

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

**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**

**October 22, 2008 (October 22, 2008)**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-13102**

(Commission File Number)

**36-3935116**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4000**

**Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

**(312) 344-4300**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.**

On October 22, 2008, First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. announced that Michael W. Brennan has resigned as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of its Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Ed Tyler, the Company's Lead Director, has been appointed to serve as interim Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Tyler, 55, has been a director of the Company since March 2000. Mr. Tyler has been the CEO of Ideapoint Ventures, an early stage venture fund that focuses on nanotechnologies, since 2002. Prior to joining Ideapoint Ventures, Mr. Tyler served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Moore Corporation Limited, a provider of data capture, information design, marketing services, digital communications and print solutions, from 1998 to 2000.

A committee of the Company's Board of Directors has been formed to conduct the search for a new Chief Executive Officer.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the Company's press release dated October 22, 2008, announcing Mr. Brennan's resignation and the appointment of Mr. Tyler to serve as interim Chief Executive Officer.

The information furnished in this report under this Item 7.01, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. Press Release dated October 22, 2008 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01). |

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SIGNATURES

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

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Scott A. Musil

Name: Scott A. Musil

Title: Chief Accounting Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: October 22, 2008