Performant Financial Corp Form 8-K September 21, 2018

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): September 19, 2018 Performant Financial Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

333 North Canyons Parkway
Livermore, California 94551
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 960-4800

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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 o

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. o

Item 4.01 Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On September 19, 2018, the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of Performant Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), approved the engagement of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP ("Baker Tilly") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, and the dismissal of KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

KPMG's audit reports on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016, and the subsequent interim periods through September 19, 2018, there were (i) no disagreements (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) between the Company and KPMG on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which, if not resolved to KPMG's satisfaction, would have caused KPMG to make reference thereto in their reports on the consolidated financial statements for such years, and (ii) no "reportable events" within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided KPMG with a copy of the disclosures it is making in this Current Report on Form 8-K and requested that KPMG furnish a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the statements made herein. A copy of KPMG's letter, dated September 21, 2018, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 hereto.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016, and the subsequent interim periods through September 19, 2018, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has consulted with Baker Tilly regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements and neither a written report nor oral advice was provided to the Company by Baker Tilly that was considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing, or financial reporting issue, (ii) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K, or (iii) any reportable event within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

16.1 Letter dated September 21, 2018 from KPMG to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: September 21, 2018

PERFORMANT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lisa Im Lisa Im Chief Executive Officer