

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.
Form 8-A12B
July 30, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State of Incorporation

or Organization)

c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC

9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor

New York, New York

27-0467113
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

10019

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class to be so registered | Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock | The New York Stock Exchange |

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **333-174108**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None.**

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

A description of the preferred stock to be registered hereunder is contained in the section entitled "Description of the Series A Preferred Stock" in the Registrant's prospectus supplement dated July 25, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 26, 2012 under Rule 424(b)(5) and under "Description of Preferred Stock" in the accompanying prospectus, which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1 | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Form S-11, as amended (Registration No. 333-160533). |
| 3.2 | By-laws of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Form S-11, as amended (Registration No. 333-160533). |
| 3.3* | Articles Supplementary designating Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.'s 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, par value \$0.01 per share. |
| 4.1* | Form of stock certificate evidencing the 8.625% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, par value \$0.01 per share. |

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: July 30, 2012

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

By: /s/ Stuart A. Rothstein
Name: Stuart A. Rothstein
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary

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