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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 *					2	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
KKR REFT Holdings L.P.						KKR Real Estate Finance Trust Inc. [ KREF ]								Director		_x_	_ 10% (	Owner			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)				3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)								Officer (giv	ve title below	v)	_ Other	(specify	below)		
C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P., 30 HUDSON YARDS						5/27/2021															
(Street)					4	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							
											quired, l	Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficially Own	ed				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans. Date							3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)			or Disposed of (D) Follo			mount of Securities Beneficially Owned owing Reported Transaction(s) r. 3 and 4)			6. 7. Nature of Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership					
							Co	ode	V	Amount	(A) (D		rice		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				tr. 4)		
Common Stock 5/27/2021				21				S		750000	D	\$20.	07 (1)		14250000			I	See Foo	tnotes (2)(3)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																					
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	sion Date Exe Date			4. Trai (Instr.			Code 5. Number of Derivative Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Derivative (Instr. 3 an				rities U vative S	Underlying Security derivative Security (Instr. 5)  Underlying Securitive Securitie Beneficial Owned		Ownership of Indirect Beneficial Derivative Security: (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership	
	Security			Coo		e V	, (	(A)	(D)	)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amor	unt or Number of		Followin Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	o		

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) This amount represents the \$20.30 secondary price per share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of KKR Real Estate Finance Trust Inc. (the "Issuer") less the underwriting discount of \$0.23 per share for shares sold by KKR REFT Holdings L.P. in connection with the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option granted in connection with an underwritten public offering.
- (2) 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. 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.
- (3) 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.		X				
30 HUDSON YARDS						
NEW YORK, NY 10001						
KKR REFT Holdings GP LLC						
C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P.		X				
30 HUDSON YARDS						
NEW YORK, NY 10001						
KKR REFT Asset Holdings LLC						

C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001	x	
KKR Group Partnership L.P. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001	x	
KKR Financial Holdings LLC C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001	X	
KKR Group Holdings Corp. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001	X	
KKR & Co. Inc. C/O KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. 30 HUDSON YARDS NEW YORK, NY 10001	X	
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

Lewin, Chief Financial Officer

HENRY R. KRAVIS By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact	5/28/2021				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
GEORGE R. ROBERTS By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
KKR MANAGEMENT LLP By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer	5/28/2021				
**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	5/28/2021				
**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	5/28/2021				
**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	5/28/2021				
	5/28/2021  Date				
P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer	Date				
P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer  **Signature of Reporting Person  KKR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert	Date				
P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Financial Officer  **Signature of Reporting Person  KKR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H. Lewin, Chief Executive Officer	5/28/2021				

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KKR REFT HOLDINGS GP LLC By: /s/ Terence P. Gallagher Name: Terence P. Gallagher Title: Attorney-in-fact for Robert H.

•	—Signature of Reporting Person	

## 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

5/28/2021

Date

\*\*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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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