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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 30, 2011 AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Nevada 001-15663 75-2847135

(I.R.S. Employer (State or other (Commission jurisdiction of incorporation) File No.) Identification No.)

1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas

75234

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 469-522-4200

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Section 8 Other Events Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 26, 2011, effective April 30, 2011, that certain Advisory Agreement dated and effective October 1, 2003 between American Realty Investors, Inc. (ARL) and Prime Income Asset Management, LLC (Prime) was terminated by mutual agreement. Prime had served as ARL s advisor since October 1, 2003.

On April 30, 2011, ARL entered into an Advisory Agreement with Pillar Income Asset Management, Inc., a Nevada corporation (Pillar). The principal executive officers of Pillar are also the principal executive officers of ARL. Pillar also entered into arrangements to serve as a contractual advisor to Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. (TCI) and Income Opportunity Realty Investors, Inc., a Nevada corporation (IOT). The Advisory Agreement effective April 30, 2011 between ARL and Pillar contains substantially the same terms as the prior Advisory Agreement with Prime. A copy of the Advisory Agreement effective April 30, 2011 between ARL and Pillar is attached as an exhibit.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following documents are filed herewith as exhibits to this Report:

Exhibit Designation

Description of Exhibit

10.1 Advisory Agreement effective April 30, 2011 between American Realty Investors, Inc. and Pillar Income Asset Management, Inc.

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SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: May 2, 2011 AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Gene S. Bertcher
Gene S. Bertcher, Executive Vice
President and Chief Financial Officer