

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form SC 13G
February 11, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

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

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP (Name of Issuer)

REIT (Title of Class of Securities)

04013V108 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 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)

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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 Boston Partners I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 98-0202744

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

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 1,259,583
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 36,455
OWNED BY EACH

REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,555,602
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,555,602

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.44%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA

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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

One North Wacker Drive
48th FloorChicago, IL
60606

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

Boston Partners

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

One Beacon Street - 30th
FloorBoston, MA 02108

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

Delaware

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

REIT

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 240.13d-1(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:
1,555,602
- (b) Percent of class:
5.44%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
1,259,583
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
36,455
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
1,555,602
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
0

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 [].

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

Not applicable.

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:

Not applicable.

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 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 11, 2015

Date

Boston Partners

/s/ Liana Safanov

Signature

Liana Safanov, Senior Compliance Manager

Name/Title

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