SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Piedmont Realty Trust, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

(CUSIP Number)

09/30/2026

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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)

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1	Names of Reporting Persons DEUTSCHE BANK AG\	
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)	
3	Sec Use Only	
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization GERMANY	
Number of Shares Beneficially	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00

Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	6	Shared Voting Power 4,559,907.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 6,309,716.00
9		Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 6,309,716.00
10		Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions) ☐
11		Percent of class represented by amount in row (9) 5.0 %
12		Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) FI

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1		Names of Reporting Persons DWS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AMERICAS, INC
2		Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)
3		Sec Use Only
4		Citizenship or Place of Organization NEW YORK
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 2,899,347.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 32,931.00
9		Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,899,347.00
10		Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions) ☐
11		Percent of class represented by amount in row (9) 2.3 %

12	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	
	IA, CO	

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1	Names of Reporting Persons RREEF AMERICA LLC	
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)	
3	Sec Use Only	
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization ILLINOIS	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 908,749.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 6,136,204.00
9	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 6,136,204.00	
10	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions) ☐	
11	Percent of class represented by amount in row (9) 4.9 %	
12	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO, IA	

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1	Names of Reporting Persons DWS Investment GmbH
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)

3	Sec Use Only	
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization GERMANY	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 502,393.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 0.00
9	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 502,393.00	
10	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions) ☐	
11	Percent of class represented by amount in row (9) 0.4 %	
12	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IV	

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1	Names of Reporting Persons DWS Trust CO	
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)	
3	Sec Use Only	
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization MASSACHUSETTS	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 249,418.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 0.00
9	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	

		249,418.00
	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)	
10		
	☐	
	Percent of class represented by amount in row (9)	
11		
	0.2 %	
	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	
12		
	IV, CO	

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	Names of Reporting Persons	
1		
	DWS Investments UK Ltd	
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions)	
2		
	☐ (a) ☐ (b)	
3	Sec Use Only	
	Citizenship or Place of Organization	
4		
	UNITED KINGDOM	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 0.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 0.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 0.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 121,692.00
	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
9		
	121,692.00	
	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)	
10		
	☐	
	Percent of class represented by amount in row (9)	
11		
	0.1 %	
	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	
12		
	IV	

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Item 1.

(a) Name of issuer:

Piedmont Realty Trust, Inc.

(b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

5565 GLENRIDGE CONNECTOR, STE 450, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 30342.

Item 2.

(a) Name of person filing:

DEUTSCHE BANK AG\

(b) Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

1 COLUMBUS CIRCLE, NEW YORK, NY, 10019

(c) Citizenship:

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(d) Title of class of securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP No.:

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);

(b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);

(c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);

(d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);

(e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

(f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);

(g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(h) ☐ A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

(i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) ☑ A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J),
please specify the type of institution:

(k) ☐ Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

a bank organized under the law of the Federal Republic of Germany

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

6,309,716.00

(b) Percent of class:

5 %

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

4,559,907.00

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

6,309,716.00

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

Item 6. Ownership of more than 5 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 or Control Person.

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. Certifications:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foreign regulatory scheme applicable to a bank organized under the law of the Federal Republic of Germany is substantially comparable to the regulatory scheme applicable to the functionally equivalent U.S. institution(s). I also undertake to furnish to the Commission staff, upon request, information that would otherwise be disclosed in a Schedule 13D.

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.

DEUTSCHE BANK AG\

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026

DWS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AMERICAS, INC

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026

RREEF AMERICA LLC

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026

DWS Investment GmbH

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026

DWS Trust CO

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026

DWS Investments UK Ltd

Signature: Michael Caro
Name/Title: Vice President
Date: 11/13/2026