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

**SCHEDULE 13G** 

(Amendment No. )* Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Banzai International, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Class A Common Stock
(Titles of Class of Securities)
06682J100
(CUSIP Number)
December 28, 2023
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
⊠ Rule 13d-1(b)         □ Rule 13d-1(c)         □ Rule 13d-1(d)
* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out of a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Ac of 1934, as amended (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the <i>Notes</i> ).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.				
2	CHECK THE	APPROPE	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) □ (b) □	
3	SEC USE ON	LY			
4	CITIZENSHI New York	P OR PLA	CE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,113,927*			
	PORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,113,927*		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,113,927*				
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES □				
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 8.8%				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN				

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2	CHECK THE	APPROP	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) □ (b) □	
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4	CITIZENSHI New York	P OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
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2	CHECK THE	APPROPR	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) □ (b) □	
3	SEC USE ON	LY			
4	CITIZENSHI Delaware	P OR PLA	CE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,113,927*			
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON CF Group Management, Inc.				
2	CHECK THE	APPROPI	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) □ (b) □	
3	SEC USE ON	LY			
4	CITIZENSHI New York	P OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,113,927*			
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3	SEC USE ON	LY			
4	CITIZENSHI United States	P OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED		5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
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## FOOTNOTE:

#### Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Banzai International, Inc.

#### Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

435 ERICKSEN AVE, SUITE 250 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON 98110

#### Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., Cantor Fitzgerald Securities, Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., CF Group Management, Inc. and Howard W. Lutnick (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

#### Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

110 East 59th Street New York, New York 10022

#### Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and Cantor Fitzgerald Securities are each a general partnership formed in New York, Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership, CF Group Management, Inc. is a New York corporation and Mr. Lutnick is a citizen of the United States of America

#### Item 2(d). Titles of Classes of Securities:

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

#### Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

06682J100

#### Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a(n):

- (a) ⊠ Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
  (b) □ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) ☐ Investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  $\square$  Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with  $\S240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)$ .
- (g) ☐ Parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h)  $\square$  Savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) \( \subseteq \) Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with \( \xi \) 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- (k)  $\square$  Group in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240. 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

#### Item 4. Ownership

The responses to Items 5-11 of the cover pages of this Schedule 13G are incorporated herein by reference.

As of December 28, 2023, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 1,113,927 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") of Banzai International, Inc. (the "Issuer"), representing 8.8% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock.

The percentage of the Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons is based on 12,594,195 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of December 27, 2023 as reported in the Issuer's Form S-1 registration statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2023 and assumes no exercise of warrants, if any, held by the Reporting Persons.

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. ("CF&CO") is the record holder of the securities reported herein.

Cantor Fitzgerald Securities ("CFS") controls the managing general partner of CF&CO. Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. ("CFLP") indirectly controls each of CFS and CF&CO. CFLP is controlled by CF Group Management, Inc. ("CFGM"), its managing general partner. Mr. Howard Lutnick is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CFGM and also the trustee of CFGM's sole stockholder and therefore controls CFGM. As such, each of CFS, CFLP, CFGM and Mr. Lutnick may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the securities directly held by CF&CO. Each such entity or person disclaims any beneficial ownership of the reported shares other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest they may have therein, directly or indirectly.

#### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following  $\Box$ .

#### Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

### Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 10. Certification.

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2024

#### CANTOR FITZGERALD & CO.

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick
Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### **CANTOR FITZGERALD SECURITIES**

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick
Title: Chief Executive Officer

### CANTOR FITZGERALD, L.P.

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick Title: Chief Executive Officer

## CF GROUP MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### HOWARD W. LUTNICK

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Howard W. Lutnick

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## **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2024, by and among the Reporting Persons</u>

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

#### Banzai International, Inc.

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby confirm the agreement by and among them to the joint filing on behalf of them of the Statement on Schedule 13G and any and all further amendments thereto, with respect to the securities of the above referenced issuer, and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement as of February 12, 2024.

CANTOR FITZGERALD & CO.

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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Name: Howard W. Lutnick Title: Chief Executive Officer

HOWARD W. LUTNICK

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Howard W. Lutnick

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