

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.
Form 8-K
March 16, 2018

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): March 13, 2018

APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-34452
(Commission File Number)

27-0467113
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC

9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor

New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10019
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 515-3200

n/a

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Underwriting Agreement

On March 13, 2018, Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the **Company**) entered into an underwriting agreement (the **Underwriting Agreement**), by and among the Company, ACREFI Management, LLC, the Company's external manager (the **Manager**), and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (the **Underwriters**). Pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company agreed to sell, and the Underwriters agreed to purchase, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, an aggregate of 13,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In addition, the Company granted to the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 2,025,000 shares (the **Option**). The Underwriters exercised the Option in full.

The public offering, expected to close on March 16, 2018, will generate net proceeds of approximately \$275.5 million, after deducting estimated transaction expenses. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties and termination provisions.

The preceding description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the underwriting agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

- 1.1* Underwriting Agreement dated March 13, 2018, by and among the Company, the Manager, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representatives of the several Underwriters listed on Schedule 1 attached thereto
- 5.1* Opinion of Clifford Chance US LLP regarding the legality of the shares of common stock
- 8.1* Opinion of Clifford Chance US LLP regarding certain tax matters
- 23.1 Consent of Clifford Chance US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.2 Consent of Clifford Chance US LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1)

* Filed herewith.

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.

March 16, 2018

APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

FINANCE, INC.

/s/ Stuart A. Rothstein

Stuart A. Rothstein

President and Chief Executive Officer