

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE  
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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	Price	
Common Stock	12/09/2008		A		112	\$ 26.9069	39,815.6 D
Common Stock	12/10/2008		M		29,100	\$ 10.1975	68,915.6 D
Common Stock	12/10/2008		S		14,550	\$ 25.6009 <u>(1)</u>	54,365.6 D
Common Stock	12/10/2008		S		14,550	\$ 26.0496 <u>(2)</u>	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title 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 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE 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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