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FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: 03-31-2018

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This Amendment (Check only one.): is a restatement.

adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: CNO Financial Group, Inc.

Address: 11825 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET

CARMEL IN 46032

Form 13F File Number: 028-17555

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: John R. Kline

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Phone: 318-817-6144

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ John R. Kline Carmel, INDIANA 05-02-2018

[Signature]

[City, State]

[Date]

Do you wish to provide information pursuant to Special Instruction 5?

Yes No

Report Type (Check only one.):

13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

Form 13F Summary Page

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	<u>1</u>
Form 13F Information table Entry Total:	<u>25</u>
Form 13F Information table Value Total:	<u>359,368</u> (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

No.	Form 13F File Number	Name	CIK
<u>1</u>	<u>028-17556</u>	<u>40/86 Advisors, Inc.</u>	<u></u>

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

COLUMN 1 NAME OF ISSUER	COLUMN 2 TITLE OF CLASS	COLUMN 3 CUSIP	COLUMN 4 VALUE (x\$1000)	SHRS OR PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT / CALL	COLUMN 6 INVESTMENT DISCRETION	COLUMN 7 OTHER MANAGER	COLUMN 8 VOTING AUTHORITY		
									SOLE	SHARED	NONE
ALPS ETF TR	ALERIAN MLP	00162Q866	7,924	845,637	SH	-	DFND	1	0	845,637	0
ANTHEM INC	NOTE 2.750%10/1	94973VVG1	4,518	1,500,000	PRN	-	DFND	1	0	1,500,000	0
ARES CAP CORP	COM	04010L103	12,145	765,301	SH	-	DFND	1	0	765,301	0
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	DBCY 9/1	110122AN8	1,675	1,000,000	PRN	-	DFND	1	0	1,000,000	0
DANAHER CORP DEL	NOTE 1/2	235851AF9	3,746	1,000,000	PRN	-	DFND	1	0	1,000,000	0
DELL TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM CL V	24703L103	2	20	SH	-	DFND	1	0	20	0
FIRST TR EXCHANGE-TRADED FD	PFD SECS INC ETF	33739E108	38,920	2,000,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	2,000,000	0
GOLDMAN SACHS BDC INC	NOTE 4.500% 4/0	38147UAB3	2,020	2,000,000	PRN	-	DFND	1	0	2,000,000	0
GOLDMAN SACHS MLP ENERGY REN	SHS	38147U107	7,809	408,185	SH	-	DFND	1	0	408,185	0
GOLUB CAP BDC INC	COM	38173M102	9,949	556,139	SH	-	DFND	1	0	556,139	0
HERCULES CAPITAL INC	COM	427096508	2,957	244,367	SH	-	DFND	1	0	244,367	0
HOST HOTELS & RESORTS INC	COM	44107P104	1,497	80,305	SH	-	DFND	1	0	80,305	0
INGERSOLL-RAND PLC	SHS	G47791101	440	5,151	SH	-	DFND	1	0	5,151	0
ISHARES TR	IBOXX HI YD ETF	464288513	29,717	347,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	347,000	0
ISHARES TR	S&P US PFD STK	464288687	64,085	1,706,200	SH	-	DFND	1	0	1,706,200	0
ISHARES TR	FLTG RATE NT ETF	46429B655	20,270	398,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	398,000	0
MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORP	COM	56035L104	5,166	140,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	140,000	0
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST	FINL PFD PTFL	73935X229	18,550	1,000,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	1,000,000	0
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST II	PFD PORTFOLIO	73936T565	51,865	3,552,423	SH	-	DFND	1	0	3,552,423	0
SOLAR CAP LTD	COM	83413U100	4,976	245,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	245,000	0
SPDR SERIES TRUST	BLOOMBERG BRCLYS	78464A417	21,510	600,000	SH	-	DFND	1	0	600,000	0
TCP CAP CORP	COM	87238Q103	28,609	2,011,900	SH	-	DFND	1	0	2,011,900	0
TCP CAP CORP	NOTE 4.625% 3/0	87238QAD5	10,071	10,000,000	PRN	-	DFND	1	0	10,000,000	0
TPG SPECIALTY LENDING INC	COM	87265K102	10,525	589,305	SH	-	DFND	1	0	589,305	0
WELLTOWER INC	COM	95040Q104	422	7,747	SH	-	DFND	1	0	7,747	0