

Physicians Realty Trust  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**PHYSICIANS REALTY TRUST**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**46-2519850**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**735 N. Water Street  
Suite 1000  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Physicians Realty Trust 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
(Full title of the Plan)

**John T. Thomas  
Physicians Realty Trust  
735 N. Water Street  
Suite 1000  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202**  
(Name and address of agent for service)

**(414) 978-6494**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copy to:**

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300 East Randolph Street, Suite 5000  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer   
Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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| Title of Securities<br>to be Registered                             | Amount<br>to Be<br>Registered (1) | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Offering Price<br>per Share (2) | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Aggregate<br>Offering Price (2) | Amount of<br>Registration Fee (2) |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Shares of Beneficial<br>Interest, \$0.01 par value per share | 250,000                           | \$ 16.55   | \$ 4,137,500   | 481.00                            |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), the number of common shares registered hereunder includes such additional number of common shares that may become issuable under the plan referenced above by reason of certain corporate transactions or events, including any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the registrant's outstanding common shares of beneficial interest.

(2) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's common shares as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 5, 2015.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The purpose of this registration statement on Form S-8 (this Registration Statement ) is to register an aggregate of 250,000 common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Shares ), of Physicians Realty Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the Company ), that may be offered pursuant to the Physicians Realty Trust 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS**

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. In accordance with the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8, these documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.**

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Company under the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), are hereby incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

1. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Commission on March 12, 2015;
2. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015, filed with the Commission on May 8, 2015;

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3. All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in (1) above; and

4. The description of the Company's Common Shares contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-36007) filed with the Commission on July 17, 2013, under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement (other than any such documents or portions thereof that are furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of a Current Report on Form 8-K, unless otherwise indicated therein, including any exhibits included with such Items), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

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Any statement contained in this Registration Statement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained or incorporated by reference herein or in any subsequently filed document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

### **ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.**

Not applicable.

### **ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.**

Not applicable.

### **ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS.**

Maryland law permits a Maryland real estate investment trust to include in its declaration of trust a provision eliminating the liability of its trustees and officers to the trust and its shareholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty that is established by a final judgment and is material to the cause of action. Our declaration of trust contains a provision which eliminates our trustees' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

Maryland law permits a Maryland real estate investment trust to indemnify its present and former trustees and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that: (a) the act or omission of the trustee or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; (b) the trustee or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the trustee or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland real estate investment trust may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a Maryland real estate investment trust to advance reasonable expenses to a trustee or officer upon the real estate investment trust's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the trustee or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the trust if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Our declaration of trust authorizes us to obligate ourselves and our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify any present or former trustee or officer or any individual who, while a trustee or officer of our company and at our request, serves or has served as a trustee, director, officer, partner, member, manager, employee, or agent of another real estate investment trust, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a

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party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that individual may become subject or which that individual may incur by reason of his or her service in any of the foregoing capacities and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a

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proceeding. Our declaration of trust and bylaws also permit us to indemnify and advance expenses to any individual who served a predecessor of our company in any of the capacities described above and any employees or agents of our company or a predecessor of our company.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and trustees whereby we agree to indemnify such executive officers and trustees to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law against all expenses and liabilities, subject to limited exceptions. These indemnification agreements also provide that upon an application for indemnity by an executive officer or trustee to a court of appropriate jurisdiction, such court may order us to indemnify such executive officer or trustee.

In addition, our trustees and officers are indemnified for specified liabilities and expenses pursuant to the partnership agreement of Physicians Realty L.P., the partnership of which we serve as sole general partner.

### **ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.**

Not applicable.

### **ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.**

The list of Exhibits is set forth under Exhibit Index at the end of this Registration Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of

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securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

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*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 8, 2015.

### PHYSICIANS REALTY TRUST

(Registrant)

By: /s/ John T. Thomas  
Name: John T. Thomas  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints John T. Thomas, Jeffrey N. Theiler and John W. Lucey and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and any additional related registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462 under the Securities Act (including post-effective amendments to the registration statement and any such related registration statements), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and any other documents in connection therewith, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature                                      | Title   | Date        |
|--|---|-------------|
| /s/ John T. Thomas<br>John T. Thomas           | Chief Executive Officer, President and Trustee<br>(Principal Executive Officer)                       | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ Jeffrey N. Theiler<br>Jeffrey N. Theiler   | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial<br>Officer (Principal Financial Officer)                 | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ John W. Lucey<br>John W. Lucey             | Senior Vice President Principal Accounting<br>and Reporting Officer (Principal Accounting<br>Officer) | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ Stanton D. Anderson<br>Stanton D. Anderson | Trustee   | May 8, 2015 |



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| /s/ Mark A. Baumgartner<br>Mark A. Baumgartner           | Trustee  | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ Albert C. Black, Jr.<br>Albert C. Black, Jr.         | Trustee  | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ William A. Ebinger, M.D.<br>William A. Ebinger, M.D. | Trustee  | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ Tommy G. Thompson<br>Tommy G. Thompson               | Chairman | May 8, 2015 |
| /s/ Richard A. Weiss<br>Richard A. Weiss                 | Trustee  | May 8, 2015 |

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 4.1 (1)                   | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Physicians Realty Trust |
| 4.2 (1)                   | Bylaws of Physicians Realty Trust                                |
| 4.3 (1)                   | Form of Certificate of Common Shares of Physicians Realty Trust  |
| 5.1*                      | Opinion of Venable LLP   |
| 23.1*                     | Consent of Plante & Moran, PLLC                                  |
| 23.2*                     | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP                                     |
| 23.3*                     | Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)                 |
| 24.1*                     | Power of Attorney (included on signature page)                   |
| 99.1*                     | Physicians Realty Trust 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan        |

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\* Filed herewith.

(1) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the SEC on June 14, 2013 (File No. 333-188862).