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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
FORM S-4
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

AMERICAN HOMES 4 RENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its governing instrument)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

6798
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)
30601 Agoura Road, Suite 200
Agoura Hills, California 91031
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62-1543819
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrants' principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:
As soon as practicable after the effectiveness of this registration statement and the satisfaction or waiver of all other conditions to the closing of the mergers described herein.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Issuer Third Party Tender Offer)

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus/proxy statement is not complete and may be changed. American Homes 4 Rent may not sell the securities offered by this prospectus/proxy statement until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission of which it is a part is effective. This prospectus/proxy statement is not an offer to sell these securities nor should it be considered a solicitation of an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 15, 2016

PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT

, 2016

Dear American Residential Properties Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend a special meeting of the stockholders of American Residential Properties, Inc. to be held at our headquarters, located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, on February 26, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m., local time.

At the special meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the merger of American Residential Properties into a subsidiary of American Homes 4 Rent, a Maryland real estate investment trust. This merger will close concurrently with the merger of the operating partnerships of the two companies.

Upon completion of the mergers, you will be entitled to receive 1.135 Class A common shares of American Homes 4 Rent for each share of American Residential Properties common stock that you own at that time, and you will no longer be a stockholder of American Residential Properties. This exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect changes in the trading prices of the shares of either company. The Class A common shares of American Homes 4 Rent are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AMH". We anticipate that, upon completion of the mergers, former American Residential Properties equity holders will own approximately 12.6% of the equity of American Homes 4 Rent.

The board of directors of American Residential Properties unanimously recommends that you vote "**FOR**" the merger of American Residential Properties into the American Homes 4 Rent subsidiary and "**FOR**" the proposal to approve adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary. In arriving at its recommendations, the board gave careful consideration to a number of factors described in the accompanying prospectus/proxy statement. As described in the accompanying materials, the board conducted a comprehensive process designed to maximize value to the American Residential Properties stockholders.

The affirmative vote, whether in person or by proxy, of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of American Residential Properties is required to approve the merger of American Residential Properties into the American Homes 4 Rent subsidiary.

The accompanying prospectus/proxy statement explains the proposed mergers and provides specific information concerning the special meeting. It also includes a copy of the merger agreement. Please read the accompanying materials. In particular, you should carefully consider the discussion in the section entitled "Risk Factors," beginning on page 29 of the prospectus/proxy statement.

Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, we urge you to please complete, sign and return your proxy as soon as possible in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so that your vote will be recorded. Even if you return your proxy card, you may still attend the special meeting and vote your shares of common stock in person. Your proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted by submitting a written revocation or an executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending and voting in person at the special meeting. For shares held in "street name," you may revoke or change your vote by submitting instructions to your broker, bank or nominee. If you fail to vote in person or by proxy, it will have the same effect as a vote against the merger proposal.

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Sincerely,

Stephen G. Schmitz
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
American Residential Properties, Inc.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulatory authority has approved or disapproved of the parent merger or the securities to be issued under this prospectus/proxy statement or has passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the disclosure in this prospectus/proxy statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus/proxy statement is dated _____, 2016 and is first being mailed to ARPI stockholders on or about _____, 2016.

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AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, INC.

7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

To the Stockholders of American Residential Properties, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of stockholders of American Residential Properties, Inc., which we refer to as ARPI. The special meeting, which we refer to as the ARPI special meeting, will be held at ARPI's headquarters, located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, on February 26, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, to consider and vote upon the following matters:

a proposal to approve the merger of ARPI with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of American Homes 4 Rent, which transaction we refer to as the parent merger, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 3, 2015, as it may be amended from time to time, which we refer to as the merger agreement, by and among American Homes 4 Rent, Sunrise Merger Sub, LLC, American Homes 4 Rent, L.P., OP Merger Sub, LLC, ARPI, American Residential Properties OP, L.P. and American Residential GP, LLC, and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (the "merger proposal"); and

a proposal to approve one or more adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, including adjournments to permit further solicitation of proxies in favor of the merger proposal (the "adjournment proposal").

THE ARPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE PARENT MERGER, THE MERGER AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE MERGER AGREEMENT, ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS DECLARING IT ADVISABLE AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ARPI, AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE MERGER PROPOSAL AND "FOR" THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL.

ARPI stockholders of record at the close of business on January 22, 2016, are entitled to receive this notice and vote at the ARPI special meeting and any adjournment thereof.

The merger proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock. If you fail to vote in person or by proxy, it will have the same effect as voting against the merger proposal. **The parent merger cannot be completed without the approval by ARPI stockholders of the merger proposal.**

The adjournment proposal must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast on such proposal. If you fail to vote in person or by proxy, such failure will have no effect on the adjournment proposal.

Please refer to the accompanying prospectus/proxy statement for further information with respect to the business to be transacted at the ARPI special meeting.

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Please refer to the proxy card and the accompanying prospectus/proxy statement for information regarding your voting options. Even if you plan to attend the ARPI special meeting, please submit a

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proxy to assure that your shares of ARPI common stock are represented at the ARPI special meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by following the procedures described in the accompanying prospectus/proxy statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors of American Residential
Properties, Inc.

Patricia B. Dietz

General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary

Scottsdale, Arizona
, 2016

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the ARPI special meeting in person, we urge you to authorize a proxy to vote your shares of ARPI common stock as promptly as possible by (1) accessing the internet website specified on the enclosed proxy card, (2) calling the toll-free number specified on the enclosed proxy card, or (3) signing and returning the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided, so that your shares of ARPI common stock may be represented and voted at the ARPI special meeting. If your shares of ARPI common stock are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions on the voting instruction card furnished by the record holder of your shares of ARPI common stock.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This prospectus/proxy statement incorporates important business and financial information about American Homes 4 Rent, which is referred to herein as AMH, and American Residential Properties, Inc., which is referred to herein as ARPI, from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this prospectus/proxy statement. This information is available to you without charge upon your request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

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30601 Agoura Road, Suite 200
Agoura Hills, California 91301
Telephone: (855) 794-2447

American Residential Properties, Inc.
c/o Okapi Partners LLC
1212 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Floor
New York, New York 10036
Telephone: (877) 285-5990

Investors may also consult AMH's or ARPI's website for more information concerning the mergers described in this prospectus/proxy statement. AMH's website is www.americanhomes4rent.com. ARPI's website is www.amresprop.com. Additional information is available at www.sec.gov. Information included on these websites is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement.

If you would like to request copies of any documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement, please do so by February 19, 2016 in order to receive them before the ARPI special meeting.

