

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Brackenridge Alexander (Last) (First) (Middle)  TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 (Street)  CHICAGO, Â IL Â 60606 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2015	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	18,609 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	2,139.2915 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	1,980.454 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	SERP Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/29/2014	10/29/2020	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	2,056	\$ 48.63	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	02/07/2021	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	7,048	\$ 53.71	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	02/03/2022	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	5,472	\$ 60.25	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	02/07/2023	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	9,613	\$ 54.82	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brackenridge Alexander TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/17/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (2) Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through February 10, 2015.
- (3) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.
- (4)

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Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2012, February 7, 2013 and February 7, 2014.

- (5) Represents share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 3, 2013, February 3, 2014 and February 3, 2015.
- (6) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 7, 2014, February 7, 2015 and February 7, 2016.

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