

SOTHEBYS
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FORM 4

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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 *
TAUBMAN ROBERT S

(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)
05/15/2015

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 Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins |
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| Derivative Security | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Code | V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|----------------------------|---|------------|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1) | 05/15/2015 | A | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 455 |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights | (5) | 05/15/2015 | A | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 92.94 |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1) | 05/15/2015 | A | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 417 |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights | (5) | 05/15/2015 | A | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 90.28 |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1) | 05/15/2015 | A | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 420 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAUBMAN ROBERT S 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Olsoff as
Attorney-In-Fact

05/19/2015

**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) One for One

(2) Share catch-up issuance for Deferred Stock Units that would have been issued on November 15, 2014 but for a reserved share shortfall now eliminated by shareholder approval of additional Plan shares.

(3) 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

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will be settled 100% in Sotheby's 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.

(4) Not Applicable

(5) The Dividend Equivalent Rights have accrued under the Sotheby's 1998 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (as amended and restated, the "Plan") with respect to Deferred Stock Units received by the reporting person under the Plan. The Deferred Stock Units and the Dividend Equivalent Rights will be settled 100% in Sotheby's 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.

(6) Share catch-up issuance for Dividend Equivalent Rights that would have been issued on December 15, 2014 (issuer dividend payment date) but for a reserved share shortfall now eliminated by shareholder approval of additional Plan shares.

(7) Share catch-up issuance for Deferred Stock Units that would have been issued on February 15, 2015 but for a reserved share shortfall now eliminated by shareholder approval of additional Plan shares.

(8) Share catch-up issuance for Dividend Equivalent Rights that would have been issued on March 15, 2015 (issuer dividend payment date) but for a reserved share shortfall now eliminated by shareholder approval of additional Plan shares.

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