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): May 7, 2018

New Mountain Finance Corporation

(Exact name of co-registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

814-00832 (Commission File Number) 27-2978010 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

787 7th Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, NY 10019 (Address of principal executive offices)

Co-Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 720-0300

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: URING 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

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.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 7, 2018, New Mountain Finance Corporation ("NMFC") issued a press release announcing financial results for its quarter ended March 31, 2018. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. Additionally, on May 7, 2018, NMFC made available on its website, *www.newmountainfinance.com*, a supplemental investor presentation (the "Presentation") with respect to the earnings release.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information provided herein shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events

NMFC announced on April 18, 2018 that its board of directors recommended the submission of a proposal for NMFC's stockholders to approve the application of a 150% minimum asset coverage ratio to NMFC (the "Proposal") at a Special Meeting of Stockholders scheduled to be held on June 8, 2018 (the "Meeting"). A portion of the Presentation contains information about NMFC's reasons for the Proposal, which NMFC has attached as Exhibit 99.2 hereto as it may be deemed soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In connection with the Meeting, NMFC plans to file with the SEC and mail to its shareholders a proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "Proxy Statement"). The Proxy Statement will contain important information about the Proposal and related matters. **Investors and security holders are urged to read the Proxy Statement, as well as any amendments and supplements thereto, carefully and in its entirety when it becomes available because it will contain important information about the Proposal and related matters. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the Proxy Statement and other documents filed with the SEC by NMFC, free of charge, from the SEC's website at** *www.sec.gov* **and from NMFC's website at** *www.newmountainfinance.com***. NMFC and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of NMFC common stock with respect to the Proposal. Information regarding ownership of NMFC's common stock by NMFC's directors and executive officers will be available in the Proxy Statement.**

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated May 7, 2018
99.2	Portion of Presentation Relating to the Proposal

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrants have duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEW MOUNTAIN FINANCE CORPORATION

Date: May 7, 2018

By: /s/ Karrie J. Jerry

Name:Karrie J. JerryTitle:Corporate Secretary

New Mountain Finance Corporation Announces Financial Results for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2018

Reports Net Investment Income of \$0.34 per Weighted Average Share and Net Asset Value of \$13.60 per Share

Declares Second Quarter 2018 Distribution of \$0.34 per Share

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 7, 2018--New Mountain Finance Corporation (NYSE: NMFC) (the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") today announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 and reported first quarter net investment income of \$0.34 per weighted average share. At March 31, 2018, net asset value ("NAV") per share was \$13.60, a decrease of \$0.03 per share from December 31, 2017. The Company also announced that its board of directors declared a second quarter distribution of \$0.34 per share, which will be payable on June 29, 2018 to holders of record as of June 15, 2018.

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\$	2,003,123	
\$	2,078,419	
\$	841,048	
\$	1,033,001	
\$	13.60	
	0.81x	
March 31, 2018		Percent of Total
\$	738,027	36.9%
	799,715	39.9%
	67,918	3.4%
	202,614	10.1%
	102,400	5.1%
	92,449	4.6%
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⁽¹⁾ Includes collateral for securities purchased under collateralized agreements to resell.

(2) Excludes the Company's United States ("U.S.") Small Business Administration ("SBA")-guaranteed debentures.

(3) Includes investments held in New Mountain Net Lease Corporation.

We believe that the strength of the Company's unique investment strategy – which focuses on acyclical "defensive growth" companies that are well researched by New Mountain Capital, L.L.C. ("New Mountain"), a leading alternative investment firm, is underscored by continued stable credit performance. The Company has had only seven portfolio companies, representing approximately \$112 million of the cost of all investments made since inception in October 2008, or approximately 2.0% of \$5.5 billion, go on non-accrual.

Robert Hamwee, CEO, commented: "The first quarter represented another solid quarter of performance for NMFC. We originated \$238 million of investments and maintained a consistent portfolio yield. Credit quality remains strong, and with the establishment of our third Senior Loan Program, we look forward to generating attractive returns for the BDC."

"As managers and as significant stockholders personally, we are pleased with the completion of another successful quarter," added Steven B. Klinsky, NMFC Chairman. "We believe New Mountain's focus on acyclical "defensive growth" industries and on companies that we know well continues to be a successful strategy to preserve asset value."

