
**UNITED STATES
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): April 21, 2023

AMERANT

Amerant Bancorp Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38534
(Commission
file number)

65-0032379
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

220 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

(305) 460-8728
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

33134
(Zip Code)

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
Class A Common Stock

Trading Symbols
AMTB

Name of exchange on which registered
NASDAQ

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.

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

Amerant Bancorp Inc. (“Amerant” or the “Company”) announced on its earnings call earlier today, April 21, 2023, the promotion of Carlos Iafigliola, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), to Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (“COO”). This promotion is effective immediately. Mr. Iafigliola will continue to serve as CFO until such time that his successor is announced.

Mr. Iafigliola, age 46, was appointed Senior Executive Vice President in January 2023. He was named CFO in May 2020 after having served as Interim CFO from March to May 2020. As CFO, Mr. Iafigliola is responsible for Amerant’s financial management, including treasury, financial reporting and accounting, financial analysis, investor relations & sustainability, loan operations, internal controls and corporate tax. He chairs the Board of Amerant Investments, Inc., chairs the Asset-Liability Committee of Amerant Bank, N.A. and is member of the Board of Amerant Mortgage, LLC. He was recently appointed as member of the Investment Committee of United Way Miami.

Prior to his appointment as Interim CFO, Mr. Iafigliola served as Senior Vice President and Treasury Manager from 2015 to May 2020. He was responsible for balance sheet management and overall supervision of the company’s Treasury functions, including management of the investment portfolio, professional funding and relationships with regulatory agencies and financial markets participants.

Mr. Iafigliola’s tenure at Amerant began in 2004, and he has held various management positions in the Treasury area. Prior to joining Amerant, he served in senior roles in Market Risk at Banco Mercantil, a subsidiary of Mercantil Servicios Financieros (MSF), from 2000 to 2004. He joined MSF in April 1998.

Mr. Iafigliola earned a degree in Economics from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas, Venezuela in 1998 and a Masters in Finance from Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA). In 2003 he was also part of Miami Leadership Program cohort 2011.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Iafigliola and any other persons in connection with his appointment as COO. No family relationship exists between Mr. Iafigliola and any of Amerant’s directors or executive officers. There are no related-party transactions in which Mr. Iafigliola or any of his immediate family members has an interest that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.
