

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2012

**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 24, 2012

**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 No.)

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**c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC**

**9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor**

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

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

**10019**  
(Zip Code)

**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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 24, 2012, Henry Silverman resigned as the Chairman and as a member of the Board of Directors of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., effective March 15, 2012.

**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.

**Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.**

By: /s/ Stuart A. Rothstein  
Stuart A. Rothstein  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 24, 2012