

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Form 8-K

October 27, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2017

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-31830 (Commission File Number)	95-4274680 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)	90012 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 27, 2017, Cathay General Bancorp issued a press release announcing the completion of its previously announced bank merger between Far East National Bank and Cathay Bank. With the completion of the merger, Far East National Bank, a national bank, was merged with and into Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank, with Cathay Bank as the surviving entity. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Cathay General Bancorp, dated October 27, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Date: October 27, 2017

By: /s/ Heng W. Chen
Heng W. Chen
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Exhibit

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