

Tai Pin  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Tai Pin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
[CATY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
777 NORTH BROADWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CEO & President

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,639 A \$ 0	35,380	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>	2,988 D \$ 41.22	32,392	D	
Common Stock					863.41	I	By ESOP

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	03/01/2018		A		5,024		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	5,024
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/01/2018		M		7,274 (5)		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	7,274

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tai Pin 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			CEO & President	

## Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,  
attorney-in-fact

03/05/2018

\*\*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) Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted on December 18, 2014. Such restricted stock units were previously reported in Table II on a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 24, 2014.
  - (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
  - (3) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting, subject to adjustment in accordance with the award agreement and the Cathay General Bancorp 2005 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.
  - (4) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in 3 annual equal installments beginning March 1, 2019, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.

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- (5) Of the previously reported target award of 7,274 shares of restricted stock unit, 110.641% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (6) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2017.

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