

KORTH TIMOTHY W  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KORTH TIMOTHY W**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR**  
  
 (Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10022**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]**  
  
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/24/2011**  
  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior VP and General Counsel**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/24/2011		P	62,000 A	\$ 8.08	93,718	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
KORTH TIMOTHY W C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022			Senior VP and General Counsel		

### Signatures

/s/ Timothy W.                      05/25/2011  
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\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

### Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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