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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2018						Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) See Remarks		
LIVERMOR		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8	(A) or		of (D)	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)	
Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	05/11/2018			M		15,000	A	\$ 0	60,619	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	05/11/2018			F		5,068 (1)	D	\$ 2.91	55,551	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 II S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/11/2018		M	15,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	15,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

See Remarks

Johnston Ian

333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY

LIVERMORE, CA 94551

Signatures

/s/ Ian A. Johnston 05/15/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 surrendered to pay tax liability due on vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PFMT's common stock. The units were awarded at no cost to the Reporting Person.
- Restricted Stock Unit award was granted on April 6, 2017. 25% of the shares vested on May 11, 2018, with 25% more vesting on the first day of the next open trading window immediately following each of the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous service through each vest date.

Remarks:

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Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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