

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form 8-K
December 05, 2013

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) **December 2, 2013**

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

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(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.

On December 2, 2013, the Registrant's Board of Directors approved a resolution making Todd S. Schuster, co-Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, also President of the Registrant effective December 31, 2013. Mr. Schuster, 53, has served as co-Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant since June 2013. The biography for Mr. Schuster is included under Item 5.02 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2013 and is incorporated herein by reference. Also on December 2, 2013, Bruce R. Cohen resigned from his position as President and Chief Operating Officer effective December 31, 2013 in order to focus on other Ares matters. Mr. Cohen remains a Senior Partner of the Ares Management Real Estate Group.

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: December 5, 2013

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Timothy B. Smith
Name: Timothy B. Smith
Title: Vice President