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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.        )

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- ☐ Preliminary Proxy Statement
- ☐ **Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**
- ☐ Definitive Proxy Statement
- ☒ Definitive Additional Materials
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**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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- ☐ Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION  
245 PARK AVENUE  
44TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10167

# Your **Vote** Counts!

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

2024 Annual Meeting

Vote by May 9, 2024

11:59 PM ET



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## You invested in ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the annual stockholders meeting to be held on May 10, 2024.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, Form 10-K and Privacy Notice online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to April 26, 2024. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

May 10, 2024  
10:00 AM EDT

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ARCC2024](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ARCC2024)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming annual stockholders meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b>	
1a. Mary Beth Henson*	✓ For
1b. Michael K. Parks*	✓ For
1c. Michael L. Smith*	✓ For
* To elect the person (except as marked to the contrary) as a Class II director of the Company to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his/her successor is duly elected and qualifies.	
2. To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2024.	✓ For
3. To vote and otherwise represent the undersigned on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.	

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