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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017
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XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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Yes

No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____.

This Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the registration statements of Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. (“Xinyuan” or the “Company”) on Form S-8 (Registration Numbers 333-152637, 333-198525 and 333-205371) and on Form F-3 (Registration Number 333-192046) and any outstanding prospectus, offering circular or similar document issued or authorized by the Company that incorporates by reference any of the Company’s reports on Form 6-K that are incorporated into its registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and this Form 6-K shall be deemed a part of each such document from the date on which this Form 6-K is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Yuan (Helen) Zhang

Name: Yuan (Helen) Zhang

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 8, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Press Release dated March 3, 2017

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. Announces New Independent Director

BEIJING, March 3, 2017 – Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. (“Xinyuan” or “the Company”) (NYSE: XIN), an NYSE-listed real estate developer and property manager primarily in China and in other countries, today announced that the Company has appointed Mr. Yifan “Frank” Li, as Xinyuan’s Independent Director and a member of Audit Committee, effective immediately.

Yifan “Frank” Li, possesses over twenty years of experience in the areas of corporate financial management, M&A, principal investment, debt & equity offerings, and risk management across the Asia Pacific region. Most recently, Frank has been a Director and VP of Geely Holding Group. Prior to joining Geely, he was VP and international CFO of SanPower Group, where he led the acquisition and integration of UK retailer House of Fraser and US retailer Brookstone. He also served as CFO of China Zenix Auto International (NYSE:ZX), where he led the first ever IPO in China auto industry.

Frank also serves as an Independent Director of Shanghai International Port (Group) Co. Ltd. (600018-CN) and Heilongjiang Interchina Water Treatment Co., Ltd. (600187-CN)

Frank, a CPA and CGMA, received his MBA from University of Chicago Booth School of Business, MSc in Accounting from University of Texas at Dallas, and Bachelor of Economics in World Economy from Fudan University.

Mr. Yong Zhang, Xinyuan's Chairman commented, "We are glad to have Frank on board with his proven track record as a seasoned financial executive and his experience spanning across various industries in both U.S. and China. We are proud to welcome him and believe he will significantly contribute to the strength of our board and help guide our future growth. "

About Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd.

Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. (“Xinyuan”) is an NYSE-listed real estate developer and property manager primarily in China and in other countries. In China, the Company develops and manages large scale, high quality real estate projects in over ten tier one and tier two cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Zhengzhou, Jinan, Xi’an, Suzhou, among others. Xinyuan was one of the first Chinese real estate developers to enter the U.S. market and over the past few years has been active in real estate development in New York. The Company aims to provide comfortable and convenient real estate related products and services to middle-class consumers. For more information, please visit <http://www.xyre.com>.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this press release constitute "forward-looking statements". These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements includes statements about intended use of proceeds and can generally be identified by terminology such as "will," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates" and similar statements. Statements that are not historical statements are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated, including, but not limited to, our ability to continue to implement our business model successfully; our ability to secure adequate financing for our project development; our ability to successfully sell or complete our property projects under construction and planning; our ability to enter into new geographic markets and expand our operations; the marketing and sales ability of our third-party sales agents; the performance of our third-party contractors; the impact of laws, regulations and policies relating to real estate developers and the real estate industry in the countries in which we operate; our ability to obtain permits and licenses to carry on our business in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; competition from other real estate developers; the growth of the real estate industry in the markets in which we operate; fluctuations in general economic and business conditions in the markets in which we operate; and other risks outlined in our public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2015. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or review publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date on which the statement is made.

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