FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Mazarakis John	Requiring Sta (Month/Day/	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2021 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, Inc. [REFI]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) CHICAGO ATLANTIC REAL ESTATE FINANCE INC	HICAGO ATLANTIC REAL		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
420 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, SUITE 500	_		X Officer (give title below) Exec. Chair of t	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60611	_						Form filed Reporting I	by More than One Person
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr.)				4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock			19,616 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	I i		Held through ownership of interests in Chicago Atlantic Fund, LLC		
Common Stock			23,912 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	I		Held through ownership of interests in Chicago Atlantic Fund QP, LLC		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		te	3. Title and Amount of So Underlying Derivative So (Instr. 4)			cise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	3)

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Included in the 19,616 shares are 12,872 shares held through Joppa Seasonings, of which Mr. Mazarakis owns a 25% interest, 1,775 shares held directly, and 4,970 shares held through Mr. Mazarakis's interest in Chicago Atlantic Management, LLC, the managing member of Chicago Atlantic Fund, LLC.
- 2. Included in the 23,912 shares are 17,290 shares held through Joppa Seasonings, of which Mr. Mazarakis owns a 25% interest, 4,677 shares held directly, and 1,945 shares held through Mr. Mazarakis's interest in Chicago Atlantic Management, LLC, the managing member of Chicago Atlantic Fund, LLC.
- 3. All of the shares held by Mr. Mazarakis are subject to a 180-day lockup that ends on June 5, 2022.

<u>/s/ John Mazarakis</u> <u>12/07/2021</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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