Portfolio and Investment Activity¹

As of March 31, 2018, the Company's NAV was approximately \$1,033.0 million and its portfolio had a fair value of approximately \$2,003.1 million in 90 portfolio companies, with a weighted average YTM at Cost² of approximately 11.1%. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company made approximately \$237.8 million of originations and commitments³. The \$237.8 million includes approximately \$185.5 million of investments in eight new portfolio companies and approximately \$52.3 million of follow-on investments in thirteen portfolio companies held as of December 31, 2017. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company had approximately \$3.1 million of sales and cash repayments³ of approximately \$84.0 million.

Consolidated Results of Operations

The Company's total investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 were approximately \$52.9 million and \$43.3 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company's total investment income consisted of approximately \$32.8 million and \$32.3 million in cash interest income from investments, respectively, approximately \$1.7 million and \$0.9 million in payment-in-kind ("PIK") and non-cash interest income from investments, prepayment penalties of approximately \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, net amortization of purchase premiums/discounts of approximately \$0.9 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, cash dividend income of approximately \$5.6 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, PIK and non-cash dividend income of approximately \$6.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.

The Company's total net expenses after income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 were approximately \$27.2 million and \$19.9 million, respectively. Total net expenses after income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 consisted of approximately \$11.3 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, of costs associated with the Company's borrowings and approximately \$13.8 million and \$9.8 million, respectively, in net management and incentive fees. Since the Company's initial public offering ("IPO"), the base management fee calculation has deducted the borrowings under the New Mountain Finance SPV Funding, L.L.C. credit facility (the "SLF Credit Facility"). The SLF Credit Facility had historically consisted of primarily lower yielding assets at higher advance rates. As part of an amendment to the Company's existing credit facilities with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, the SLF Credit Facility merged with and into the New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C. credit facility (the "Holdings Credit Facility") on December 18, 2014. Post credit facility merger and to be consistent with the methodology since the IPO, New Mountain Finance Advisers BDC, L.L.C. (the "Investment Adviser") will continue to waive management fees on the leverage associated with those assets that share the same underlying yield characteristics with investments that were leveraged under the legacy SLF Credit Facility, which as of March 31, 2018 and 2017 totaled approximately \$323.3 million and \$322.3 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, management fees waived were approximately \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, management fees waived were approximately \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, management fees waived were approximately \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, management fee

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company recorded approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.8 million of net realized gains, and \$(2.2) million and \$5.4 million of net changes in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of investments and securities purchased under collateralized agreements to resell, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, benefit for taxes was approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, related to differences between the computation of income for United States ("U.S.") federal income tax purposes as compared to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP").

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2018, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$29.6 million and total statutory debt outstanding of approximately \$841.0 million⁴, which consisted of approximately \$355.7 million of the \$495.0 million of total availability on the Holdings Credit Facility, \$95.0 million of the \$150.0 million of total availability on the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility (the "NMFC Credit Facility"), \$155.3 million⁴ of convertible notes outstanding and \$235.0 million of unsecured notes outstanding. Additionally, the Company had \$150.0 million of SBA-guaranteed debentures outstanding as of March 31, 2018.

Portfolio and Asset Quality

The Company puts its largest emphasis on risk control and credit performance. On a quarterly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary, the Company formally rates each portfolio investment on a scale of one to four. Each investment is assigned an initial rating of a "2" under the assumption that the investment is performing materially inline with expectations. Any investment performing materially below our expectations would be downgraded from the "2" rating to a "3" or a "4" rating, based on the deterioration of the investment. An investment rating of a "4" could be moved to non-accrual status, and the final development could be an actual realization of a loss through a restructuring or impaired sale.

As of March 31, 2018, two portfolio companies had an investment rating of "4". The Company's investment in these portfolio companies had an aggregate cost basis of approximately \$1.6 million and an aggregate fair value of approximately \$0.5 million.

Recent Developments

The Company has had approximately \$83.5 million of originations and commitments since the end of the first quarter through May 3, 2018. This was offset by approximately \$29.9 million of repayments and \$18.2 million of sales during the same period.

On April 12, 2018, the Company's board of directors, including a "required majority" (as such term is defined in Section 57(o) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) approved the application of the modified asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Credit Availability Act (the "SBCA"). As a result, the Company's asset coverage requirements for senior securities will be changed from 200% to 150%, effective April 12, 2019. On the same day, the board of directors recommended the submission of a proposal for stockholders to approve the application of the 150% minimum asset coverage ratio to the Company at a special meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held on June 8, 2018. If the stockholder proposal is approved by the required votes of the Company's stockholder approval instead of April 12, 2019. Changing the asset coverage ratio would permit the Company to double its leverage, which would result in increased leverage risk and increased expenses.

