

Tai Pin
Form 4
January 03, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Tai Pin

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

777 NORTH BROADWAY

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/02/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	12,261 A	\$ 0 31,523	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		F ⁽²⁾	4,782 D	\$ 42.64 26,741	D	
Common Stock					863.41 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By ESOP

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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)	8. Pr Dep Secu (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/02/2018		M	7,629 (3)	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	7,629

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Georgia Lo,
attorney-in-fact 01/03/2018

**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).
- Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock received by the Reporting Person from the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units
- (1) granted on December 18, 2014. 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 24, 2014.
 - (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units.
 - (3) Of this previously reported target award 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, 2017.
 - (5) Includes 18.858 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment year-to-date

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