JAMES THOMAS A Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES THOMAS A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE INC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

[OSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

01/19/2005

C/O OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE. INC., 2202 N. WEST SHORE

BLVD., 5TH FLOOR

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TAMPA, FL 33607

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

6,112

Common

Stock, par 01/19/2005 Α

6

(1)

D

value \$.01

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.6					10/23/2003(2)	10/23/2012(2)	Common Stock	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Namess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
JAMES THOMAS A C/O OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC. 2202 N. WEST SHORE BLVD., 5TH FLOOR TAMPA, FL 33607	X				

Signatures

/s/ Joseph J. Kadow, Attorney-in-Fact

01/21/2005

**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).
- (1) The common shares were acquired under the Company's Directors' Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on 10/23/2003, in the respective amounts of 15,000 shares, 15,000 shares and 15,000 shares.

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