Sykes Kirk Form 3 October 18, 2017 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Sykes Kirk			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ares Commercial Real Estate Corp [ACRE]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/17/2017	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O ARES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CORP., 245 PARK AVENUE, 42ND FLOOR			1	(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owne	r		

Officer

(give title below) (specify below)

3.

(Street)

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10167

(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1.Title of Secu	ırity	

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Form:

Other

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reporting Person

Person

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

_ Form filed by More than One

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Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CORP.	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
10/18/201	7						
Date							
		CORP. Â X	Director 10% Owner CORP. ÂXÂ 10/18/2017	Director 10% Owner Officer CORP. ÂXÂÂ 10/18/2017			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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