

Ottinger Matthew  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Ottinger Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL,  
INC.,Â 350 PARK AVENUE,  
20TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01  
PER SHARE

9,841

D Â

8.5% Series A Cumulative Redeemable  
Preferred Stock

4,338

D Â

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01  
PER SHARE

0

I N/A

8.5% Series A Cumulative Redeemable  
Preferred Stock

0

I N/A

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owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ottinger Matthew C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â SVP	Â

## Signatures

/s/MATTHEW  
OTTINGER

12/19/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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