

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form 8-K
October 17, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 17, 2014**

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35517
(Commission
File Number)

45-3148087
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One North Wacker Drive, 48th Floor, Chicago, IL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60606
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(312) 252-7500**

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On October 17, 2014, John B. Bartling, Jr. resigned from the Board of Directors (the Board) of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (the Company) effective October 17, 2014. On October 17, 2014, the Board elected Robert L. Rosen, who has served on the Board since the Company's initial public offering in May 2012, as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rosen has 35 years of experience as a senior executive and director of financial services, healthcare services, real estate and private equity funds in addition to his previously serving as the chairman of two boards of directors. Mr. Rosen is also an Operating Advisor to the Ares Management Private Equity Group and is an inaugural member of Ares Capital Corporation's (NASDAQ: ARCC) board of directors.

The Board is now comprised of eight members, including five directors who are independent for purposes of the New York Stock Exchange corporate governance listing requirements and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Bartling's resignation did not involve a disagreement with the Company or any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 17, 2014

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By:	/s/ Michael D. Weiner
Name:	Michael D. Weiner
Title:	Vice President and General Counsel