

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance

Key maturities loom; downgrade to Underperform

Rating Change: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 10.50 USD | Price: 11.28 USD

Cautious on CRE mREITs broadly in 2024

We are moving to a more cautious outlook for the CRE mREIT sector and are downgrading Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance (ARI) to an Underperform rating (Neutral prior). CRE mREITs outperformed other financial stocks in 2023 (Exhibit 1), but we think the fundamental headwinds CRE faces are likely to persist throughout 2024. While we think ARI's portfolio is less exposed to the worst performing sub-sectors, we think the next few quarters will likely be choppy and risks are to the downside with ARI in particular facing several high profile 2024 maturities.

21% of portfolio matures in '24, including Steinway

In the first half of 2024, ARI has limited loan maturities (just 2% of the portfolio), but 15% of the portfolio (approx. \$1.7B) matures in 3Q24 (and 4% in 4Q). Positively, less than 1% of 2024 maturities are office loans; however, \$582M or 34% of the 2024 maturities are related to the Steinway Tower at 111 W 57th St in Manhattan. ARI has been involved with Steinway's redevelopment since 2015, a process that has hit several snags (including COVID). The business plan was to develop a world-class residential building for ultra-high net worth individuals, but to date the property has had trouble selling all the units. Given the difficulties the project has encountered, a clean pay-off in September for the full principal amount may be unlikely and we think problems with this loan may linger and weigh on earnings.

4Q solid, but any earnings softening could put div at risk

ARI reported a solid 4Q which had no additional CECL reserves (4Q CECL was ~\$220M or 2.6% of loan book, slightly below peer avg of ~2.8%) and stable book value at \$14.43. That said, distributable earnings of \$0.36 (~10% ROE) and was a penny above ARI's quarterly dividend of \$0.35. With a more difficult 2024 looming, we reduce our distributable earnings est to \$1.25 (~9% ROE) from \$1.43, which we think puts the \$0.35/qtr dividend at risk.

Maintain \$10.50 PO, dividend rating to "8"

ARI shares currently trade at 0.8x BVPS, in-line with its post-COVID average, while larger peers STWD & BXMT currently trade 15% below their post-COVID average. In our view, given elevated maturity risks, partially offset by limited office exposure, we think a slight discount valuation for ARI is warranted, driving our ~0.75x book value multiple and \$10.50 PO. We lower our dividend rating to an "8" from a "7" due to our lower EPS ests.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	1.67	1.09	1.25	1.23	1.31
GAAP EPS	1.68	0.30	0.95	0.97	1.04
EPS Change (YoY)	26.1%	-34.9%	14.4%	-1.4%	6.8%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			1.27	1.15	1.42
DPS	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.20	1.20
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	6.7x	10.4x	9.1x	9.2x	8.6x
GAAP P/E	6.7x	38.1x	11.9x	11.6x	10.8x
Dividend Yield	12.4%	12.4%	12.4%	10.6%	10.6%

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Objective Basis/Risk on page 6.

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Inv. Opinion	C-2-7	C-3-8
Inv. Rating	NEUTRAL UND	ERPERFORM

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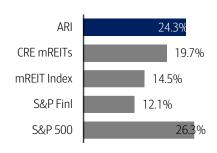
Stock Data

Prico 11.28 USD Price Objective 10.50 USD Date Established 28-Apr-2023 Investment Opinion C-3-8 52-Week Range 8.58 USD -12.74 USD Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn) 1594 USD / 1414 80.0% Average Daily Value 911 USD BofA Ticker / Exchange ARI / NYS Bloomberg / Reuters ARI US / ARI.N ROE (2024E) 8.0% ESGMeter™ Medium

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Exhibit 1: CRE mREITs outperformed in '23

2023 total returns; ARI outperformed peers



Source: Bloomberg, BofA Global Research

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ncome Statement Data (D

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Interest Income	244	252	205	230	249
% change	-8.3%	3.5%	-18.6%	11.8%	8.4%
Net Fee Income	2	2	7	7	7
Securities Gains / (Losses)	166	(135)	0	0	0
Total Operating Income	295	172	212	236	256
Operating Expenses	(121)	(149)	(150)	(66)	(73)
% change	35.3%	22.6%	0.9%	-56.0%	11.2%
Provisions Expense	18	(59)	0	0	0
% change	NA	NA	-100.0%	NA	NA
Operating Pre-Tax Income	192	(37)	62	170	182
Operating Net Income to Comm S/Hold.	179	(49)	50	158	170
GAAP Net Income	192	(37)	62	170	182

Balance Sheet Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total Assets	9,568	9,297	9,297	9,319	9,069
Average Interest Earning Assets	8,572	8,315	8,358	8,558	8,758
Total Gross Customer Loans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
% change	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Customer Deposits	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
% change	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tangible Equity	2,355	2,209	2,182	2,186	2,203
Common Shareholders' Equity	2.355	2.209	2.182	2.186	2.203