On April 25, 2018, the Company and SkyKnight Income II, LLC ("SkyKnight II") entered into a limited liability company agreement to establish a joint venture, NMFC Senior Loan Program III LLC ("SLP III"). The Company and SkyKnight II have committed to provide \$80.0 million and \$20.0 million, respectively, of equity to SLP III. The purpose of the joint venture is to invest primarily in senior secured loans issued by portfolio companies within the Company and SkyKnight II. On May 2, 2018, SLP III closed its \$300.0 million revolving credit facility with Citibank, N.A. which matures on May 2, 2023 and bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 1.70% per annum.

On April 27, 2018, the Company exited its investment in American Tire Distributors, Inc. ("ATD"), due to ATD's reported loss of its largest supplier. As of March 31, 2018, the Company's investment in ATD had a cost basis of approximately \$12.3 million and fair value of approximately \$12.8 million. The sale will result in a realized loss of approximately \$5.8 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

On May 2, 2018, the Company's board of directors declared a second quarter 2018 distribution of \$0.34 per share payable on June 29, 2018 to holders of record as of June 15, 2018.

Conference Call

New Mountain Finance Corporation will host a conference call at 10 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, to discuss its first quarter 2018 financial results. All interested parties may participate in the conference call by dialing +1 (877) 443-9109 approximately 15 minutes prior to the call. International callers should dial +1 (412) 317-1082. This conference call will also be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed by all interested parties through the Company's website, <u>http://ir.newmountainfinance.com</u>. To listen to the live call, please go to the Company's website at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to register and download any necessary audio software. Following the call, you may access a replay of the event via audio webcast on our website. We will be utilizing a presentation during the conference call and we have posted the presentation to the investor relations section of our website.

¹ Includes collateral for securities purchased under collateralized agreements to resell.

² References to "YTM at Cost" assume the accruing investments in our portfolio as of a certain date, the "Portfolio Date", are purchased at cost on that date and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and are exited at par at maturity. This calculation excludes the impact of existing leverage. YTM at Cost uses the LIBOR curves at each quarter's respective end date. The actual yield to maturity may be higher or lower due to the future selection of LIBOR contracts by the individual companies in the Company's portfolio or other factors.

³ Excludes revolving credit facilities, payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest, bridge loans, return of capital and realized gains / losses.

⁴ Includes premium received on additional convertible notes issued in September 2016.

New Mountain Finance Corporation Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities

(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

(unaudited)

	M	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
Assets					
Investments at fair value					
Non-controlled/non-affiliated investments (cost of \$1,563,275 and \$1,438,889, respectively)	\$	1,583,047	\$	1,462,182	
Non-controlled/affiliated investments (cost of \$152,521 and \$180,380, respectively)		155,729		178,076	
Controlled investments (cost of \$229,862 and \$171,958, respectively)		239,147		185,402	
Total investments at fair value (cost of \$1,945,658 and \$1,791,227, respectively)		1,977,923		1,825,660	
Securities purchased under collateralized agreements to resell (cost of \$30,000 and					
\$30,000, respectively)		25,200		25,212	
Cash and cash equivalents		29,636		34,936	
Interest and dividend receivable		36,767		31,844	
Receivable from affiliates		651		343	
Other assets		8,242		10,023	
Total assets	\$	2,078,419	\$	1,928,018	
Liabilities					
Borrowings					
Holdings Credit Facility	\$	355,663	\$	312,363	
Unsecured Notes		235,000		145,000	
Convertible Notes		155,385		155,412	
SBA-guaranteed debentures		150,000		150,000	
NMFC Credit Facility		95,000		122,500	
Deferred financing costs (net of accumulated amortization of \$17,885 and \$16,578, respectively)		(16,012)		(15,777)	
Net borrowings		975,036		869,498	
Payable for unsettled securities purchased		29,841		-	
Management fee payable		14,435		7,065	
Incentive fee payable		13,105		6,671	
Interest payable		7,201		5,107	
Payable to affiliates		2,076		863	
Deferred tax liability		812		894	
Other liabilities		2,912		2,945	
Total liabilities		1,045,418		893,043	
Commitments and contingencies					
Net Assets					
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 2,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		_		_	
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized,					
75,935,093 and 75,935,093 shares issued and outstanding, respectively		759		759	
Paid in capital in excess of par		1,053,468		1,053,468	
Accumulated undistributed net investment income		39,083		39,165	
Accumulated undistributed net realized losses on investments		(76,475)		(76,681)	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) (net of provision for taxes of \$812 and \$894, respectively)		16,166		18,264	
Total net assets	\$	1,033,001	\$	1,034,975	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	2,078,419	\$	1,928,018	
		2,070,417		1,720,010	
Number of shares outstanding		75,935,093		75,935,093	
Net asset value per share	\$	13.60	\$	13.63	

