### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

# PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

October 25, 2004 (October 19, 2004)

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

# AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Nevada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 1-15663 (Commission File No.) 75-2847135 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Office)

75234 (Zip Code)

(469) 522-4200

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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### ITEM 2.01 COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

In 2004, American Realty Investors, Inc. ( ARI ) and its subsidiaries, including Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. ( TCI ), sold a significant amount of its assets (in excess of 10% of total assets at December 31, 2003), the last sale of which was completed on October 19, 2004. The nature and amount of consideration given principally involved cash received, seller financing provided by ARI, and/or debt assumed by purchaser, and the principle followed in determining the amount of such consideration was negotiations between seller and purchaser.

Although ARI seeks to maximize long-term profitability for its stockholders through the development, acquisition, and disposition of properties, ARI intends to continue to pursue its development, acquisition, and disposition strategies in the ordinary course of the business of ARI and its subsidiaries, including TCI. ARI and its subsidiaries at all times, and currently, are in various stages of discussions and negotiations with respect to development, acquisition, and disposition projects. Selective dispositions have been a part of ARI s strategy to create an efficient portfolio and provide additional sources of capital for future use.

Properties sold by TCI and its subsidiaries are identified in the table below with (T). The properties sold are as follows:

Date of								
Completion or Sale Date	Description of Asset or Property	Location	Units/Sq. Ft. / Acres			Gain/(Loss) on Sale (in thousands)	% of ARI s Consolidated Assets	Purchaser
03/03/04	Tiberon Trails	Merrillville, IN	376 Units	\$	10,325	\$ 49	0.96%	Tiberon Trails,
05/15/04	Sandstone (T)	Mesa, AZ	238 Units		8,650	1,688	0.54%	Palm Desert Villas, L.P.
05/21/04	Cliffs of El Dorado (T)	McKinney, TX	208 Units		13,442		0.88%	Unified Housing of McKinney, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>
06/04/04	Park Avenue	Tallahassee, FL	121 Units		6,225	3,922	0.13%	Park Avenue Villas, LLC
08/18/04	Falcon House	Ft. Walton, FL	82 Units		3,330	1,209	0.16%	First American Exchange Corp.
10/15/04	In the Pines (T)	Gainesville, FL	242 Units		11,300	5,525	0.35%	In the Pines Florida, LLC
02/04/04	Plaza on Bachman Creek	Dallas, TX	80,278 Sq. Ft.		7,850	3,682	0.27%	Ameriton Properties Incorporated
02/17/04	Countryside Harmon (T)	Sterling, VA	5,000 Sq. Ft.		2,650	1,861	0.06%	Saul Holdings L.P.
02/17/04	Countryside Retail (T)	Sterling, VA	133,422 Sq. Ft.	2	27,100	6,807	1.45%	Saul Holdings L.P.
02/26/04	Ogden Industrial (T)	Ogden, UT	107,112 Sq. Ft.		2,600	1,474	0.08%	Flying Colors Group, L.P.
02/27/04	Brandeis (T)	Omaha, NE	319,234 Sq. Ft.			(92)	0.63%	Mack-Cali Sub XV Trust
03/01/04	K-Mart (T)	Cary, NC	92,033 Sq. Ft.		3,200		0.19%	Basic Capital Management, Inc.
03/01/04	Texstar Warehouse (T)	Arlington, TX	97,846 Sq. Ft.		2,400		0.10%	Basic Capital Management, Inc.

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03/29/04	Kelly Warehouse (Pinewood) (T)	Dallas, TX	100,000 Sq. Ft.	1,650	153	0.11%	BHP Sale Builders Hardware Ltd.
05/07/04	Atrium (T)	Palm Beach, FL	74,603 Sq. Ft.	5,775	708	0.39%	Hayden Properties, LLC
06/04/04	4135 Beltline (T)	Addison, TX	90,000 Sq. Ft.	4,900	337	0.35%	Beltline Realty Partners, Ltd.; Three Rivers Title Co., Inc.; & First American Exchange Corporation
07/09/04	Kelly Warehouse (Cash Road) (T)	Dallas, TX	97,150 Sq. Ft.	1,500	448	0.08%	Larson Group, L.P.
09/30/04	The Collection	Denver, CO	267,812 Sq. Ft.	21,200	3,314	1.39%	Center Street, LLC; JSF Collections (Sun Terrace), LLC; & Denver Collection, LLC
10/19/04	One Steeplechase (T)	Sterling, VA	103,376 Sq. Ft.	11,900	6,259	0.40%	21700 Atlantic, LLC
01/30/04	Red Cross (T)	Dallas, TX	2.9 Acres	8,500		0.56%	Shafer Property Company
02/27/04	Mason Goodrich	Houston, TX	5.7 Acres	686	379	0.02%	KMC Phase III, LP
03/27/04	Mason Goodrich	Houston, TX	8.0 Acres	1,045	617	0.03%	Mason Creek, LP
03/29/04	Allen (T)	Collin County, TX	492.5 Acres	19,962	2,756	0.88%	Blue Star Land, L.P.
08/09/04	Rasor (T)	Plano, TX	24.5 Acres	2,600	220	0.19%	Donald C. Carter
09/17/04	Vista Ridge	Lewisville, TX	1.3 Acres	310	131	0.01%	Texas Gurukul, LLC
10/12/04	Mason Goodrich	Houston, TX	4.0 Acres	523	 306	0.01%	Ginter Family Investments, Ltd.
				\$ 179,623	\$ 41,753	10.22%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Ted P. Stokely, the General Manager of Unified Housing Foundation, Inc., the manager of Unified Housing of McKinney, LLC, is a Director of ARI and TCI.