Key Metrics (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Interest Margin	2.84%	3.03%	2.46%	2.68%	2.84%
Effective Tax Rate	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Loan / Deposit Ratio	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tangible Common Equity / Assets	24.6%	23.8%	23.5%	23.5%	24.3%
ROA	2.5%	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%	2.1%
ROE	10.3%	7.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.5%
RoTE	10.2%	7.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.5%
Dividend Payout Ratio	129.1%	NA	453.4%	122.6%	114.1%
Efficiency Ratio (Cost / Income Ratio)	93.5%	48.5%	70.7%	27.9%	28.7%

Quality of Earnings (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total Non-Interest Inc / Operating Inc	17.5%	-46.9%	3.2%	2.9%	2.6%
NPLs plus Foreclosed Real Estate / Loans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Company Sector

Mortgage Finance

Company Description

Apollo Real Estate (ARI) is a REIT that focuses on commercial mortgage investments. It is externally managed by an indirect subsidiary of Apollo Global Management. ARI completed an IPO in September 2009, raising aggregate proceeds of \$210M.

Investment Rationale

We are constructive on ARI's longer-term profitability and BVPS stability. That said, we think the risk associated with higher defaults/foreclosures and concerns about CRE values are not fully offset by a high current yield, an above peer loan loss reserve, and a valuation that largely reflects the more challenging commercial real estate macro backdrop.

Stock Data

verage Daily Volume	807.304

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	0.48A	0.31E
Q2	-0.11A	0.32E
Q3	0.37A	0.31E
Q4	0.36A	0.31E

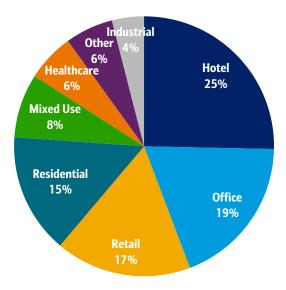


Unique portfolio with lots of European CRE

ARI's portfolio is less focused on multifamily and office and instead is overweight hotel and retail. (Exhibit 2). Additionally, the portfolio is differentiated from peers as 51% of loans are located in Europe (Exhibit 3). Consensus view is that European office (~10% of ARI's total portfolio) has fared better than US office due to stronger return-to-office trends. However, we have begun to see European banks call out CRE weakness, with Deutsche bank increasing provisions and calling it, "the greatest real estate crisis since the financial crisis". Positively, ARI's total portfolio has less office (19%) and multifamily (16%) exposure than most peers.

Exhibit 2: ARI has less office & residential exposure; overweight hotel, retail

ARI portfolio allocation by property type



Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research

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Exhibit 3: ARI is uniquely exposed to European CRE

% of CRE mREIT portfolio by geography

Ticker	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	Southwest	West	Diversified	International
ACRE	30%	19%	20%	14%	11%	6%	0%
BXMT**	20%	13%	4%	10%	18%	2%	34%
STWD*	26%	16%	2%	15%	9%		31%
ARI	27%	6%	6%	1%	4%	5%	51%
BRSP*	14%	7%	0%	36%	43%		0%
LADR*	29%	36%	11%	12%	10%	2%	0%
TRTX	24%	23%	4%	17%	28%	4%	0%
AVERAGE	24%	17%	7%	15%	18%	4%	17%

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research

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Originations in low-rate environment may carry added risk

By our math, BRSP originated \sim 65% of its loan portfolio post-COVID and \sim 75% of loans were originated with fed funds below 2.0% (Exhibits 4 & 5). This matters not only because higher rates weigh on property valuations, but also because CRE mREIT loans are floating rate, and borrowers purchase rate caps to hedge against the risk of rate spikes which expire at loan maturity. Given the sharp move higher in rates, these rate



^{*} Loan portfolio only

^{**}Based on 150 largest loans

caps have been important in keeping interest expenses in check. As loans mature, new rate caps will need to be purchased at prohibitive prices.

