

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp
Form SC 13G
February 14, 2013

**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 Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

04013V108

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2012

(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
Canyon Capital Advisors LLC

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

ONLY)
95-4688436

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(a) [X]
(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 04013VAA6)

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
5.73%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IA

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
Mitchell R. Julis

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

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

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States

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CUSIP No.: 04013V108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
Joshua S. Friedman

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

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United States

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IN

CUSIP No.: 04013V108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
K. Robert Turner

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

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

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United States

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SOLE VOTING POWER

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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF
ISSUER:

Ares
Commercial
Real Estate
Corporation

ADDRESS OF
ISSUER'S

ITEM 1(b). 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
- (iv) K. Robert
Turner

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
Robert K.
Turner 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 04013VAA6)
- (b) Percent of class:
5.73%
- (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 04013VAA6)
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAA6)
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
562,912 (based upon conversion of bonds CUSIP 04013VAA6)
 - (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 [].

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,
Friedman, and Turner
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

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION
AND
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, 2013

Date

Canyon Capital Advisors LLC

/s/ John H. Simpson

Signature

John H. Simpson, Chief Operating Officer

Name/Title

February 14, 2013

Date

Mitchell R. Julis

/s/ Mitchell R. Julis

Signature

SIGNATURE

Mitchell R. Julis,

Name/Title

February 14, 2013

Date

Joshua S. Friedman

/s/ Joshua S. Friedman

Signature

Joshua S. Friedman,

Name/Title

February 14, 2013

Date

K. Robert Turner

/s/K. Robert Turner

Signature

K. Robert Turner,

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, 2013

CANYON CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ John H. Simpson

Name: John H. Simpson

Title: Chief Operating Officer

JOSHUA S. FRIEDMAN

SIGNATURE

/s/ Joshua S. Friedman

MITCHELL R. JULIS

/s/ Mitchell R. Julis

K. ROBERT TURNER

/s/ K. Robert Turner