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FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22853

StoneCastle Financial Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 354-6500

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2016

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

As of September 30, 2016

Company ⁽¹⁾	Investment	# of Shares/Par Amount (\$) ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
<u>Term Loans – 15.1%</u>			
Banking – 15.1%			
BankGuam Holding Company	Subordinated Term Loan, 7.99%, 7/1/2019	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Community 1st Bancorp	Subordinated Term Loan, 7.99%, 1/1/2026	\$5,000,000	5,000,000
First Colebrook Bancorp, Inc.	Subordinated Term Loan, 7.99%, 4/1/2026	\$5,000,000	5,000,000
Lincoln Park Bancorp	Subordinated Term Loan, 8.25%, 1/1/2026	\$5,000,000	5,000,000
MidWest Community Financial Corporation	Subordinated Term Loan, 7.25%, 1/1/2026	\$2,500,000	2,500,000
	Total Term Loans (Cost \$21,000,000)		21,000,000
<u>Debt Securities – 6.2%</u>			
Banking – 6.2%			
MMCapS Funding I, Ltd. / MMCapS Funding I, Inc.	Fixed Rate Senior Notes, 8.04%, 6/8/2031, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$6,512,291	5,637,202
Preferred Term Securities, Ltd. / Preferred Term Securities, Inc.	Fixed Rate Mezzanine Notes, 9.74%, 9/15/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$3,037,918	3,025,386
	Total Debt Securities (Cost \$8,129,507)		8,662,588
<u>Trust Preferred Securities – 29.0%</u>			
Banking – 29.0%			
Amboy Capital Trust I	Trust Preferred Security, 9.00%, 7/29/2029, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$15,500,000	15,441,875
Capital City TPS LLC	Trust Preferred Security, Series 2015-1 9.74%, Note, 9/30/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$1,913,432	1,903,865
Central Trust Company Capital Trust I	Junior Subordinated Debt (Trust Preferred Security), 10.25%, 7/25/2031	\$2,500,000	2,512,500
First Alliance Capital Trust I	Junior Subordinated Debt (Trust Preferred Security), 10.25%, 7/25/2031	\$6,500,000	6,532,500
First Citizens TPS LLC	Trust Preferred Security, Series 2015-1 9.74%, Note, 9/30/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$2,232,338	2,221,177
M&T TPS LLC	Trust Preferred Security, Series 2015-1 9.74%, Note, 9/30/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$2,551,242	2,551,242
Mercantil TPS LLC	Trust Preferred Security Series 2015-1 9.74%, Note, 9/30/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$4,783,580	4,783,580

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National Bank of Indianapolis TPS LLC	Trust Preferred Security, Series 2015-1 9.74%, Note, 9/30/2030, 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$4,305,222	4,305,222
	Total Trust Preferred Securities (Cost \$40,846,303)		40,251,961

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Company ⁽¹⁾	Investment	# of Shares/Par Amount (\$) ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
<u>Credit Securitizations – 31.9%</u>			
Banking – 31.9%			
Community Funding CLO, Ltd. ^a	Preferred Shares ⁽⁵⁾ (Estimated effective yield 10.49%), 144A ⁽⁴⁾	\$45,500,000	\$43,254,575
U.S. Capital Funding I, Ltd. / U.S. Capital Funding I, Corp.	Subordinate Income Note, Due 5/1/2034, 144A ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$4,700,000	1,045,750
	Total Credit Securitizations (Cost \$46,703,714)		44,300,325
<u>Preferred Stocks – 40.9%</u>			
Banking – 40.9%			
Blue Ridge Bancshares, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9%	\$338,000	338,000
Chicago Shore Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9% ^{(6)*}	\$6,400,000	5,520,000
Chicago Shore Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9% ^{(6)**}	\$150,000	129,375
Citizens Bancshares Company	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$12,000,000	11,640,000
Citizens Bancshares Company	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9%	\$750,000	727,500
Fidelity Financial Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$1,551,000	1,551,000
Fidelity Financial Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9%	\$126,000	126,000
First Priority Financial Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C, 9%	\$428,000	428,000
First United Corporation	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$10,666,670	10,666,670
FirstWestern Financial, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9%	\$131,000	131,000
FirstWestern Financial, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C, 9%	\$219,000	219,000
Katahdin Bankshares Corporation	Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series D, 8.75%	\$10,000,000	10,000,000
Reliance Bancshares, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$9,000,000	9,000,000
SouthCrest Financial Group, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$1,900,000	1,881,000
SouthCrest Financial Group, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$345,000	341,550
Tennessee Valley Financial Holdings, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$100,000	98,500
Tennessee Valley Financial Holdings, Inc.	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, 9%	\$49,000	48,510
The Queensborough Company	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%	\$1,218,000	1,199,730
TriSummit Bank		\$2,765,000	2,765,000

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	Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, 9%		
	Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$58,620,186)		56,810,835
<u>Common Stocks – 2.6%</u>			
Banking – 2.6%			
Happy Bancshares, Inc.	Equity Security - Private Placement, 144A ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	44,000	1,221,000

