SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 2, 2021

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 0-51331

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

75-3199276 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

60 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 894-6900

Not Applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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:			
		Trading	
	Title of each class Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	Symbol(s) BFIN	Name of each exchange on which registered The NASDAO Stock Market LLC
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 \square

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. \Box

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 2, 2021, *BankFinancial* NA, the national banking association subsidiary of BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq - BFIN) announced the expansion of its Commercial Finance Division and the appointments of Carol Bader Apicella as Senior Vice President – Government Finance, and Lindsay Gordon as Senior Vice President - Commercial Finance.

A copy of the press release announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

- 99.1 Press release dated July 2, 2021
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: <u>July 9, 2021</u> BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ F. Morgan Gasior
F. Morgan Gasior

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BankFinancial Announces National Expansion of its Commercial Finance Division

Burr Ridge, IL – **July 2, 2021**- *BankFinancial* NA, the national banking association subsidiary of BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq - BFIN) announced today the expansion of its Commercial Finance Division and the appointments of Carol Bader Apicella as Senior Vice President – Government Finance, and Lindsay Gordon as Senior Vice President - Commercial Finance.



Based in Tyson's Corner, VA, Carol Apicella is a 30-year veteran in the Government Contractor Finance and Commercial Banking industry sector. Prior to joining *BankFinancial*, Carol held varying positions of responsibility in management and sales, including SVP at eCapital Commercial Finance, Triumph Bancorp, and Managing Director at Sterling Bancorp, Wells Fargo, and GE Capital Corporation.



Based in Dallas, TX, Gordon is a 30-year veteran in financial services and joins *BankFinancial* from Wells Fargo, where he spent over 13 years as a Senior Relationship Team Manager in the ABL/Accounts Receivables Financing Group.

"We are honored to welcome Carol Apicella and Lindsay Gordon to our team and we are excited to expand our commercial finance product lines under their leadership" said Morgan Gasior, Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. "Carol and Lindsay bring unparalleled expertise and experience in commercial and government ABL and accounts receivables factoring to *BankFinancial*. Combined with our capabilities in equipment finance, healthcare finance and commercial real estate lending, as well as specialized treasury services, *BankFinancial* now has a comprehensive array of commercial credit, deposit, treasury and trust solutions for small and medium-size businesses and their owners."

About BankFinancial NA

BankFinancial NA is a national bank providing banking, wealth management and fiduciary services to individuals, families and businesses in the Chicago metropolitan area and on a regional or national basis for commercial finance, equipment finance, multi-family and commercial real estate loans, and treasury management business customers. BankFinancial NA is the national bank subsidiary of BankFinancial Corporation (NASDAQ: BFIN)

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