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**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) May 17, 2023

**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**

(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))

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

Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.001 par value	ARCC	NASDAQ Global Select Market

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. ☐

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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On May 17, 2023, Ares Capital Corporation (the “Company”) held its annual meeting of stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”). The issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Company entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting consisted of the 544,581,080 shares of common stock outstanding at the close of business on the record date, March 15, 2023. At the Annual Meeting, the Company’s stockholders voted on the following proposals and the Company’s inspector of election certified the vote tabulations indicated below.

**Proposal 1**

The nominees listed below were elected as Class I directors of the Company to serve until the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualify, based on the following votes:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	BROKER NON-VOTES
Michael J Arougheti	224,419,540	4,599,406	2,841,424	176,338,093
Ann Torre Bates	224,928,398	4,142,926	2,789,046	176,338,093
Steven B. McKeever	171,454,589	57,342,412	3,063,369	176,338,093

**Proposal 2**

The proposal to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2023 was approved, based on the following votes:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
401,178,787	3,515,461	3,504,215

**SIGNATURE**

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: May 19, 2023

By: /s/ PENNI F. ROLL

Name: Penni F. Roll

Title: Chief Financial Officer