

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gonzales Jeffrey Michael (Last) (First) (Middle)		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/30/2024	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [ACRE]
C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR (Street)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <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 /	
NEW YORK, NY 10167 (City) (State) (Zip)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	29,771 (1)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 21,166 restricted stock units granted under the Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units vest in installments in accordance with the applicable restricted stock unit award agreement. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gonzales Jeffrey Michael 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 9/3/2024
*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 5(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).

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Exhibit 24.1

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING PURPOSES

September 3, 2024

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Anton Feingold, Andrew Ko and Monica Shilling, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to: (i) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director and/or owner of greater than 10% of the outstanding common stock of Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; (ii) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and (iii) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Corporation assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Corporation, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date first written above.

Signed and acknowledged:

/s/ Jeffrey M. Gonzales
Name: Jeffrey M. Gonzales
