Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway just made a big bet on real estate

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(Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett visits the BNSF booth before the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in OmahaThomson Reuters)

Store Capital, a real estate investment trust, said Monday that Berkshire Hathaway invested \$377 million in the company.

That amounted to 9.8% of outstanding shares purchased at \$20.25 apiece, Store Capital said in a statement. Its shares gained by as much as 11% to \$23.10 in premarket trading.

Store Capital invests in single-tenant real estate for profit.

"An investment in our company from one of history's most admired investors represents a vote of confidence in our experienced leadership team and an affirmation of our profitcenter real estate investment and management approach," said Christopher Holk, Store Capital's CEO. He was referring to Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett.

Buffett has said real estate was a solid investment that was less volatile than stock prices and likely to produce gains. In 2016, he said he didn't believe that US real estate was in a bubble.

This investment follows Berkshire Hathaway's provision last week of a 2 billion Canadian dollar (\$1.51 billion) credit line to Home Capital, Canada's largest non-bank lender that accepted responsibility for misleading investors about problems with how it underwrote mortgages.