# 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

> April 19, 2022 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# **AIR LEASE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-35121 (Commission File Number) 27-1840403 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)

90067 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 553-0555

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)

□ 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                                                                 | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock                                                                | AL                | New York Stock Exchange                   |
| 6.150% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative<br>Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A | AL PRA            | New York Stock Exchange                   |

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  $\Box$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information set forth in Item 2.06 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

#### Item 2.06. Material Impairments.

The United States, European Union, United Kingdom and others have imposed, and may continue to impose, economic sanctions and export controls against certain industry sectors and parties in Russia in connection with the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As previously disclosed, Air Lease Corporation (the "Company") had approximately 3.4% of its fleet by net book value on lease to customers in Russia as of March 31, 2022.

In response to the sanctions, the Company terminated the leasing of all aircraft leased to Russian airlines. The Company has determined that it is unlikely that the Company will regain possession of the aircraft that have not been returned and that remain in Russia, which represent 21 aircraft in the Company's owned fleet and six aircraft in the Company's managed fleet. On April 19, 2022, in connection with the preparation and review of the Company's quarterly financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, the Company determined that it expects to record a write-off of its interests in its owned and managed fleet that remain in Russia, totaling approximately \$802.4 million. The Company does not expect that the write-off of these assets will result in material future cash expenditures for the Company. The Company is vigorously pursuing insurance claims to recover losses relating to these aircraft.

The Company's financial information provided in this report are estimates and may change. The Company's financial closing procedures for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 are not yet complete and there can be no assurance that the Company's final results for this period will not differ from these estimates.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements convey the Company's current expectations or forecasts of future events. All statements contained in this Current Report other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, all statements regarding the Company's expectations and beliefs regarding its operations, financial performance, asset write-offs, the recoverability of aircraft in Russia, and the outcome of any insurance claims. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve estimates, known and unknown risks, assumptions and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in such statements, including as a result of the following factors, among others: the extent to which the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the impact of sanctions imposed by the United States, European Union, United Kingdom and other countries affect the Company's business and financial condition, results and cash flows; the Company's inability to generate sufficient returns on its aircraft investments through strategic acquisition and profitable leasing; changes in the value of, and lease rates for, the Company's aircraft, including as a result of aircraft oversupply, manufacturer production levels, lessees' failure to maintain the Company's aircraft, and other factors outside of the Company's control; impaired financial condition and liquidity of the Company's lessees, including due to lessee defaults and reorganizations, bankruptcies or similar proceedings; the failure by the Company's lessees to adequately insure its aircraft or fulfill their contractual indemnity obligations to the Company; increased tariffs and other restrictions on trade; changes in the regulatory environment, including changes in tax laws and environmental regulations; and other events affecting the Company's business or the business of its lessees and aircraft manufacturers or their suppliers that are beyond the Company's or their control, such as the threat or realization of epidemic diseases in addition to COVID-19, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, war or armed hostilities between countries or non-state actors; and the additional factors discussed under "Part I — Item 1A. Risk Factors," in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and other filings by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All forward-looking statements are necessarily only estimates of future results, and there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from expectations. You are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and the Company does not intend, and undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking information to reflect actual results or events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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.

## AIR LEASE CORPORATION

Date: April 22, 2022

By: /s/ Gregory B. Willis

Name: Gregory B. Willis

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer