

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
| Yoon Tae Sik | | Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [ACRE] | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CFO and Treasurer | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR | | 12/8/2022 | | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10167 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Stock | 12/8/2022 | | A | | 40000 (1) | A | \$0 | 179253 (2) | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Granted under Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2024, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer through the applicable vesting date.
- (2) Reported amount includes 89,287 restricted stock unit granted under the Equity Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in installments with the applicable restricted stock unit award agreement.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Yoon Tae Sik C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP. 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10167 | | | CFO and Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ Anton Feingold, by power of attorney

12/9/2022

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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