Exhibit 4: ~65% of ARI's portfolio originated post-COVID

Origination vintage as a % of total loan portfolio

	Vintage by year						
	2017 or prior	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ACRE	2%	5%	10%	14%	35%	28%	5%
BXMT	2%	17%	17%	4%	39%	21%	0%
STWD			Λ	ot disclosed			
ARI	7%	3%	19%	7%	27%	32%	5%
BRSP*	2%	12%	10%	2%	43%	31%	0%
LADR*		14%		0%	57%	29%	0%
TRTX	1%	4%	17%	3%	42%	27%	6%

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research

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Exhibit 5: 74% of ARI's portfolio originated with FF rates below 2.0%

% of portfolio originated at or below given FF rate

	FF Rate below						
	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%	4.00%			
ACRE	68%	82%	92%	95%			
BXMT	52%	75%	94%	94%			
STWD		Not disclosed					
ARI	55%	74%	92%	92%			
BRSP	63%	82%	100%	100%			
LADR		Not di	sclosed				
TRTX	47%	60%	95%	96%			

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research

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Steinway loan in 3Q looms

ARI's 1H24 has limited maturities (just 2% of the portfolio), but in 3Q 15% of the portfolio is set to mature, largely made up of the Steinway building, which has been a legacy issue in the portfolio. Commentary on the 4Q earnings call indicated that 1 unit was sold in 4Q and 2 more units are under contract, and that trends are largely in-line with their previous expectations. We think that ARI will largely trade based on Steinway, given its outsized impact on net book value at almost \$600M or over 25% of NAV.

Exhibit 6: 21% of ARI's portfolio matures in '24, 3Q elevated due to Steinway

% of portfolio maturing in given quarter

	Maturities in							
	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25
ACRE	5%	11%	13%	17%	18%	9%	9%	7%
BXMT	3%	2%	6%	7%	1%	7%	4%	7%
STWD	Not disclosed			Not disclosed				
ARI	0%	2%	15%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%
BRSP	0%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%
LADR	Not disclosed				Not dis	sclosed		
TRTX	1%	3%	5%	8%	1%	0%	0%	2%

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research

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Run-rate earnings may not support current dividend

ARI's 4Q Distributable EPS was \$0.01 above the \$0.35/share quarterly dividend and management commentary on the 4Q call was upbeat about ARI's ability to keep the dividend stable (ARI has not cut the dividend since COVID). That said, our estimates are for ARI to underearn the dividend throughout 2024. We model a 14% reduction (to \$0.30/qtr) in the quarterly dividend to occur in 1Q25.

Exhibit 7: We forecast a dividend reduction in 2025

ARI summary income statement

(\$000s)	2022A	2023A	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025-E	2026-E
Income Statement									
Interest Income from Comm Mtge Loans	456,513	701,002	178,321	178,321	173,367	172,377	702,385	690,656	707,656
Interest income from Subordinate Loans	55,590	17,280	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	8,655	10,991	21,637
Interest Expense	(268,531)	(466,110)	(129,158)	(128,556)	(124,379)	(123,719)	(505,812)	(472,119)	(480,521)
Net Interest Income	243,572	252,172	51,326	51,928	51,152	50,822	205,228	229,528	248,771
G&A Expenses	11,410	12,077	2,789	2,789	2,789	2,789	11,156	11,000	18,201
Stock-based Compensation	18,252	17,443	4,352	4,352	4,352	4,352	17,408	17,408	17,408
Depreciation and Amortization on REO	704	8,248	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040	4,160	-	-
Operating Expenses Related to REO	52,368	72,759	19,842	19,842	19,842	19,842	79,368	-	=
Management Fees	38,419	37,978	9,483	9,455	9,427	9,397	37,762	37,558	37,727
Total OpEx	121,153	148,505	37,506	37,478	37,450	37,420	149,854	65,966	73,336
Loan loss provision	17,623	(59,427)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Income from Cash Balances / Other Income	2,427	2,276	1,691	1,691	1,691	1,691	6.763	6,763	6,763
Realized Gains / (Losses) from Sales	18,683	(86,604)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign currency gain	(116,398)	52,030	=	=	=	_	_	=	_
Gain on foreign currency forward contracts	146,981	(48,213)	=	=	=	_	_	=	_
Unrealized loss on interest rate hedges	11,368	(414)	(292)	(292)	(292)	(292)	(1,168)	(1,168)	(1,168)
Revenue from real estate owned operations	62,062	92,419	26,146	26,146	26,146	26,146	104,584	(1,100)	(1,100)
Other income	68	2,415	20,110	20,110	20,110	20,110	-	=	
Preferred dividends	12,272	12,272	3,068	3,068	3,068	3,068	12,271	12,271	12,271
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Net Income / (Losses)	252,961	45,855	38,297	38,927	38,179	37,879	153,281	156,886	168,759
Total Operating EPS Adjustments	(32,349)	197,788	5,684	5,684	5,684	5,684	22,736	18,576	18,576
GAAP FPS	1.00	0.20	0.24	024	0.24	0.22	0.05	0.07	1.04
	1.68	0.30	0.24 0.31	0.24 0.32	0.24 0.31	0.23 0.31	0.95	0.97	1.04
Distributable EPS Operating EPS (includes realized G/L)	1.54 1.67	1.69 1.09	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.31	1.25 1.25	1.23 1.23	1.31 1.31
Dividends (DPS)	1.40	1.40	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.40	1.20	1.20
Dividends (DI 3)	1.40	1.40	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	1.40	1.20	1.20
Shares Outstanding (Common - EOP)	140,596	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353
Shares Outstanding (F.D Wtd. Avg.)	165,505	141,280	161,503	161,503	161,503	161,503	161,503	161,503	161,503
Shares Outstanding (Operating EPS)	143,092	144,214	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	141,353	142,953	142,953
GAAP BV	15.54	14.43	14.38	14.34	14.29	14.24	14.24	14.27	14.39
Core payout ratio	91%	83%					112%	98%	92%

