

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 13, 2021 (October 13, 2021)

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MARYLAND

(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

001-32136

(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

20-0057959

(IRS EMPLOYER ID. NUMBER)

333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900

Uniondale, New York

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

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(ZIP CODE)

(516) 506-4200

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading symbols</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PD	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PE	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.25% Series F Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PF	New York Stock Exchange

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 13, 2021 (the “Closing Date”), Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (“Arbor”) announced the closing of a multifamily mortgage securitization (the “Securitization”) for which Arbor Private Label, LLC (the “Mortgage Loan Seller”), a consolidated affiliate of Arbor, was the loan seller and sponsor. In connection with such closing, Arbor Private Label Depositor, LLC (the “Depositor”), a wholly-owned affiliate of the Mortgage Loan Seller, caused the issuance of the Arbor Multifamily Mortgage Securities Trust 2021-MF3, Multifamily Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2021-MF3 (the “Certificates”) pursuant to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2021, by and among the Depositor, as depositor, Midland Loan Services, a Division of PNC Bank, National Association, as Master Servicer (in such capacity, the “Master Servicer”), Midland Loan Services, a Division of PNC Bank, National Association, as special servicer (in such capacity, the “Special Servicer”), Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as certificate administrator, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the “Pooling and Servicing Agreement”).

The Certificates have an aggregate initial outstanding principal balance of approximately \$535,204,267. The Certificates represent, in the aggregate, the entire beneficial ownership in the Arbor Multifamily Mortgage Securities Trust 2021-MF3 (the “Issuing Entity”), a common law trust fund formed on October 13, 2021 under the laws of the State of New York pursuant to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement. The Issuing Entity’s primary assets are 30 mortgage loans secured by first liens on 48 multifamily properties (the “Mortgage Loans”).

The Certificates were issued pursuant to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement. The information contained in Item 2.03 of this Form 8-K regarding the terms of the Pooling and Servicing Agreement and the Certificates are incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

The Certificates have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or any state securities laws, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

The net proceeds of the sale of the Certificates were applied to the purchase of the Mortgage Loans by the Depositor from the Mortgage Loan Seller on the Closing Date, and will in turn be used to repay borrowings under Arbor’s current credit facilities, pay transaction expenses and fund future loans and investments.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The Certificates were issued pursuant to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement. The Certificates consist of classes (each, a “Class”) designated as the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5, Class A-SB, Class X-A, Class X-B, Class X-D, Class A-S, Class B, Class C, Class D, Class E, Class F-RR and Class R Certificates.

The Certificates represent, in the aggregate, the entire beneficial ownership interest in the Issuing Entity. The primary assets of the Issuing Entity are the Mortgage Loans, which have an aggregate outstanding principal balance as of the cut-off date for the Securitization of approximately \$535,204,267. The assets of the Issuing Entity are the sole source of distributions on the Certificates. The Certificates do not represent obligations of Arbor, the Depositor, the Mortgage Loan Seller or any other affiliate of Arbor.

The Mortgage Loans acquired on the Closing Date were purchased by the Depositor from the Mortgage Loan Seller. Each of the Mortgage Loan Seller and the Depositor is a consolidated affiliate of Arbor. The Mortgage Loan Seller made certain representations and warranties to the Depositor with respect to the Mortgage Loans. If any such representations or warranties are materially inaccurate, or if any document required to be a part of the mortgage file is missing or defective in a material way, the Depositor or another party to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement may compel the Mortgage Loan Seller to repurchase the affected Mortgage Loans from it for an amount not exceeding par plus accrued interest and certain additional charges, if then applicable. As Arbor intends that its only remaining interest in the Mortgage Loans will consist of the rights and obligations of the Primary Servicer, the ownership of the Class F-RR Certificates by the Retaining Party (as defined below), and certain non-binding consultation rights of the Risk Retention Consultation Party (as defined below), each as described below, Arbor intends to account for the Securitization as a sale of the Mortgage Loans.

Arbor Multifamily Lending, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arbor (the “Primary Servicer”) will act as a subservicer of the Mortgage Loans for the Master Servicer pursuant to a primary servicing agreement between the Primary Servicer and the Master Servicer. The Primary Servicer will be entitled to a primary servicing fee and a portion of certain other fees payable, or permitted to be collected from borrowers under the Mortgage Loans, pursuant to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement.

In general, distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5, Class A-SB, Class X-A, Class X-B and Class X-D Certificates (except that the Class X-A, Class X-B and Class X-D Certificates are only entitled to distributions of interest) will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class A-S, B, C, D, E and F-RR Certificates; distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class A-S Certificates will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class B, C, D, E and F-RR Certificates; distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class B Certificates will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class C, D, E and F-RR Certificates; distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class C Certificates will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class D, E and F-RR Certificates; distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class D Certificates will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class E and F-RR Certificates; distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class E Certificates will be senior to all distributions of principal and interest and distributions in reimbursement of realized losses on the Class F-RR Certificates. The Class R Certificates represent the “residual interest” under real estate mortgage investment conduit tax regulations and are generally entitled to any amounts remaining on any distribution date after distributions to the other Classes of Certificates. No distributions are expected to be made on the Class R Certificates.

