

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP  
Form 10-K/A  
March 31, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 10-K/A**

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**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission file number 0-18630

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**Cathay General Bancorp**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**95-4274680**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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777 North Broadway,

Los Angeles, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

90012  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(213) 625-4700

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value  
(Title of class)

Preferred Stock Purchase Rights  
(Title of class)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant, computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold as of the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter (June 30, 2004) was \$1,415,068,247.

The number of shares outstanding as of February 15, 2005: Common Stock, \$.01 par value 50,708,644 shares.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of Registrant's definitive proxy statement relating to Registrant's 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which will be filed within 120 days of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, are incorporated by reference into Part III.

Estimated solely for the purposes of this cover page. The market value of shares held by Registrant's directors, executive officers, and Employee Stock Ownership Plan have been excluded.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This amendment is filed solely to amend the Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm which was filed as Exhibit 23.1 to Cathay General Bancorp's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. That exhibit, as originally filed, inadvertently omitted the conformed signature of KPMG LLP. The revised exhibit being filed herewith now contains the conformed signature of KPMG LLP. No revisions have been made to the financial statements or any other disclosures contained in the Annual Report.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Cathay General Bancorp

By: /s/ HENG W. CHEN

Heng W. Chen

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: March 30, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
* _____	President, Chairman of the Board, Director, and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	March 30, 2005
Dunson K. Cheng		
/s/ Heng W. Chen _____	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (principal financial officer) (principal accounting officer)	March 30, 2005
Heng W. Chen		
* _____	Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Operating Officer, and Director	March 30, 2005
Peter Wu		
* _____	Executive Vice President and Director	March 30, 2005
Anthony M. Tang		
* _____	Director	March 30, 2005
Kelly L. Chan		
* _____	Director	March 30, 2005
Michael M.Y. Chang		

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Director

March 30, 2005

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Thomas C.T. Chiu

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Director

March 30, 2005

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Patrick S.D. Lee

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Director

March 30, 2005

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Ting Liu

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Director

March 30, 2005

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Joseph C.H. Poon

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Director

March 30, 2005

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Thomas G. Tartaglia

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\* By:

/s/ HENG W. CHEN

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Attorney-in-Fact

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.