

ARBOR COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LLC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ARBOR COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ABR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 333 EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD, SUITE 900
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/26/2017

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ___X___ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

UNIONDALE, NY 11553

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Special Voting Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/26/2017		J ⁽¹⁾		5,780,348	D	\$ 0 (1) 15,450,421

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Partnership Common Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/26/2017		<u>J</u> (1)	5,780,348	12/26/2017	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5,780

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARBOR COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LLC 333 EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD, SUITE 900 UNIONDALE, NY 11553		X		

Signatures

/s/ Paul Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC
 12/26/2017
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

- On July 14, 2016, Arbor Realty Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership ("ARLP") issued 21,230,769 Partnership Common Units to Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC ("ACM") and therefore, Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued the same number of
- (1) shares of Special Voting Preferred Stock to ACM. On December 26, 2017, for no consideration and on a pro rata basis, ACM distributed 5,780,348 shares with a fair market value of approximately \$50.0 million to its partners. The fair market value was determined using the closing stock price of the Company on December 20, 2017 of \$8.65.
 - (2) Not applicable.

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