# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

MFA Financial, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock** 

(Title of Class of Securities)

### 55272X607

(CUSIP Number)

### 12/31/2024

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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1	Names of Reporting Persons		
	Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P.		
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions)		
	(a) (b)		
3	Sec Use Only		
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization		
	DELAWARE		
Number of Shares Beneficial	5 Sole Voting Power		

ly Owned by Each Reporting Person With:		4,567,490.00		
	6	Shared Voting Power		
		0.00		
	7	Sole Dispositive Power		
		5,085,927.00		
	8	Shared Dispositive Power		
		516,607.00		
9	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person			
	5,602,534.00			
40	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)			
10				
11	Percent of class represented by amount in row (9)			
	5.49 %			
12	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)			
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#### Item 1.

- (a) Name of issuer:
  - MFA Financial, Inc.
- (b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

One Vanderbilt Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York, 10017

### Item 2.

(a) Name of person filing:

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P. ("Vaughan Nelson") Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, Inc. ("General Partner")

### (b) Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

Both Vaughan Nelson and the General Partner maintain their principal offices at: 600 Travis Street, Suite 3800 Houston, Texas 77002

#### (c) Citizenship:

Vaughan Nelson is a Delaware limited partnership. The General Partner is a Delaware corporation.

#### (d) Title of class of securities:

**Common Stock** 

(e) CUSIP No.:

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- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
  - (a) 🔲 Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
  - (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
  - (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
  - (d) 🔲 Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
  - (e) I An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
  - (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
  - (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
  - (h) 🔲 A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
  - (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
  - A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:
  - (k) Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).
- Item 4. Ownership
- (a) Amount beneficially owned:

#### (b) Percent of class:

5.49 %

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

4,567,490

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

5,085,927

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

516,607

#### Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class.

#### Item 6. Ownership of more than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than 5 percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

Various persons, as investment advisory clients of Vaughan Nelson, have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the common stock of the Issuer. To the knowledge of Vaughan Nelson, no one such person's interest in the common stock of the Issuer is more than five percent of the total outstanding common stock of the Issuer.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

#### Item 10. Certifications:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under ?? 240.14a-11.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P.

Signature:/s/ Carlos GonzalezName/Title:Carlos Gonzalez, Chief Compliance OfficerDate:01/29/2025

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, Inc.

Signature:/s/ Carlos GonzalezName/Title:Carlos Gonzalez, Chief Compliance OfficerDate:01/29/2025

**Exhibit Information** 

Exhibit 1 - Joint Filing Agreement

#### AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(l) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, hereby agrees that only one statement containing the information required by Schedule 13G needs be filed with respect to the ownership by each of the undersigned of the common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. that the Schedule 13G to which this Agreement is appended as Exchibit 1 is to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned on or about the date hereof.

EXECUTED as a sealed instrument this 29th day of January, 2025.

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P.

By:

By:

<u>/s/ Carlos Gonzalez</u> By: Carlos Gonzalez Its: Chief Compliance Officer

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, Inc.

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