For more information, see "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 164.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This prospectus/proxy statement, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AMH (File No. 333-208714) with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is referred to herein as the SEC, constitutes a prospectus of AMH for purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which is referred to herein as the Securities Act, with respect to the AMH Class A common shares to be issued to ARPI stockholders in exchange for shares of ARPI common stock pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 3, 2015, by and among AMH, Sunrise Merger Sub, LLC, American Homes 4 Rent, L.P., OP Merger Sub, LLC, ARPI, American Residential Properties OP, L.P. and American Residential GP, LLC, as such agreement may be amended from time to time, which is referred to herein as the merger agreement. This prospectus/proxy statement also constitutes a proxy statement for ARPI for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which is referred to herein as the Exchange Act. In addition, it constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the ARPI special meeting.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus/proxy statement. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus/proxy statement. This prospectus/proxy statement is dated _____, 2016. You should not assume that the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus/proxy statement is accurate as of any date other than that date. Neither our mailing of this prospectus/proxy statement to ARPI stockholders nor the issuance by AMH of its Class A common shares pursuant to the merger agreement will create any implication to the contrary.

This prospectus/proxy statement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction in which or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement regarding AMH has been provided by AMH, and information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement regarding ARPI has been provided by ARPI.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following are answers to some questions that you may have regarding the proposed transaction between AMH and ARPI and the ARPI special meeting. AMH and ARPI urge you to read carefully this entire prospectus/proxy statement, including the Annexes and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement, because the information in this section does not provide all the information that might be important to you.

Unless stated otherwise, all references in this prospectus/proxy statement to:

"AMH" are to American Homes 4 Rent, a Maryland real estate investment trust;

the "AMH Board" are to the board of trustees of AMH;

"AMH common shares" are to Class A common shares of beneficial interest in AMH, \$0.01 par value per share;

"AMH OP" are to American Homes 4 Rent, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership, which is AMH's operating partnership;

"AMH OP limited partnership agreement" are to the Agreement of Limited Partnership of AMH OP, dated as of November 21, 2012, as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time;

"AMH OP units" are to the limited partnership interests in AMH OP designated as "Class A Units," "LTIP Units," "Limited Partner Interests," "Partnership Interests," or "Partnership Units" under the AMH OP limited partnership agreement;

"ARP GP" are to American Residential GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is the general partner of ARPI's operating partnership and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ARPI;

"ARP OP" are to American Residential Properties OP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, which is ARPI's operating partnership;

"ARP OP limited partnership agreement" are to the Agreement of Limited Partnership of ARP OP, dated as of May 11, 2012, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and in effect on the date hereof;

"ARP OP units" are to the limited partner interests in ARP OP designated as "Common Units," "LTIP Units," "Partnership Interests" or "Partnership Units" under the ARP OP limited partnership agreement;

"ARPI" are to American Residential Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation;

the "ARPI Board" are to the board of directors of ARPI;

"ARPI common stock" are to shares of common stock of ARPI, \$0.01 par value per share;

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"ARPI special meeting" are to the special meeting of ARPI stockholders to be held at ARPI's headquarters, located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, on February 26, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time;

the "merger agreement" are to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 3, 2015, by and among AMH, Merger Sub, AMH OP, OP Merger Sub, ARPI, ARP OP and ARP GP, as it may be amended from time to time, a copy of which is attached as *Annex A* to this prospectus/proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference;

"Merger Sub" are to Sunrise Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AMH;

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the "mergers" are to the parent merger and the partnership merger;

the "NYSE" are to the New York Stock Exchange;

"OP Merger Sub" are to OP Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP;

the "parent merger" are to the merger of ARPI with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH, pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement;

the "partnership merger" are to the merger of OP Merger Sub with and into ARP OP, with ARP OP continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP, pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement;

"REIT" are to a real estate investment trust; and

"SEC" are to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Q:
What is the proposed transaction?

A:
AMH and ARPI, and certain of their subsidiaries, have entered into the merger agreement, which provides for the merger of ARPI with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH, pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement.

The merger agreement also provides for the merger of OP Merger Sub with and into ARP OP, with ARP OP continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP.

Q:
What will holders of ARPI common stock receive in connection with the parent merger?

A:
As a result of the parent merger, each issued and outstanding share of ARPI common stock (including each issued and outstanding share of ARPI common stock that is subject to vesting or forfeiture restrictions that vest or lapse in connection with the parent merger) will automatically be converted into the right to receive 1.135, which is referred to herein as the exchange ratio, AMH common shares. Each issued and outstanding share of ARPI common stock that is subject to vesting or forfeiture restrictions that do not vest or lapse immediately prior to the effective time of the parent merger in accordance with the terms of the applicable employee benefit plan relating to such shares, which is referred to herein as ARPI restricted stock, will automatically be converted into the right to receive 1.135 AMH common shares that are subject to the same vesting and forfeiture conditions as are applicable to such shares immediately prior to the effective time of the parent merger, which are referred to herein as AMH restricted shares, as described under "The Merger Agreement Merger Consideration; Effects of the Parent Merger and the Partnership Merger" beginning on page 126. ARPI stockholders will not receive any fractional AMH common shares in the parent merger. Instead, ARPI stockholders will be paid cash (without interest) in lieu of any fractional share interests to which they would otherwise be entitled.

As a result of the partnership merger, each ARP OP unit will automatically be converted into 1.135 AMH OP units. Immediately prior to the effective time of the partnership merger, each outstanding unvested LTIP unit of ARP OP, which are collectively referred to herein as ARPI LTIP units, (i) that is subject to time-based vesting restrictions will become fully vested, (ii) that is subject to performance-based vesting and was granted on a date prior to January 1, 2015 will become fully vested, and (iii) that is subject to performance-based vesting and was granted on or after January 1, 2015, will become vested based on actual performance up to the effective time of the partnership merger. All issued and outstanding unvested ARPI LTIP units that do not become vested immediately

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prior to the effective time of the partnership merger will be immediately

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forfeited and void. At the effective time of the partnership merger, each issued and outstanding vested ARPI LTIP unit will automatically be converted into 1.135 AMH OP units. Holders of ARP OP units and holders of ARPI LTIP units will not receive any fractional AMH OP units in the partnership merger. Instead, holders of ARP OP units and holders of ARPI LTIP units will be paid cash (without interest) in lieu of any fractional interests to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Q: How will AMH shareholders be affected by the mergers and the issuance of AMH common shares to ARPI stockholders in the parent merger?

A: The parent merger will not affect the number of AMH common shares each AMH shareholder owns immediately prior to the parent merger. However, because AMH will be issuing new AMH common shares to ARPI stockholders in the parent merger and there will consequently be more AMH common shares outstanding, each outstanding AMH common share immediately prior to the parent merger will represent a smaller percentage of the aggregate number of AMH common shares outstanding after the parent merger.

Upon completion of the parent merger, AMH and ARPI anticipate that continuing AMH equity holders will own approximately 87.4% of the issued and outstanding AMH common shares, AMH Class B common shares and AMH OP units, collectively, representing 86.7% of the total voting power of AMH shareholders, and former ARPI equity holders will own approximately 12.6% of the issued and outstanding AMH common shares, AMH Class B common shares and AMH OP units, collectively, representing 13.3% of the total voting power of AMH shareholders.

Q: What happens if the market prices of AMH common shares or shares of ARPI common stock change before the closing of the parent merger?

A: Changes in the market price of AMH common shares or the market price of shares of ARPI common stock at or prior to the effective time of the parent merger will not change the number of AMH common shares that ARPI stockholders will receive in the parent merger, because the exchange ratio is fixed. However, the value of the AMH common shares to be received by ARPI stockholders in the parent merger will depend on the market price of AMH common shares at the time of the parent merger.

