

LINDNER CARL H III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LINDNER CARL H III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/20/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					2,714,744 ⁽¹⁾	I	#1 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	09/20/2018		S	181,000	\$ 113.49 ⁽³⁾	D	#2 ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					908,480 ⁽¹⁾	I	#12 ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock					1,428,174	I	#26 ⁽⁶⁾
Common Stock					2,324,600 ⁽¹⁾	I	#29 ⁽⁷⁾

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H III 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Co-CEO & Co-President	

Signatures

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 09/24/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- On 8/1/2018, Indirect #29 made a distribution of 10,032 shares of AFG common stock of which 3,344 shares went to Indirect #1. On
- (1) 9/7/2018, Indirect #12 distributed a total of 340,020 shares of AFG common stock to multiple family members with 96,260 shares to Indirect #1.
 - (2) Indirect #1: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended.
Represents a contribution of 181,000 shares of Issuer common stock to an exchange fund in exchange for shares of the exchange fund.
 - (3) The Issuer common stock was valued at \$113.49 per share for the purpose of determining the number of shares of the exchange fund issuable to the reporting person.
 - (4) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) of the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02 as amended.

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- (5) Indirect #12: Seraphim Partners LLC fka CHL Investments, LLC
- (6) Indirect #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/9/10.
- (7) Indirect #29: Shares held by a partnership of which the reporting person is a partner and shares voting and dispositive power. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.

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