

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to
Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See
Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a
transaction was made pursuant to a
contract, instruction or written plan for
the purchase or sale of equity securities
of the issuer that is intended to satisfy
the affirmative defense conditions of
Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Barnds Thomas</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACCEL-KKR</u> <u>2180 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 300</u> (Street) <u>MENLO PARK CA 94025</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Paymentus Holdings, Inc. [PAY]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director ☒ 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/17/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾		37,350	D	\$0 ⁽²⁾	0	I	Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners II, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾		3,168	D	\$0 ⁽²⁾	0	I	Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners II Strategic Fund, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								2,245,886	I	Accel-KKR Capital Partners CV III, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								94,546	I	Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners III, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								7,312	I	AKKR SC GPI HoldCo LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								950 ⁽⁸⁾	I	AKKR Strategic Capital LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								66,248 ⁽⁹⁾	I	See footnote. ⁽⁷⁾

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 Class of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
1. Title of Derivative Class By Common Stock	2. Conversion or Exercise Price ⁽¹⁾ of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2026	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) J ⁽²⁾		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 7,909,574		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (1)	(1)	7. Title and Class of Securities Underlying Derivative Security Class A Common Stock	Amount of Underlying Security 7,909,574	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) \$0 ⁽²⁾	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Be9,882,743	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Acceler-KKR Growth Capital Partners CV III, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)	08/17/2026		C ⁽²⁾	V	(A)	(395,930)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date ⁽¹⁾	Class A Common Stock	Amount or Number of \$395,930	\$0 ⁽²⁾	607,124	I	Acceler-KKR Members Fund, LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾			332,973	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	332,973	\$0 ⁽²⁾	416,038	I	Acceler-KKR Growth Capital Partners III, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾			25,100	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	25,100	\$0 ⁽²⁾	0	I	Acceler-KKR Growth Capital Partners II Strategic Fund, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾			295,905	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	295,905	\$0 ⁽²⁾	0	I	Acceler-KKR Growth Capital Partners II, LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)	08/17/2026		J ⁽²⁾			3,000,000	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	3,000,000	\$0 ⁽²⁾	1,206,671 ⁽⁵⁾	I	AKKR Strategic Capital LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)							(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	880,489		880,489	I	AKKR SC GPI HoldCo LP ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(1)							(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	8,775,343		8,775,343 ⁽⁶⁾	I	See footnote. ⁽⁷⁾

Explanation of Responses:

- Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election and automatically in connection with certain transfers and upon certain other events, into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock and has no expiration date.
- In-kind pro rata distribution from the Reporting Person to its partners, without consideration.
- Accel-KKR Holdings GP, LLC , or Topco GP (for which decision making is controlled by Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Barnds), has voting and investment power over the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer owned by (i) Accel-KKR Capital Partners CV III, LP, or CV III; (ii) Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners III, LP, or GC III; (iii) Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners II Strategic Fund, LP, or GC II Strategic; (iv) Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners II, LP, or GC II; (v) Accel-KKR Members Fund, LLC, or Members Fund; (vi) AKKR Strategic Capital LP, or SC; and (vii) AKKR SC GPI HoldCo LP, or SC GPI. AKKR Fund III Management Company CV, LP, or CV III GP, is the sole general partner of CV III. AKKR Growth Capital Management Company III, LP, or GC III GP, is the sole general partner of GC III.
- (Continued from footnote 3) AKKR Growth Capital Management Company II, LP, or GC II GP, is the sole general partner of GC II Strategic and GC II. AKKR Strategic Capital GP, or SC GP, is the sole general partner of SC. AKKR Management Company, LLC, or UGP, is the sole managing member of Members Fund and the sole general partner of CV III GP, GC III GP, GC II GP, SC GP and SC GPI. Topco GP, is the sole managing member of UGP. AKKR Fund II Management Company, LP, or the Management Company, is the sole management company of each of the Accel-KKR Funds, and UGP is the general partner of the Management Company. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. Each of the foregoing entities and Mr. Palumbo have separately filed Form 4s reporting their interests.
- Includes 538,415 shares received from certain of the other reporting persons in the distribution described in footnote 2. Such shares were previously reported as indirectly owned through the entities effecting such distributions.
- Includes 1,593,716 shares received from certain of the other reporting persons in the distribution described in footnote 2. Such shares were previously reported as indirectly owned through the entities effecting such distributions.
- Shares held by the Barnds Living Trust dtd 6/23/2003.
- Represents shares received in the distribution described in footnote 2.
- Includes 1,940 shares received from certain of the other reporting persons in the distribution described in footnote 2. Such shares were previously reported as indirectly owned through the entities effecting such distributions.

/s/ Thomas C. Barnds
08/19/2026

** 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 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).

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