



Key Facts

Business address: **Los Angeles, California, United States**
 Industry: **Commercial Banking** (NAICS 522110)
 SEC filer status: **Large Accelerated Filer** as of Jun 2021
 Index member: **S&P 400, Russell 2000**
 Market Cap: **\$3.18b** as of Sep 16, 2021
 Annual revenue: **\$537m** as of Dec 31, 2020

Corporate Governance

CEO: **Chang M. Liu** since 2020
 CFO: **Heng W. Chen** since 2003

1st level

Board Chairman: **Dunson K. Cheng** since 1994
 Audit Committee Chair: **NOT AVAILABLE**

2nd level

Auditor: **KPMG LLP** since 1991
 Outside Counsel (most recent): **Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz**

3rd level

SEC Reviewer: **Era Anagnosti**

4th level

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Accounting and financial disclosure data from [Audit Analytics](#).
 Executive compensation data from [Shore Group and Intrinio](#).
 Data from [Sharadar](#).
[Data from Barchart via Quandl](#).
[Data from Exchange Data International via Quandl](#).

Sep 17, 2021 Jan 1, 2020 Jan 1, 2016

RECENT PERIOD

HISTORICAL PERIOD

10-Q filed on Aug 9, 2021 for period ending Jun 2021

Reporting Irregularities

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Financial Restatements	✓
✓	Revisions	!
✓	Out of Period Adjustments	✓
✓	Late Filings	!
!	Impairments	✓
✓	Changes in Accounting Estimates	✓
✓	Disclosure Controls	!
✓	Internal Controls	✓
!	Critical / Key Audit Matters	✓

Anomalies in the Numbers

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Benford's Law	✓
—	Beneish M-Score	—
!	Accounting Disclosure Complexity	!

Securities & Exchange Commission Concerns

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	SEC Oversight	✓
✓	SEC Letters to Management	✓
✓	Revenue Recognition	✓
✓	Non-GAAP Measures	✓

Litigation & External Pressures

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Significant Litigation	!
✓	Securities Class Actions	✓
✓	Shareholder Activism	✓
✓	Cybersecurity	✓

Management Review

RECENT		HISTORICAL
!	CEO Changes	!
✓	CFO Changes	✓
!	Insider Sales	!
✓	Pledged Securities	✓
✓	Mergers & Acquisitions	!
✓	Sales of Assets	✓

Auditor Assessment

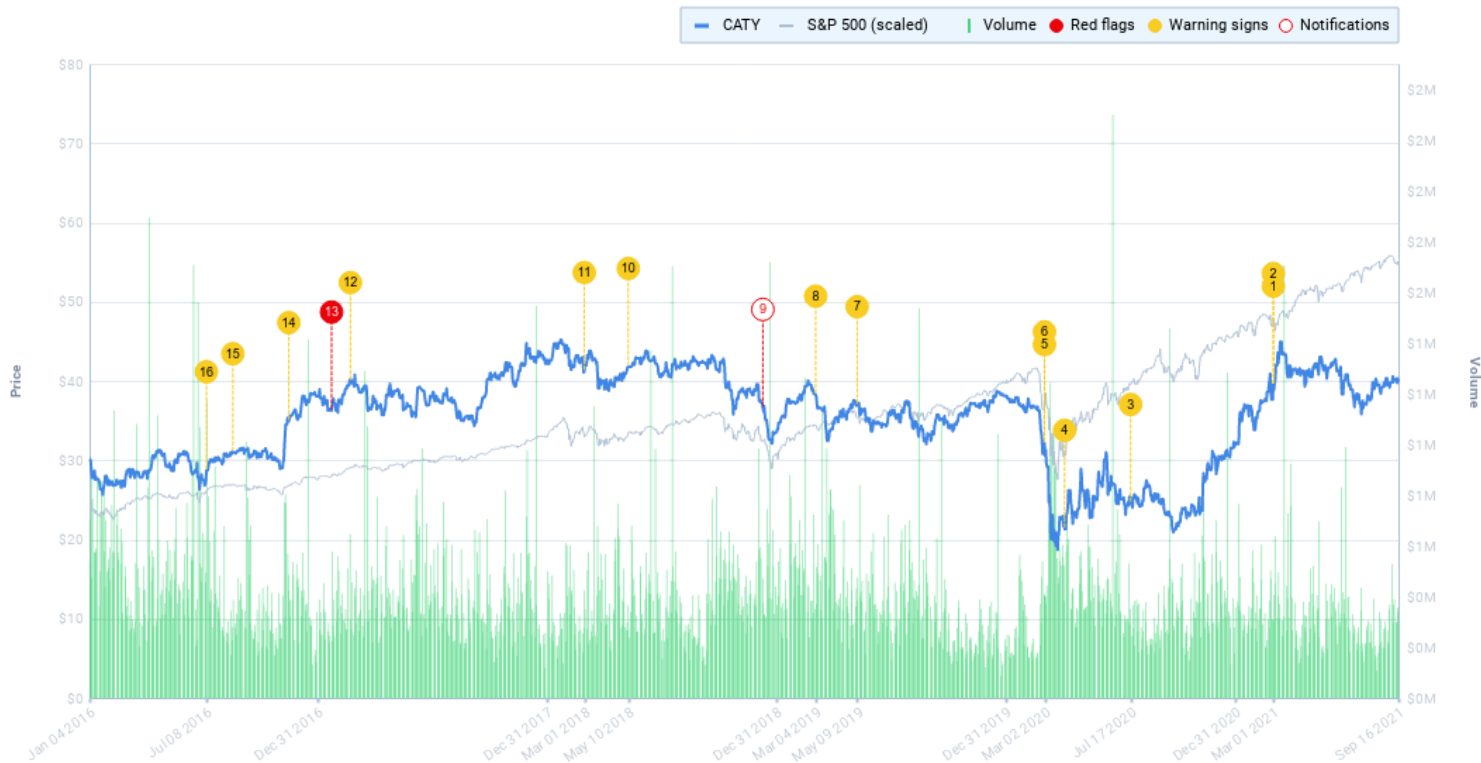
RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Auditor Changes	✓
✓	Auditor Experience	✓
!	Auditor Tenure	!
!	Audit Fees	!
✓	Non-Audit Fees	✓



