

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Mercury Real Estate Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd. (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC, Â 100 FIELD POINT ROAD

(Street)

GREENWICH, Â CT Â 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	3,700	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mercury Real Estate Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd.
 C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC
 100 FIELD POINT ROAD
 GREENWICH, CT 06830

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Signatures

/s/ David R.
 Jarvis

07/29/2005

**Signature of
 Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These shares were acquired by Mercury Real Estate Advisors, LLC ("Advisors"), a registered investment adviser, on behalf of Mercury Real Estate Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd., for which Advisors serves as the investment adviser.

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