

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST  
Form SC 13D/A  
December 21, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-2(a)  
(Amendment No. 8)\*

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST, \$0.01 PAR VALUE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

81721M 10 9  
(CUSIP Number)

John A. Mannix  
HRPT Properties Trust  
400 Centre Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 332-3990

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

December 17, 2004  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
HRPT Properties Trust I.R.S. ID No. 04-6558834

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
  
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  
  
Maryland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		8,660,738
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		8,660,738
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
8,820,517

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
  
12.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
OO

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Reit Management & Research LLC I.R.S. ID No. 04-3583787

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
  
OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
8,870,484

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
  
13.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Reit Management & Research Trust I.R.S. ID No. 04-3402206

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
  
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Massachusetts

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		
EACH		
REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON		
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This Amendment No. 8 to the original Schedule 13D filed September 29, 1999, by HRPT Properties Trust and Reit Management & Research, Inc. and the original Schedule 13D filed October 23, 2001, by Reit Management & Research Trust is being filed to reflect the closing of the sale of 1,000,000 Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01, of Senior Housing Properties Trust owned by HRPT Properties Trust in an underwritten public offering at a purchase price per share of \$19.86 (the "HRP Sale") and the grant by HRPT Properties Trust to the underwriters of that transaction, the option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 Shares (defined below) at a purchase price per share of \$19.86 on or prior to January 13, 2005 to cover over-allotments, if any (the "Over-Allotment Option"), and to update certain other information.

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

The class of equity securities to which this statement relates is the Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 (the "Shares"), of Senior Housing Properties Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust ("SNH"), with its principal executive offices located at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

The persons filing this statement are HRPT Properties Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust ("HRP"), Reit Management & Research LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("RMR"), and Reit Management & Research Trust, a Massachusetts business trust ("RMR Trust").

HRP's principal business is to operate as a real estate investment trust. The principal office of HRP is located at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458. The trustees of HRP are Tjarda Clagett, Patrick F. Donelan, Gerard M. Martin, Barry M. Portnoy and Frederick N. Zeytoonjian. The executive officers of HRP are John A. Mannix, President and Chief Operating Officer, John C. Popeo, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, Adam D. Portnoy, Executive Vice President, Jennifer B. Clark, Senior Vice President, and David M. Lepore, Senior Vice President.

RMR's principal business is providing advisory services to real estate investment trusts such as SNH and others. The principal office of RMR is located at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458. The directors of RMR are David J. Hegarty, Gerard M. Martin and Barry M. Portnoy. The executive officers of RMR are David J. Hegarty, President and Secretary, John G. Murray, Executive Vice President, Evrett W. Benton, Vice President, Jennifer B. Clark, Vice President, David M. Lepore, Vice President, John A. Mannix, Vice President, Thomas M. O'Brien, Vice President, John C. Popeo, Vice President and Treasurer, John R. Hoadley, Vice President, Bruce J. Mackey Jr., Vice President, Mark L. Kleifges, Vice President, Ethan S.

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Bornstein, Vice President and Adam D. Portnoy, Vice President. The sole member and manager of RMR is RMR Trust.

RMR Trust's principal business is to act as the member and manager of RMR. The principal office of RMR Trust is located at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458. The trustees and executive officers of RMR Trust are the same as the directors and executive officers of RMR. Each of Messrs. Martin and Portnoy own 50% of the outstanding capital stock of RMR Trust.

Each of the individuals listed above (i) has a business address at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, (ii) except for Mr. Donelan, is a United States citizen and (iii) except for Messrs. Clagett, Donelan and Zeytoonjian is principally employed by RMR in the capacities specified above. Mr. Hegarty also serves as the President, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of SNH, and Mr. Hoadley also serves as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of SNH. The principal office of SNH is located at 400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458. Mr. Clagett is principally employed as a private investor. Mr. Donelan is principally employed as a private investor. Mr. Zeytoonjian is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Turf Products Corporation and is also a trustee of SNH.

Neither HRP, RMR, RMR Trust nor any of the individuals specified above has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or been party to any civil proceeding which resulted in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) Giving effect to the HRP Sale, HRP holds 8,660,738 Shares, which represent 12.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares.