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Company ⁽¹⁾	Investment	# of Shares/Par Amount (\$) ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
Banking (continued)			
Pioneer Bancshares, Inc.	Equity Security - Private Placement, 144A ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	83,400	\$2,421,102
	Total Common Stocks (Cost \$2,502,200)		3,642,102
<u>Limited Partnership Interest – 0.7%</u>			
Banking – 0.7%			
Priam Capital Fund I, L.P.	Private Placement of Limited Partnership Interest ⁽⁶⁾⁺	\$ 1,000,000	896,500
	Total Limited Partnership Interest (Cost \$1,003,317)		896,500
	Total Long Term Investments (Cost \$178,805,227)		175,564,311
<u>Short-Term Investment – 0.8%</u>			
Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Treasury Portfolio	Institutional Share Class	1,130,761	1,130,761
	Total Short-Term Investment (Cost \$1,130,761)		1,130,761
	Total Investments (Cost \$179,935,988)^{(7)(8)†} — 127.2%		176,695,072
	Other assets and liabilities, net — (27.2)%⁽⁹⁾		(37,824,207)
	Total Net Assets — 100.0%		\$ 138,870,865

(1) We do not “control” and are not an “affiliate” of any of our investments, each as defined in the Investment Company Act (the “1940 Act”).

(2) \$ represents security position traded in par amount.

(3) Fair Value is determined in good faith in accordance with the Company’s valuation policy and is reviewed and accepted by the Company’s Board of Directors.

(4) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933.

(5) The preferred shares are considered an equity position in the credit securitization. Equity investments are entitled to recurring distributions which are generally equal to the remaining cash flow of the payments made by the underlying company’s securities less contractual payments to debt holders and company expenses. The estimated effective yield indicated is based upon a current projection of the amount and timing of these recurring distributions and the estimated amount of repayment of principal upon termination. Such projections are periodically reviewed and adjusted as needed. The estimated effective yield may ultimately not be realized.

(6) Currently non-income producing security.

(7) Investments are income producing assets unless otherwise noted by footnote (6).

(8) Cost values reflect accretion of original issue discount or market discount, and amortization of premium.

(9) Includes \$35,250,000 in bank loans from Texas Capital Bank.

+ The Limited Partnership is an entity organized solely for the purpose of investing in First Mariner Bank.

* As of September 30, 2016, this investment has deferred, undeclared and compounding dividends of \$518,335 that will be recognized by StoneCastle Financial Corp. once they are declared by Chicago Shore Corporation.

** As of September 30, 2016, this investment has deferred, undeclared and compounding dividends of \$12,148 that will be recognized by StoneCastle Financial Corp. once they are declared by Chicago Shore Corporation.

† As of September 30, 2016, the cost basis of investment securities owned was substantially identical for both book and tax purposes. Gross unrealized appreciation of investments was \$1,807,037 and gross unrealized depreciation

was \$5,047,953, resulting in net unrealized depreciation of \$3,240,916.

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The following is a listing of the underlying unsecured loans, subordinated debentures and notes that were made by a Community Funding CLO, Ltd. See Notes to Schedule of Investments for additional information on StoneCastle Financial Corp's investment in Community Funding CLO, Ltd.

Bank Name	Principal Amount	State	Bank Name	Principal Amount	State
First Partners Financial, Inc.	\$5,500,000	Alabama	InterMountain Bancorp, Inc.	\$7,500,000	Montana
Cornerstone Community Bancorp	5,000,000	California	First State Holding Co.	9,350,000	Nebraska
Stockmens Bank	2,500,000	Colorado	Highlands Bancorp, Inc.	7,500,000	New Jersey
Bankwell Financial Group	7,500,000	Connecticut	Country Bank Holding Co., Inc.	7,500,000	New York
SBT Bancorp, Inc.	7,500,000	Connecticut	Pathfinder Bancorp, Inc.	10,000,000	New York
Biscayne Bancshares, Inc.	7,500,000	Florida	Quontic Bank Holdings Corporation	3,000,000	New York
Idaho Trust Bancorp	5,000,000	Idaho	MidWest Community Financial Corp.	7,500,000	Oklahoma
Bancorp Financial, Inc.	12,500,000	Illinois	Myers Bancshares, Inc.	10,000,000	Oklahoma
Freeport Bancshares, Inc.	3,150,000	Illinois	First Resource Bank	2,000,000	Pennsylvania
Market Street Bancshares, Inc.	7,500,000	Illinois	Victory Bancorp, Inc.	5,000,000	Pennsylvania
First Internet Bancorp	10,000,000	Indiana	Sandhills Holding Company, Inc.	8,500,000	South Carolina
Treynor Bancshares, Inc.	12,500,000	Iowa	First Citizens Bancshares, Inc.	10,000,000	Texas
Freedom Bancshares, Inc.	2,000,000	Kansas	Happy Bancshares, Inc.	7,500,000	Texas
Williams Holding Company, Inc.	1,000,000	Kansas	Linden Bancshares, Inc.	4,000,000	Texas
CB&T Holding Corp.	12,500,000	Louisiana	First National Corporation	5,000,000	Virginia
Delmar Bancorp	2,000,000	Maryland	FS Bancorp. Inc.	10,000,000	Washington
Citizens Bancshares	12,500,000	Missouri	Partnership Community Bancshares	7,000,000	Wisconsin
Security State Bancshares, Inc.	12,500,000	Missouri	Total	\$250,000,000	

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Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

Investment Valuation—The most significant estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements of StoneCastle Financial Corp. (“SCFC” or the “Company”) are the valuation of equity and debt investments and the effective yield calculation with respect to certain debt securities, as well as the related amounts of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments recorded. The Company believes that there is no single definitive method for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments that SCFC makes. The Company is required to specifically fair value each individual investment on a quarterly basis.

