

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/  
Form SC 13G/A  
November 05, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)

Independent Bank Corporation  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

453838609  
(CUSIP Number)

October 29, 2014  
(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)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Capital LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x  
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY

1,372,785

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

1,372,785

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,372,785

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.0% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA

(1) Based on 22,946,066 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2014, as disclosed in the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2014.

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Emanuel J. Friedman

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x  
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
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1,372,785

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REPORTING

0

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6.0% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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EJF Financial Services Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x  
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY

1,250,000

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

1,250,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,250,000

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.4% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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EJF Financial Services GP, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x  
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY

1,250,000

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

1,250,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,250,000

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.4% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

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EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x  
GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY

0

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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EJF Financial Opportunities GP, 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

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY

0

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Independent Bank Corporation

Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

230 W. Main St., P.O. Box 491  
Ionia, Michigan 48846

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons")\*:

- (i) EJP Capital LLC;
- (ii) Emanuel J. Friedman;
- (iii) EJP Financial Services Fund, LP;
- (iv) EJP Financial Services GP, LLC;
- (v) EJP Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP; and
- (vi) EJP Financial Opportunities GP, LLC

\*Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons that this Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.

Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence

EJP Capital LLC  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

Emanuel J. Friedman  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

EJP Financial Services Fund, LP  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

EJP Financial Services GP, LLC  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

EJP Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201



EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

Item 2. (c)                      Citizenship

See Item 4 of the attached cover pages.

Item 2. (d)                      Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, no par value ("Common Stock")

Item 2. (e)                      CUSIP Number

453838609

Item 3.                      If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not Applicable.

Item 4.                      Ownership

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See Item 9 of the attached cover pages.

(b) Percent of class:

See Item 11 of the attached cover pages.

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

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

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See Item 5 of the attached cover pages.

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

See Item 6 of the attached cover pages.

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

See Item 7 of the attached cover pages.

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

See Item 8 of the attached cover pages.

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Each of EJF Financial Services Fund, LP and EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP is the record owner of the shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its respective cover page.

EJF Financial Services GP, LLC serves as the general partner and investment manager of EJF Financial Services Fund, LP and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Financial Services Fund, LP is the record owner. EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC serves as the general partner of EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP is the record owner.

EJF Capital LLC is the sole member and manager of each of EJF Financial Services GP, LLC and EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC, and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which such entities may share beneficial ownership. EJF Capital LLC also serves as the investment manager of EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP and a managed account and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP is the record owner and the 122,785 shares of Common Stock of which the managed account is the record owner. Emanuel J. Friedman is the controlling member of EJF Capital LLC and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock over which EJF Capital LLC may share beneficial ownership.

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

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

See Item 4.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The filing persons may be deemed to be members of a group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under Section 240.14a-11.

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.

Dated: November 5, 2014

EJF CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman  
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND, LP

By: EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, LP

By: EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

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EXHIBIT A

The undersigned, EJF Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Emanuel J. Friedman, EJF Financial Services Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, EJF Financial Services GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, EJF Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereby agree and acknowledge that the information required by this Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G, to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, is filed on behalf of each of them. The undersigned further agree that any further amendments or supplements thereto shall also be filed on behalf of each of them.

Dated: November 5, 2014

EJF CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman  
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND, LP

By: EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, LP

By: EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer