

Digital Realty Trust, Inc.
Form 8-K
September 27, 2018

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): September 24, 2018

DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, INC.

DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction)

001-32336
000-54023
(Commission)

26-0081711
20-2402955
(IRS Employer)

of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3200		
San Francisco, California		94111
(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:

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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.:

Introductory Note

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this report to we, us, our, our company, the company or Digital Realty refer to Digital Realty Trust, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including Digital Realty Trust, L.P., our operating partnership.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 24, 2018, Digital Realty entered into (a) forward sale agreements with each of Bank of America, N.A. and Citibank, N.A. (collectively, the forward purchasers), and (b) together with the operating partnership, an underwriting agreement with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (collectively, the underwriters), and the forward purchasers, relating to the forward issuance and sale of 9,775,000 shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$113.00 per share (the offering).

On September 27, 2018, the forward purchasers or their affiliates borrowed and sold an aggregate of 9,775,000 shares of our common stock to the underwriters in connection with the closing of the offering. We intend (subject to our right to elect cash or net share settlement subject to certain conditions) to deliver, upon physical settlement of the forward sale agreements on one or more dates specified by us occurring no later than September 27, 2019, an aggregate of 9,775,000 shares of our common stock to the forward purchasers in exchange for cash proceeds per share equal to the applicable forward sale price, which will be the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, subject to certain adjustments as provided in the forward sale agreements.

The shares were offered and sold under a prospectus supplement and related prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to our effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File Nos. 333-220576 and 333-220576-01). Copies of the underwriting agreement and each forward sale agreement are attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The summary set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibits.

In connection with the filing of the prospectus supplement, we are filing as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K an opinion of our counsel, Venable LLP, regarding certain Maryland law issues regarding our common stock.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated September 24, 2018, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Digital Realty Trust, L.P., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein, and Bank of America, N.A. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (in its capacity as an agent and affiliate of Citibank, N.A.), each in its capacity as a forward seller.</u>
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Confirmation of Registered Forward Transaction, dated September 24, 2018, by and between Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Bank of America, N.A.

1.3 Confirmation of Registered Forward Transaction, dated September 24, 2018, by and between Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Citibank, N.A.

5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP.

23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

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.

Date: September 27, 2018

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