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November 23, 2007

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. \_\_) \*

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CBRE REALTY FINANCE, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

12498B307  
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized  
to receive notices and communications)

NOVEMBER 12, 2007  
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Sections 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-(g), check the following box. [ ]

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: (a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS: WC  
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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS [ ]  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e):  
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Maryland  
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7 NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER: 2,900,756  
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SHARES  
8 BENEFICIALLY SHARED VOTING POWER: 0  
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OWNED BY  
9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 2,900,756  
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REPORTING  
10 PERSON WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0  
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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING 2,900,756  
PERSON:  
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12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) [ ]  
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN 9.4%  
ROW (11):  
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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: CO  
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ITEM 1 SECURITY AND ISSUER

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of CBRE Realty Finance, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 185 Asylum Street, 37th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

ITEM 2 IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Arbor Realty"), is a specialized real estate finance company which invests in a diversified portfolio of structured finance assets in the multi-family and commercial real estate markets. Arbor Realty's principal executive offices are located at 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900 Uniondale, New York 11553.

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The name, principal occupation or employment and citizenship of each director and executive officer of Arbor Realty is listed on Schedule A to this Schedule 13D and is incorporated by reference herein.

During the last five years neither Arbor Realty nor, to the best knowledge of Arbor Realty, any of the present directors or executive officers of Arbor Realty (a) has been convicted in any criminal proceeding or (b) has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding is or was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

### ITEM 3 SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Arbor Realty used its working capital to purchase the 2,900,756 shares of Common Stock reported on this Schedule 13D. The aggregate cost of purchasing such shares (including brokerage commissions, if any) was \$16,471,599. Arbor Realty may utilize margin credit from time to time with respect to the Common Stock, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the applicable brokerage firm's credit policies.

To the best knowledge of Arbor Realty, this Item 3 is not applicable to any of the directors or executive officers of Arbor Realty because none of them has purchased, or intends to purchase, any shares of Common Stock.

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### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

On August 14, 2007, Ivan Kaufman, the Chief Executive Officer of Arbor Realty, met with Ray Wirta, the Executive Chairman of the Board of the Issuer, wherein Mr. Kaufman indicated that he may be interested in pursuing a business combination of Arbor Realty and the Issuer. Subsequent to that meeting, Mr. Kaufman sent Mr. Wirta a letter, dated August 23, 2007, a copy of which is being filed as Exhibit 1 hereto and is incorporated in this Item 4 by reference, in which Arbor Realty proposed to acquire each outstanding share of Common Stock for consideration of \$8. This proposal was a non-binding offer which expired on August 31, 2007. Prior to the expiration of Arbor Realty's proposed offer, the Issuer indicated that it was not interested in pursuing Arbor Realty's proposal and that it intended to remain an independent company.

On September 5, 2007, Mr. Kaufman met with Kenneth J. Witkin, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer as of September 4, 2007, wherein Mr. Witkin indicated that the Issuer was not interested in pursuing a proposal by Arbor Realty to acquire the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

On November 13, 2007, Mr. Kaufman met with Mr. Witkin to see if the Issuer would discuss a proposal by Arbor Realty to acquire the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Mr. Witkin indicated that the Issuer's board of directors would not consider such a proposal.

On November 23, 2007, Mr. Kaufman called Mr. Witkin to inform him that Arbor Realty would be filing this Schedule 13D based on its beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the Common Stock on November 12, 2007 and its purchases from such date to the date of this filing. Arbor Realty intends to request a waiver from the Issuer to exceed the 9.8% ownership limit contained in the Issuer's charter, on the basis that Arbor Realty's ownership of the Common Stock should not cause the Issuer to violate the "five or fewer" test for a real estate investment trust (a "REIT") under federal income tax law because Arbor

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Realty is qualified as a REIT and satisfies this test.

Arbor Realty intends to review its investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis and may engage in discussions with management, the Issuer's board of directors, other shareholders of the Issuer and other relevant parties concerning the Issuer's business, operations, governance, management, strategy and future plans. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position, future actions taken by the Issuer's board of directors, price levels of the Common Stock, other available investment opportunities, conditions in the securities market and general economic and industry conditions, Arbor Realty may in the future take such actions with respect to its investment in the Issuer as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, making another offer to acquire the outstanding shares of Common Stock, purchasing additional shares of Common Stock in the open market or in privately-negotiated transactions, selling some or all of the shares of Common Stock currently beneficially owned it and/or otherwise changing its intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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Other than as described above, or such as would occur if Arbor Realty decides to pursue any of the actions described above, Arbor Realty does not have any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (i) the acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer, or the disposition of securities of the Issuer; (ii) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) a sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (iv) any change in the present board of directors or management of the Issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board; (v) any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer; (vi) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure; (vii) changes in the Issuer's charter, by-laws or other instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person; (viii) causing a class of securities of the Issuer to be de-listed from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association; (ix) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g) (4) of the Act; or (x) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

### ITEM 5 INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a)-(b) As of November 23, 2007, Arbor Realty held 2,900,756 shares of Common Stock, which represents 9.4% of the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock outstanding on November 13, 2007, as reported by the Issuer in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 14, 2007. Arbor Realty has the sole power to vote, and to dispose of, such shares.