Q: Why am I receiving this prospectus/proxy statement?

A: The ARPI Board is using this prospectus/proxy statement to solicit proxies of ARPI stockholders in connection with the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. The parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement cannot be completed unless the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock vote to approve the proposal regarding the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. We refer herein to this proposal as the merger proposal.

ARPI will hold a meeting of its stockholders to obtain this approval and to consider the other proposal as described elsewhere in this prospectus/proxy statement.

This prospectus/proxy statement contains important information about the merger proposal and the other proposal being voted on at the ARPI special meeting and you should read it carefully. The enclosed voting materials allow you to vote your shares of ARPI common stock without attending the ARPI special meeting.

Your vote is important. We encourage you to submit your proxy as promptly as possible. If you do not vote or submit your proxy, that will have the same effect as voting against the merger proposal.

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Q: Am I being asked to vote on any other proposals at the ARPI special meeting in addition to the merger proposal?

A: At the ARPI special meeting, ARPI stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the following proposal in addition to the merger proposal:

a proposal to approve one or more adjournments of the ARPI special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, including adjournments to permit further solicitation of proxies in favor of the merger proposal.

We refer herein to this additional proposal as the adjournment proposal.

Q: Why is AMH proposing the mergers?

A: In making its determination to approve the mergers, the merger agreement and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, the AMH Board considered a number of factors. See "The Mergers AMH's Reasons for the Mergers" beginning on page 63 for a discussion of such factors.

Q: Why is ARPI proposing the mergers?

A: The ARPI Board is proposing the mergers for several reasons, including (i) the ARPI Board's belief that, after giving effect to the mergers and the exchange of ARPI common stock for AMH common shares, ARPI's stockholders will have the potential to realize a greater long-term return on their investment than they would if ARPI remained independent, liquidated or pursued a different strategic alternative, (ii) the premium ARPI stockholders are receiving over historical stock prices and (iii) the improved liquidity ARPI stockholders will have by holding shares in an entity having a significantly larger equity capitalization. To review the reasons of the ARPI Board for the mergers in greater detail, see "The Mergers Recommendation of the ARPI Board and Its Reasons for the Mergers" beginning on page 60.

Q: Who will be the trustees on the AMH Board after the parent merger?

A: After the parent merger, the AMH Board will consist of nine members, eight of whom are the current trustees of AMH and one of whom will be designated by ARPI, subject to such designee being one of the current members of the ARPI Board who is reasonably acceptable to the AMH Board, has not been party to or involved in an event that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 401(f) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and who qualifies as an independent trustee as set forth in the NYSE Listed Company Manual or any NYSE rules related thereto as determined by the nominating committee of the AMH Board. The eight current trustees of AMH are Dann V. Angeloff, John Corrigan, Matthew J. Hart, B. Wayne Hughes, James H. Kropp, David P. Singelyn, Lynn C. Swann and Kenneth M. Woolley.

Q: Will AMH and ARPI continue to pay dividends prior to the effective time of the parent merger?

A: Yes. The merger agreement permits AMH to continue to pay regular quarterly dividends, in accordance with past practice, and any dividend or distribution that is necessary to maintain its REIT qualification and/or to avoid the imposition of U.S. federal income or excise tax. The merger agreement also permits ARPI to pay a regular quarterly dividend at a rate of \$0.10 per share in accordance with past practice for the fourth quarter of 2015. However, the merger agreement limits the amount of any regular quarterly dividend ARPI may pay in 2016 to a rate equal to the applicable quarterly dividend per share declared by AMH in respect of AMH common shares, multiplied by the exchange ratio.

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Q: When and where is the ARPI special meeting?

A: The ARPI special meeting will be held at ARPI's headquarters, located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, on February 26, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time.

Q: Who can vote at the ARPI special meeting and how many votes do I have?

A: All ARPI stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 22, 2016, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the ARPI special meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and vote at the ARPI special meeting. As of January 14, 2016, there were 32,205,558 shares of ARPI common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the ARPI special meeting, held by approximately 32 holders of record. Each share of ARPI common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at the ARPI special meeting.

Q: What constitutes a quorum?

A: ARPI's bylaws provide that the presence, in person or by proxy, of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting will constitute a quorum.

Shares that are voted, in person or by proxy, and shares held by stockholders who abstain from voting are treated as present at the ARPI special meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

Q: What vote is required to approve the proposals?

A: Approval of the merger proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock.

Approval of the adjournment proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal.

Q: How does the ARPI Board recommend that ARPI stockholders vote on the proposals?

A: After careful consideration, the ARPI Board has unanimously determined and declared that the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are advisable and in the best interests of ARPI and approved and adopted the merger agreement, the mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. The ARPI Board unanimously recommends that ARPI stockholders vote "**FOR**" the merger proposal and "**FOR**" the adjournment proposal.

For a more complete description of the recommendation of the ARPI Board, see "The Mergers Recommendation of the ARPI Board and Its Reasons for the Mergers" beginning on page 60.

Q: Have any ARPI stockholders already agreed to approve the parent merger?

A: Yes. Pursuant to separate voting agreements, Stephen G. Schmitz, ARPI's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the ARPI Board, and Laurie A. Hawkes, ARPI's President, Chief Operating Officer and Director, who as of December 3, 2015 collectively owned, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock and approximately 88.1% of the outstanding ARP OP units, have agreed to vote in favor of the merger proposal and against any alternative proposal, subject to the terms and conditions of their voting agreements, as described under "Voting Agreements" beginning on page 149.

Q:

Who is responsible for conducting the ARPI special meeting and what are his or her powers?

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A: An individual appointed by the ARPI Board will serve as chairman of the ARPI special meeting. The order of business and all other matters of procedure at the meeting will be determined by the chairman, who may prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and take such action as, in his or her discretion and without any action by the stockholders, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, concluding a meeting or recessing or adjourning the meeting to a later date and time and at a place announced at the meeting.

Q: If my shares of ARPI common stock are held in "street name" by my broker, bank or other nominee, will my broker, bank or other nominee vote my shares of ARPI common stock for me?

A: No. Unless you instruct your broker, bank or other nominee how to vote your shares of ARPI common stock held in "street name," your shares will NOT be voted, which will have the same effect as voting "**AGAINST**" the merger proposal. If you hold your shares of ARPI common stock in a stock brokerage account or if your shares are held by a bank or other nominee (that is, in "street name"), you must provide your broker, bank or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares.

Q: Are there risks associated with the parent merger that I should consider in deciding how to vote?

A: Yes. There are a number of risks related to the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement that you should consider. They are discussed in this prospectus/proxy statement described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 29.

Q: Are there any conditions to closing of the mergers that must be satisfied for the mergers to be completed?

A: Yes. In addition to the approval of the ARPI stockholders of the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, there are a number of conditions that must be satisfied or waived for the mergers to be consummated. For a description of all of the conditions to the mergers, see "The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Mergers" beginning on page 141.

Q: What happens if I do not vote for a proposal?

