

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

**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): **April 12, 2021**

**American Finance Trust, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-38597**

(Commission File Number)

**90-0929989**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**650 Fifth Avenue, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10019**

(Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 415-6500**

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:

- 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:

<b>Title of each class:</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered:</b>
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	AFIN	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
7.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	AFINP	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
7.375% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	AFINO	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights		The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company 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.

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

The 2021 annual meeting of stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of American Finance Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) was held on April 12, 2021, at which there were present, in person or by proxy, stockholders holding an aggregate of 81,925,883 shares of the Company’s common stock, out of a total number of 108,475,266 shares of the Company’s common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, representing approximately 75.5% of the shares entitled to be voted.

At the Annual Meeting, the Company’s stockholders: (i) re-elected Stanley R. Perla and Edward G. Rendell as Class I directors to serve until the Company’s 2024 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify; and (ii) ratified the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. The proposals are described in detail in the Company’s 2021 proxy statement. No other proposals were submitted to a vote of the Company’s stockholders at the Annual Meeting. The final results of the matters voted on at the Annual Meeting are set forth below:

*Proposal 1 – Election of Class I Directors*

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Stanley R. Perla	9,706,573	40,684,200	356,877	31,178,233
Edward G. Rendell	11,228,718	39,183,857	335,075	31,178,233

*Proposal 2 – Ratification of the Appointment of PwC as the Company’s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021:*

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
80,966,867	388,267	570,749	*

\* No broker non-votes arose in connection with Proposal No. 2.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**AMERICAN FINANCE TRUST, INC.**

By:                           /s/ Edward M. Weil, Jr.                            
  Edward M. Weil, Jr.  
  *Chief Executive Officer and President*  
  *(Principal Executive Officer)*

Dated: April 12, 2021

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