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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 23, 2023

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**Investar Holding Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-36522**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**27-1560715**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10500 Coursey Blvd.**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (225) 227-2222

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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
Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share	ISTR	The Nasdaq Global Market

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.

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

(c) On January 23, 2023, Investar Holding Corporation (the “Company”) announced the appointment of John R. Campbell as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Investar Bank, National Association effective immediately.

Mr. Campbell, age 56, previously served as the Director of Accounting and Corporate Controller for Laitram LLC, a global manufacturing company, since 2005. Prior to joining Laitram LLC, Mr. Campbell served in corporate treasury, accounting and financial reporting, portfolio management, and lending roles for Hibernia National Bank for over ten years. Mr. Campbell also spent four years as an auditor with Ernst & Young LLP serving both public and privately-held clients in a variety of industries, including financial services. He has a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Louisiana State University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Campbell's appointment as Chief Financial Officer was not pursuant to any arrangement or understanding with respect to any other person. There are no family relationships between Mr. Campbell and any director, executive officer or other person that would require disclosure under Item 401(d) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933 (“Regulation S-K”). The Company has not engaged in any transaction in which Mr. Campbell had a direct or indirect material interest within the meaning of Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Mr. Campbell's executive compensation package includes an annual base salary of \$300,000, eligibility to participate in the Company's annual cash incentive program with a target annual award equal to \$90,000, and eligibility to participate in the Company's long-term incentive compensation program with an initial award of restricted stock units with a grant date fair value of \$75,000 that vests over 5 years. Mr. Campbell will also be eligible to participate in the Company's defined contribution 401(k) plan and receive customary perquisite and welfare benefits generally provided to executive officers.

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**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.

January 23, 2023

**INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION**

By: /s/ John J. D'Angelo  
John J. D'Angelo  
President and Chief Executive Officer