

Capitala Finance Corp.
Form 4
December 23, 2015

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Alala Joseph B III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CAPITALA FINANCE
CORP., 4201 CONGRESS STREET,
SUITE 360

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28209

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Capitala Finance Corp. [CPTA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)

See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Common Stock	12/23/2015		P		84,950	A	\$ 285,229.17 (1)
Common Stock							505,479.08 (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock							2,705 (1)
						I	via Capitala Private Investments LLC
						I	via Capitala Restricted Shares I, LLC
						I	via Capitala Transaction Corp.

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Common Stock	972 ⁽¹⁾	I	via CapitalSouth Corporation
Common Stock	100 ⁽¹⁾	I	via Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Awards	<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>					<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>			Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	160,408.68 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Alala Joseph B III C/O CAPITALA FINANCE CORP. 4201 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 360 CHARLOTTE, NC 28209	X		See Remarks	

Signatures

/s/ Richard G. Wheelahan, III,
attorney-in-fact

12/23/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

Mr. Alala disclaims beneficial ownership of any of the Capitala Finance Corp.'s (the "Issuer") shares directly held by Capitala Private Investments LLC, Capitala Restricted Shares I, LLC ("CRS"), Capitala Transaction Corp., CapitalSouth Corporation and Capitala

- (1) Investment Advisors, LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Alala is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any other purpose.

As of the date of this report, unvested Awards with respect to 505,479.08 shares of the Issuer's common stock held by CRS, which is controlled by Mr. Alala and is an affiliate of Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser"), have been granted to certain of the Adviser's employees pursuant to CRS's Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Compensation Plan, dated September 18, 2015 (the "Plan").

- (2) Unvested Awards under the Plan are scheduled to vest as follows: 10% on September 25, 2016, 30% on September 25, 2017 and 40% on September 25, 2018. Upon settlement, the unvested Awards will become payable on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Plan was previously approved by the Issuer's Board of Directors. As of the date of this report, Mr. Alala holds unvested Awards with respect to 160,408.68 shares of the Issuer's common stock held by CRS.

Pursuant to the SEC staff no-action letters to Babson Capital Management LLC (pub. avail. Dec. 14, 2006) and Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc. (pub. avail. Oct. 8, 2015), an employee benefit plan sponsored by an investment adviser (or an affiliated person of an investment

- (3) adviser) to a registered closed-end investment company or a business development company regulated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that offers plan participants equity securities of such registered closed-end investment company or business development company is considered an "employee benefit plan sponsored by the issuer" for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Remarks:

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President

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