

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form 8-K
March 01, 2019

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): February 26, 2019

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-35517 45-3148087
(State or Other Jurisdiction) (Commission (IRS Employer
of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

245 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10167
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 750-7300

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this

chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 26, 2019, Kirk A. Sykes resigned, with immediate effect, as a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (the “Company”).

Mr. Sykes’ decision to resign was due to Mr. Sykes embarking on a new professional commitment. Mr. Sykes’ decision to resign did not involve a disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices.

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 the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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.

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL
ESTATE CORPORATION

Date: March 1, 2019 By: /s/ Anton Feingold
Name: Anton Feingold
Title: Vice President and Secretary