

Bender Michael J
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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 *
 Bender Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.
 [RHP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 14853 SOUTH 7TH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PHOENIX, AZ 85048
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2012 | | J | 395 ⁽¹⁾ A | \$ 0 3,395 | D | |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.66 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 08/06/2014 | Common Stock | 9,147 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.19 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 05/05/2015 | Common Stock | 6,098 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.31 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 6,098 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 1,777 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 3,205 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 3,645 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 3,405 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bender Michael J 14853 SOUTH 7TH STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85048 | X | | | |

Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J.
Bender

12/21/2012

__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) On December 21, 2012, the Issuer paid a special dividend to stockholders of record on November 13, 2012. As a result of the special dividend, the reporting person received 395 shares of common stock on December 21, 2012.

In connection with the special dividend paid on December 21, 2012, the previously reported stock options were adjusted pursuant to anti-dilution provisions contained in the Issuer's equity incentive plans, and the amounts reported reflect such adjustments.
 - (2) The adjustments were based on the ratio between the unadjusted closing trading price on the NYSE of a share of the Issuer's common stock on the date prior to the ex-dividend date, and the opening price on the NYSE on the ex-dividend date.
 - (3) Each of these stock options grants vested 100% on the first anniversary date of the grant.
 - (4) Mr. Bender has deferred vesting of these stock units until the earlier of a designated date or termination of his service as a director.

In connection with the special dividend paid on December 21, 2012, the previously reported restricted stock units were adjusted pursuant to anti-dilution provisions that applied to restricted stock units pursuant to the Issuer's equity incentive plans. For each share underlying
 - (5) the restricted stock units, the reporting person received additional restricted stock units equal to 0.1848316 of a share, subject to the same vesting and other restrictions as the original award. The amount listed in this column reflects the total number of shares issuable upon vesting of the award following such adjustment.

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