<sup>(2)</sup> Basic Capital Management, Inc. is an affiliate of ARI.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The unaudited pro forma statements of operations are presented for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and the year ended December 31, 2003. The unaudited pro forma statements of operations present ARI s operations as if the transactions described above had occurred at January 1 of each of the periods presented. An unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 2004, is also presented. The unaudited pro forma balance sheet presents the property sales described above, as if they had occurred at January 1, 2004.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements should be read in conjunction with ARI s financial statements and related notes included in ARI s Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 and the Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

### PRO FORMA COMBINED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

### JUNE 30, 2004

### (Dollars in thousands)

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Assets	Actual (1)	(Cas	h Road) <sup>(2</sup>	Rasor (2)	House (2)	Ridge	(2)	Col	llection <sup>(2)</sup> (	G00	drich <sup>(2)</sup>	Pines (2) S	teep	olechase (2	Totals
Real estate held for investment Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,086,948 (180,959			\$ (2,380)	\$ (2,036) 119	\$		\$	(20,701) 3,823	\$		\$ (5,564) 1,234	\$	(8,967) 4,117	\$ 1,047,300 (171,666)
	905,989			(2,380)	(1,917)				16,878			(4,330)		(4,850)	875,634
Real estate held for sale	149,014		(981)			(13	34)				(179)				147,720
Notes and interest receivable Performing	69,875 10,932														69,875 10,932
Nonperforming	10,932	_					_	_		_					10,932
T 11 C 11 1 1	80,807														80,807
Less-allowance for estimated losses	(4,633	) _					_								(4,633)
	76,174														76,174
Net pizza parlor equipment	6,937														6,937
Marketable equity securities, at market value	5,439														5,439
Cash and cash equivalents Investments in equity investees	7,003 4,981		1,128	2,600	1,178	25	59		350		33	3,518		4,041	20,110 4,981
Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization	11,858														11,858
Other intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	1,504														1,504
Other assets	61,714		(288)	(13)	(60)				6,093		(8)	(1,493)		(1,864)	64,081
Total Assets	\$ 1,230,613	\$	(141)	\$ 207	\$ (799)	\$ 12	25	\$	(10,435)	\$	(154)	\$ (2,305)	\$	(2,673)	\$ 1,214,438
Liabilities and Equity															
Notes and interest payable Liabilities related to assets held	\$ 889,146	\$		\$ (1,260)	\$ (1,963)	\$		\$	(13,153)	\$	(436)	\$ (5,246)	\$	(7,682)	\$ 859,406
for sale Margin borrowings	108,197 21,509		(465)												107,732 21,509
Accounts payable and other liabilities	85,294		(2,181)	(1,514)	(43)	(	(6)		(149)		(16)	(197)		(171)	81,017
	1,104,146		(2,646)	(2,774)	(2,006)		(6)		(13,302)		(452)	(5,443)		(7,853)	1,069,664
Minority Interest	57,310			,,,,,,	(,)		. /		,,,,,			, , ,		(,)	57,310
Stockholders Equity															
Preferred Stock Common Stock	5,251 114														5,251 114
Paid-in capital Accumulated (deficit)	93,164 (10,259		2,505	2,981	1,207	13	31		2,867		298	3,138		5,180	93,164 8,048

Treasury stock	(18,458)									(18,458)
Accumulated other										
comprehensive income	(655)									(655)
Total Stockholders Equity	69,157	2,505	2,981	1,207	131	2,867	298	3,138	5,180	87,464
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,230,613	\$ (141)	\$ 207	\$ (799)	\$ 125	\$ (10,435)	\$ (154)	\$ (2,305) \$	(2,673)	\$ 1,214,438

Includes properties sold prior to June 30, 2004.
 Assumes sale by ARI on January 1, 2004

### AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

# PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS $^{(1)\,(2)}$

### SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

(Dollars in thousands, except per share)