New Mountain Finance Corporation Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Mo	inths Ended
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
investment income		
From non-controlled/non-affiliated investments:		
Interest income	\$ 35,436	\$ 32,876
Dividend income	486	39
Non-cash dividend income	1,324	12
Other income	2,868	2,265
from non-controlled/affiliated investments:		
Interest income	102	647
Dividend income	845	1,004
Non-cash dividend income	4,009	644
Other income	302	298
from controlled investments:		
Interest income	1,201	475
Dividend income	4,239	4,213
Non-cash dividend income	1,454	821
Other income	623	13
Total investment income	52,889	43,307
Expenses		
ncentive fee	6,434	5,408
Aanagement fee	8,692	7,614
nterest and other financing expenses	11,290	8,376
Professional fees	694	850
Administrative expenses	939	708
Other general and administrative expenses	410	466
otal expenses	28,459	23,422
ess: management and incentive fees waived	(1,322)	(3,156)
ess: expenses waived and reimbursed	(-,)	(470)
Vet expenses	27,137	19.796
Jet investment income before income taxes	25,752	23,511
ncome tax expense	16	80
Net investment income	25,736	23,431
Jet realized gains (losses):	25,750	25,451
Non-controlled/non-affiliated investments	206	826
Von-controlled non-arminiated investments Jet change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation):	208	820
Non-controlled/non-affiliated investments	(3,521)	7,979
Non-controlled/affiliated investments	(3,321)	(296
Controlled investments	(456)	(1,478
Securities purchased under collateralized agreements to resell	(450)	(1,478)
Securities purchased under conditionalized agreements to resen	(12) 82	755
	(1.892)	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations Basic earnings per share	\$ 23,844 \$ 0,31	\$ 30,417 \$ 0.44
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Veighted average shares of common stock outstanding-basic	75,935,093	69,718,968
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.40
Veighted average shares of common stock outstanding-diluted	85,759,220	79,543,095
Distributions declared and paid per share	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34

ABOUT NEW MOUNTAIN FINANCE CORPORATION

New Mountain Finance Corporation is a closed-end, non-diversified and externally managed investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company's investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation through the sourcing and origination of debt securities at all levels of the capital structure, including first and second lien debt, notes, bonds and mezzanine securities. The Company's first lien debt may include traditional first lien senior secured loans or unitranche loans. Unitranche loans combine characteristics of traditional first lien senior secured loans as well as second lien and subordinated loans. Unitranche loans will expose the Company to the risks associated with second lien and subordinated loans to the extent it invests in the "last out" tranche. In some cases, the investment adviser gistered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. More information about New Mountain Finance Corporation can be found on the Company's website at <u>http://www.newmountainfinance.com</u>.

ABOUT NEW MOUNTAIN CAPITAL

New Mountain Capital is a New York based investment firm focused on long-term business-building and growth investments. The firm currently manages private equity, public equity, and credit funds with over \$20 billion in assets under management. New Mountain seeks out what it believes to be the highest quality growth leaders in carefully selected industry sectors and then works intensively with management to build the value of these companies. For more information on New Mountain Capital, please visit http://www.newmountaincapital.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included herein may contain "forward-looking statements", which relate to our future operations, future performance or our financial condition. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, condition or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission or factors that are beyond our control. New Mountain Finance Corporation undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the time of this press release.

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Increased Leverage Cap Proposal

- In late March 2018, legislation was signed to permit BDCs to increase their leverage cap from 1:1 debt-toequity to 2:1 debt-to-equity, subject to Board or shareholder approval
- NMFC is proposing to increase our leverage cap in line with the new legislation in order to enable:
 - Enhanced flexibility to earn our dividend with reduced overall corporate risk
 - Reduced required yield on individual assets
- We believe the incremental risk of increasing liabilities will be more than offset by lower risk in our asset base
- Amount of incremental leverage will depend upon prevailing asset yields and cost of marginal credit, among other factors
 - However, we will continue utilizing historically safe, termed out, financing that is not mark-to-market
- As a reminder, on senior assets, NMFC only charges a management fee on the implied equity utilized to purchase such assets, which typically ranges from 30-50%
 - Management fee on the majority of incremental assets is expected to be 60-80 bps
- · We have scheduled a Special Meeting on June 8, 2018 for our shareholders to vote on this proposal

