

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1 AEC PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/07/2015

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President & CEO

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143-1467

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Shares, without par value	08/07/2015		D		5,685	D	\$ 28.75 <sup>(1)</sup> 0	Family Charitable Trust
Common Shares, without par value	07/01/2015		G	V	14,647	D	\$ 0 363,874	
Common Shares, without par value	07/02/2015		G	V	13,873	D	\$ 0 350,001	

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par value

Common Shares, without par value	08/07/2015	D		350,001	D	\$ 28.75 <u>(1)</u>	0	D	
Common Shares, without par value	07/01/2015	G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0	100,000	I	By wife
Common Shares, without par value	08/07/2015	D		100,000	D	\$ 28.75 <u>(1)</u>	0	I	By wife
Common Shares, without par value	08/07/2015	D		21,823.3152 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 28.75 <u>(1)</u>	0	I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Deferred Share Units <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>(4)</u>	08/07/2015		D	279,380 <u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Share 279,380
Employee Stock Options	\$ 15.29	08/07/2015		D	61,286	<u>(7)</u> 02/15/2022	Common Shares 61,286
Employee Stock Options	\$ 11.26	08/07/2015		D	125,000	<u>(7)</u> 02/27/2016	Common Shares 125,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN JEFFREY I 1 AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143-1467	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Sue Bozek, as  
Attorney-In-Fact

08/11/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per share.
  - (2) Balance as of August 6, 2015
  - (3) Deferred compensation held under the Issuer's deferred compensation plans ("DSUs").
  - (4) Each DSU was the economic equivalent of one Issuer common share, and were initially payable pursuant to the Reporting Person's deferred compensation elections.
  - (5) Includes DSUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
  - (6) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per DSU.
  - (7) Options were fully vested.  
Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$13.46 per share underlying the stock options, representing the spread between the exercise price and the merger price of \$28.75 per share.
  - (8) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$17.49 per share underlying the stock options, representing the spread between the exercise price and the merger price of \$28.75 per share.
  - (9) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$17.49 per share underlying the stock options, representing the spread between the exercise price and the merger price of \$28.75 per share.

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