

BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC [ARL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/01/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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   |  |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/01/2006                           |  | J                              |   | 234,450<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 9.065 234,450 I <sup>(1)</sup>          | By subsidiary One Realco Stock Holdings, Inc.     |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/01/2006                           |  | J                              |   | 1,437,208   | A  | \$ 9.065 1,437,208 I                       | By subsidiary Prime Income Asset Management, Inc. |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/01/2006                           |  | J                              |   | 6,703,045   | A  | \$ 9.065 6,703,045 D                       |   |

value  
\$0.01 per  
share

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC

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## Signatures

Steven A. Abney, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

02/10/2006

\_\_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 February 1, 2006, Prime Income Asset Management, Inc. ("Prime") acquired all of the outstanding voting securities of One Realco (1) Stock Holdgins, Inc. ("ORSH"), which holds as an asset 234,450 shares of Common Stock of American Realty Investors, Inc. Basic Capital Management, Inc. ("BCM") owns 80% of the outstanding voting securities of Prime.

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