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SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 44)***

TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS, INC
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

893617-20-9

(CUSIP Number)

Louis J. Corna

1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75234

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

April 9, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 893617-20-9

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY):

American Realty Trust, Inc., FEI No. 54-0697989

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Georgia

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 162,259

7

NUMBER OF

8 SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER -0-

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 162,259

9

REPORTING
PERSON

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
10

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON 5,440,408

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 67.28%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO

CUSIP No. 893617-20-9

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY):

Transcontinental Realty Acquisition Corporation, FEI No. 13-4243611

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Nevada

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 1,213,226

7

NUMBER OF

8 SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER -0-

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,213,226

9

REPORTING
PERSON

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
10

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON 1,213,226

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 15.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO

CUSIP No. 893617-20-9

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY):

American Realty Investors, Inc., FEI No. 75-2847135

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Nevada

7 SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER -0-
8 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
9

REPORTING
PERSON

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
10

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON 6,653,634

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 82.28%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO

CUSIP No. 893617-20-9

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY):

EQK Holdings, Inc., FEI No. 75-2931679

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Nevada

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 5,278,149

7

NUMBER OF

8 SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER -0-

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 5,278,149

9

REPORTING
PERSON

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
10

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON 5,278,149

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 65.27%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 44 to Statement on Schedule 13D relates to the shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Shares) of TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS, INC., a Nevada corporation (TCI or the Issuer) and further amends the original Statement on Schedule 13D as amended by Amendment Nos. 1 through 43 hereof (the Amended Statement) filed by and on behalf of the Reporting Persons described below and others who are no longer Reporting Persons . The principal executive offices of TCI are located at 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. The CUSIP number of the Shares is 893617-20-9.

This Amendment No. 44 to Schedule 13D is being filed to reflect the acquisition by one of the Reporting Persons of 162,259 Shares from two individuals and three entities. See Item 5 below.

Item 2. Identity and Background

Item 2 of the Amended Statement is hereby further amended as follows:

This Amendment is being filed on behalf of American Realty Trust, Inc., a Georgia corporation (ART), American Realty Investors, Inc. a Nevada corporation (ARL), EQK Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation (EQK), and Transcontinental Realty Acquisition Corporation, a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARL (TCI AcqSub), each of which have their principal executive offices located at 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. All of ART, ARL, EQK and TCI AcqSub are collectively referred to as the Reporting Persons. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to constitute a person within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, because EQK is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ART, and ART and TCI AcqSub are each wholly-owned subsidiaries of ARL. The name, business address and capacity of each of the executive officers of ARL, ART, EQK and TCI AcqSub are set forth on Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4 is a citizen of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The funds utilized by ART to acquire the 162,259 Shares described in Items 5(c) and 6 below, including interest on deferred payments came from the working capital funds of ART.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Amended Statement is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) According to the latest information available from the Issuer, as of March 31, 2008, the total number of issued and outstanding Shares was believed by the Reporting Persons to be

8,086,267 Shares. As of April 9, 2008, the following Shares were owned directly and beneficially by the Reporting Persons set forth below:

Name	No. of Shares Owned Directly	Approximate % Class
ART*	5,440,408	67.28%
ARL*	6,653,634	82.28%
EQK	5,278,549	65.27%
TCI AcqSub	1,213,226	15.00%
Totals	6,491,375	82.16%

* 5,278,149^(a) are the same Shares owned by EQK; EQK is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ART which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARL; ARL is the indirect parent of EQK. ART owns 162,259 Shares direct but may, in the future, contribute part or all of such Shares to EQK. ARL does not hold direct ownership of any Shares.

1,213,226 shares are the same Shares owned by TCI AcqSub which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARL.

(a) In prior amendments this number has been reported as 5,278,150, but a physical count has resulted in a determination that a rounding error of 1 Share occurred. The correct number of Shares is 5,189,549.

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Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), each of the directors of ARL, ART, and EQK may be deemed to beneficially own the number of Shares owned by EQK described above; and each of the directors of ARL and TCI AcqSub may be deemed to beneficially own the number of Shares owned by TCI AcqSub described above. Those individuals and the number of Shares deemed beneficially owned pursuant to Rule 13d-3, and the approximate percent of the class, as well as the relationship, are set forth in the following table:

Name of Director or General Partner	Entity	No. of Shares Beneficially Owned	% of Class
Ted P. Stokley	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Sharon Hunt	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Ted R. Munselle	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Henry A. Butler	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Robert A. Jakuszewski	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Daniel J. Moos	ARL	6,653,634*	82.28%
Louis J. Corna	ARL, ART, EQK and TCI AcqSub	6,653,634*	82.28%
Total Units beneficially owned by Reporting Persons and individuals listed above:		6,653,634	82.28%

(b) Each of the directors of EQK share voting and dispositive power over the 5,189,549 Shares held by EQK. Each of the directors of TCI AcqSub share voting and dispositive power over the 1,213,226 Shares held by TCI AcqSub. Each of the directors of ART share voting and dispositive power over the 162,259 Shares held directly by ART.