In addition, the trustees and executive officers of HRP own SNH Shares as follows: Mr. Martin, through a corporation of which Mr. Martin is the sole stockholder, 68,989 Shares; Mr. Portnoy, through a corporation of which Mr. Portnoy is the sole stockholder, 68,990 Shares; and other trustees and executive officers of HRP, 21,800 Shares in the aggregate. In addition, Messrs. Portnoy and Martin, as Managing Trustees of HRP, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the 8,660,738 Shares held by HRP; however, Messrs. Portnoy and Martin disclaim beneficial ownership of HRP's 8,660,738 Shares. The Shares held by HRP, when aggregated with such additional Shares held by the trustees and executive officers of HRP, aggregate 8,820,517 Shares, which represent 12.9% of the issued and outstanding Shares. The Shares held by Mr. Martin, Mr. Portnoy and the other trustees and executive officers of HRP are reported herein pursuant to the provisions of Items 2 and 5 of Schedule 13D. HRP, however, expressly disclaims any

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beneficial ownership of the Shares held by Mr. Martin, Mr. Portnoy and the other trustees and executive officers of HRP.

RMR, as HRP's investment manager, and RMR Trust, as the sole member and manager of RMR, may under applicable regulatory definitions, be deemed to beneficially own HRP's 8,660,738 Shares. RMR and RMR Trust, however, expressly disclaim any beneficial ownership of HRP's 8,660,738 Shares.

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In addition, the trustees, directors and executive officers of RMR and RMR Trust own SNH Shares as follows, in part as noted above: Mr. Martin, through a corporation of which Mr. Martin is the sole stockholder, 68,989 Shares; Mr. Portnoy, through a corporation of which Mr. Portnoy is the sole stockholder, 68,990 Shares; Mr. Hegarty, 19,670 Shares; and other executive officers of RMR Trust, 52,097 Shares in the aggregate. The Shares held by HRP (which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by RMR and RMR Trust), when aggregated with such additional Shares held by the trustees and executive officers of RMR Trust, aggregate 8,870,484 Shares, which represent 13.0% of the issued and outstanding Shares. The Shares held by Mr. Martin, Mr. Portnoy, Mr. Hegarty and the other executive officers of RMR and RMR Trust are reported herein pursuant to the provisions of Items 2 and 5 of Schedule 13D. RMR and RMR Trust, however, expressly disclaim any beneficial ownership of the Shares held by Mr. Martin, Mr. Portnoy, Mr. Hegarty and the other executive officers of RMR and RMR Trust.

(b) HRP has sole power to vote or dispose of its 8,660,738 Shares. To HRP's knowledge, each of the trustees, directors and executive officers of HRP, RMR and RMR Trust described above has sole power to vote or dispose of the Shares he or she beneficially owns.

(c) Other than the HRP Sale, no transactions in Shares have been effected during the past sixty days by HRP, RMR, RMR Trust or the trustees, directors and executive officers of HRP, RMR and RMR Trust described above.

(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of distributions from, or the proceeds from the sale of securities covered by this statement.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Other than the potential transaction contemplated by the Over-Allotment Option, HRP has formed no definitive intent to sell the Shares or any portion thereof. However, depending upon its continuing review of its investments and various other facts, HRP may in the future desire, subject to any applicable securities laws, to sell all or a portion of the Shares. SNH has registered the offer and sale of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the

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"Securities Act"), pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-109659). That registration statement became effective on October 24, 2003. In connection with the registration statement, HRP and SNH entered into a Registration Agreement (the "Registration Agreement"). Under the Registration Agreement, SNH agreed to, among other things, file the registration statement and use reasonable efforts to effect the registration of the Shares and HRP, among other things, agreed to pay all expenses incurred by SNH relating to the registration and any sale of the Shares. SNH also agreed to indemnify HRP against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and, alternately, to contribute to payments that HRP may be required to make as a result of these liabilities.

The HRP Sale was consummated pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, dated December 14, 2004, between SNH, HRP, and the underwriters named therein (the "Underwriting Agreement"). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, SNH

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issued and sold, concurrently with the HRP Sale, 5,000,000 Shares in an underwritten public offering at a purchase price per share of \$19.86. The Underwriting Agreement also provides that total expenses of the offering, including underwriting discounts and commissions, will be paid by SNH and HRP pro-rata to the number of Shares sold by SNH and HRP, respectively, including shares sold by HRP pursuant to the Over-Allotment Option, if any.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

The following document is filed as an exhibit to this statement:

99.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated December 14, 2004, between Senior Housing Properties Trust, HRPT Properties Trust, and the underwriters named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to SNH's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 14, 2004).

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.

December 21, 2004

HRPT PROPERTIES TRUST

By: /s/ John C. Popeo  
John C. Popeo  
Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer  
and Secretary

REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC

By: /s/ John C. Popeo  
John C. Popeo  
Vice President and Treasurer

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