

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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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