A: If you fail to vote, fail to instruct your broker, bank or nominee to vote, or abstain from voting:

with respect to the merger proposal, it will have the same effect as a vote "**AGAINST**" the proposal; and

with respect to the adjournment proposal, it will not have an effect on the proposal.

Q: Will my rights as an ARPI stockholder change as a result of the parent merger?

A: Yes. You will have different rights following the effective time of the parent merger because you will hold AMH common shares instead of ARPI common stock, and there are differences between the governing documents of AMH and ARPI. For more information regarding the differences in shareholder rights, see "Comparison of Rights of Shareholders of AMH and Stockholders of ARPI" beginning on page 158.

Q: When are the mergers expected to be completed?

A: AMH and ARPI expect to complete the mergers as soon as reasonably practicable following satisfaction of all of the required conditions to closing the mergers. If the ARPI stockholders approve the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the

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merger agreement, and if the other conditions to closing the mergers are satisfied or waived, it is expected that the

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mergers will be completed in the first half of 2016. However, there is no guaranty that the conditions to the mergers will be satisfied or that the mergers will close.

Q: Do I need to do anything with my share certificates or book-entry shares now?

A: No. You should not submit or attempt to exchange your share certificates or book-entry shares at this time. After the parent merger is completed, if you held ARPI common stock, the exchange agent for AMH will send you, or to your broker, bank or other nominee if you hold your shares of ARPI common stock in street name, a letter of transmittal and instructions for exchanging your shares of ARPI common stock for AMH common shares pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement. Upon surrender of a certificate or book-entry share for cancellation along with the executed letter of transmittal and other required documents described in the instructions, an ARPI stockholder will receive AMH common shares pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement. The value of any fractional interest of an AMH common share to which a holder would otherwise be entitled will be paid in cash.

Q: What are the anticipated U.S. federal income tax consequences to me of the proposed parent merger?

A: The parent merger is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is referred to herein as the Code. The closing of the mergers is conditioned on the receipt by each of AMH and ARPI of an opinion from its respective counsel to the effect that the parent merger will qualify as reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Assuming that the parent merger qualifies as a reorganization, U.S. holders of shares of ARPI common stock generally will not recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the receipt of AMH common shares in exchange for shares of ARPI common stock in connection with the parent merger, except with respect to cash received in lieu of any fractional interests of AMH common shares. Holders of shares of ARPI common stock should read the discussion under the heading "The Mergers U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Parent Merger" beginning on page 85 and consult their tax advisors to determine the tax consequences to them (including the application and effect of any state, local or non-U.S. income and other tax laws) of the parent merger in their particular circumstances.

Q: Are ARPI stockholders entitled to dissenters' or appraisal rights?

A: No. ARPI stockholders are not entitled to dissenters' or appraisal rights in connection with the parent merger.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After you have carefully read this prospectus/proxy statement, please complete, sign and date your proxy card or voting instruction card and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope or, if available, by submitting your proxy by one of the other methods specified on your proxy card or voting instruction card as promptly as possible so that your shares of ARPI common stock will be represented and voted at the ARPI special meeting.

If you hold your shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, please refer to your proxy card or voting instruction card forwarded by your broker, bank or other nominee to see which voting options are available to you.

The method by which you submit a proxy will in no way limit your right to vote at the ARPI special meeting if you later decide to attend the meeting in person. However, if your shares of ARPI common stock are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must obtain a

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"legal proxy," executed in your favor, from your broker, bank or other nominee to be able to vote in person at the ARPI special meeting.

Q:
How will my proxy be voted?

A:
All shares of ARPI common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly completed proxies received prior to the ARPI special meeting, and not revoked, will be voted at the ARPI special meeting as instructed on the proxies. If you properly sign, date and return a proxy card, but do not indicate how your shares of ARPI common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of ARPI common stock represented by your proxy will be voted as the ARPI Board recommends and therefore "**FOR**" the merger proposal and "**FOR**" the adjournment proposal. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker, bank or other nominee, your shares of ARPI common stock will NOT be voted at the ARPI special meeting, which will have the same effect as a vote "**AGAINST**" the merger proposal.

Q:
Can I revoke my proxy or change my vote after I have delivered my proxy?

A:
Yes. You may revoke your proxy or change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the ARPI special meeting. If you are a holder of record, you can do this in any of the three following ways:

by sending a written notice to ARPI's Secretary at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 in time for it to be received before the ARPI special meeting, stating that you would like to revoke your proxy;

by completing, signing and dating another proxy card bearing a later date than the date of the proxy you are revoking and returning it by mail in time for it to be received before the ARPI special meeting, or by submitting a proxy at a later date by the Internet or telephone, in which case your later-submitted proxy will be recorded and your earlier proxy will be revoked;
or

by attending the ARPI special meeting and voting in person, although simply attending the ARPI special meeting will not revoke your proxy or change your vote, as you must deliver a notice of revocation or vote at the ARPI special meeting in order to revoke a prior proxy.

If your shares of ARPI common stock are held in an account at a broker, bank or other nominee and you desire to change your vote or vote in person, you should contact your broker, bank or other nominee for instructions on how to do so.

Q:
What does it mean if I receive more than one set of voting materials for the ARPI special meeting?

A:
You may receive more than one set of voting materials for the ARPI special meeting, including multiple copies of this prospectus/proxy statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards because you hold shares of ARPI common stock in different accounts or under different names. For example, if you hold your shares of ARPI common stock in more than one brokerage account, you will receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares of ARPI common stock. If you are a holder of record and your shares of ARPI common stock are registered in more than one name, you may receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return every proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive or, if available, please submit each of your proxies by telephone or over the Internet.

Q:
Do I need identification to attend the ARPI special meeting in person?

A:
Yes. If you wish to attend the ARPI special meeting in person, please bring proper identification, together with proof that you are a record owner of shares of ARPI common stock. If your shares

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are held in street name, please bring acceptable proof of ownership, such as a letter from your broker or an account statement showing that you beneficially owned shares of ARPI common stock on the applicable record date. **Even if you plan to attend the ARPI special meeting and to vote in person, please submit a proxy as early as possible to assure that your shares of ARPI common stock are represented at the ARPI special meeting.**

Q:
Will a proxy solicitor be used?

A:
Yes. ARPI has engaged Okapi Partners LLC to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the ARPI special meeting, and ARPI estimates it will pay Okapi Partners LLC a fee not to exceed \$19,000. ARPI has also agreed to reimburse Okapi Partners LLC for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and disbursements incurred in connection with the proxy solicitation and to indemnify Okapi Partners LLC against certain losses, costs and expenses. In addition to mailing proxy solicitation material, ARPI's directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by any other means of communication deemed appropriate. No additional compensation will be paid to ARPI's directors, officers or employees for such services.

Q:
Who can answer my questions?

A:
If you have any questions about the merger proposal or the adjournment proposal or how to submit your proxy or need additional copies of this prospectus/proxy statement, the enclosed proxy card or voting instructions, you should contact:

Okapi Partners LLC
1212 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Floor
New York, New York 10036
Telephone: (877) 285-5990

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SUMMARY

The following summary highlights some of the information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement. This summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete description of the merger agreement, the mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, AMH and ARPI encourage you to read carefully this entire prospectus/proxy statement, including the attached Annexes and the other documents to which you have been referred. See also "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 164. Page references have been included to direct you to more complete descriptions in this prospectus/proxy statement of the topics presented in this summary.

