

Dawson John
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dawson 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)
C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP,
INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Chief Development Officer

(Street)
BOSTON, MA 02021

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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 (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/09/2011		A		13,768 (1)	\$ 7.31	92,953 D
Common Stock	07/26/2011		J(2)		56,356	\$ 17.53	149,309 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
Class L Common Stock	\$ 17.53	07/06/2011		J ⁽²⁾	23,155	⁽²⁾ ⁽²⁾	Common Stock 56,356
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.02	08/01/2011		A	440	⁽³⁾ 02/23/2020	Common Stock 440

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Dawson John C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET BOSTON, MA 02021	Chief Development Officer

Signatures

/s/ Richard Emmett, as attorney-in-fact for John Dawson 08/03/2011

__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) In addition, the Reporting Person purchased 17,008 shares of the Issuer's Class L Common Stock on 03/09/2011 at \$14.25 per share. The Issuer's Class L Common Stock was subsequently converted to Common Stock on 07/26/2011. See note 2.
On 07/26/2011, in connection with the Issuer's initial public offering, each share of the Issuer's Class L common stock was mandatorily converted, in accordance with the terms of the Issuer's certificate of incorporation, into approximately 0.2189 of a share common stock plus an additional number of shares of common stock determined by dividing the per share Class L preference amount of \$38.8274, by
(2) \$17.53, which is equal to the initial public offering price of a share of common stock net of the underwriting discount and a pro rata portion, based on the number of share being sold in the offering, of the estimated offering expenses incurred by the Issuer. With respect to the reporting person, the conversion of the Class L common stock is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, pursuant to Rule 16b-3 thereunder.
- (3) On 02/23/2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 12,259 shares of Common Stock. The option vests based upon time (five equal annual installments that began on 2/23/2011) and performance (investment returns to investment funds affiliated with

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Bain Capital Partners, LLC, The Carlyle Group and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (collectively, the "Sponsors") criteria. As a result of the sale of shares by the Sponsors in the Issuer's initial public offering, the performance criteria was met with respect to 440 shares of common stock subject to this option award, resulting in vesting of the option as to 88 shares and an additional 352 shares that will vest in four annual installments beginning on 02/23/2012.

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