

VERISSIMO MARC J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
VERISSIMO MARC J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3005 TASMAN DRIVE  
(Street)  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SVB FINANCIAL GROUP [SIVB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/27/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Strategy/Risk Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	04/27/2011		M		3,621	A	\$ 17.07
Common Stock	04/27/2011		S		3,621	D	\$ 60.2035

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/27/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	4,500	12/20/2013 12/20/2013	Common Stock	4,500
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/27/2011		A <sup>(2)</sup>	2,000	04/27/2012 04/27/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 60.37	04/27/2011		A <sup>(3)</sup>	8,000	04/27/2012 04/27/2018	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options	\$ 17.07	04/27/2011		M	3,621	11/08/2003 11/08/2012	Common Stock	3,621

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VERISSIMO MARC J 3005 TASMAN DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Chief Strategy/Risk Officer	

## Signatures

Lisa Bertolet as attorney in fact 04/29/2011

\*\*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).

(1) The reporting person was granted performance-based restricted stock units which are subject to performance and time-based vesting (PRSUs). The extent to which the PRSU awards are earned will be based on the Company's 2011 performance, as determined pursuant to the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The reported number of shares is the maximum number of shares that may be earned by the reporting person, based on achievement of 150% of target performance. The PRSUs are effective as of 4/27/2011, and to the extent deemed earned at the end of the 2011 performance period, will vest on 12/20/2013, subject to continued service.

(2) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.

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(3) Stock Options vest 25% annually over 4 years from date of grant.

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