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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) January 31, 2024

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

On January 31, 2024, the board of directors of the registrant appointed Paul Cho, age 41, as Chief Accounting Officer, effective as of February 15, 2024. Paul Cho is a Managing Director and Chief Accounting Officer in the Finance and Accounting Department of Ares Management Corporation, a Delaware corporation and an affiliate of the registrant's investment adviser ("Ares"). Prior to joining Ares in 2008, Paul Cho was at Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP, where he focused on audits of state and local government entities. Paul Cho holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in Economics.

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**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: February 6, 2024

By:	<u>/s/ PENNI F. ROLL</u>
Name:	Penni F. Roll
Title:	Chief Financial Officer