Agarwal Jai Form 4 January 09, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Agarwal Jai

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Apollo Commercial Real Estate

Finance, Inc. [ARI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

CFO, Treasurer and Secretary

Applicable Line)

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Common 01/05/2018 Stock

F

15,275 ⁽²⁾

Transaction(s)

D

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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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Agarwal Jai C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019			CFO, Treasurer and Secretary				

Signatures

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

01/09/2018

**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).

Consists of shares of common stock withheld by the issuer in order to satisfy the minimum tax withholding obligations of the reporting person arising in connection with the delivery of shares of common stock underlying vested restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted under

- the Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock for each vested RSU. The RSUs vest in installments in accordance with the terms of the applicable RSU Award Agreement by and between the reporting person and the issuer, provided the reporting person remains in service through the applicable vesting dates.
- (2) Reported amount includes 14,343 RSUs.

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