(c) During the 60 calendar days ended April 9, 2008, the Reporting Persons and their executive officers, directors, partners and trustees, as the case may be, did not engage in any transaction in the Shares or any other equity interest derivative thereof, except for ART's acquisition of 162,259 Shares at a price of \$18 per Share (a total of \$2,920,662) from George D. Angelo (15,500 Shares), GJD Partners LP (28,500 Shares), Value Equity Advisors, Inc. Pension Plan f/b/o George D. Angelo (4,000 Shares), Robert Grubin (700 Shares) and Loeb Partners Corporation (113,559 Shares). See Item 6 below.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons or its respective Board of Directors is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds of sale of, the Shares held by each of the Reporting Persons, subject to the matters set forth in Item 6 below.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings Or Relationships With Respect To Securities Of The Issuer

Item 6 of the Amended Statement is hereby further amended to read as follows:

EQK currently has pledged 3,672,305 Shares to Sunset Management, LLC (Sunset) pursuant to a loan agreement with such lender and the result of certain litigation among BCM, ARL and such Lender. Such Shares are the subject of various pledge agreements and amendments pursuant to which Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company (Commonwealth) is the Pledge Holder of the securities.

The remaining 1,606,244 Shares owned directly by EQK may be deemed to be collateral for borrowings pursuant to margin or other account arrangements with bankers and brokerage firms relating to accounts of EQK. Such arrangements are standard arrangements involving margin securities of up to a specified percentage of market value of the Shares and bear interest at varying rates and contain only standard default and similar provisions, the operation of any of which should not give any other person immediate voting power or investment power over such securities. Such arrangements exist with the Shares and other securities held in such accounts, and it is impracticable at any given time to determine the amounts, if any, with respect to the Shares and interest costs under such arrangements may vary with applicable costs and account balances.

On December 30, 2006, ART executed a written Stock Purchase Agreement dated December 30, 2006 (the Purchase Agreement) among Loeb

Partners Corporation (Loeb), Robert Grubin (Grubin), George D Angelo (D Angelo),GJD Partners, LP (GJDP), a Value Equity Advisors, Inc., Pension Plan f/b/o George D Angelo (VEAP; all of Loeb, Grubin, D Angelo, GJDP and VEAP are collectively called the (Sellers). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement which was amended several times, ART purchased from the Sellers an aggregate of 162,259 Shares (approximately 2.05% of the Shares outstanding) for cash at a price of \$18 per Share through periodic payments over several months with interest at 10% per annum with 55,600 Shares (less than 1% of the outstanding) delivered in October 2007 and the balance of 106,559 (1.32% of the outstanding) delivered upon full payment on April 9, 2008. Grubin is a principal in Loeb and D Angelo is the General Partner of GJDP and the beneficiary of VEAP. Prior to the entry into the Purchase Agreement, Messrs. D Angelo and Grubin had attended the annual stockholder s meeting of TCI in 2005. The number of Shares sold by each of the Sellers to ART was D Angelo (15,500 shares), GJDP (28,500 Shares), VEAP (4,000 Shares), Grubin (700 Shares) and Loeb (113,559 Shares).

Except as set forth in the preceding paragraphs, the Reporting Persons do not have any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer including finder s fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guaranties of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their respective knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this Amendment No. 44 to Statement on Schedule 13D is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 10, 2008.

AMERICAN REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Louis J. Corna

Louis J. Corna
Executive Vice President
and Secretary

TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY
ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Louis J. Corna

Louis J. Corna
Vice President

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Louis J. Corna

Louis J. Corna
Executive Vice President
and Secretary

EQK HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Louis J. Corna

Louis J. Corna
Vice President and Secretary

SCHEDULE 1
Executive Officers and Directors of
AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

Name and Capacity with American Realty Investors, Inc.	Business Address	Present business in which complaint is conducted
Henry A. Butler Director	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Broker Land Sales, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.
Sharon Hunt Director	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Licensed realtor, Virginia Cook Realtors
Robert Jakuszewski Director	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Vice President, Sales and Marketing, New Horizons Communications, Inc.
Ted R. Munselle Director	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Land Mark Nurseries, Inc.
Ted P. Stokely Director	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	General Manager of ECF Senior Housing Corporation
Daniel J. Moos President and Chief Operating Officer	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President and Chief Operating Officer, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.
Louis J. Corna Executive Vice President Tax and General Counsel and Secretary	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President Tax and General Counsel and Secretary, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.

SCHEDULE 2
Executive Officers and Directors of
AMERICAN REALTY TRUST, INC.

Name and Capacity with American Realty Trust, Inc.	Business Address	Present business in which complaint is conducted
Daniel J. Moos President and Chief Operating Officer	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President and Chief Operating Officer, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.
Louis J. Corna Director, Executive Vice President, Tax and General Counsel and Secretary	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President Tax and General Counsel and Secretary, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.

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SCHEDULE 3
Executive Officers and Directors of
EQK HOLDINGS, INC.

Name and Capacity with EQK Holdings, Inc.	Business Address	Present business in which complaint is conducted
Daniel J. Moos President and Chief Operating Officer	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President and Chief Operating Officer, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.
Louis J. Corna Director, Vice President and Secretary	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President – Tax and General Counsel and Secretary, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.

SCHEDULE 4
Executive Officers and Directors of
TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY ACQUISITION CORPORATION

Name and Capacity with Transcontinental Realty Acquisition Corporation	Business Address	Present business in which complaint is conducted
Daniel J. Moos President and Chief Operating Officer	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President and Chief Operating Officer, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.
Louis J. Corna Director, Vice President and Secretary	1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President Tax and General Counsel and Secretary, Prime Income Asset Management, LLC.