

Golson Brian P.  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Golson Brian P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PARTHENON CAPITAL PARTNERS, FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3610

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |                  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |                  |
|  |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |                  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | 04/24/2013                           |  | S                              | 5,000,000   | D   | \$ 11.49   | 17,729,424 I  | See footnote (1) |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | 04/24/2013                           |  | J(2)(3)                        | 33,600  | D   | \$ 0   | 17,690,224 I  | See footnote (1) |

|  |            |  |   |   |     |                      |   |
|--|------------|--|---|---|-----|----------------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.0001<br>per share |            |  |   |   |     | 5,600 <sup>(4)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.0001<br>per share | 04/25/2013 |  | G | V | 200 | D \$ 0 5,400         | D |

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

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Golson Brian P.<br>C/O PARTHENON CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 3610<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Carol Anne Huff as  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/26/2013

\_\_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).

The reported shares are owned of record by Parthenon DCS Holdings, LLC ("DCS Holdings"). PCP Managers, LLC is the managing member of PCap II, LLC ("PCap"), which is the managing member of PCap Partners II, LLC ("PCap Partners"), which is the general partner of Parthenon Investors II, L.P. ("Parthenon Investors"), which is the manager of DCS Holdings. Mr. Golson is a Managing

- (1) Member of PCP Managers, LLC and a Managing Director of Parthenon Capital Partners, a private equity firm and affiliate of PCap Partners, and therefore may be deemed to beneficially own the shares owned of record by DCS Holdings. Mr. Golson disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Golson is the beneficial owner of such shares for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose, except, in each case, to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Reflects a pro rata distribution of 39,200 shares of common stock of the issuer by DCS Holdings, the record owner of the shares, to Parthenon Investors on April 24, 2013 (the "DCS Holdings Distribution"). Following the DCS Holdings Distribution and on the same

- (2) day, Parthenon Investors further distributed (on a pro rata basis) all 39,200 shares to PCap Partners (the "Parthenon Investors Distribution"). Following the Parthenon Investors Distribution and on the same day, PCap Partners further distributed (on a pro rata basis) all 39,200 shares to certain of its members, including Mr. Golson and PCap (the "PCap Partners Distribution"). (continued in footnote 3)

Following the PCap Partners Distribution and on the same day, PCap further distributed (on a pro rata basis) the 30,000 shares it received from PCap Partners to one of its members (such distribution, collectively with the DCS Holdings Distribution, the Parthenon Investors Distribution and the PCap Partners Distribution, the "Distributions"). The Distributions were made to facilitate charitable contributions of the reported shares by certain indirect holders of interests in DCS Holdings, including Mr. Golson.

- (4) Represents shares of common stock of the issuer received by Mr. Golson pursuant to the Distributions. In previous reports, Mr. Golson reported indirect beneficial ownership of these shares, which were previously held of record by DCS Holdings.

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