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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Palacios Miguel</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>220 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE</u> _____ (Street) <u>CORAL FL 33134</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Mercantil Bank Holding Corp [AMTB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>See Remarks</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/21/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/21/2018		P		5,769	A	\$13	5,782.66	D	
Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/21/2018		A		38,461	A	\$0.00	44,243.66	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Effective October 23, 2018, the Issuer split its outstanding Class A and Class B common stock on a one-for-three basis (the "stock split"). As a result of the stock split, every three outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock were combined into only one share of the Issuer's Class A common stock and every three outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class B common stock were combined into only one share of the Issuer's Class B common stock. Fractional shares were issued. The amount of securities reported on this Form 4 have been adjusted to reflect the stock split. As a result of the stock split, the Reporting Person beneficially owns 52 shares of Class B common stock All future Form 4 and Form 5 filings will reflect the stock split.

Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer

/s/ Julio V. Pena, as Attorney-in-Fact for Miguel Palacios 12/27/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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