

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): **December 16, 2024 (December 11, 2024)**

Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-41123

(Commission File Number)

86-3125132

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

1680 Michigan Avenue Suite 700 Miami Beach, Florida

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33139

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(312) 809-7002**

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	REFI	The Nasdaq Global Market LLC

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.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 11, 2024, Donald Gulbrandsen notified the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc. (The “Company”) of his resignation, effective as of January 1, 2025, from his position as a member of the Board, and all committees of the Board that he served on. Mr. Gulbrandsen’s resignation is not a result of any disagreement with the Company or on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices. Mr. Gulbrandsen will remain in his positions until his resignation becomes effective. The Board has launched a search to identify new independent director candidates.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHICAGO ATLANTIC REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.

Date: December 16, 2024

By: /s/ Peter Sack

Name: Peter Sack

Title: Co-Chief Executive Officer