

CHEESECAKE FACTORY 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 \*  
 Gordon David M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
 [CAKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/05/2015

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

C/O THE CHEESECAKE  
 FACTORY INC., 26901 MALIBU  
 HILLS DRIVE

(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

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

(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)
Common Stock	03/05/2015		A	(A) 7,700 (1)	\$ 0	29,000 (2)	D
Common Stock					5,727		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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.01	03/05/2015		A	25,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/05/2023	Common Stock 25,500

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gordon David M  
C/O THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC.  
26901 MALIBU HILLS DRIVE  
CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

President

## Signatures

David M.  
Gordon 03/09/2015

\_\_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).
- Shares of restricted stock subject to the following vesting conditions: Performance condition based on the issuer's cumulative
- (1) fully-diluted earnings per share of (i) a combined target for fiscal 2015 and 2016, or (ii) a combined target for 2015, 2016 and 2017, whichever occurs first, then time-based vesting at a rate of 60% of the shares on 3/5/2018 and 20% on each of 3/5/2019 and 3/5/2020.
  - (2) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.
  - (3) Vests as to 20% of the options on each of 3/5/2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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