	Actual Apartments (3)		Con	nmercial <sup>(4)</sup>	Land <sup>(5)</sup>		Pro Forma		
Revenue:									
Rents	\$	96,729	\$ (2,210)	\$	(3,555)	\$		\$	90,964
Property operations		68,835	(1,517)		(1,577)		(20)		65,721
		27,894	(693)		(1,978)		20		25,243
Land Operations:									
Sales		30,194					3,433		33,627
Cost of sales		21,283					2,776		24,059
Deferral of gains on current period sales		5,159							5,159
Gain on land sales		3,752					657		4,409
Pizza Parlor Operations:									
Sales		16,992							16,992
Cost of sales		13,137							13,137
Gross margin		3,855	 			_			3,855
-			(602)		(1.070)		677		
Income from Operations:		35,501	(693)		(1,978)		677		33,507
Other Income:									
Gain on foreign currency transaction		1,249							1,249
		3 498							3 498
Other Evrence		2,170							5,.>6
-		37 228	(554)		(1.544)		(65)		35.065
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			(100)		(704)				
			(77)		(203)		(26)		
			(,,)		(200)		(20)		
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		67,960	(811)		(2,451)		(91)		64,607
		(20.061)		Φ.	450	_	= <0		(27 (22)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(28,961)	\$ 118	\$	473	\$	768	\$	(27,602)
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share									
Net Loss from Continuing Operations	\$	(2.72)						\$	(2.60)
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Weighted Average Common Shares Used in Computing									
Earnings Per Share	1	0,629,307						1	0,629,307
Weighted Average Common Shares Used in Computing	\$	(28,961)	\$ (554) (180) (77) (811)	\$	(1,544) (704) (203) (2,451) 473	\$	(65) (26) (91) 768		(27,602)

- (1) The Pro Forma Combined Statement of Operations assumes that each property was sold by ARI on January 1, 2004.
- (2) Operating results for properties are their actual operating results from January 1 to their respective dates of sale. Rents, property operations, interest expense and depreciation for non-land properties sold prior to August 15, 2004 were already excluded from the actual results of continuing operations in ARI s Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.
- (3) Includes the Tiberon Trails Apartments sold in March 2004, the Cliffs of El Dorado and Sandstone Apartments sold in May 2004, the Park Avenue Apartments sold in June 2004, the Falcon House Apartments sold in August 2004, and the In the Pines Apartments sold in October 2004.
- (4) Includes Plaza on Bachman, Countryside Retail and Harmon, Brandeis, and Odgen Industrial sold in February 2004; K-Mart, Texstar Warehouse, and the Pinewood Warehouse (Kelly) sold in March 2004; the Atrium sold in May 2004; 4135 Beltline sold in June 2004; the Cash Road Warehouse (Kelly) sold in July 2004; The Collection sold in September 2004; and One Steeplechase sold in October 2004.
- (5) Includes Red Cross sold in January 2004, Mason Goodrich sold in February 2004, Allen and Mason Goodrich sold in March 2004, Rasor sold in August 2004, Vista Ridge sold in September 2004, and Mason Goodrich sold in October 2004.

### AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

# PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS $^{(1)\,(2)}$

### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

(Dollars in thousands, except per share)

		Actual	Apartments (3)		Coi	mmercial <sup>(4)</sup>	Land <sup>(5)</sup>		Pı	o Forma
Property revenue:										
Rents	\$	166,908	\$	(4,653)	\$	(14,534)	\$	(11)	\$	147,710
Property operations		116,454		(2,518)		(6,435)		(267)		107,234
		50,454		(2,135)		(8,099)		256		40,476
Land Operations:										
Sales		67,283					3	3,626		100,909
Cost of Sales		39,883					2	4,358		64,241
Deferred Gain on Sale		3,493						5,159		8,652
Recognition of previously deferred gains		19,924								19,924
Gain on Land Sales		43,831						4,109		47,940
Pizza Parlor Operations:										
Sales		33,057								33,057
Cost of sales		26,051								26,051
Gross margin		7,006								7,006
Income from Operations:		101,291		(2,135)		(8,099)		4,365		95,422
Other income:										
Interest and other		24,640								24,640
Equity in loss of equity investees		(4,441)								(4,441)
		20,199								20,199
Other expense:										
Interest		71,008		(1,869)		(3,597)	(	1,553)		63,989
Depreciation		25,848		(534)		(2,331)				22,983
Discount on sale of note receivable		2,220								2,220
General & administrative		22,124								22,124
Advisory fee to affiliates		9,345		(312)		(629)		(176)		8,228
Litigation settlement		15								15
Writedown of assets held for sale		19,892								19,892
Loss on foreign currency translation		3,309								3,309
Minority interest		347				1,064				1,411
	_	154,108		(2,715)		(5,493)	(	1,729)		144,171
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(32,618)	\$	580	\$	(2,606)	\$	6,094	\$	(28,550)

Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share: Net Loss from Continuing Operations	\$ (3.02)	\$ (2.65)
Weighted Average Common Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Share	10,789,352	10,789,352

The accompanying footnotes are an integral part of this Pro Forma Combined Statement of Operations

#### AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

#### NOTES TO PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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- (2) Operating results for properties are their actual operating results for 2003. Rents, property operations, interest expense and depreciation for non-land properties sold prior to April 1, 2004 were already excluded from the actual results of continuing operations in ARI s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.
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#### **SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

### AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

Date: October 25, 2004 By: /s/ J. C. Lowenberg III

J. C. Lowenberg III

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Acting Principal

Executive Officer)

Date: October 25, 2004 By: /s/ Scott T. Lewis

Scott T. Lewis

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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