

BRANDYWINE REALTY TRUST
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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): March 1, 2017

Brandywine Realty Trust

Brandywine Operating Partnership, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland

(Brandywine Realty Trust)

001-9106

23-2413352

Delaware

(Brandywine Operating Partnership, L.P.) 000-24407

23-2862640

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

(Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification Number)

555 East Lancaster Avenue, Suite 100

Radnor, PA 19087

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(610) 325-5600

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Executive Compensation

On March 1, 2017, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Trustees awarded 2016 annual incentives and equity-based long-term incentives for our senior executives and set their 2017 base salaries. The tables below reflect awards to those of our current executive officers who were identified as named executive officers in the proxy statement for our 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.

Annual Incentive Awards

The table below sets forth the annual incentives, which are payable in cash, awarded to each of the following:

| | Annual |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Name | Incentive |
| Gerard H. Sweeney | \$1,400,000 |
| H. Jeffrey DeVuono | \$500,000 |
| George D. Johnstone | \$394,000 |
| William D. Redd | \$380,000 |
| Thomas E. Wirth | \$400,000 |

Long—Term Equity Awards: Performance Units; Restricted Shares

The table below sets forth the equity-based long-term incentives awarded to each of the following executives. Two-thirds of these awards (by value) were in the form of restricted performance share units (“Performance Units”) and one-third of these awards (by value) were in the form of time-vested restricted share rights (“Restricted Shares”) as indicated in the table below.

| Name | Performance Restricted | | Aggregate Grant Date Fair Value of Performance Units and Restricted Shares |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------|--|
| | Units (#) | Shares (#) | |
| Gerard H. Sweeney | 65,871 | 41,299 | \$2,100,002 |
| H. Jeffrey DeVuono | 17,879 | 11,210 | \$569,999 |
| George D. Johnstone | 13,198 | 8,275 | \$420,764 |
| William D. Redd | 12,547 | 7,867 | \$400,012 |
| Thomas E. Wirth | 18,820 | 11,800 | \$599,999 |

Performance Units. Performance units represent the right to earn common shares. The number of common shares, if any, deliverable to award recipients depends on our performance based on our total return to shareholders during the three-year period (the “Measurement Period”) that commenced on January 1, 2017 and that ends on the earlier of

December 31, 2019 or the date of a change of control, as defined in our 2017-2019 Restricted Performance Share Unit Program (the “Performance Unit Program”) compared to (i) for fifty percent (50%) of the performance units awarded to each recipient, the total return to shareholders for the Measurement Period of the component members (excluding us) of the S&P US REIT Index (the “Index Companies”) and (ii) for the other fifty percent (50%) of the performance units awarded to each recipient, the total return to shareholders for the Measurement Period of each of the companies in a designated peer group (the “Peer Group”) contained in the Performance Unit Program. If our total return to shareholders over the Measurement Period places us below the 25th percentile of the Index Companies or the components in the Peer Group, as applicable, then no shares

will be earned under the related performance units. If our total return to shareholders over the Measurement Period places us at or above the 25th percentile of the Index Companies or the components in the Peer Group, as applicable, then a percentage of the awards ranging from 50% to 200% will be earned. Dividends are deemed credited to the performance units accounts and are applied to acquire more performance units for the account of the unit holder at the price per common share ending on the dividend payment date. If earned, awards will be paid in common shares in an amount equal to the number of performance units in the holder's account at the end of the Measurement Period. Participants in the program may elect to defer receipt of common shares earned into our Deferred Compensation Plan. In the event of the participant's death, disability or qualifying retirement, he will be eligible to receive shares (if any) under the program as if the Measurement Period ended on the last day of the month in which the termination occurred.

Restricted Shares. Each Restricted Share is scheduled to vest on April 15, 2020 and, upon vesting, will be settled for one common share. We pay dividend equivalents on Restricted Shares prior to the vesting date. Vesting would accelerate if the recipient of the award were to die, become disabled or retire in a qualifying retirement prior to the vesting date. In the case of our President and Chief Executive Officer, vesting would also accelerate if we were to terminate him without cause, or if he were to resign for good reason, under his employment agreement. In addition, if we were to undergo a change of control, then unvested Restricted Shares would also accelerate if, in connection with the change of control or within a specified period after the change of control, the holder's employment were to terminate in a qualifying termination or resignation.

The grants of the Performance Units and Restricted Shares were made under our Amended and Restated 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Base Salaries

The table below shows 2016 and 2017 base salary information established by our Compensation Committee for each of the following executives.

| Name | 2016 Base Salary | 2017 Base Salary |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Gerard H. Sweeney | \$700,000 | \$700,000 |
| H. Jeffrey DeVuono | \$380,000 | \$390,000 |
| George D. Johnstone | \$336,600 | \$350,000 |
| William D. Redd | \$320,000 | \$336,000 |
| Thomas E. Wirth | \$400,000 | \$412,000 |

Forms of Performance Unit Program and Award Agreements

The award agreements for the Performance Units and Restricted Shares will be individualized for each recipient and will be in substantially the forms attached as exhibits to this Form 8-K. The Performance Unit Program is also attached as an exhibit to this Form 8-K. The discussion above is a summary only, and we encourage you to review the full text of the forms of award agreement and Performance Unit Program attached as exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

- 10.1 Form of Performance Unit Award Agreement
- 10.2 2017-2019 Performance Share Unit Program
- 10.3 Form of Restricted Share Award (President and CEO)
- 10.4 Form of Restricted Share Award (Other Executives)

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Brandywine Realty
Trust

By: /s/ Gerard H.
Sweeney
Gerard H.
Sweeney
President
and Chief
Executive
Officer

Brandywine
Operating
Partnership, L.P.

By: Brandywine
Realty
Trust,

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SOLE
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/s/ Gerard
By: H.
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Date: March 7, 2017

