UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2019

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation

001-38534 (Commission file number)

65-0032379 (IRS Employer **Identification Number)**

220 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

(305) 460-8728 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

	ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the owing provisions:
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR§240.12b-2).	
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	n emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new evised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 7, 2019, Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing the repurchase of the remaining shares of Class B common stock held by Mercantil Servicios Financieros, C.A. ("MSF") pursuant to the Class B Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 27, 2018, by and between the Company and MSF. Following this repurchase, MSF owns no Company capital stock. A copy of the Press Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Number</u> <u>Exhibit</u>

99.1 <u>Press Release of Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation issued March 7, 2019.</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 8, 2019 Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation

By: /s/ Julio Pena

Name: Julio Pena

Title: Senior Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary



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For Release: 5:30 P.M. March 7, 2019

AMERANT ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF CLASS B SHARE REPURCHASE

CORAL GABLES, FL Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (NASDAQ: AMTB and AMTBB) (the "Company") announced today the repurchase (the "Repurchase") of the remaining 2,112,321 shares of nonvoting Class B common stock ("Class B Shares") held by Mercantil Servicios Financieros, C.A. ("MSF") pursuant to the terms of the Class B Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 27, 2018, by and between the Company and MSF at a weighted average purchase price of \$13.48 per Class B Share. MSF paid the placement agent's fees with respect to the Company Class A common stock ("Class A Shares") sold to repurchase Class B Shares and certain of the Company's other transaction expenses.

The Company used proceeds generated from the underwriters' exercise of their overallotment option from the Company's initial public offering and private placement sales of Company Class A Shares for the Repurchase at 97% of the sale price of the Class A Shares. As a result of the Repurchase, MSF holds no Class A Shares or Class B Shares.

The Company is a bank holding company headquartered in Coral Gables, Florida. The Company operates through its subsidiaries, Amerant Bank, N.A. (the "Bank"), Amerant Investments, Inc. and Amerant Trust, N.A. The Company provides individuals and

businesses in the U.S., as well as select international clients, with deposit, credit and wealth management services. The Bank, which has operated for almost 40 years, is the largest community bank headquartered in Florida. Amerant Bank operates 23 banking centers – 15 in South Florida, 8 in the Houston, Texas area, and loan production offices in Dallas, Texas and New York City.