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EUROPEAN INVESTORS INC  
Form SC 13G  
February 13, 2002

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

Essex Property Trust

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

297178105

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(CUSIP Number)

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

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\*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.

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).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

European Investors Inc. 13-3162003

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

- (a) [ ]
- (b) [ ]

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 214,600
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 35,500
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 232,600
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 22,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

254,600

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.38%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IA

\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
EII Realty Securities Inc. 13-3750132  
A wholly-owned subsidiary of European Investors Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 598,300
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 676,000
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

676,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

3.67%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IA

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer: Essex Property Trust

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
925 East Meadow Drive  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:  
European Investors Inc.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:  
717 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

(c) Citizenship: USA

(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number: 297178105

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

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- (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
- (e) [X] Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f) [ ] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g) [ ] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7)
- (h) [ ] Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)

Item 4. Ownership.

If the percent of the class owned, as of December 31 of the year covered by the statement, or as of the last day of any month described in Rule 13d-1(b)(2), if applicable, exceeds five percent, provide the following information as of that date and identify those shares which there is a right to acquire.

- a) Amount Beneficially Owned 930,600
- (b) Percent of Class 5.05%

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the

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ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable 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.

2/12/02

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Date

/s/ Alissa R. Fox

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Signature

Alissa R. Fox, Director of Fund  
Administration and Compliance

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Name/Title

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