

POPULAR INC
Form 8-K
April 26, 2005

**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): April 25, 2005

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

0-13818

66-0416582

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE
HATO REY, PUERTO RICO**

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(787) 765-9800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01, Other Events

On April 25, 2005, Popular, Inc. and Grupo Cuscatlán, through Corporación UBC International, S.A. (“UBCI”), issued a news release announcing an investment agreement for the acquisition by Popular, Inc. of a 19.99% equity participation in UBCI, Grupo Cuscatlán’s holding company.

Item 9.01, Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 News release dated April 25, 2005

SIGNATURE

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.

POPULAR, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: April 26, 2005

By: **/s/ Ileana González**
Ileana González
Senior Vice President and Comptroller