

(Amendment

No. 1)\*

Independence

Realty Trust,

Inc.

(Name of

Issuer)

Common Stock,

\$0.01 par value

(Title of Class

of Securities)

45378A106

(CUSIP

Number)

December 31,

2014

(Date of Event

Which Requires

Filing of This

Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is

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" Rule 13d-1(b)

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" Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

<sup>\*</sup>The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
2 3 4	Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaw	rare SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	0 SHARED VOTING POWER
	7	563,900 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	563,900 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
10	563,90	

CHECK BOX

IF THE

AGGREGATE

AMOUNT IN

ROW (9)

**EXCLUDES** 

**CERTAIN** 

**SHARES** 

PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY

11 AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

1.8%

TYPE OF

**REPORTING** 

12 PERSON

PN

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
1	Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund,			
	L.P. CHECK			
	THE APPROPRIATE			
2	BOX IF A			
	OF A	BER (b) "		
3	GROU SEC I	JP JSE ONLY		
3	CITIZ	ENSHIP OR		
4	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
	Delaware			
		SOLE		
	5	VOTING POWER		
		0		
	<b>6</b> <b>7</b>	SHARED		
NUMBER OF		VOTING POWER		
SHARES BENEFICIALLY		499 000		
OWNED BY		488,900 SOLE		
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:		DISPOSITIVE		
		POWER		
		0		
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE		
	8	POWER		
		488,900		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT			
	BENEFICIALLY			
	OWNED BY EACH			
	REPORTING PERSON			
	488,900			

CHECK BOX

IF THE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ..

10 AMOUN ROW (9)

EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

1.5% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

11

**12** 

6

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3	OF A GROU SEC U	BER (b) " JP JSE ONLY ENSHIP OR
4	PLAC	
	Repub	olic of Ireland SOLE VOTING
	5	POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	0 SHARED VOTING POWER
	7	47,200 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	AMO BENE OWN	EFICIALLY ED BY EACH PRTING
	47.004	

47,200

CHECK BOX

IF THE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ...

10 AMOUN ROW (9)

11

**12** 

ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

0.1% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1	NAMI REPO PERS	RTING
2 3 4	Ardsley Advisory Partners CHECK THE APPROPRI(ATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	New Y	SOLE
	5	VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	0 SHARED VOTING POWER 1,100,000
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	1,100,000 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
10	1,100,	

CHECK BOX

IF THE

AGGREGATE

AMOUNT IN

ROW (9)

**EXCLUDES** 

**CERTAIN** 

**SHARES** 

PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY

11 AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

3.5%

TYPE OF

REPORTING

12 PERSON

PN; IA

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
2	Ardsley Partners I CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP	
3	SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR	
4	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	New '	York SOLE
		VOTING
	5	POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	0 SHARED VOTING POWER
	7	1,052,800 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
0	1,052,800 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	
9	REPORTING PERSON	
10	1,052,800 CHECK BOX " IF THE	

AGGREGATE

AMOUNT IN

ROW (9)

**EXCLUDES** 

**CERTAIN** 

**SHARES** 

PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY

11 AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

3.3%

TYPE OF

REPORTING

12 PERSON

PN

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1	NAM REPC PERS	RTING
2	Philip J. Hempleman CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP SEC USE ONLY	
3	CITIZ	ENSHIP OR
4	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	United	d States SOLE VOTING
	5	POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	0 SHARED VOTING POWER 1,776,769
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	AMO BENE OWN	EFICIALLY ED BY EACH PRTING
10	1, 776,769 CHECK BOX " IF THE	

AGGREGATE

AMOUNT IN

ROW (9)

**EXCLUDES** 

**CERTAIN** 

**SHARES** 

PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY

11 AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

5.6%

TYPE OF

REPORTING

12 PERSON

IN

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#### Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER

The name of the issuer is Independence Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company").

## Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

The Company's principal executive offices are located at Cira Centre, 2929 Arch St., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

## Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("AP II"), with respect to the Shares (as defined in Item 2(d) below) directly owned by it;
- (ii) Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Ardsley Institutional"), with respect to the Shares directly owned by it;
- (iii) Ardsley Partners US Equity UCITS Fund plc, an Irish UCITS plc ("Ardsley US Equity"), with respect to the Shares directly owned by it;
- Ardsley Advisory Partners, a New York general partnership ("Ardsley") which serves as Investment (iv) Adviser of AP II and Ardsley Institutional and as Sub-Advisor of Ardsley US Equity, with respect to the Shares directly owned by AP II, Ardsley Institutional and Ardsley US Equity;
- Ardsley Partners I, a New York general partnership ("Ardsley Partners") which serves as General Partner (v) of AP II and Ardsley Institutional, with respect to the Shares owned by AP II and Ardsley Institutional; and
- Philip J. Hempleman ("Mr. Hempleman"), the Managing Partner of Ardsley and Ardsley Partners, with (vi) respect to the Shares owned by AP II, Ardsley Institutional and Ardsley US Equity and with respect to the Shares owned by certain accounts managed by him directly.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party. The filing of this statement should not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act, the beneficial owner of the Shares reported herein.

## Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 262 Harbor Drive, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

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## Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP

AP II and Ardsley Institutional are Delaware limited partnerships. Ardsley US Equity is an Irish UCITS plc. Ardsley and Ardsley Partners are New York general partnerships. Mr. Hempleman is a United States citizen.

### Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Shares")

#### Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER

45378A106

## Item IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rules 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK 3. WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) "Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- (b) "Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c) "Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act:
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) "An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) "An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)" A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)" A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) "A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) "A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) "Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

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## Item **OWNERSHIP**

The information required by Items 4(a) - (c) is set forth in Rows 5-11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each Reporting Person.

The percentages used in this Schedule 13G/A are calculated based upon 31,801,540 Shares reported to be outstanding as of November 16, 2014 in the Company's Rule 424(b)(5) Prospectus filed on November 21, 2014 after the consummation of the transactions reported therein. The percentages used herein and in the rest of the Schedule 13G/A are based upon such number of Shares outstanding.

### Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

Not applicable.

## $\frac{\text{Item}}{6} \text{ OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON}$

Ardsley, the Investment Adviser of AP II and Ardsley Institutional and Sub-Advisor of Ardsley US Equity has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares owned by AP II, Ardsley Institutional and Ardsley US Equity, and accordingly may be considered to be the direct "beneficial owner" of such Shares.

Ardsley Partners, the General Partner of AP II and Ardsley Institutional, shares the power to vote and direct the disposition of the Shares owned by AP II and Ardsley Institutional, and accordingly, may be considered to be the direct "beneficial owner" of such Shares.

Ardsley US Equity, an umbrella open-ended investment company authorized by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the proceeds from the Shares reported by Ardsley and Mr. Hempleman.

Mr. Hempleman is the Managing Partner of Ardsley and Ardsley Partners and in that capacity directs their operations and therefore may be considered to be the indirect "beneficial owner" of the Shares owned by AP II, Ardsley Institutional, Ardsley US Equity and certain accounts managed by him directly. Mr. Hempleman disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the Shares reported in this 13G/A.

# Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON

Not applicable.

#### Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

See Item 2.

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### Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

### **Item 10. CERTIFICATION**

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATE: February 17, 2015

ARDSLEY
PARTNERS FUND
II, L.P.
BY: ARDSLEY
PARTNERS I,
GENERAL
PARTNER

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli General Partner

ARDSLEY
PARTNERS
INSTITUTIONAL
FUND, L.P.
BY: ARDSLEY
PARTNERS I,
GENERAL
PARTNER

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli General Partner

ARDSLEY
PARTNERS US
EQUITY UCITS
FUND
BY: ARDSLEY
ADVISORY
PARTNERS,
SUB-ADVISOR

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli Partner

ARDSLEY ADVISORY PARTNERS

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli Partner

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### ARDSLEY PARTNERS I

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli General Partner

PHILIP J. HEMPLEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY

BY:/s/ Steve Napoli Steve Napoli As attorney in fact for Philip J. Hempleman

\* Evidence of Power of Attorney was filed with the Schedule 13G/A filed on February 15, 2006 (Acc-no: 0000902664-06-000895) and is incorporated by reference into this filing.