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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] | ey | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | KKR Real Estate Finance Trust Inc. [KREF] | DirectorX 10% Owner |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P., 30 HUDSON YARDS | 11/1/2021 | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| NEW YORK, NY 10001 (City) (State) (Zip) | | Form filed by One Reporting Person X _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8) | | (A) or Disposed of (D) | | | ······································ | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | |
| | | | Code | v | Allount | (D) | | | 4) | See |
| Common Stock | 11/1/2021 | | С | | 1 | А | <u>(1)</u> | 1 | I | Footnotes (2)(4)(5) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 14250000 | | See Footnotes (3)(4)(5) |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivate Security | 2. Conversion | 3. Trans. Date | | 4. Trans. Code | | Number Derivativ | | 6. Date Exer Expiration I | | 7. Title and . Securities U | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of derivative | | Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of | Date | Execution Date, if any | (Instr. 8) | | Securities | 5 | Expiration | | Derivative S (Instr. 3 and | ecurity | Security | Securities | | Ownership (Instr. |
| | Derivative Security | | Date, II ally | | | Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | of (D) | | | (insu: 5 and | 4) | | Owned Following | Security: Direct (D) | 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Special Voting Preferred Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 11/1/2021 | | С | | | 1 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 1 | \$0 | 0 | I | See Footnotes (2)(4)(5) |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) On November 1, 2021, KKR Real Estate Finance Trust Inc. (the "Company") completed an underwritten offering of 5 million shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"). As a result of the consummation of the offering, KKR & Co. Inc. and its affiliates no longer own at least 25% of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock and, as a result, the share of the Company's Special Voting Preferred Stock held by KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC automatically converted into one share of Common Stock.
- (2) Represents securities held by KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC.
- (3) Represents securities held by KKR REFT Holdings L.P. The general partner of KKR REFT Holdings L.P. is KKR REFT Holdings GP LLC, which is wholly owned by KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC.
- (4) KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC is owned by KKR Group Partnership L.P. and KKR Financial Holdings LLC, whose common shares are wholly owned by KKR Group Partnership L.P. KKR Group Holdings Corp. is the general partner of KKR Group Partnership L.P. KKR & Co. Inc. is the sole shareholder of KKR Group Holdings Corp. KKR Management LLP is the Series I preferred stockholder of KKR & Co. Inc. Henry R. Kravis and George R. Roberts are the founding partners of KKR Management LLP.
- (5) Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| KKR REFT Holdings L.P. | | | | | | |

| C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | X | |
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| KKR REFT Holdings GP LLC C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | X | |
| KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | Х | |
| KKR Group Partnership L.P. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | Х | |
| KKR Financial Holdings LLC C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | Х | |
| KKR Group Holdings Corp. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | Х | |
| KKR & Co. Inc. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | Х | |
| KKR Management LLP C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | X | |
| KRAVIS HENRY R C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001 | X | |
| ROBERTS GEORGE R C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 200 MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | X | |

Signatures

| KKR MANAGEMENT LLP By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | 11/3/2021 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| KKR & CO. INC. By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | 11/3/2021 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| KKR GROUP HOLDINGS CORP. By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | 11/3/2021 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| KKR GROUP PARTNERSHIP L.P. By: KKR Group Holdings Corp., general partner By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | 11/3/2021 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| KKR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Executive Officer | 11/3/2021 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| KKR REFT ASSET HOLDINGS LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President | 11/3/2021 |
| ** | Data |

Date

| KKR REFT HOLDINGS GP LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | | |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |
| KKR REFT HOLDINGS L.P. By: KKR REFT Holdings GP LLC, its general partner By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer | 11/3/2021 | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |
| HENRY R. KRAVIS By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact | 11/3/2021 | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |
| GEORGE R. ROBERTS By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact | 11/3/2021 | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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