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**APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.
TO PRESENT AT UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

New York, NY, February 26, 2018 – Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the “Company” or “ARI”) (NYSE:ARI) today announced the Company will participate in the following upcoming conferences.

Citi Global Property CEO Conference

Stuart Rothstein, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, is scheduled to present on the mortgage REIT panel at the Citi Global Property CEO Conference on March 6, 2018 at The Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 10:55 am ET.

RBC Capital Markets Financial Institutions Conference

Stuart Rothstein is scheduled to present on the Real Estate Finance panel at the RBC Capital Markets Financial Institutions Conference on March 7, 2018 at The New York Palace Hotel in New York, New York. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 9:20 am ET.

Both presentations and question and answer periods will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed by all interested parties through the Company's website at www.apolloreit.com in the investor relations section. There will be a replay available following the presentation which will remain on the Company's website for thirty days.

About Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (NYSE: ARI) is a real estate investment trust that primarily originates, acquires, invests in and manages performing commercial real estate mortgage loans, subordinate financings and other commercial real estate-related debt investments. The Company is externally managed and advised by ACREFI Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an indirect subsidiary of Apollo Global Management, LLC, a leading global alternative investment manager with approximately \$248.9 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2017.

Additional information can be found on the Company's website at www.apolloreit.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release constitute forward-looking statements as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and such statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided by the same. Forward-looking statements are subject to substantial risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and are generally beyond the Company's control. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of the Company's business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, plans and objectives. When used in this release, the words believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, plan, continue, intend, should, may or similar expressions, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the following subjects, among others, may be forward-looking: the return on equity; the yield on investments; the ability to borrow to finance assets; the Company’s ability to deploy the proceeds of its capital raises or acquire its target assets; and risks associated with investing in real estate assets, including changes in business conditions and the general economy. For a further list and description of such risks and uncertainties, see the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements, and other risks, uncertainties and factors are based on the Company's beliefs, assumptions and expectations of its future performance, taking into account all information currently

available to the Company. Forward-looking statements are not predictions of future events. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.