The Companies

American Homes 4 Rent (See page 39)

AMH is an internally managed Maryland REIT focused on acquiring, renovating, leasing and operating single-family homes as rental properties. AMH commenced operations in November 2012 to continue the investment activities of American Homes 4 Rent LLC, which is referred to herein as AH LLC, which was founded by its chairman, B. Wayne Hughes, in 2011 to take advantage of the dislocation in the single-family rental market. AMH completed its initial public offering on the NYSE in August 2013.

As of September 30, 2015, AMH owned 38,377 single-family properties in selected sub-markets of metropolitan statistical areas, or MSAs, in 22 states. As of September 30, 2015, 35,617, or 92.8%, of AMH's total properties were leased. AMH's properties are internally managed through its proprietary property management platform.

AMH conducts substantially all of its operations through its operating partnership, AMH OP, of which AMH is the general partner, and its subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, AMH held a 79.3% interest in AMH OP.

AMH common shares are listed on the NYSE, trading under the symbol "AMH."

AMH was formed as a REIT in the state of Maryland on October 19, 2012, and AMH OP was formed as a limited partnership in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2012. AMH's principal executive offices are located at 30601 Agoura Road, Suite 200, Agoura Hills, California 91031, and its main telephone number is (805) 413-5300.

Merger Sub, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AMH, was formed on December 2, 2015 for the purpose of effecting the parent merger. Upon completion of the parent merger, ARPI will be merged with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH. Merger Sub has not conducted any activities other than those incidental to its formation and the matters contemplated by the merger agreement.

OP Merger Sub, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP, was formed on December 2, 2015 for the purpose of effecting the partnership merger. Upon completion of the partnership merger, OP Merger Sub will be merged with and into ARP OP, with ARP OP continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP. OP Merger Sub has not conducted any activities other than those incidental to its formation and the matters contemplated by the merger agreement.

American Residential Properties, Inc. (See page 39)

ARPI is a Maryland corporation that has elected to be treated as a REIT under the Code. ARPI's primary business strategy is to acquire, restore, lease and manage single-family homes as well-maintained investment properties to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term.

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ARPI completed its initial private offering of ARPI common stock in May 2012 and a follow-on private offering and a separate private placement of ARPI common stock in December 2012 and January 2013, respectively. In May 2013, ARPI completed its initial public offering.

As of September 30, 2015, ARPI owned 8,938 properties in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas with an aggregate investment of \$1.34 billion.

ARPI conducts substantially all of its operations through its operating partnership, ARP OP, of which a wholly owned subsidiary of ARPI is the general partner, and its subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, ARPI held, through a wholly owned subsidiary, a 96.3% interest in ARP OP (after giving effect to vested and unvested LTIP awards).

ARPI common stock is listed on the NYSE, trading under the symbol "ARPI."

ARPI was incorporated in the state of Maryland on March 30, 2012, and ARP OP was formed in the state of Delaware on April 9, 2012. ARPI's principal executive offices are located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, and its main telephone number is (480) 474-4800.

The Mergers

The Merger Agreement (See page 124)

AMH, Merger Sub, AMH OP, OP Merger Sub, ARPI, ARP OP and ARP GP have entered into the merger agreement attached as *Annex A* to this prospectus/proxy statement, which is incorporated herein by reference. AMH and ARPI encourage you to carefully read the merger agreement in its entirety because it is the principal document governing the mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

The Mergers (See page 47)

Subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, at the effective time of the parent merger, ARPI will merge with and into Merger Sub, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of AMH, with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH. The merger agreement also provides for the partnership merger in which, immediately prior to the parent merger, OP Merger Sub, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP, will merge with and into ARP OP, with ARP OP continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AMH OP.

Upon completion of the parent merger, AMH and ARPI estimate that continuing AMH equity holders will own approximately 87.4% of the issued and outstanding AMH common shares, AMH Class B common shares and AMH OP units, collectively, representing 86.7% of the total voting power of AMH shareholders, and former ARPI equity holders will own approximately 12.6% of the issued and outstanding AMH common shares, AMH Class B common shares and AMH OP units, collectively, representing 13.3% of the total voting power of AMH shareholders.

The Merger Consideration (See page 126)

At the effective time of the parent merger, (i) each outstanding share of ARPI common stock (other than shares held by any wholly owned subsidiary of ARPI or by AMH or any of its subsidiaries but including each outstanding share of ARPI common stock that is subject to vesting or forfeiture restrictions that vest or lapse in connection with the parent merger) will be converted into the right to receive 1.135 AMH common shares, and (ii) each outstanding share of ARPI restricted stock will be converted into the right to receive 1.135 AMH restricted shares.

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The exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted for changes in the market value of AMH common shares. Because of this, the implied value of the merger consideration to be received by ARPI stockholders in the parent merger will fluctuate between now and the completion of the parent merger. Based on the closing price of \$16.75 per AMH common share on December 2, 2015, the last trading day before the announcement of the proposed mergers, the exchange ratio represented approximately \$19.01 in AMH common shares for each share of ARPI common stock. Based on the closing price of \$15.00 per AMH common share on January 14, 2016, the latest practicable trading day before the date of this prospectus/proxy statement, the exchange ratio represented approximately \$17.03 in AMH common shares for each share of ARPI common stock.

You are urged to obtain current market prices of AMH common shares and ARPI common stock. You are cautioned that the trading price of AMH common shares after the mergers may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the trading prices of AMH common shares and ARPI common stock, and therefore the historical trading prices of AMH common shares and ARPI common stock may not be indicative of the trading price of AMH common shares after the mergers. See the risks related to the mergers and the related transactions described under the section "Risk Factors Risks Related to the Mergers and Related Transactions" beginning on page 29.

Voting Agreements (See page 149)

Concurrently with the execution of the merger agreement, AMH entered into separate voting agreements with Stephen G. Schmitz, ARPI's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the ARPI Board, and Laurie A. Hawkes, ARPI's President, Chief Operating Officer and Director. As of December 3, 2015, Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Hawkes collectively owned, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock and approximately 88.1% of the outstanding ARP OP units.

Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the voting agreements, Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Hawkes have agreed to, among other things, vote all shares of ARPI common stock and ARP OP units directly or indirectly owned by him or her to approve and adopt the merger agreement, the mergers and all agreements and actions contemplated by the merger agreement at any meeting of the stockholders of ARPI, or the holders of ARP OP units, as applicable, and at any adjournment thereof, and against the approval of any Acquisition Proposal (as defined in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" beginning on page 134), any reorganization, recapitalization, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of ARPI or ARP OP or any other extraordinary action involving ARPI other than the mergers, any action the consummation of which could frustrate the purposes, or prevent or delay the consummation, of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, or any other matter relating to, or in connection with, any of the foregoing matters, including the mergers.

Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Hawkes have also agreed to certain restrictions on the transfer of his or her shares of ARPI common stock and ARP OP units that are subject to the voting agreements and to certain other covenants. The voting agreements terminate upon the earlier of: (1) the closing of the mergers, and (2) the termination of the merger agreement.

The foregoing summary of the voting agreements is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the full text of each of the voting agreements. Copies of the voting agreements are attached as *Annex C* and *Annex D* to this prospectus/proxy statement and are incorporated herein by reference.

Recommendations of the ARPI Board (See page 60)

After careful consideration, the ARPI Board has unanimously determined and declared that the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are advisable and in

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the best interests of ARPI and has unanimously adopted and approved the merger agreement, the mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

The ARPI Board unanimously recommends that ARPI stockholders vote "**FOR**" the merger proposal and "**FOR**" the adjournment proposal.

Risks Related to the Mergers and Related Transactions (See page 29)

You should consider carefully all of the risk factors together with all of the other information included in this prospectus/proxy statement before deciding how to vote. The risks related to the mergers and the related transactions are described under the section "Risk Factors Risks Related to the Mergers and Related Transactions" beginning on page 29.

The ARPI Special Meeting (See page 41)

The ARPI special meeting will be held at ARPI's headquarters, located at 7047 East Greenway Parkway, Suite 350, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, on February 26, 2016, commencing at 8:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time.

At the ARPI special meeting, ARPI stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the following matters:

the merger proposal; and

the adjournment proposal.

Approval of the merger proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of ARPI common stock.

Approval of the adjournment proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal.

ARPI stockholders of record at the closing of business on January 22, 2016 are entitled to receive this notice and vote at the ARPI special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

At the close of business on January 14, 2016, directors and executive officers of ARPI and their affiliates were entitled to vote 65,102 shares of ARPI common stock, or approximately 0.2% of the shares of ARPI common stock issued and outstanding on that date. ARPI currently expects that the ARPI directors and executive officers will vote their shares of ARPI common stock in favor of the merger proposal, and, if necessary or appropriate, the adjournment proposal, although only Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Hawkes are obligated to do so. Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Hawkes have separately agreed to vote all the shares of ARPI common stock he or she directly or indirectly owns in favor of the merger proposal, as described above in "Voting Agreements."

Your vote as an ARPI stockholder is very important. Accordingly, please promptly submit your proxy whether or not you plan to attend the ARPI special meeting in person.

Opinion of ARPI's Financial Advisor (See page 65 and Annex B)

In connection with the mergers, on December 2, 2015, at a meeting of the ARPI Board, Barclays Capital Inc., which is referred to herein as Barclays, rendered its oral opinion (which was subsequently confirmed and provided in writing) to the ARPI Board that, as of the date of the opinion and based upon and subject to the assumptions, limitations, qualifications and conditions set forth in the written opinion, from a financial point of view, the exchange ratio to be offered to the stockholders of ARPI in the parent merger was fair to such stockholders.

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The full text of Barclays' written opinion, dated as of December 2, 2015, is attached as Annex B to this prospectus/proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference. Barclays' written opinion sets forth, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations upon the review undertaken by Barclays in rendering its opinion. The summary of Barclays' opinion set forth in this document is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. ARPI encourages you to read the opinion carefully in its entirety. Barclays' opinion is addressed to the ARPI Board, addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view, to ARPI stockholders of the exchange ratio to be offered to such stockholders in the parent merger, and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder of ARPI as to how such stockholder should vote with respect to the parent merger. See "The Mergers Opinion of ARPI's Financial Advisor" beginning on page 65.

Trustees and Management of AMH After the Mergers (See page 77)

Following the consummation of the mergers, the AMH Board will consist of nine members, eight of whom are the current trustees of AMH and one of whom will be designated by ARPI, subject to such designee being one of the current members of the ARPI Board who is reasonably acceptable to the AMH Board, has not been party to or involved in an event that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 401(f) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and who qualifies as an independent trustee as set forth in the NYSE Listed Company Manual or any NYSE rules related thereto as determined by the nominating committee of the AMH Board. The eight current trustees of AMH are Dann V. Angeloff, John Corrigan, Matthew J. Hart, B. Wayne Hughes, James H. Kropp, David P. Singelyn, Lynn C. Swann and Kenneth M. Woolley.

All of the executive officers of AMH immediately prior to the effective time of the mergers will continue as the executive officers of AMH following the effective time of the mergers.

Interests of ARPI's Directors and Executive Officers in the Mergers (See page 77)

Holders of ARPI common stock should be aware that certain of ARPI's directors and executive officers have interests in the mergers that are different from, or in addition to the interests of ARPI stockholders generally, which may create potential conflicts of interest. The ARPI Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating the merger agreement and the mergers, and in recommending that ARPI stockholders vote "FOR" the merger proposal and the adjournment proposal. For a description of these interests, refer to the section entitled "The Mergers Interests of ARPI's Directors and Executive Officers in the Mergers."

Listing of AMH Common Shares; Delisting and Deregistration of ARPI Common Stock (See page 123)

It is a condition to the completion of the mergers that the AMH common shares issuable in connection with the parent merger be approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance. After the parent merger is completed, the ARPI common stock currently listed on the NYSE will cease to be listed on the NYSE and will be deregistered under the Exchange Act.

No Dissenters' or Appraisal Rights (See page 122)

Holders of ARPI common stock are not entitled to dissenters' or appraisal rights, and may not exercise the rights of objecting stockholders to receive the fair value of their shares in connection with the parent merger, because, as permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, which is referred to herein as the MGCL, ARPI's charter generally provides that stockholders shall not be entitled to exercise any appraisal rights.

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Conditions to Completion of the Mergers (See page 141)

A number of conditions must be satisfied or, to the extent permitted by law, waived before the mergers can be consummated. These include, among others:

approval of the parent merger, the partnership merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement by ARPI stockholders;

a registration statement on Form S-4 relating to the parent merger having been declared effective, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such Form S-4 having been issued by the SEC and remaining in effect and no proceeding to that effect having been commenced or threatened by the SEC and not withdrawn;

the absence of any temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other order issued by any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction or any law or other legal restraint or prohibition enjoining, making illegal or preventing the consummation of the mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the AMH common shares to be issued in the parent merger having been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance at or prior to the closing of the mergers;

the accuracy of the representations and warranties made by each party in the merger agreement and performance by each party of its obligations under the merger agreement (subject in each case to certain materiality standards);

neither party having experienced a material adverse effect;

with respect to AMH's obligation to complete the mergers, certain third-party consents and approvals having been obtained and remaining in full force and effect;

with respect to AMH's obligation to complete the mergers, ARPI having prepared and AMH having executed with the notes trustee the supplemental indenture required by ARPI's exchangeable notes indenture;

with respect to AMH's obligation to complete the mergers, the receipt by AMH of the rating agency confirmation contemplated in ARPI's securitization facility, if required;

with respect to AMH's obligation to complete the mergers, the receipt by AMH of a payoff letter on behalf of the lenders to ARPI's credit facility;

the receipt by each party of an opinion from the other party's legal counsel regarding the other party's qualification as a REIT within the meaning of the Code;

the receipt by each party of an opinion from its respective legal counsel regarding the parent merger's qualification as a reorganization within the meaning of the Code; and

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with respect to AMH's obligation to complete the mergers, approval of the parent merger and the partnership merger by the holders of a "Majority in Interest" (as defined in the ARP OP limited partnership agreement) of ARP OP.

