# 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): February 15, 2024



# **BREAD FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15749** (Commission File Number) 31-1429215

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

#### 3095 LOYALTY CIRCLE COLUMBUS, Ohio 43219

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(614) 729-4000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

# NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report) $\Box$ 

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

		Name of each exchange on which
Title of each class	Trading symbol	registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per	BFH	NYSE
share		

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  $\Box$ 

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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 15, 2024, Bread Financial Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release providing a performance update as of and for the period ended January 31, 2024. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On February 15, 2024, the Company posted an investor presentation to the Company's website (at www.breadfinancial.com) on the "Investors" page under "About Us—Investors—Events & Presentations," where the Company routinely posts announcements, events, presentations, news releases and other investor information. The investor presentation may be used by the Company's senior officers in connection with the Company's participation in the Bank of America 2024 Financial Services Conference on February 21, 2024 and KBW's 2024 Fintech & Payments Conference on February 27, 2024, as well as in communications with investors, analysts and other market participants. Information on the Company's website does not constitute a part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Document Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press release dated February 15, 2024 providing a performance update as of and for the period ended January 31, 2024.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) 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, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bread Financial Holdings, Inc.

Date: February 15, 2024

By: /s/ Joseph L. Motes III

Joseph L. Motes III Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

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# BREAD FINANCIAL PROVIDES PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2024

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 15, 2024** – Bread Financial Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: BFH), a tech-forward financial services company that provides simple, personalized payment, lending and saving solutions, provided a performance update. The following tables present the Company's net loss rate and delinquency rate for the periods indicated.

	j	For the month ended January 31, 2024		For the month ended January 31, 2023
		(dollars in millions)		
End-of-period credit card and other loans	\$	18,785	\$	20,837
Average credit card and other loans (1)	\$	18,915	\$	20,700
Year-over-year change in average credit card and other loans		(9 %)	)	23 %
Net principal losses <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	128	\$	115
Net loss rate <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		8.0 %		6.7 %

	s of y 31, 2024		As of January 31, 2023	
	 (dollars in millions)			
30 days + delinquencies – principal <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1,170	\$	1,137	
Period ended credit card and other loans - principal	\$ 17,311	\$	19,529	
Delinquency rate <sup>(2)</sup>	6.8 %	Ď	5.8 %	

(1) Beginning in January 2024 we revised the calculation of Average credit card and other loans to more closely align with industry practice by incorporating an average daily balance. Prior to 2024 Average credit card and other loans represents the average balance of the loans at the beginning and end of each month, averaged over the periods indicated. Consequentially, the calculations for Year-over-year change in average credit card and other loans and Net loss rate also differ for the periods presented.

(2) As previously communicated, the month ended January 31, 2023 Net principal losses, Net loss rate, 30 days + delinquencies - principal and Delinquency rate were impacted by the transition of our credit card processing services in June 2022.

# About Bread Financial<sup>™</sup>

**Bread Financial<sup>™</sup>** (NYSE: BFH) is a tech-forward financial services company providing simple, personalized payment, lending and saving solutions. The company creates opportunities for its customers and partners through digitally enabled choices that offer ease, empowerment, financial flexibility and exceptional customer experiences. Driven by a digital-first approach, data insights and white-label technology, Bread Financial delivers growth for its partners through a comprehensive suite of payment solutions that includes private label and co-brand credit cards and **Bread Pay<sup>™</sup>**buy now, pay later products. Bread Financial also offers direct-to-consumer products that give customers more access, choice and freedom through its branded **Bread Cashback<sup>™</sup> American Express<sup>®</sup> Credit Card** and **Bread Savings<sup>™</sup>** products.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Bread Financial is powered by its approximately 7,000 global associates and is committed to sustainable business practices. To learn more about Bread Financial, visit **breadfinancial.com** or follow us on **Facebook**, **LinkedIn**, **Twitter/X** and **Instagram**.

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our expectations or forecasts of future events and can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "likely," "may," "should" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, outlook, objectives, plans, intentions or goals also are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding, and the guidance we give with respect to, our anticipated operating or financial results, future financial performance and outlook, future dividend declarations, and future economic conditions.

We believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. Forward-looking statements, however, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, in many cases, beyond our control. Accordingly, our actual results could differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this release, and no assurances can be given that our expectations will prove to have been correct. Factors that could cause the outcomes to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the following: macroeconomic conditions, including market conditions, inflation, rising interest rates, unemployment levels and the increased probability of a recession, and the related impact on consumer payment rates, savings rates and other behavior; global political and public health events and conditions, including ongoing wars and military conflicts; future credit performance, including the level of future delinquency and write-off rates; the loss of, or reduction in demand from, significant brand partners or customers in the highly competitive markets in which we compete; the concentration of our business in U.S. consumer credit; inaccuracies in the models and estimates on which we rely, including the amount of our Allowance for credit losses and our credit risk management models; the inability to realize the intended benefits of acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic initiatives; our level of indebtedness and ability to access financial or capital markets; pending and future legislation, regulation, supervisory guidance, and regulatory and legal actions, including, but not limited to, those related to financial regulatory reform and consumer financial services practices, as well as any such actions with respect to late fees, interchange fees or other charges; impacts arising from or relating to the transition of our credit card processing services to third party service providers that we completed in 2022; failures or breaches in our operational or security systems, including as a result of cyberattacks, unanticipated impacts from technology modernization projects or otherwise; and any tax liability, disputes or other adverse impacts arising out of or relating to the spinoff of our former LoyaltyOne segment or the bankruptcy filings of Loyalty Ventures Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries. In addition, a final CFPB rule is anticipated in the coming months that, if adopted as proposed and absent a successful legal challenge, will place significant limits on credit card late fees, which would have a significant impact on our business and results of operations for at least the short term and. depending on the effectiveness of the mitigating actions that we may take in response to the final rule, potentially over the long term; we cannot provide any assurance as to when any such rule will be issued, the provisions or effective date of any such rule, the result of any challenges or other litigation relating to such rule, or our ability to mitigate or offset the impact of any such rule on our business and results of operations. The foregoing factors, along with other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements, are described in greater detail under the headings "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year, which may be updated in Item 1A of, or elsewhere in, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for periods

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subsequent to such Form 10-K. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we undertake no obligation, other than as required by applicable law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, subsequent events, anticipated or unanticipated circumstances or otherwise.

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