

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to
Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a
transaction was made pursuant to a
contract, instruction or written plan for
the purchase or sale of equity securities
of the issuer that is intended to satisfy
the affirmative defense conditions of
Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Kumar Balaji</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5501 HEADQUARTERS DR</u> (Street) <u>PLANO TX 75024</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>UPBOUND GROUP, INC. [UPBD]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chief Technology Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/01/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>09/01/2026</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>130,299</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>COMMON STOCK</u>	<u>130,299</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>130,299</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a supplemental equity award consisting of restricted stock units and performance stock units to promote retention of key executives and to incentivize share price appreciation measured against predetermined stock prices.

2. Represents the portion of the supplemental equity award granted as performance stock units, which are eligible to vest, if at all, based on the achievement of predetermined 20-trading-day average closing stock prices during a four-year performance period, subject to the reporting person's continued employment through the applicable vesting date. The performance stock units are divided into three tranches: 33% eligible to be earned upon a 20-trading-day average closing price of \$24.18, 33% upon a 20-trading-day average closing price of \$31.43, and 34% upon a 20-trading-day average closing price of \$38.68. For each tranche, the vesting date is the later of the third anniversary of the grant date September 1, 2029, and the date the applicable stock price is attained.

Remarks:

Power of Attorney (Exhibit)

/s/ Andrew West, attorney-in-fact 09/02/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Balaji Kumar

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Andrew West the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Upbound Group, Inc. (the "**Company**"), (i) Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; and (ii) Form 144 as may be required in connection with any public resales of Company securities by the undersigned (collectively, together with any amendments thereto, the "**SEC Forms**");
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any SEC Forms and file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority, including without limitation, preparation and execution of any related forms, applications or documents; and
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done, or shall lawfully have already done or caused to be done, by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any other legal requirements of the undersigned.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file any SEC Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23rd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Balaji Kumar
Name: Balaji Kumar
Title: Individual