

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.
Form 4
March 08, 2016

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Maredia Amin N.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE
111

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

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

03/04/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	03/07/2016		S ⁽¹⁾	730	D \$ 27.9318 (2)	13,788 ⁽³⁾	D

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.001 per
share

65,000

I

By Amin
Maredia
Family
Growth
Fund,
L.P. ⁽⁴⁾

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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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.21	03/04/2016		A		113,504		<u>(5)</u>	03/04/2023	Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	113,504

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Maredia Amin N. 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054	X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for Amin N.
Maredia 03/08/2016

__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) This transaction was a broker-assisted sale of shares of common stock to satisfy the withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock units, as mandated by the Issuer's election under its equity incentive plan documents, and does not represent a discretionary trade by the reporting person.

(2) The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$27.93 to \$28.2525 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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Amount includes 2,932 shares of common stock, 2,219 restricted stock units and 8,637 performance share awards. Each restricted stock unit and performance share award represent the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. The restricted stock units will

(3) vest over three years, with one-third vested on March 4, 2015; one-third vested on March 4, 2016; and the remaining one-third vesting on March 4, 2017, assuming continued service through such date. The performance share awards will vest over two years, with one-half vesting on March 11, 2017 and the remaining one-half vesting on March 11, 2018, assuming continued service through such dates.

These shares of common stock are held by Amin Maredia Family Growth Fund, L.P., an entity established by the reporting person for

(4) estate planning purposes. The reporting person (i) may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares owned of record thereby, and (ii) has shared voting and investment power with respect to such shares.

(5) These options become exercisable in three equal annual installments on March 4, 2017, March 4, 2018 and March 4, 2019.

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