Neither AMH nor ARPI can give any assurance as to when or if all of the conditions to the consummation of the mergers will be satisfied or waived or that the mergers will occur.

Regulatory Approvals Required for the Mergers (See page 83)

AMH and ARPI are not aware of any material federal or state regulatory requirements that must be complied with, or approvals that must be obtained, in connection with the mergers or the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

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No Solicitation and Change in ARPI Recommendation (See page 134)

Under the merger agreement, ARPI has agreed that it will not, nor will it permit any of its subsidiaries and its and their respective officers, trustees, directors, employees or representatives to, directly or indirectly, (i) initiate, solicit or knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer (whether written or oral, binding or nonbinding, publicly announced or confidentially submitted) by or with a third party with respect to an Acquisition Proposal (as defined in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" on page 135), (ii) enter into, engage in, continue or otherwise participate in any negotiations or discussions concerning, or provide any confidential information or data to, or otherwise cooperate with, any person relating to an Acquisition Proposal, or knowingly facilitate any effort or attempt to make or implement an Acquisition Proposal, (iii) approve, recommend, execute or enter into any letter of intent, indication of interest, agreement in principle, merger agreement, asset purchase or share exchange agreement, option agreement or other similar agreement (whether written or oral, binding or nonbinding) related to any Acquisition Proposal, or (iv) propose publicly or agree to do any of the foregoing.

However, prior to the ARPI special meeting, the ARPI Board may, under certain specified circumstances as described in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" beginning on page 134, engage in discussions and negotiations with, or provide any nonpublic information or data to, any third party in response to an unsolicited bona fide written Acquisition Proposal by such third party. Under the merger agreement, ARPI is required to notify AMH promptly (and in no event later than 24 hours) after receipt of any Acquisition Proposal or any request for nonpublic information relating to ARPI or any of its subsidiaries in connection with an Acquisition Proposal or potential Acquisition Proposal.

Prior to the ARPI special meeting, the ARPI Board may, under certain specified circumstances as described in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" beginning on page 134, withdraw its recommendation to the ARPI stockholders with respect to the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement if it determines in good faith (after consultation with outside legal counsel and financial advisors) that such Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal (as defined in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" on page 137) and the directors of ARPI have concluded in good faith (after consultation with outside legal counsel) that failure to take such action would be inconsistent with their directors' duties under applicable law. Prior to withdrawing its recommendation, ARPI must offer AMH the right to match such Superior Proposal.

Termination of the Merger Agreement (See page 144)

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time before the effective time of the partnership merger by the mutual written consent of AMH and ARPI.

The merger agreement may also be terminated prior to the effective time of the partnership merger by either AMH or ARPI if:

a governmental authority of competent jurisdiction has issued an order, decree or ruling or taken any other action permanently enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the mergers, and such order, decree, ruling or other action has become final and nonappealable (provided that this termination right will not be available to a party whose failure to comply with any provision of the merger agreement was the cause of, or resulted in, such action);

the mergers have not been consummated on or before 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on May 31, 2016 (provided that this termination right will not be available to a party whose failure to

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comply with any provision of the merger agreement has been the cause of, or resulted in, the failure of the mergers to occur on or before such date);

there has been a breach by the other party of any of the covenants or agreements or any of the representations or warranties set forth in the merger agreement, which breach, either individually or in the aggregate, would result in, if occurring or continuing on the closing date, the failure to be satisfied of certain closing conditions and cannot be cured by May 31, 2016 (provided that this termination right will not be available to a party that is in breach of any of its own respective representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in the merger agreement such that certain closing conditions are not satisfied); or

the stockholders of ARPI fail to approve the parent merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement at the ARPI special meeting or any duly convened postponement or adjournment of the ARPI special meeting (provided that this termination right will not be available to ARPI if the failure to obtain ARPI's stockholder approval was primarily due to ARPI's breach of certain provisions of the merger agreement).

AMH may also decide to terminate the merger agreement prior to the effective time of the partnership merger if:

the ARPI Board has made a Change in ARPI Recommendation (as defined in "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements No Solicitation of Transactions" on page 136) or failed to publicly reaffirm the approval, recommendation or declaration of advisability by the ARPI Board (or any committee thereof) within five business days after receipt of any written request to do so from AMH;

ARPI has materially breached any of its obligations under the provisions of the merger agreement regarding no solicitation of transactions or its obligations to call, convene or hold the ARPI special meeting; or

a tender offer or exchange offer for outstanding shares of ARPI common stock has been publicly disclosed and, prior to the earlier of the ARPI special meeting and 10 business days after the commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer, the ARPI Board fails to publicly recommend against acceptance of such offer.

ARPI may decide to terminate the merger agreement prior to the effective time of the partnership merger in order to enter into an Acquisition Agreement (as defined in the merger agreement) with respect to a Superior Proposal in accordance with the provisions of the merger agreement, so long as substantially concurrently with the occurrence of such termination and the entry into such Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal ARPI pays the termination fee (as described under "The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement" beginning on page 144) to AMH.

Termination Fee and Expenses (See page 146)

Generally, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the mergers and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be paid by the party that incurs those fees and expenses. However, if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, either AMH or ARPI may be obligated to pay the other a termination fee of \$22.5 million, plus a fixed expense amount of \$4.0 million. If the merger agreement is terminated under certain other circumstances (where the termination fee is not otherwise payable), ARPI will be required to pay AMH a fixed expense amount of \$4.0 million.

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U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations (See page 83)

The parent merger is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. The closing of the mergers is conditioned on the receipt by each of AMH and ARPI of an opinion of its respective counsel to the effect that the parent merger will qualify as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Assuming that the parent merger qualifies as a reorganization, ARPI stockholders that are U.S. holders (as defined below) are not expected to recognize gain or loss as a result of the parent merger (except with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional interests of AMH common shares). If the parent merger were to fail to qualify as a tax-free reorganization, then each ARPI stockholder generally would recognize gain or loss, as applicable, equal to the difference between (i) the sum of the fair market value of the AMH common shares and cash in lieu of any fractional interest of an AMH common share received by the ARPI stockholder in the parent merger; and (ii) the ARPI stockholder's adjusted tax basis in its ARPI common stock. Moreover, ARPI would be treated as selling, in a taxable transaction, all of its assets to AMH, with the result that ARPI would generally recognize gain or loss on the deemed transfer of its assets to AMH and AMH could incur a significant current tax liability.

For a further discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the parent merger and the ownership of AMH common shares, see "The Mergers U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" beginning on page 83.

Holders of shares of ARPI common stock (including each issued and outstanding share of ARPI common stock that is subject to vesting or forfeiture restrictions that vest or lapse in connection with the parent merger) and ARPI restricted stock should consult their tax advisors to determine the tax consequences to them (including the application and effect of any state, local or non-U.S. income and other tax laws) of the parent merger and the ownership of, or conversion of rights with respect to, AMH common shares.

