

Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 8, 2016**

**Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35517**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-3148087**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**245 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10167**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(212) 750-7300**

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N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On August 8, 2016, ACRC Lender B LLC ( ACRC Lender B ), a subsidiary of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (the Company ) entered into a \$125 million Amended and Restated Bridge Loan Warehousing Credit and Security Agreement (the BAML Facility ) with Bank of America, N.A. The BAML Facility amends and restates, and replaces in its entirety, the existing \$50 million credit facility (the Existing BAML Facility ) with Bank of America, N.A. The BAML Facility continues to be fully guaranteed by the Company.

The terms and conditions of the BAML Facility remain the same as under the Existing BAML Facility in all material respects, except that: (1) the total commitment amount of the BAML Facility was increased to \$125 million from \$50 million; (2) ACRC Lender B may obtain advances secured by eligible commercial mortgage loans collateralized by multifamily properties and not healthcare facilities; and (3) certain financial covenants applicable to the Company were amended.

The foregoing description of the BAML Facility is only a summary of certain material provisions of the agreement relating to the BAML Facility and is qualified in its entirety by reference to a copy of such agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and by this reference incorporated herein.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information required by Item 2.03 contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Exhibit Description</b>   |
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| 10.1                  | Amended and Restated Bridge Loan Warehousing Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of August 8, 2016, by and among ACRC Lender B LLC, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Lender and the other Lenders. |

**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 11, 2016

ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Anton Feingold  
Name: Anton Feingold  
Title: Vice President and Secretary