

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FERNANDEZ RICHARDS JOSE E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [ofg]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P O BOX 195115
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

SAN JUAN, PR 00919-5115

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | | S | 3,500 D \$ 26.15 | 56,627 | D | |
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | | S | 200 D \$ 26.17 | 56,427 | D | |
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | | S | 4,700 D \$ 26.2 | 51,727 | D | |
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | | S | 300 D \$ 26.25 | 51,427 | D | |
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | | S | 200 D \$ 26.3 | 51,227 | D | |

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|---------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stocks | 03/14/2005 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 26.33 | 50,127 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 4,000 | D | \$ 26.15 | 46,127 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 4,600 | D | \$ 26.27 | 41,527 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 26.34 | 40,927 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 26.35 | 40,527 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 26.39 | 40,127 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 9,300 | D | \$ 26.4 | 30,827 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/15/2005 | S | 700 | D | \$ 26.44 | 30,127 | D |
| Common Stocks | 03/16/2005 | S | 5,928 | D | \$ 26 | 24,199 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options <u>(1)</u> | \$ 11.168 | 03/14/2005 | | M | 16,637 | 12/04/2004 | 12/01/2001 | Common Stocks | 16,637 |
| Stock Options <u>(2)</u> | \$ 13.329 | 03/14/2005 | | M | 7,562 | 04/03/2004 | 04/02/2012 | Common Stocks | 7,562 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERNANDEZ RICHARDS JOSE E P O BOX 195115 SAN JUAN, PR 00919-5115 | | | EVP, Chief Marketing Officer | |

Signatures

Jose Fernandez
Richards

03/16/2005

__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).
- (1) Stock Option Plan 1996
 - (2) Stock option Plan 1998

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