

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Trabanco Jorge</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>220 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE</u> (Street) <u>CORAL GABLES FL 33134</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/21/2018</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Mercantil Bank Holding Corp [AMTB]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Accounting Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Class A Common Stock⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>11,246</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
			Title			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Effective October 23, 2018, the Issuer split its outstanding Class A and Class B common stock on a one-for-three basis (the "stock split"). As a result of the stock split, every three outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class A common stock were combined into only one share of the Issuer's Class A common stock and every three outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class B common stock were combined into only one share of the Issuer's Class B common stock. Fractional shares were issued. The amount of securities reported on this Form 4 have been adjusted to reflect the stock split. The Reporting Person beneficially owns 0 shares of Class B common stock. All future Form 4 and Form 5 filings will reflect the stock split.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Julio V. Pena, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jorge Trabanco 12/27/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SECTION 13 AND SECTION 16 REPORTING

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Julio V. Pena, Ivan E. Trujillo, and Alberto Peraza, of Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (the "Company") and, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact (the "Attorney-in-Fact"), with full power of substitution and resubstitution, each with the power to act alone for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to:

1. Prepare, execute and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), any national securities exchange or securities quotation system and the Company any and all reports (including any amendment thereto) of the undersigned required or considered advisable under Section 13 or Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder, with respect to the equity securities of the Company, including Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedule 13D or 13G; and

2. Obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's equity securities from any third party, including the Company and any brokers, dealers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such third party to release any such information to the Attorney-in-Fact.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(a) This Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, the Attorney-in-Fact to act at his or her discretion on information provided to such Attorney-in-Fact without independent verification of such information;

(b) Any documents prepared or executed by the Attorney-in-Fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information as the Attorney-in-Fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(c) Neither the Company nor the Attorney-in-Fact assumes any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act, any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or any liability of the undersigned for disgorgement of profits under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(d) This Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, the reporting requirements under Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby grants to the Attorney-in-Fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite, necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the foregoing, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the Attorney-in-Fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by authority of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 4 or 5 or Schedule 13D or 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in equity securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Attorney-in-Fact. This Limited Power of Attorney revokes all previous powers of attorney with respect to the subject matter of this Limited Power of Attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Limited Power of Attorney as of December 12, 2018.

/s/ Jorge Trabanco

(Signature)

Name: Jorge Trabanco
Title: Chief Accounting Officer