Overview

Price and Volume History

This graph shows the price and trading history for Cathay. Warning signs and red flags are marked on the graph according to their disclosure dates.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mar 1, 2021 - Impairment 2 Mar 1, 2021 - Critical / Key Audit Matters 3 Jul 17, 2020 - Change in CEO 4 Apr 3, 2020 - Insider Sale 5 Mar 2, 2020 - Impairment 6 Mar 2, 2020 - Critical / Key Audit Matters 7 May 9, 2019 - Revisions 8 Mar 4, 2019 - Late filing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Dec 10, 2018 - Trading Suspended 10 May 10, 2018 - Revisions 11 Mar 1, 2018 - Disclosure Controls 12 Feb 22, 2017 - Insider Sale 13 Jan 23, 2017 - Lawsuit: Shah Capital Management Limited v. Crowe Horwath LLP et al 14 Nov 16, 2016 - Insider Sale 15 Aug 19, 2016 - Change in CEO 16 Jul 8, 2016 - Mergers & Acquisitions |
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Notifications

Important notifications related to the company are listed here. Notifications may come from the SEC, exchanges such as the NYSE or NASDAQ, or Watchdog Research. Examples of notifications include announcements of bankruptcy proceedings, company name changes, and noncompliance with SEC regulations or exchange rules.

Cathay has one notification since 2016.

Event date	Type	Headline	Message	Source
12/10/2018	Suspension or Delisting	Trading Suspended	Trading suspended due to expiration	NASDAQ

Peer Group

Peer groups are used by companies to benchmark executive compensation and performance. Each company identifies its own peer group. Peer groups vary from company to company.

Peer Group

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
East West Bancorp Inc.	EWBC	\$10.4b
Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc.	PNFP	\$6.85b
Prosperity Bancshares Inc.	PB	\$6.12b
PacWest Bancorp.	PACW	\$4.9b
Valley National Bancorp.	VLY	\$4.83b
Umpqua Holdings Corp.	UMPQ	\$4.27b
Pacific Premier Bancorp Inc.	PPBI	\$3.56b
Cathay General Bancorp.	CATY	\$3.18b
Bank of Hawaii Corp.	BOH	\$3.13b
CVB Financial Corp.	CVBF	\$2.58b

Companies Who Named Cathay as a Peer

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
TFS Financial Corp.	TFSL	\$5.21b
Pacific Premier Bancorp Inc.	PPBI	\$3.56b
First Hawaiian, Inc.	FHB	\$3.47b
Cathay General Bancorp.	CATY	\$3.18b
Bank of Hawaii Corp.	BOH	\$3.13b
Cadence Bancorporation	CADE	\$2.64b
Independent Bank Corp.	INDB	\$2.32b
Hope Bancorp Inc.	HOPE	\$1.65b
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	NWBI	\$1.6b
Encore Capital Group Inc.	ECPG	\$1.43b



Peer Flag Comparison

The return to a company's stock is not the only measure of executive performance. Ethics matter, and growth can quickly reverse and gains evaporate if a company's accounting and financial reporting processes are not fundamentally sound and trustworthy. How does Cathay's accounting quality compare to its peer group?

	CATY	PEERGROUP FLAGS		
Reporting Irregularities				
Financial Restatements	✓	9		
Revisions	!	7	2	
Out of Period Adjustments	✓	8	1	
Impairments	!	3	6	
Changes in Accounting Estimates	✓	8	1	
Disclosure Controls	!	4	3	2
Internal Controls	✓	7		2
Critical / Key Audit Matters	!		9	
Anomalies in the Numbers				
Benford's Law	✓	7		2
Beneish M-Score	⊖			
Accounting Disclosure Complexity	!	6	3	
Securities & Exchange Commission Concerns				
SEC Oversight	✓	9		
SEC Letters to Management	✓	2	7	
Revenue Recognition	✓	9		
Non-GAAP Measures	✓	9		

	CATY	PEERGROUP FLAGS		
Litigation & External Pressures				
Significant Litigation	!	3		6
Securities Class Actions	✓	4		5
Shareholder Activism	✓	9		
Cybersecurity	✓	9		
Management Review				
CEO Changes	!	5	3	1
CFO Changes	✓	3	5	1
Insider Sales	!	2	5	2
Pledged Securities	✓	6		3
Mergers & Acquisitions	!	3	4	2
Sales of Assets	✓	9		
Auditor Assessment				
Auditor Changes	✓	5	3	1
Auditor Experience	✓	9		
Auditor Tenure	!	6	3	
Audit Fees	!	2	7	
Non-Audit Fees	✓	5	4	



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