

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

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APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for
the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 7, 2018**

Offices of Clifford Chance US LLP, 31 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.viewproxy.com/apolloreit/2018

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 30, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery.

Important information regarding the Internet availability of the Company's proxy materials, instructions for accessing your proxy materials and voting online and instructions for requesting paper or e-mail copies of your proxy materials are provided on the reverse side of this Notice.

STOCKHOLDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON.

To the Stockholders of APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. will be held on June 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the Offices of Clifford Chance US LLP, 31 West

52nd Street, New York, New York 10019 for the following purposes:

1. Election of Directors.

- (01) Jeffrey M. Gault (02) Mark C. Biderman (03) Robert A. Kasdin (04) Eric L. Press
(05) Scott S. Prince (06) Stuart A. Rothstein (07) Michael E. Salvati (08) Cindy Z. Michel

2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.'s independent registered public accounting firm for the 2018 fiscal year.

3. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.'s named executive officers, as more fully described in the 2018 Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of all of the director nominees listed in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

The Securities and Exchange Commission rules permit us to make our proxy materials available to our stockholders via the Internet.

Material for this annual meeting and future meetings may be requested by one of the following methods:

To view your proxy materials online, go to www.viewproxy.com/apolloreit/2018/ Have the 11 digit control number available when you access the website and follow the instructions.

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Proxy Statement

2017 Annual Report to Stockholders

ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE

Have this notice available when you request a paper copy of the proxy materials or to vote your proxy electronically.

You must reference your control number to vote by Internet or request a paper copy of the proxy materials.

You May Vote Your Proxy When You View The Materials On The Internet

You Will Be Asked To Follow The Prompts To Vote Your Shares

Your electronic vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed, dated and returned the proxy card.

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