Accounting Treatment of the Mergers (See page 121)

AMH prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which is referred to herein as GAAP. The parent merger will be accounting for by applying the acquisition method of accounting. See "The Mergers Accounting Treatment of the Mergers" beginning on page 121.

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Selected Historical Financial Information of AMH

The following selected historical financial information of AMH for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 have been derived from AMH's consolidated audited financial statements contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on March 2, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. The selected historical financial information as of September 30, 2015, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, is unaudited and has been derived from AMH's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained in AMH's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015, filed with the SEC on November 6, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. The following selected historical financial information of AMH for the period from June 23, 2011 (inception) through December 31, 2011 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 have been derived from AMH's consolidated audited financial statements not included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. Interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of, and are not projections for, the results to be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, or of AMH following the mergers. You should read the following selected historical financial information of AMH together with the consolidated financial statements included in the reports that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus/proxy statement and their accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial condition of AMH contained in such reports. See "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 164.

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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		For the Years Ended December 31,			For the Period from June 23, 2011 (inception) to December 31, 2011
	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012	
Operating Data						
Revenues:						
Rents from single-family properties	\$ 407,313	\$ 266,842	\$ 376,385	\$ 132,722	\$ 4,540	\$ 65
Fees from single-family properties	5,681	4,776	5,968	3,639		
Tenant charge-backs	40,215	9,310	14,931	1,588		
Other	4,780	1,047	1,590	1,083		
Total revenues	457,989	281,975	398,874	139,032	4,540	65
Expenses:						
Property operating expenses						
Leased single-family properties	205,435	117,148	165,474	51,411	1,744	27
Vacant single-family properties and other	12,950	18,770	22,899	22,341	1,846	12
General and administrative expense	18,497	16,068	21,947	8,845	7,199	47
Advisory fees				6,352	937	
Interest expense	61,539	10,502	19,881	370		
Noncash share-based compensation expense	2,343	1,895	2,586	1,079	70	
Acquisition fees and costs expensed	14,297	15,921	22,386	4,799	869	
Depreciation and amortization	180,685	118,311	165,516	70,987	2,111	21
Total expenses	495,746	298,615	420,689	166,184	14,776	107
Gain on remeasurement of equity method investment						
				10,945		
Remeasurement of Series E units	3,456	(4,112)	(5,119)	(2,057)		
Remeasurement of preferred shares	(2,300)	(2,348)	(6,158)	(1,810)		
Loss from continuing operations	(36,601)	(23,100)	(33,092)	(20,074)	(10,236)	(42)
Income from discontinued operations				1,008		
Net loss	(36,601)	(23,100)	(33,092)	(19,066)	(10,236)	(42)
Noncontrolling interest	10,795	11,214	14,965	13,245		
Dividends on preferred shares	16,707	13,359	18,928	1,160		
Conversion of preferred units				10,456		
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (64,103)	\$ (47,673)	\$ (66,985)	\$ (43,927)	\$ (10,236)	\$ (42)
Weighted-average shares outstanding basic and diluted						
	211,460,840	191,251,638	196,348,757	123,592,086	7,225,512	3,301,667
Net loss per share basic and diluted:						
Loss from continuing operations	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (1.42)	\$ (0.01)
Income from discontinued operations				0.01		
Net loss attributable to common shareholders per share basic and diluted	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (1.42)	\$ (0.01)

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	As of September 30,			As of December 31,		
	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
Balance Sheet Data						
Single-family						
properties, net	\$ 6,267,464	\$ 5,117,743	\$ 5,710,671	\$ 3,861,422	\$ 505,713	\$ 3,495
Total assets	\$ 6,965,816	\$ 5,536,344	\$ 6,227,351	\$ 4,224,144	\$ 921,458	\$ 3,523
Credit facility	\$	\$ 82,000	\$ 207,000	\$ 375,000	\$	\$
Asset-backed						
securitizations	\$ 2,536,192	\$ 993,058	\$ 1,519,390	\$	\$	\$
Secured note payable	\$ 50,980	\$	\$ 51,644	\$	\$	\$
Total liabilities	\$ 2,950,684	\$ 1,349,487	\$ 2,057,757	\$ 573,485	\$ 16,294	\$ 49
Total shareholders'						
equity	\$ 3,303,007	\$ 3,476,240	\$ 3,450,101	\$ 2,934,944	\$ 904,674	\$ 3,474
Noncontrolling interest	\$ 712,125	\$ 710,617	\$ 719,493	\$ 715,715	\$ 490	\$
Total equity	\$ 4,015,132	\$ 4,186,857	\$ 4,169,594	\$ 3,650,659	\$ 905,164	\$ 3,474

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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		For the Years Ended December 31,			For the Period from June 23, 2011 (inception) to December 31, 2011
	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012	
Other Data						
Cash flows provided by (used for):						
Operating activities	\$ 155,949	\$ 131,652	\$ 160,537	\$ 16,172	\$ (6,549)	\$ (21)
Investing activities	\$ (743,926)	\$ (1,261,364)	\$ (1,900,752)	\$ (2,369,371)	\$ (97,470)	\$
Financing activities	\$ 717,607	\$ 1,084,662	\$ 1,700,013	\$ 2,104,990	\$ 501,217	\$ 21
Distributions declared per common share	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.05	\$	\$
Distributions declared per Series A participating preferred share	\$ 0.9375	\$ 0.9375	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.229167	\$	\$
Distributions declared per Series B participating preferred share	\$ 0.9375	\$ 0.975	\$ 1.2875	\$	\$	\$
Distributions declared per Series C participating preferred share	\$ 1.03125	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.912847	\$	\$	\$

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Selected Historical Financial Information of ARPI

The following selected historical financial information of ARPI for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the period from March 30, 2012 (inception) to December 31, 2012 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 have been derived from ARPI's consolidated audited financial statements contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. The selected historical financial information as of September 30, 2015, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, is unaudited and has been derived from ARPI's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained in ARPI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015, filed with the SEC on November 6, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. The following selected consolidated balance sheet data of ARPI as of December 31, 2012 have been derived from ARPI's consolidated audited financial statements not included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. Interim results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of, and are not projections for, the results to be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, or of AMH following the mergers. You should read the following selected historical financial information of ARPI together with the consolidated financial statements included in the reports that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus/proxy statement and their accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial condition of ARPI contained in such reports. See "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 164.

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American Residential Properties, Inc.
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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		For the Years Ended December 31,		For the Period from March 30, 2012 (inception) to December 31, 2012
Operating Data	2015	2014	2014	2013	
Revenue:					
Self-managed rental revenue	\$ 84,051	\$ 53,818	\$ 76,757	\$ 26,110	\$ 1,746
Local operator rental revenue	4,014	3,951	5,126	6,244	449
Management services (related party)	107	321	393	442	238
Interest and other	3,337	3,603	4,588	5,164	497
Total revenue	91,509	61,693	86,864	37,960	2,930
Expenses:					
Property operating and maintenance	23,259	14,337	21,485	8,536	912
Real estate taxes	15,941				