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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549-1004**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 25, 2008**

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**Hanmi Financial Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-30421**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-4788120**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3660 Wilshire Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90010**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(213) 382-2200**

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**Not applicable**  
(Former name of former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02(e). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 21, 2008, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation appointed Mr. Robert Abeles as a Class II director. A veteran banker, Mr. Abeles previously served First Interstate Bank of California as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. More recently, Mr. Abeles has served as the Chief of Staff to the CEO at IndyMac Bank, Interim CFO at The J. Paul Getty Trust, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Kindercare Learning Centers, Inc. and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Transamerica Life Companies. A press release dated April 25, 2008, regarding Mr. Abeles's appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by this reference.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Abeles and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Abeles was appointed as a director. There are no transactions in which Mr. Abeles has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of April 25, 2008 announcing appointment of Mr. Robert Abeles

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**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.

Date: April 25, 2008

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Chung Hoon Youk

Chung Hoon Youk

Interim President and Chief Executive Officer



Hanmi Financial Corp. Appoints  
Robert Abeles to its Board of Directors

**LOS ANGELES – April 25, 2008 – Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC)**, the holding company of Hanmi Bank, announced that Robert Abeles has joined its Board of Directors. His appointment was effective April 21, 2008.

Abeles, 62, began his career in 1972 at First Interstate Bank of California, where, during his twenty-four year tenure, he rose to executive vice president and chief financial officer. Subsequent positions have included director, executive vice president and CFO of Transamerica Life Companies; executive vice president and CFO of Kindercare Learning Centers, Inc.; and, most recently, interim vice president finance and administration and CFO of the J. Paul Getty Trust. Abeles holds a B.A. in economics and an M.B.A., both from the University of California at Los Angeles.

“We are extraordinarily fortunate to have an individual of Robert’s caliber join the Board,” said Richard B. C. Lee, Chairman. “During his thirty-five year career he has acquired a breadth of experience — notably in corporate finance and strategic planning, as well as commercial banking — that is matched by few others in our industry. In particular, his thorough understanding of risk management and its application to both the asset and liability sides of the balance sheet will serve the Bank and its shareholders well in today’s challenging environment.”

About Hanmi Financial Corporation:

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Hanmi Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hanmi Financial Corporation, provides services to the multi-ethnic communities of California, with 25 full-service offices in Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Diego counties, and eight loan production offices in California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Hanmi Bank specializes in commercial, SBA and trade finance lending, and is a recognized community leader. Hanmi Bank’s mission is to provide a full range of quality products and premier services to its customers and to maximize shareholder value. Additional information is available at [www.hanmifinancial.com](http://www.hanmifinancial.com).

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