

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 IANTOSCA JOSEPH R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/10/2016

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CAO, OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2016 | | | M | 6,750 A \$ 20.25 | 15,402 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2016 | | | F | 6,432 D \$ 21.87 | 8,970 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 16,912 | I By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 11,536 | I BY ESOP ⁽²⁾ |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.25 | 11/10/2016 | | M | 6,750 | 03/02/2008 | 03/02/2017 | Common Stock | 6,750 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2018 | Common Stock | 7,088 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.28 | | | | | 02/18/2010 | 02/18/2019 | Common Stock | 7,088 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.11 | | | | | 02/11/2011 | 02/11/2020 | Common Stock | 9,925 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.87 | | | | | 02/18/2012 | 02/18/2021 | Common Stock | 10,125 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.83 | | | | | 02/15/2013 | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 10,125 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.62 | | | | | 02/15/2014 | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 11,250 |

