Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

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Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kasdin Robert A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Apollo Commercial Real Estate

Finance, Inc. [ARI]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2015

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Code V Amount 10,000

(1)

(D) \$0 24,667

D

Common Stock

12/29/2015

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

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

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| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kasdin Robert A C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019

X

Signatures

/s/ Jessica L. Lomm, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/31/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Issuer granted these shares to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.

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