

ARES CAPITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 25, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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): **June 25, 2018**

**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**814-00663**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-1089684**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**245 Park Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10167**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(212) 750-7300**

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N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On June 25, 2018, Ares Capital Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release, included herewith as Exhibit 99.1, announcing that on June 21, 2018 the board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), including a required majority (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) of the Board, approved the application of the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Credit Availability Act. As a result, the Company's asset coverage requirements applicable to senior securities will be reduced from 200% to 150%, effective on June 21, 2019. In addition, the Company is reducing its annual base management fee from 1.5% to 1.0% on all assets financed using leverage over 1.0x debt to equity. In connection with the above, the Company has also provided an investor presentation on its website at <http://www.arescapitalcorp.com>. A copy of the investor presentation is included as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1              | <u>Press Release, dated June 25, 2018</u>             |
| 99.2              | <u>Ares Capital Corporation Investor Presentation</u> |

**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.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

Date: June 25, 2018

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| By:    | /s/ Penni F. Roll       |
| Name:  | Penni F. Roll           |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |