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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 DECEMBER 2020 COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-33863

XINYUAN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD.

27/F, China Central Place, Tower II 79 Jianguo Road, Chaoyang District Beijing 100025 People's Republic of China (Address of principal executive offices)

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Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of Xinyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd. dated December 31, 2020.

Signature

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/ Yu (Brian) Chen Name: Yu (Brian) Chen

Title: CFO

Date: December 31, 2020

Xinyuan Real Estate Announces Changes to Board of Directors

BEIJING, Dec. 31, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- 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 the appointment of Mr. Haifei He to the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), and a member of Investment Committee of the Board, and the resignation of Mr. Shangrong Li from his role as director and member of Investment Committee, the resignation of Ms. Wendy Hayes from her role as director and member of Audit Committee, to pursue other business opportunities. These changes are effective immediately.

Mr. He brings over three decades of senior leadership experiences, he previously served as the Assistant General Manager of China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), and the Chairman and Party Secretary of China Construction Fangcheng Investment & Development Group.

Mr. Yong Zhang, Chairman of Xinyuan stated: "We are very excited to welcome Mr. Haifei He as a director and a member of the Company's Investment Committee. His extensive background in corporate governance, strategic management will be of great value to Xinyuan. We look forward to working closely with him and benefit from his valuable insights and extensive experience. Meanwhile, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mr. Shangrong Li and Ms. Wendy Hayes for their significant contribution to Xinyuan. We wish them the best in their future endeavors."

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 recently in other countries. In China, Xinyuan develops and manages large scale, high quality real estate projects in over ten tier one and tier two cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Zhengzhou, Jinan, Qingdao, Chengdu, Xi'an, Suzhou, Dalian, Zhuhai and Foshan. 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. Xinyuan 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.

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