GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2005

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)*
Global Payments Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
37940X102
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2004
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
[X] Rule 13d-1(b)
[] Rule 13d-1(c)
[] Rule 13d-1(d)
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to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act

but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the

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Columb	ia Wanger As	sset Management, L.P. 04-3519872	
2 CHECK THE	APPROPRIATE	E BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [_]
Not Ap	plicable		(b) [_]
3 SEC USE O	NLY		
4 CITIZENSH	IP OR PLACE	OF ORGANIZATION	
Delawa	re		
NUMBER OF	5 SOLE V	OTING POWER	
SHARES	Nor	ne	
BENEFICIALLY	6 SHARED	O VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY	1,9	942,080	
EACH	7 SOLE I	DISPOSITIVE POWER	
REPORTING	Nor	ne	
PERSON	8 SHARED	DISPOSITIVE POWER	
WITH	1,9	942,080	
9 AGGREGATE	AMOUNT BENE	EFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	PERSON
1,942,			
10 CHECK BOX		REGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES	
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		RESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
5.0%			
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	REPORTING PERSON T.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON			
WAM Ac	equisition GP, Inc.			
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NUMBER OF	5 SOLE VOTING POWER			
SHARES	None			
BENEFICIALLY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER			
OWNED BY	1,942,080			
EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
REPORTING	None			
PERSON	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
WITH	1,942,080			
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1,942,	080			
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11 PERCENT C	OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9			
5.0%				
12 TYPE OF F	REPORTING PERSON*			

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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:	
	Global Payments Inc.	
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	
	10 Glenlake Parkway North Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30328	
Item 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:	
	Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P. ("WAM") WAM Acquisition GP, Inc., the general partner of WAM ("WAM GP")	
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:	
	WAM and WAM GP are both located at:	
	227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000 Chicago, Illinois 60606	
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:	
	WAM is a Delaware limited partnership and WAM GP is a Delaware corporation.	
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:	
	Common Stock	
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number:	
	37940X102	
Item 3	Type of Person:	
	(e) WAM is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; WAM GP is the General Partner of the Investment Adviser.	
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Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 2004):

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	(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:
	1,942,080
	(b) Percent of class:
	5.0% (based on 38,722,845 shares outstanding as of December 15, 2004)
	(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
	(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: none
	(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,942,080
	<pre>(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: none</pre>
	<pre>(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: 1,942,080</pre>
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: Not Applicable
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:
reem o	The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of WAM. Persons other than WAM and WAM GP are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.
Item 7	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:
	Not Applicable
Item 8	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
	Not Applicable
Item 9	Notice of Dissolution of Group:
	Not Applicable
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Item 10 Certification:

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

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: February 14, 2005

The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc. for itself and as general partner of COLUMBIA WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer Senior Vice President and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated as of February 14, 2005 by and among Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P. and WAM Acquisition GP, Inc.

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing of the Schedule 13G to

which this Agreement is attached.

Dated: February 14, 2005

WAM Acquisition GP, Inc. for itself and as general partner of COLUMBIA WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer Senior Vice President and Secretary

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