

Sabatino Michael  
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 \*  
Sabatino Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O MDC PARTNERS INC., 745  
FIFTH AVENUE  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10151

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MDC PARTNERS INC [MDCA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP & Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		
Class A Shares					121,851 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class A Shares	01/20/2012		F	11,560 D	\$ 13.39	110,291 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 3.72					02/12/2010	02/12/2014	Class A Shares	128,200
Extraordinary Equity Value Appre. Restricted Stock Awards	<sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	12/31/2013	Restricted Stock	45,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabatino Michael C/O MDC PARTNERS INC. 745 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10151			SVP & Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael Sabatino  
01/24/2012

\*\*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) Includes shares of unvested Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) of the Issuer.
- (2) A total of 31,237 shares of Restricted Stock (Class A Shares) granted in 2010 and 2011 vested on January 20, 2012. The Reporting Person elected to have a total of 11,560 Class A Shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") granted February 12, 2009, all of which are vested as of January 20, 2012, and all expire on February 12, 2014. These SARs may be settled in cash or stock, at the discretion of the Issuer.

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- (4) These Extraordinary Equity Value Appreciation Restricted Stock Awards ("EVARs") granted under the Issuer's EVARs program (previously disclosed by the Issuer on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2011) represent the right to receive shares of Restricted Stock on a one-to-one basis upon the Issuer's achievement of stock price targets equal to \$20.00 (15,000 EVARs), \$22.75 (15,000 EVARs) and \$26.25 (15,000 EVARs), as described in greater detail in the EVAR Letter Agreement.

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