

Tai Pin  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>Tai Pin</b>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP [CATY]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO & President
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2017	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)
777 NORTH BROADWAY  (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  (City)      (State)      (Zip)				

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount	or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	4.53	A	\$ 39.044	863.41	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	06/15/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	4.607	A	\$ 38.588	863.41	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	09/15/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	4.901	A	\$ 36.4816	863.41	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	12/15/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	4.82	A	\$ 42.6611	863.41	I	By ESOP