Source: Company filings, BofA Global Research

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Price objective basis & risk

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance (ARI)

Our \$10.50 price objective is based on a roughly 0.75x multiple to BVPS, which is roughly in line with commercial mortgage REITs peers.

Downside/upside risks to our price objective are: delays in/faster-than-anticipated capital deployment, unfavorable/favorable price movements in the target asset classes, credit deterioration/improvement in commercial real estate mortgages, disruptions/strengthening in the capital markets and unexpected changes in government regulations of the financial markets.

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	Northern Trust Corporation	NTRS	NTRS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending	NCDL	NCDL US	Derek Hewett
	Royal Bank of Canada	RY	RY US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Royal Bank of Canada	YRY	RY CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
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	Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc	TSLX	TSLX US	Derek Hewett
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	The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	BK	BK US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Truist Financial	TFC	TFC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	U.S. Bancorp	USB	USB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Webster Financial Corp.	WBS	WBS US	Brandon Berman
	Wells Fargo & Company	WFC	WFC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Western Alliance Bancorp	WAL	WAL US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
NEUTRAL				
	AGNC Investment Corp	AGNC	AGNC US	Derek Hewett
	Ally Financial	ALLY	ALLY US	Brandon Berman
	Annaly Capital Management	NLY	NLY US	Derek Hewett
	Associated Banc-Corp	ASB	ASB US	Brandon Berman
	Bain Capital Specialty Finance, Inc.	BCSF	BCSF US	Derek Hewett



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	Blackstone Mortgage Trust Inc	BXMT	BXMT US	Eric Dray, CFA
	Blackstone Secured Lending Fund	BXSL	BXSL US	Derek Hewett
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CM	CM US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	YCM	CM CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Citizens Financial Group	CFG	CFG US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Comerica Incorporated	CMA	CMA US	Brandon Berman
	Commerce Bancshares Inc.	CBSH	CBSH US	Brandon Berman
	Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc.	GSBD	GSBD US	Derek Hewett
	Golub Capital BDC, Inc.	GBDC	GBDC US	Derek Hewett
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	Ladder Capital Corp	LADR	LADR US	Eric Dray, CFA
	New York Community Bancorp	NYCB	NYCB US	Fbrahim H. Poonawala
	Palmer Square Capital BDC	PSBD	PSBD US	Derek Hewett
	PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust	PMT	PMT US	Derek Hewett
	Popular Inc	BPOP	BPOP US	Brandon Berman
	Regions Financial	RF.	RF US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Starwood Property Trust	STWD	STWD US	Eric Dray, CFA
	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	PNC	PNC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
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	Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation	ACRE	ACRE US	Eric Dray, CFA
	Bank of Hawaii Corp.	ВОН	BOH US	Brandon Berman
	BrightSpire Capital Inc.	BRSP	BRSP US	Eric Dray, CFA
	First Hawaiian Inc.	FHB	FHB US	Brandon Berman
	Guild Holdings Company	GHLD	GHLD US	Derek Hewett
	Invesco Mortgage Capital, Inc.	IVR	IVR US	Derek Hewett
	loanDepot Inc	LDI	LDI US	Derek Hewett
	MidCap Financial Investment Co	MFIC	MFIC US	Derek Hewett
	Prosperity Bancshares Inc	PB	PB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	State Street Corporation	STT	STT US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc.	TCBI	TCBI US	Brandon Berman
	TPG RE Finance Trust, Inc.	TRTX	TRTX US	Eric Dray, CFA
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Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) \times (1 $-$ Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets — Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Sales
EV / EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization
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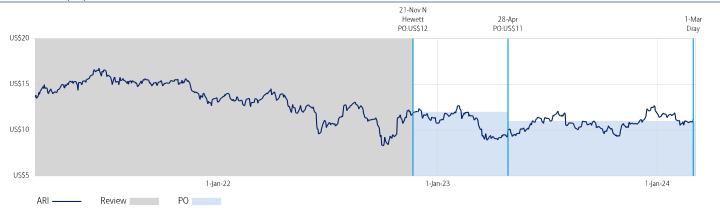
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