

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**THOMSON GARY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**10750 COLUMBIA PIKE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/09/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**SILVER SPRING, MD 20901**

4. If Amendment, Date 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

(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  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |          |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 112   | A  | \$ 26.9069  | 39,815.6 | D |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 29,100  | A  | \$ 10.1975  | 68,915.6 | D |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 14,550  | D  | \$ 25.6009<br>(1)                                     | 54,365.6 | D |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 14,550  | D  | \$ 26.0496<br>(2)                                     | 39,815.6 | D |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 5,125    | I |

Common Stock 401 (k) plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 10.1975   | 12/10/2008                           |  | M                              | 29,100  | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/10/2013                                | Common Stock  | 29,100                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| THOMSON GARY<br>10750 COLUMBIA PIKE<br>SILVER SPRING, MD 20901 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Sandy Michel, attorney  
in fact 12/11/2008

\_\_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) Average price reflects series of transactions between \$25.38 and \$25.80
- (2) Average price reflects series of transactions between \$26.00 and \$26.20.
- (3) Options vest in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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