

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
 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 *
VARUGHESE JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
 [DNKN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
10/28/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
VP, International

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

(Street)

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

CANTON, MA 02021

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 10/28/2016 | | M | 1,095 | A | \$ 5.03 | 1,095 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/28/2016 | | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 24.69 | 7,095 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/28/2016 | | S | 7,095 | D | \$ 49.10 | 0 | 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)

| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 5.03 | 10/28/2016 | | M | 1,095 | ⁽¹⁾ 08/06/2020 | Common Stock | 1,095 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 24.69 | 10/28/2016 | | M | 6,000 | ⁽²⁾ 12/21/2021 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VARUGHESE JOHN C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021 | | | VP, International | |

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as attorney-in-fact for John Varughese

10/31/2016

**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) This option vests in five equal annual installments that began on 8/06/2011.

(2) This option vests in four equal annual installments that began on 12/21/2012.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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