

SOTHEBYS  
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**

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 \*  
QUESTROM ALLEN I

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1334 YORK AVENUE  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOTHEBYS [BID]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/15/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                          | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
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| Derivative Security  | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |            | Code | V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|------|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                      | (A)                                                     | (D)        |      |   |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1)                                                     | 08/15/2007 | A    |   | (2)              | (2)             | Common Stock | 196 (3)                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| QUESTROM ALLEN I<br>1334 YORK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10021 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan A. Olsoff as  
Attorney-in-Fact  
08/15/2007  
Date

Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) One for One

(2) The deferred stock units were accrued under the Sotheby's 1998 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (as amended and restated, the "Plan") as a result of a partial or full deferral election with respect to stock compensation paid under the Plan. These units will be settled 100% in Sotheby's Class Common Stock (except that fractional shares, if any, will be settled in cash) after the reporting person's termination of service on the Sotheby's Board.

(3) Not Applicable

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