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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 of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): November 16, 2005

# American Real Estate Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-9516	13-3398766
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
100 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY	10549
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
	(Commission File Number) 100 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 242-7700

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### Section 5 — Corporate Governance and Management

#### Item 5.02(b) and (c) — Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On November 4, 2005, the Board of Directors of our general partner, American Property Investors, Inc., or API, appointed Jon F. Weber, 46, Chief Financial Officer, effective as of November 16, 2005. Mr. Weber, who replaces John P. Saldarelli as Chief Financial Officer of API, will assume responsibility for disclosure and reporting as well as the development and implementation of forecasting and performance management. For purposes of Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K, API's Chief Financial Officer serves as the principal financial officer of API.

From April 26, 2005 to present, Mr. Weber has served as President of API. Prior to that time, from April 2003 through April 2005, Mr. Weber served as Head of Portfolio Company Operations and Chief Financial Officer at Icahn Associates Corp., an entity controlled by Carl C. Icahn, who controls API and, through affiliates, owns approximately 90.0% of our depositary units. Since May 2003, Mr. Weber has been a Director of Viskase Companies, Inc. and was the Chief Executive Officer of Viskase Companies, Inc. from May 2003 to October 2004. Since January 2004, he has served as a director of Philip Services Corporation, a metal recycling and industrial services company affiliated with Mr. Icahn, and he was the Chief Executive Officer of Philip Services Corporation from January 2004 through April 2005. Mr. Weber served as Chief Financial Officer of venture-backed companies QuantumShift Inc. and Alchemedia Ltd. from October 2001 to July 2002 and November 2000 to October 2001, respectively. From May 1998 to November 2000, Mr. Weber was an investment banking for JP Morgan Chase and its predecessor, Chase Manhattan Bank, in São Paulo, Brazil. Previously, Mr. Weber was an investment banker at Morgan Stanley and Salomon Brothers. Mr. Weber began his career as a corporate lawyer following his graduation from Harvard Law School cum laude in 1985. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration, and a Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, magna cum laude, from Babson College.

As of November 16, 2005, Mr. Saldarelli will no longer serve as the principal accounting officer of API. Mr. Saldarelli will remain with AREP as Chief Financial Officer for AREP's real estate unit.

On November 16, 2005, AREP issued a press release announcing Mr. Weber's appointment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Section 9 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 16, 2005

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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.

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P. (Registrant)

By: American Property Investors, Inc. General Partner

By: /s/ Jon F. Weber

Jon F. Weber President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 16, 2005

Contact: Jon F. Weber (914) 242-7700

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P. APPOINTS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mount Kisco, New York, November 16, 2005 - American Real Estate Partners, L.P. ("AREP") (NYSE:ACP) announced today that Jon F. Weber, the President of AREP's general partner, American Property Investors, Inc. ("API"), would assume the additional role of Chief Financial Officer of API effective as of November 16, 2005, replacing John P. Saldarelli, who will serve as Chief Financial Officer of AREP's real estate unit. Since 1990, Mr. Saldarelli and his team have managed the finances of AREP's real estate business and assumed the additional responsibility for reporting and controls at the AREP holding company level. Commenting on the appointments, Carl C. Icahn, Chairman of the Board of API, said "As AREP has become larger with more diverse operating activities we see a benefit to having dedicated accounting and finance teams for each of our core businesses in addition to a corporate team handling overall control, reporting and oversight."

As Chief Financial Officer of AREP's real estate unit, Mr. Saldarelli will oversee financing, divestitures and investments, as well as implement metrics, budgeting and reporting appropriate to AREP's net lease, development and other real estate activities. Mr. Saldarelli has more than 25 years of real estate finance experience. Prior to serving as API's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Saldarelli served as President of Bayswater Realty Brokerage Corp. and Vice President of Bayswater Realty & Capital Corp. He is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Long Island University.

Mr. Weber joined API as President in April 2005. He will continue to focus on AREP's disclosure and reporting as well as the development and implementation of forecasting and performance management. Prior to joining API, Mr. Weber served as Chief Financial Officer and Head of Portfolio Company Operations for Icahn Associates Corp. Previously, Mr. Weber served as Chief Financial Officer for two venture-backed companies. Earlier in his career, Mr. Weber was an investment banker for 11 years, including roles as a Managing Director at JP Morgan Chase and Executive Director at Morgan Stanley. Mr. Weber began his career as a corporate lawyer following his graduation from Harvard Law School cum laude in 1985. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in business administration, magna cum laude, from Babson College.

American Real Estate Partners, L.P., a master limited partnership, is a diversified holding company engaged in a variety of businesses. AREP's businesses currently include home fashion; gaming; oil and gas exploration and production; and real estate.