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September 25, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ACADIA REALTY TRUST
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST, \$.001 PAR VALUE
(Title of Class of Securities)

004239 10 9
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
(Date of Event which Requires Filing Statement on Schedule 13D)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 004239 10 9

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Yale University
I.R.S. Identification No. 06-0646973-N
-
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)
-
3. SEC USE ONLY
-
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
WC
-
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
-
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
-
- | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH | 7. | SOLE VOTING POWER
7,440,098 |
| | 8. | SHARED VOTING POWER
403,994 |
| | 9. | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
8,421,759 |
| | 10. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
403,994 |
-
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
8,825,753
-
12. CHECK BOX IF AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
-
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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35.6%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
EP

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This statement on Schedule 13D (the "Statement") relates to the common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.001 per share (the "Common Shares") of Acadia Realty Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "Trust"), whose principal executive offices are located at 20 Soundview Marketplace Shore Road, Port Washington, NY 11050.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

(a) This Statement is being filed by Yale University, a Connecticut corporation (the "Reporting Person").

(b) The business address of the Reporting Person is c/o Yale University Investments Office, 230 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-2107.

(c) The Reporting Person is a large research university with a wide array of programs, departments, schools, centers, museums, and affiliated organizations. The Reporting Person invests money for its endowment.

(d) The Reporting Person has not, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) The Reporting Person has not, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or a finding of any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The name, business address and present principal occupation or employment of each of the fellows and executive officers of the Reporting Person are set forth in Annex A to this Statement and are incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise indicated in Annex A, each of the fellows and executive officers of the Reporting Person is a citizen of the United States. To the Reporting Person's best knowledge and belief, none of the Reporting Person's fellows or executive officers has been convicted in a criminal proceeding or was or is subject to a civil judgment of the type described in clauses (d) or (e) above.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

The source of funds for the purchases of 8,421,759 Common Shares reported by the Reporting Person was working capital of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person received such funds as gifts from donors to support its programs and net investment gains thereon. The source of funds for the purchases

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of 403,994 Common Shares reported by the Reporting Person was working capital of Yale University

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Retirement Plan for Staff Employees ("YURPSE"). YURPSE received such funds as contributions from Yale and net investment gains thereon.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Common Shares were acquired by the Reporting Person for the purpose of investment.

On September 17, 2002, an employee of the Reporting Person was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Trust. This Schedule 13D filing, in lieu of the Reporting Person's normal filing on Schedule 13G, is occasioned solely by the joining of the Trust's Board of Trustees by the Reporting Person's employee. Because of his election to the Trust's Board of Trustees, it is possible that the Reporting Person's investment in the Trust could be viewed as having the purpose or affect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer. In order to avoid any question as to whether the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership is being reported on the proper form and in order to provide greater investment flexibility, the Reporting Person has decided to file its beneficial ownership reports on the more detailed Schedule 13D rather than on the short-form Schedule 13G and thereby to provide more expansive disclosure than may be necessary. This Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is required to file its beneficial ownership reports on Schedule 13D rather than on Schedule 13G.

The Reporting Person may, depending on market conditions, the trading prices for the Common Shares, alternative investment opportunities, the availability of funds, and the outlook for the sector and for the Trust, acquire additional Common Shares, or may sell all or part of its holdings of Common Shares, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Except as set forth above, the Reporting Person has no plans or proposals with respect to any of the matters set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Person may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider its position with respect to the Trust, and formulate plans or proposals with respect to any such matters.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) The Reporting Person beneficially owns, within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, 8,825,753 Common Shares. The Common Shares owned by the Reporting Person constitute approximately 35.6% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding (computed on the basis of 24,800,328 Common Shares issued and outstanding, as reported in the Trust's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2002).

(b) The Reporting Person has sole power to dispose of 8,421,759 Common Shares and shared power to direct the disposition of 403,994 Common Shares held of record by YURPSE. YURPSE has shared power to direct the disposition of 403,994 Common Shares.

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The Reporting Person has sole power to vote 7,440,098 Common Shares and shared power to direct the vote of 403,994 Common Shares held of record by

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YURPSE. YURPSE has shared power to direct the vote of 403,994 Common Shares.

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Shares held by YURPSE.

The Trust has sole power to vote 981,661 Common Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Person (see the first paragraph of Item 6 below, which is incorporated herein by reference).

(c)-(e) Not applicable

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Pursuant to an agreement between the Reporting Person and the Trust dated as of February 27, 2002 (the "Voting Trust Agreement"), the number of Common Shares held by the Reporting Person in excess of 30% of all Common Shares outstanding at any given time is required to be placed in a voting trust as to which the Trust acts as voting trustee and has the exclusive right to vote such Common Shares. As of this date, 981,661 Common Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Person are subject to the Voting Trust Agreement. The Voting Trust Agreement will terminate at the time the Reporting Person's ownership of the Common Shares is 5% or less of all Common Shares outstanding or when terminated at the discretion of the Trust. The Trust is required to vote the Common Shares that are subject to the Voting Trust Agreement in exact proportion to the actual vote of all Common Shares voting.

Other than the Voting Trust Agreement, there are no contracts, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 hereof and between such persons or any person with respect to any securities of the Trust including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the Common Shares, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees or profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

1. Voting Trust Agreement between the Reporting Person and the Trust dated as of February 27, 2002.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 25, 2002

YALE UNIVERSITY

By: /s/ David F. Swensen

Name: David F. Swensen
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