The Company complies with ASC 820-10, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure, which establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 clarified the definition of fair value and requires companies to expand their disclosure about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities in interim and annual periods subsequent to initial recognition. ASC 820-10 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e. the “exit price”) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820-10 also establishes the following three-tier fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 — Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access;

- Level 2 — Valuations based on inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

- Level 3 — Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

To the extent securities owned by the Company are actively traded and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Securities traded on inactive markets or valued by reference to similar instruments are generally categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by SCFC in determining fair value is greatest for

securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The valuation levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, SCFC's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. SCFC uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

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SCFC will determine fair value of its assets and liabilities in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by its Board of Directors. The Company may utilize the services of one or more regionally or nationally recognized independent valuation firms to help it determine the value of each investment for which a market price is not available. SCFC's Board of Directors will also review valuations of such investments provided by StoneCastle Asset Management LLC, the Advisor to the Company ("the Advisor"). To the extent SCFC invests in securities for which market quotations are readily available, such market value will be used to value those securities. If a market value cannot be obtained or if SCFC's Advisor determines that the value of a security as so obtained does not represent a fair value as of the measurement date (due to a significant development subsequent to the time its price is determined or otherwise), fair value shall be determined pursuant to the methodologies established by our Board of Directors. In making these determinations, the Company may engage an independent valuation firm from time to time to assist in determining the fair value of our investments. The methods for valuing these investments may include fundamental analysis, discounts from market prices of similar securities, purchase price of securities, subsequent private transactions in the security or related securities, or discounts applied to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities, as well as a combination of these and other factors.

The Company's assets measured at fair value subject to the disclosure requirements of ASC 820-10-35 at September 30, 2016, were as follows:

	TOTAL FAIR VALUE AT 09-30-16	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICE	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
Term Loans	\$21,000,000	\$—	\$ 21,000,000	\$ —
Debt Securities	8,662,588	—	8,662,588	—
Trust Preferred Securities	40,251,961	—	40,251,961	—
Credit Securitizations	44,300,325	—	44,300,325	—
Preferred Stock	56,810,835	—	56,810,835	—
Common Stock	3,642,102	—	—	3,642,102
Limited Partnership Interest	896,500	—	—	896,500
Short-Term Investment	1,130,761	1,130,761	—	—
Total Investments in Securities	\$ 176,695,072	\$ 1,130,761	\$ 171,025,709	\$ 4,538,602

The Level 3 categorized assets listed above have been valued via the use of a) independent third party valuation firms, or, b) fair valued as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors.

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For fair valuations using significant unobservable inputs, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) requires SCFC to present a reconciliation of the beginning to ending balances for reported fair values that presents changes attributable to total realized and unrealized gains or losses, purchase and sales, and transfers in and out of Level 3 during the period. Transfers in and out between levels are based on values at the end of a period. U.S. GAAP also requires SCFC to disclose amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. A reconciliation of Level 3 investments is presented below:

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	COMMON STOCK	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTEREST	TOTAL
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$2,816,622	\$ 895,500	\$3,712,122
Realized gains including earnings	—	—	—
Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments	825,480	1,000	826,480
Purchases	—	—	—
Sales	—	—	—
Transfers in	—	—	—
Transfers out	—	—	—
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$3,642,102 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 896,500	⁽¹⁾ \$4,538,602

The change in unrealized appreciation on Level 3 securities held as of September 30, 2016 was \$826,480.

	Fair Value at 09/30/2016	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Range
Common Stock	\$3,642,102	Prior transaction analysis	Price to book ratio Discount for transaction costs	1.24% - 1.45% 3%
Limited Partnership Interest	\$896,500 \$4,538,602	Prior transaction analysis	Price to book ratio Discount for transaction costs	0.96% 3%

For more information with regard to significant accounting policies, see the most recent Company's annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commissions.

⁽¹⁾ Value based on price-to-book valuation analysis.

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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date (a) within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have (b) materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) StoneCastle Financial Corp.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Joshua S. Siegel
Joshua S. Siegel, Chief Executive Officer
& Chairman of the Board
(principal executive officer)

Date November 10, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Joshua S. Siegel
Joshua S. Siegel, Chief Executive Officer
& Chairman of the Board
(principal executive officer)

Date November 10, 2016

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Patrick J. Farrell
Patrick J. Farrell, Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

Date November 10, 2016

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.