(c) During the sixty (60) days preceding November 12, 2007, the date of the event requiring the filing of this Schedule 13D, and from such date to the date of this filing, Arbor Realty (i) purchased shares of Common Stock in various open market transactions, the terms of which are set forth on Schedule B to this Schedule 13D, and are incorporated herein by reference, and (ii) purchased 143,800 shares of Common Stock from Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, the external manager of Arbor Realty, for an aggregate purchase price of \$787,314, which represents the aggregate cost (including brokerage commissions, if any) of Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC to acquire such shares in various open market

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transactions in late August 2007.

(d) No person other than Arbor Realty is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, such shares of the Common Stock.

(e) Not applicable.

To the best knowledge of Arbor Realty, this Item 5 is not applicable to any of the directors or executive officers of Arbor Realty.

ITEM 6 CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

There are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among Arbor Realty and any of the directors or executive officers of Arbor Realty, or between any of such persons and any other person, with respect to any securities of the Issuer.

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ITEM 7 MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Letter, dated August 23, 2007, of Arbor Realty Trust Inc. to CBRE Realty Finance, Inc.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 23, 2007

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Ivan Kaufman

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Name: Ivan Kaufman  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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SCHEDULE A

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

NAME

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT

BUSINESS AD

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----- Ivan Kaufman	----- Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. ("ART") and Chief Executive Officer and President of Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC ("ACM")*	----- Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
Joseph Martello	Chief Operating Officer of Arbor Management, LLC, the managing member of ACM	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
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Mark S. Fogel	Senior Vice President - Asset Management of ART	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
Walter K. Horn	General Counsel, Director of Compliance, Secretary and Director of ART**	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
Gene Kilgore	Executive Vice President- Structured Securitization of ART**	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
John C. Kovarik	Chief Credit Officer of ART	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
Fred Weber	Executive Vice President- Structured Finance of ART**	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
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Archie R. Dykes	Director of various corporations, including PepsiAmericas, Inc., Midas, Inc. and ART	Arbor Realty Trust, Inc 333 Earle Ovington Boul Uniondale, New York 115
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\* As described in Item 2 of this Schedule 13D, ART is a specialized real estate finance company which invests in a diversified portfolio of structured finance assets in the multi-family and commercial real estate markets. ACM is a national commercial real estate finance company which specializes in debt and equity financing for multi-family and commercial real estate and also manages and advises ART and its subsidiaries pursuant to a Management Agreement, amended and restated as of January 19, 2005. The principal executive offices of ART and ACM are located at 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900 Uniondale, New York 11553.

\*\* This executive officer of ART is also a member of the Executive Committee of ACM.

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SCHEDULE B

OPEN MARKET PURCHASES OF COMMON STOCK BY ARBOR REALTY FROM 9/13/07 TO 11/21/07

TRADE DATE	NO. OF SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE PER SHARE (\$)	TOTAL COST (\$)
-----	-----	-----	-----
9/13/2007	50,000	5.0486	253,937
9/14/2007	75,000	5.0985	384,644
9/17/2007	105,000	5.1570	544,642
9/18/2007	76,200	5.1252	392,833
9/19/2007	25,500	5.3937	138,311
9/20/2007	12,600	5.4571	69,144
9/21/2007	38,200	5.9140	227,069
9/24/2007	93,300	5.9876	562,381
9/25/2007	315,862	5.9995	1,907,657
9/26/2007	152,925	5.9957	923,019
9/27/2007	23,900	5.9963	144,270

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9/28/2007	300,000	5.9628	1,800,784
10/19/2007	43,913	5.0446	223,284
10/24/2007	40,424	5.0497	205,750
11/8/2007	9,200	3.7700	34,964
11/9/2007	6,300	3.7981	24,184
11/12/2007	41,532	4.8298	202,285
11/13/2007	116,000	5.2874	617,980
11/14/2007	325,500	5.3659	1,759,626
11/16/2007	121,000	5.8556	713,371
11/19/2007	358,000	5.6548	2,038,739
11/20/2007	317,000	5.8065	1,853,356
11/21/2007	109,600	6.0009	662,081