## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report: December 12, 2005

# **Apollo Investment Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 333-112591 52-2439556 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9 West 57th Street, 41st Floor, New York, NY 10019

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 212-515-3200

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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following press release was issued by Apollo Investment Corporation on December 12, 2005:

#### APOLLO INVESTMENT CORPORATION

#### ANNOUNCES THIRD FISCAL QUARTER DIVIDEND OF \$0.44 PER SHARE

New York, N.Y. December 12, 2005 Apollo Investment Corporation (NASDAQ: AINV) announces that its Board of Directors has declared its third fiscal quarter dividend of \$0.44 per share, payable on December 29, 2005 to shareholders of record as of December 22, 2005. The ex-dividend date is December 20, 2005. The dividend is paid from taxable earnings whose specific tax characteristics will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099 after the end of the year.

#### ABOUT APOLLO INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Apollo Investment Corporation, or the Company, is a closed-end investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Company's investment portfolio is principally in middle-market private companies. The Company invests primarily in mezzanine loans and senior secured loans in furtherance of its business plan and also invests in the equity of portfolio companies. From time to time, the Company invests in public companies that are not thinly traded. Apollo Investment Corporation is managed by Apollo Investment Management, L.P., an affiliate of Apollo Management, L.P., a leading private equity investor.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included herein may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statements made herein.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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.

Apollo Investment Corporation

/s/ RICHARD L. PETEKA (Signature)

By: Richard L. Peteka
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Date: December 12, 2005