

Oaksmith Scott E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Oaksmith Scott E

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)
 02/08/2009

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

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
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/08/2009		A		3,692	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/09/2009		F		167	D	\$ 26.185
Common Stock							423
						I	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	99
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.88	02/08/2009		A	5,439	<u>(4)</u> 02/08/2016	Common Stock	5,439

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Oaksmith Scott E 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE SILVER SPRING, MD 20901			Controller	

Signatures

Sandy Michel, attorney
in fact 02/10/2009

 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) Phantom stock holdings represent shares of the issuer's common stock beneficially owned by the reporting person that were previously reported in Table I on the reporting person's previous Forms 4.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (4) Options vest in four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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