

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 11, 2014

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

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

**Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**04013V108**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2013**

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(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 the 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 Instructions).

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

1                      NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Canyon Capital Advisors LLC

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES)

ONLY)  
95-4688436

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
1.98%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IA

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Mitchell R. Julis

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IN

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Joshua S. Friedman

2 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

3 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

4 SEC USE ONLY

5 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

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1.98%
- 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IN

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

ITEM 1(a). NAME OF  
ISSUER:  
Ares  
Commercial  
Real Estate  
Corporation

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF  
ISSUER'S  
PRINCIPAL  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES:  
Two North  
LaSalle Street  
Suite 925  
Chicago, IL  
United States

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF  
PERSON  
FILING:  
This Schedule  
13G is being  
filed on behalf  
of the following  
persons\*:  
(i) Canyon  
Capital Advisors  
LLC (CCA)  
(ii) Mitchell R.  
Julis  
(iii) Joshua S.  
Friedman  
  
CCA is the  
investment  
advisor to the

following  
persons:  
(i) Canyon  
Capital  
Arbitrage  
Master Fund  
Ltd. ("CARB")

\* Attached as  
Exhibit A is a  
copy of an  
agreement  
among the  
persons filing  
(as specified  
hereinabove)  
that this  
Schedule 13G is  
being filed on  
behalf of each of  
them.

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF  
PRINCIPAL  
BUSINESS  
OFFICE OR, IF  
NONE,  
RESIDENCE:  
2000 Avenue of  
the Stars, 11th  
Floor,  
Los Angeles,  
CA 90067  
United States

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:  
CCA: a  
Delaware  
limited liability  
company  
CARB: a  
Cayman Islands  
corporation

Mitchell R.  
Julis: United  
States  
Joshua S.  
Friedman:  
United States

ITEM 2(d).

TITLE OF  
CLASS OF  
SECURITIES:

Common Stock

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP  
NUMBER:

04013V108

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK  
WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP:

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)
- (b) Percent of class:  
1.98%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAB4)
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF  
FIVE PERCENT OR  
LESS OF A CLASS:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF  
MORE THAN FIVE  
PERCENT ON  
BEHALF OF  
ANOTHER  
PERSON:

CCA is an investment advisor to various managed accounts noted above, including CARB, with the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt, of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the securities held by, such managed accounts. Messrs. Julis, and Friedman control entities which own 100% of CCA.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION  
AND  
CLASSIFICATION  
OF THE  
SUBSIDIARY  
WHICH ACQUIRED  
THE SECURITY  
BEING REPORTED  
ON BY THE  
PARENT HOLDING  
COMPANY:

n/a

IDENTIFICATION  
AND

ITEM 8. CLASSIFICATION  
OF MEMBERS OF  
THE GROUP:

n/a

NOTICE OF

ITEM 9. DISSOLUTION OF  
GROUP:

n/a

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I  
certify that, to the  
best of my knowledge  
and belief, the  
securities referred to  
above were acquired  
and are held in the  
ordinary course of  
business and 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.

**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.

February 14, 2014

Date

Canyon Capital Advisors LLC

/s/ Doug Anderson

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Signature

Doug Anderson, Chief Compliance Officer

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Name/Title

SIGNATURE

February 14, 2014

Date

Mitchell R. Julis

/s/ Mitchell R. Julis

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Signature

Mitchell R. Julis,

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Name/Title

February 14, 2014

Date

Joshua S. Friedman

/s/ Joshua S. Friedman

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Signature

Joshua S. Friedman,

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Name/Title

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

EXHIBIT A

#### AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING

The undersigned hereby agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this amendment to Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the common stock of Ares Commercial Real Estate.

Dated: February 14, 2014

CANYON CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Doug Anderson

Name: Doug Anderson

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

JOSHUA S. FRIEDMAN

/s/ Joshua S. Friedman

MITCHELL R. JULIS

SIGNATURE

/s/ Mitchell R. Julis