

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)  
03/01/2019

\_\_\_\_ 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) | (A) or (D) | 5. Amount or Price | 6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |            | 885.75             | I   | By ESOP                           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2019                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 12,758  | A          | \$ 0               | 53,742  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2019                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               | 4,412   | D          | \$ 38.36           | 49,330  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2019                           |  | M                              | 1,675   | A          | \$ 0               | 51,005  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2019                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               | 580   | D          | \$ 38.36           | 50,425  | D                                 |

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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                     | (1)  | 03/01/2019                           |  | M                              | 7,918 (3)   | (4) (4)  | (4) (4)   | Common Stock | 7,918                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (5)  | 03/01/2019                           |  | M                              | 1,675   | 03/01/2019   | (6)   | Common Stock | 1,675                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (5)  | 03/01/2019                           |  | A                              | 8,154   | (7) (7)  | (7) (7)   | Common Stock | 8,154                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,  
attorney-in-fact  
03/05/2019

\*\*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).

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Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted on December 17, 2015. 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 21, 2015.

- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding requirement on vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) Of the previously reported target award of 7,918 shares of performance-based restricted stock units, 150% of the target award was earned based upon the achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) Performance-based restricted stock units vested on December 31, 2018.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (6) Reporting Person was granted 5,024 restricted stock units on March 1, 2018, with a vesting schedule of 3 annual equal installments beginning March 1, 2019, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.
- (7) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in 3 annual equal installments beginning March 1, 2020, or earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.

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