

Capitala Finance Corp.  
Form 4  
September 27, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wheelahan Richard

(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)  
09/25/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Compliance Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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)
			Code	V	Amount (1) (2)	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/25/2016		M		3,750	A	12,587
					(1) (2)		

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)

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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. Price of Deriva Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Awards	(1) (2)	09/25/2016		M	3,750	(1)(2)	(1)(2)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,750 (1) (2)	\$ (

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wheelahan Richard C/O CAPITALA FINANCE CORP. 4201 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 360 CHARLOTTE, NC 28209			Chief Compliance Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Richard  
Wheelahan  
09/27/2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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).
- (1) Mr. Wheelahan previously held Awards with respect to 30,000 shares of Capitala Finance Corp.'s (the "Issuer") common stock held by Capitala Restricted Shares I, LLC ("CRS"), which is controlled by Joseph B. Alala, III and is an affiliate of Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, pursuant to CRS's Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Compensation Plan, dated September 18, 2015 (the "Plan"). The Plan and this acquisition were previously approved by the Issuer's Board of Directors. On September 25, 2016, CRS distributed to Mr. Wheelahan 3,750 shares of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the vesting schedule under the Plan. Additional Awards under the Plan are scheduled to vest as follows: 30% on September 25, 2017 and 40% on September 25, 2018. Upon settlement, the additional Awards will become payable on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) 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 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 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.

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