

UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DOWNES SEAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. [UVE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/09/2017

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 CEO

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/09/2017		M	(A) 86,281 (1) (2)	\$ 1,355,025	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2017		F	(3) 31,328	\$ 28.75	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am Nur Sha
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Share Units	(1)	01/09/2017		A	129,422	(1) (1)	Common Stock	12
Performance Share Units	(1) (2)	01/09/2017		M	86,281	(1)(2) (1)(2)	Common Stock	86

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOWNES SEAN P
1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD
SUITE 100
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

CEO

Signatures

/s/ Sean P.

Downes

01/10/2017

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

- These performance share units ("PSUs") were granted on January 1, 2016, but were conditional upon the Issuer meeting certain growth performance goals for the 2016 calendar year. On January 9, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors
- (1) confirmed that the Issuer met the performance goals for the 2016 calendar year. Each PSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting. The PSUs vest as follows, subject to continued employment by the reporting person through the applicable vesting date: (a) two-thirds vest on January 1, 2017, (b) one-sixth vest on January 1, 2018, and (c) one-sixth vest on January 1, 2019.
 - (2) Upon the Compensation Committee confirming that the Issuer met the performance goals for the 2016 calendar year, the two-thirds of the PSUs that had vested on January 1, 2017 were settled in shares of Common Stock.
 - (3) These shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy the tax withholding obligation in connection with the settlement of vested PSUs into shares of Common Stock on January 9, 2017.

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