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

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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): January 27, 2021

**HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**95-4788120**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3660 Wilshire Boulevard, Penthouse Suite A  
Los Angeles, CA 90010**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

- ☐ 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))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	HAFC	Nasdaq Global Select Market

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 ☐

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. ☐

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) Election of Directors

On January 27, 2021, Hanmi Financial Corporation (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hanmi Bank (the "Bank"), appointed Gideon Yu to the Board of Directors of Company and Bank.

Mr. Yu is currently a co-owner and former President of the San Francisco 49ers. Mr. Yu holds the distinction of being the first President of color of any team in the history of the National Football League. Mr. Yu previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of Facebook and YouTube. Mr. Yu was also a General Partner at Khosla Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on early-stage technology companies, where he led the firm's investment in Square, Inc. and was its first outside board member.

Mr. Yu serves on the Board of Trustees of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Council of Korean Americans, and is on the National Leadership Council of the Navy SEAL Foundation.

Upon his appointment to the Board, Mr. Yu became entitled to the Company's customary non-employee director compensation. Mr. Yu was appointed to the Compensation and Human Resources Committee and the Risk, Compliance and Planning Committee of the Company Board, as well as the Asset Liability Committee of the Bank.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Yu and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director. There are no family relationships between Mr. Yu and any director, executive officer or any person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer. No information is required to be disclosed with respect to Mr. Yu pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Yu's appointment is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits      Description

99.1              [Press release issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation dated January 28, 2021](#)

104              Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within Inline XBRL document).

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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.

### **HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Date: January 28, 2021

By: /s/ Bonita I. Lee  
Bonita I. Lee  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## Hanmi Names Gideon Yu to its Board of Directors

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC)** (“Hanmi”), the holding company for Hanmi Bank (the “Bank”), today announced that Mr. Gideon Yu has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective January 27, 2021.

“I am delighted to welcome Gideon Yu to Hanmi’s Board of Directors,” said Hanmi’s Chairman, John J. Ahn. “Gideon’s significant financial expertise, along with his extensive executive management and directorship experience with both early-stage and publicly-held companies, makes him an ideal addition to our Board. Importantly, Gideon also brings strong relationships within the Korean American and mainstream business communities. On behalf of my colleagues on the Board, we look forward to drawing on Gideon’s wealth of expertise and perspective as we pursue our objectives to profitably grow the Bank.”

Mr. Yu has more than 20 years of experience as a finance executive, investor and advisor specializing in venture capital, technology and media companies. Mr. Yu is currently the co-owner and former president of the San Francisco 49ers. Mr. Yu holds the distinction of being the first President of color of any team in the history of the National Football League. Mr. Yu previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of both Facebook and YouTube. Mr. Yu was also a General Partner at Khosla Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on early-stage technology companies, where he led the firm’s investment in Square, Inc., a leading fintech company, and was its first outside board member. Mr. Yu currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Council of Korean Americans and is on the National Leadership Council of the Navy SEAL Foundation. Mr. Yu earned his BS in Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management from Stanford University and received an MBA from Harvard Business School.

### About Hanmi Financial Corporation

Headquartered in Los Angeles, California, Hanmi Financial Corporation owns Hanmi Bank, which serves multi-ethnic communities through its network of 35 full-service branches and 9 loan production offices in California, Texas, Illinois, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Washington and Georgia. Hanmi Bank specializes in real estate, commercial, SBA and trade finance lending to small and middle market businesses. Additional information is available at [www.hanmi.com](http://www.hanmi.com).

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, which are included in accordance with the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact are “forward-looking statements” for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including, but not limited to, statements about anticipated future operating and financial performance, financial position and liquidity, business strategies, regulatory and competitive outlook, investment and expenditure plans, capital and financing needs and availability, plans and objectives of management for future operations, developments regarding our capital and strategic plans, and other similar forecasts and statements of expectation and statements of assumption underlying any of the foregoing. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “expects,” “plans,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential,” or “continue,” or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology. Although we believe that our forward-looking statements to be reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These factors include the following:

- a failure to maintain adequate levels of capital and liquidity to support our operations;
- the effect of potential future supervisory action against us or Hanmi Bank;
- our ability to remediate any material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting;
- general economic and business conditions internationally, nationally and in those areas in which we operate;
- volatility and deterioration in the credit and equity markets;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;
- availability of capital from private and government sources;
- demographic changes;
- competition for loans and deposits and failure to attract or retain loans and deposits;
- fluctuations in interest rates and a decline in the level of our interest rate spread;
- risks of natural disasters;
- a failure in or breach of our operational or security systems or infrastructure, including cyberattacks;
- the failure to maintain current technologies;
- our inability to successfully implement future information technology enhancements;
- difficult business and economic conditions that can adversely affect our industry and business, including competition and lack of soundness of other financial institutions, fraudulent activity and negative publicity;
- risks associated with Small Business Administration loans;
- failure to attract or retain key employees;
- our ability to access cost-effective funding;
- fluctuations in real estate values;
- changes in accounting policies and practices;
- the imposition of tariffs or other domestic or international governmental policies impacting the value of the products of our borrowers;
- changes in governmental regulation, including, but not limited to, any increase in FDIC insurance premiums;
- the ability of Hanmi Bank to make distributions to Hanmi Financial Corporation, which is restricted by certain factors, including Hanmi

Bank's retained earnings, net income, prior distributions made, and certain other financial tests;

- the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- our credit quality and the effect of credit quality on our provision for loan losses and allowance for credit losses;
- changes in the financial performance and/or condition of our borrowers and the ability of our borrowers to perform under the terms of their loans and other terms of credit agreements;
- our ability to control expenses;
- changes in securities markets; and
- risks as it relates to cyber security against our information technology and those of our third-party providers and vendors.

In addition, we set forth certain risks in our reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K that we will file hereafter, which could cause actual results to differ from those projected. We undertake no obligation to update such forward-looking statements except as required by law.

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