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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): February 12, 2004

**Associated Estates Realty Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 1-12486

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

34-1747603  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

5025 Swetland Court, Richmond Hts., Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

44143-1467  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (216) 261-5000

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**ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

The following information contained in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Associated Estates Realty Corporation (the "Company") is furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

On February 12, 2004, Associated Estates Realty Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release and Supplemental Financial Data are furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this report. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibits are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORPORATION

February 12, 2004

(Date)

/s/ Lou Fatica

Lou Fatica, Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Earnings Release
99.2	Supplemental Financial Data