

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)

Golden West Financial Corp.

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

381317106

(CUSIP Number)

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Item 1(a) NAME OF ISSUER

Golden West Financial

Item 1(b) ADDRESS OF ISSUERS PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

1901 HARRISON STREET

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612-3575

Item 2(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING

Davis Selected Advisers, L.P.

Item 2(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE

2949 East Elvira Road, Suite 101

Tucson, Arizona 85706

Item 2(c) CITIZENSHIP

Colorado Limited Partnership

Item 2(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common

Item 2(e) CUSIP NUMBER

381317106

Item 3 FIELD PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b)

(e) ☒ Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment

Advisers Act of 1940

Item 4 OWNERSHIP

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 15,022,000 shares

(b) Percent of class: 9.89%

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Davis Selected Advisers, L.P. 15,022,000 shares

(ii) shared power to vote to direct the vote

N/A

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Davis Selected Advisers, L.P. 15,022,000 shares

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

N/A

Item 5 Not applicable

Item 6 Not applicable

Item 7 Not applicable

Item 8 Not applicable

Item 9 Not applicable

Item 10 CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer or such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

SIGNATURE /s/ Anthony Frazia

PRINT Anthony Frazia, Compliance Officer/Director of
Institutional Operations, Compliance and Risk
Management

DATE December 31, 2004