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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS INC [TCI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1603 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 800			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2016						Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
DALLAS	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
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	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	urity (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/D		Date, if	3. Trans Code (Instr.	nsaction(A) or Disposed of (D) le (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) tr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	m: Ownership ect (D) (Instr. 4) ndirect		
stock,	12/07/2016	12/12/201	16	S		285,000 (1)	D	\$ 10.6 (2)	5,384,194	D		
common stock, par value \$0.01 per share									1,383,226	I	by subsidiary, Transcontinental Realty Acquisition Corp.	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired			Amou Under Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC 1603 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 800 DALLAS, TX 75234

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Signatures

Gene S. Bertcher, Executive Vice

President 12/13/2016

**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).
- (1) sold to Daniel J. Moos, President and CEO of both Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. and American realty Investors, Inc.
- (2) \$10.60 was the quoted market price on the NYSE at noon on 12/06/2016.

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