

BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M  
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**FORM 5**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**POPULAR INC [BPOP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

**P.O. BOX 364548**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2017**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

**SAN JUAN, PR 00936-4548**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	230.41 A \$ 0	22,192.303	D	Â
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	6.019 A \$ 0	527.457	I	by daughter

Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	4.407	A	\$ 0	483.593	I	by daughter
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2017	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	3.372	A	\$ 0	295.465	I	by son

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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
(A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M P.O. BOX 364548 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-4548	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Marie Reyes-Rodriguez, Attorney-in-fact	02/12/2018
**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).
- (1) Shares acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends paid by the Corporation and which are exempt under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act.

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