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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

June 1, 2018

Commission File Number: 000-50975

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**China Finance Online Co. Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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HONG KONG

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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17th floor of Fuzhuo Plaza A  
No.28 Xuanwai Street, Xicheng District  
Beijing, China 100052

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(Address of principal executive office)

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**SIGNATURE**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

China Finance Online Co. Limited

Date: June 1, 2018

By: /s/ Zhiwei Zhao

Name: Zhiwei Zhao

Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31, 2017</a>

**CHINA FINANCE ONLINE CO. LIMITED**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors of China Finance Online Co. Limited, or the Company, present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, or the Financial Statements, which can be accessed through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov> or through the Company's website at <http://ir.chinafinanceonline.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=183451&p=irol-reportsannual> beginning April 27, 2018. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company acts as an investment holding company and provides corporate management services. The activities of its principal subsidiaries including its variable interest entities ("VIEs") and its VIEs' subsidiaries are set out in note 1 to the Financial Statements.

**RESULTS**

The results of the Company and its subsidiaries including its variable interest entities ("VIEs") and its VIEs' subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2017 are set out in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income on page F-3 of the Financial Statements.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend and propose that the profit for the year be retained.

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Details of the movements during the year in property and equipment of the Company and its subsidiaries including its VIEs and its VIEs' subsidiaries are set out in note 11 to the Financial Statements.

**SHARE CAPITAL**

In 2017, Company granted share options to purchase 2,840,000 ordinary shares pursuant to the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.

Other than the foregoing, the Company did not issue any share capital for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mr. Zhiwei Zhao  
Mr. Jun Wang  
Mr. Z. James Chen  
Mr. Jian Wang  
Mr. Yaowei Zhang

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We have a staggered board of directors, which means half the number of our directors (excluding our chief executive officer) shall retire from office by rotation at every annual general meeting. The directors to retire at each annual general meeting shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election. Any director appointed by the board of directors since the last annual general meeting shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the number of directors who are to retire by rotation. Our chief executive officer will at all times be a director, and will not retire as a director, so long as he remains as the chief executive officer. Our board of directors is currently comprised of five members. Mr. Z. James Chen and Mr. Jun Wang are required to retire by rotation at the 2018 annual general meeting.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No substantial contracts concerning the management and administration of the Company were entered into or existed during 2017.

#### ARRANGEMENTS WITH DIRECTORS TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

As of the date of this report, the Company has granted the directors share awards of 7,100,240 ordinary shares of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, out of which 2,400,000 ordinary shares have expired. Details of directors' underlying share awards at the date of this report were as follows:

Name of director	Capacity	Number of underlying shares under 2004 Stock Incentive Plan
Zhiwei Zhao	Director	3,000,000
Jun Wang*	Director	2,100,240
		<u>5,100,240</u>

\* 250,000 shares out of the underlying shares awards of Mr. Jun Wang under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan were granted prior to his appointment as a director of the Company.

As of the date of this report, the Company has granted the directors share awards of 950,000 ordinary shares of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. Details of directors' awards at the date of this report were as follows:

Name of director	Capacity	Number of underlying shares under 2014 Stock Incentive Plan
Zhiwei Zhao	Director	560,000
Jun Wang	Director	150,000
Z. James Chen	Independent director	80,000
Jian Wang	Independent director	80,000
Yaowei Zhang	Independent director	80,000
		<u>950,000</u>

Particulars of the Company's 2007 performance-based equity incentive plan are set out in note 16 to the Financial Statements.

Other than as disclosed above, at no time during 2017 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

AUDITORS

A resolution will be proposed to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company to appoint BDO China Shu Lun Pan Certified Public Accountants LLP as auditors of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

/s/ Zhiwei Zhao

Zhiwei Zhao

CHAIRMAN

June 1, 2018