

CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP INC/RI  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2016

**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): September 28, 2016 (September 22, 2016)**

**CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation )**

**001-36636**  
**(Commission File No.)**

**05-0412693**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**One Citizens Plaza**

**02903**

**Providence, RI**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 456-7000**

**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)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Citizens Financial Group, Inc. (the Company) announced that Eric W. Aboaf, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, tendered his resignation on September 22, 2016 to pursue other opportunities. Pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, the resignation will be effective December 16, 2016.

The Company also announced that John J. Fawcett has been appointed, subject to regulatory approval, as interim Chief Financial Officer effective December 17, 2016. It is expected that Mr. Fawcett will serve in that role until Mr. Aboaf's replacement is found.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Aboaf's resignation and Mr. Fawcett's appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit 99.1 Citizens Financial Group, Inc. Press Release dated September 28, 2016

**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.

CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen T. Gannon  
Stephen T. Gannon  
Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and  
Chief Legal Officer

Date: September 28, 2016

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Citizens Financial Group, Inc. Press Release dated September 28, 2016