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FORM	3				D.C. 20549			OMB Number:	3235-0104
INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNE SECURITIES					OWNERSH	IP OF	Expires: Estimated a	January 31, 2005	
		on 17(a) of	the Public U	tility Holdi	Securities E ing Company Company Ac	Act of 193		burden hour , response	
(Print or Type Re	esponses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *2. Date of Eve Statement GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/(Month/Day/2007)									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			4. Relationshi Person(s) to Is	p of Reporting		If Amendment, Da ed(Month/Day/Year	-
85 BROAD S	STREET, Å	Â						`` `	
	(Street)				(Check	all applicable)	6. I	Individual or Joint	t/Group
NEW YORK	, NY I	10004			Director Officer (give title below	X 10% Other v) (specify belo	Owner Fili () () () () () () () () () ()	ing(Check Applicat Form filed by One	ble Line) Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Benefi	icially Owned	
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ty			2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature Ownership (Instr. 5)	of Indirect Benefi p	cial
Common Sto	ck, par va	lue \$0.10 p	er share (4)	624,193		Ι	See (1) (2)	2)	
Reminder: Repo owned directly o			ch class of sect	urities benefic	^{ially} S	EC 1473 (7-02	.)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		77 , 1	Derivative	Security:	
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Obligation to pay sale proceeds (3)	(<u>3)</u>	(<u>3)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	592,345	\$ 0	Ι	See (1) (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GSCP V ADVISORS, LLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GSCP V OFFSHORE ADVISORS LLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GS ADVISORS V LLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GOLDMAN SACHS MANAGEMENT GP GMBH MESSETURM 60308 FRANKFURT AM MAIN GERMANY, 2M 00000	Â	X	Â	Â	
GS CAPITAL PARTNERS V FUND LP 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GS CAPITAL PARTNERS V OFFSHORE FUND LP 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
GS CAPITAL PARTNERS V GmbH & CO KG 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	

Signatures

See Exhibit 99.2

02/12/2007

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- (1) For text of Footnote 1, see Exhibit 99.1.
- (2) For text of Footnote 2, see Exhibit 99.1.
- (3) For text of Footnote 3, see Exhibit 99.1.
- (4) For text of Footnote 4, see Exhibit 99.1.

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BINGHAM KIM R 777 NORTH BROADWAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90012			EVP - Chief Credit Officer			
Signatures						
Monica Chen						

Monica Chen,	08/17/2012
attorney-in-fact	08/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Shares of Cathay General Banorp (the "Company") common stock acquired under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan. As a condition to receiving these shares, the reporting person agreed to hold and not transfer, for the entire period during which the Company has any

- (1) obligations outstanding under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (disregarding any warrants to purchase common stock of the Company that the U.S. Treasury may hold) (the "Restriction Period"), all of the shares received. This transfer restriction will terminate upon the earlier of the end of the Restriction Period or the date of the reporting person's death or permanent disability.
- (2) The option is fully exercisable.
- (3) The option vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning 02/21/09.

Consists of long term restricted stock units within the meaning of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended from
 (4) time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("EESA"). Each unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of CATY Common Stock.

(5) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 23, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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- (6) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on December 15, 2013, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.
- (7) These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in a single installment on May 8, 2014, or earlier in the event of death or disability, and are subject to certain transfer restrictions under EESA.

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