Performant Financial Corp Form 8-K April 15, 2016

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, 2016 Performant Financial Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-35628 (Commission File Number) 20-0484934 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

333 North Canyons ParkwayLivermore, California 94551(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 960-4800

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Company in July 2014. From July 2013 until joining the Company in July 2014, Mr. Haughton was a Managing Director of Investment Banking at Financial Technology Partners. Prior to joining Financial Technology Partners, Mr. Haughton spent 15 years with Goldman, Sachs & Co. At Goldman, Sachs & Co., Mr. Haughton had been a Managing Director since 2008, specializing in the financial services and financial technology sectors. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from The University of California, Los Angeles.

In connection with their election as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, respectively, effective as of April 12, 2016, Mr. Haughton's base salary became \$345,000 per annum and Mr. Leach's base salary became \$242,000 per annum. Additionally, on April 12, 2016, the Company's board of directors approved a one-time restricted stock unit award for Mr. Haughton with respect to 82,270 shares of the Company's common stock (the "Award"). The Award

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was granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. The Award will vest in four equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date provided that Mr. Haughton remains employed by the Company on each vesting date.

SIGNATURE

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: April 15, 2016 PERFORMANT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Hakan Orvell Hakan Orvell Chief Financial Officer