As among the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5, Class A-SB, Class X-A, Class X-B and Class X-D Certificates, such Classes will, first, be entitled to distributions of interest *pro rata* (based on their respective interest entitlements), second, (a) prior to a defined cross-over date, to the Class A-SB Certificates to reduce the Class A-SB Certificates to a scheduled principal balance, then, sequentially to the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5 and Class A-SB Certificates, in that order, in each case until the principal balance of such Class is reduced to zero and (b) after such cross-over date, to the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5 and Class A-SB Certificates, *pro rata* (based on their respective principal balances), until the principal balance of each such Class is reduced to zero and, third, to the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5 and Class A-SB Certificates, *pro rata* (based on the amount of realized losses allocated to such Class), in reimbursement of realized losses previously allocated to such Class and interest thereon.

In general, realized losses on the Mortgage Loans will be applied to reduce the outstanding principal balances of the Classes of Certificates as follows: first, to the Class F-RR Certificates, second, to the Class E Certificates, third, to the Class D Certificates, fourth, to the Class C Certificates, fifth, to the Class B Certificates and sixth, to the Class A-S Certificates, in that order, in each case until the principal balance of such Class has been reduced to zero. Thereafter, any realized losses will be allocated *pro rata* (based on their respective principal balances) to the Class A-1, Class A-2, Class A-3, Class A-5 and Class A-SB Certificates until the principal balance of each such Class has been reduced to zero.

At such time as the aggregate principal balance of the Mortgage Loans is less than 1% of the aggregate principal balance of the Mortgage Loans on the cut-off date, the Special Servicer, the Master Servicer or holder of the Class R Certificates (in that order) have the option to terminate the Issuing Entity (and retire the then-outstanding Certificates) by purchasing all of the assets of the Issuing Entity.

The Mortgage Loan Seller, in its capacity as the “retaining sponsor” for purposes of Regulation RR under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Mortgage Loan Seller in such capacity, the “Retaining Sponsor”), has agreed to comply with the risk retention requirements of Regulation RR with respect to the Securitization by causing Arbor Realty SR, Inc. (the “Retaining Party”), to retain the Class F-RR Certificates, with an initial principal balance of \$47,500,266. The Class F-RR Certificates represented not less than 5% of the fair value of the Certificates (excluding the Class R Certificates) as of the Closing Date. However, if Regulation RR is modified or repealed, the Retaining Sponsor may choose to comply (or to cause the Retaining Party or another “majority owned affiliate” (as defined in Regulation RR) of the Retaining Sponsor to comply) with Regulation RR as then in effect. The Retaining Party is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arbor and a “majority-owned affiliate” of the Retaining Sponsor. The Retaining Party has appointed the Retaining Sponsor as the initial risk retention consultation party under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement (in such capacity, the “Risk Retention Consultation Party”). The Risk Retention Consultation Party has certain non-binding consultation rights with respect to servicing “major decisions” (as defined in the Pooling and Servicing Agreement) that may arise with respect to a Mortgage Loan.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 13, 2021, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the multifamily real estate mortgage securitization disclosed in Items 1.01 and 2.03 of this Form 8-K, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
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104	The cover page of this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Elenio

Name: Paul Elenio

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 13, 2021



**Arbor Private Label Mortgage Lender Closes
\$535 Million Multifamily Mortgage Loan Securitization**

Uniondale, NY, October 13, 2021 -- Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. ("**Arbor**") (NYSE:ABR) today announced the closing of a multifamily mortgage loan securitization totaling approximately \$535 million (the "**Securitization**"). Arbor affiliate Arbor Private Label, LLC, originated the mortgage loans and was the loan seller and sponsor for the Securitization. The Securitization is the third for the Arbor Private Label multifamily mortgage loan securitization program.

The Securitization is backed by a pool of 30 fixed rate mortgage loans secured by first priority mortgage liens on 48 multifamily properties. Arbor's servicing and asset management affiliate, Arbor Multifamily Lending, LLC, will be the primary servicer of the mortgage loans.

Beneficial ownership interests in the Securitization trust are represented by a series of multifamily mortgage pass-through certificates (the "**Certificates**"). The Certificates were issued under a pooling and servicing agreement, which will govern the servicing and administration of the mortgage loans. An Arbor affiliate will retain the most subordinate class of Certificates, with a balance of approximately \$47.5 million (the "**Retained Certificates**"), in satisfaction of credit risk retention requirements.

All of the Certificates (other than the Retained Certificates and residual interest) were assigned investment grade ratings by Fitch Ratings, Inc. and DBRS, Inc.

The offering of the Certificates was made pursuant to a private placement. The Certificates are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent an applicable exemption from registration requirements. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction.

About Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE:ABR) is a nationwide real estate investment trust and direct lender, providing loan origination and servicing for multifamily, single-family rental (SFR) portfolios, and other diverse commercial real estate assets. Headquartered in New York, Arbor manages a multibillion-dollar servicing portfolio, specializing in government-sponsored enterprise products. Arbor is a leading Fannie Mae DUS[®] lender, Freddie Mac Optigo[®] Seller/Servicer, and an approved FHA Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) lender. Arbor's product platform also includes bridge, CMBS, mezzanine and preferred equity lending. Rated by Standard and Poor's and Fitch Ratings, Arbor is committed to building on its reputation for service, quality and customized solutions with an unparalleled dedication to providing our clients excellence over the entire life of a loan.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain items in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management’s current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Arbor can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Arbor’s expectations include, but are not limited to, changes in economic conditions generally, and the real estate markets specifically, in particular, due to the uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, continued ability to source new investments, changes in interest rates and/or credit spreads, and other risks detailed in Arbor’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and its other reports filed with the SEC. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Arbor expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Arbor’s expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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