

Stougaard Gary A
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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 *
 Stougaard Gary A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 903 CALLE AMANECER, SUITE 100
 (Street)

SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. [SHO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/26/2004

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)
 Exec VP and CIO

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			
Common Stock	10/26/2004		A	23,026 A \$ 17 (1)	23,026	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2004		F	8,163 D \$ 17 (1)	14,863	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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/26/2004		A	92,105	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	92,105
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/26/2004		J	23,026	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	23,026

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stougaard Gary A 903 CALLE AMANECER SUITE 100 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673			Exec VP and CIO	

Signatures

Gary A. Stougaard 10/26/2004

__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) Mr. Stougaard was granted an aggregate of 92,105 restricted stock units, subject to the satisfaction of vesting requirements over a five-year period. Upon vesting, Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. will deliver one share of Common Stock for each vested restricted stock unit. Mr. Stougaard has only the rights of an unsecured creditor in the restricted stock units, and no rights as a stockholder of Sunstone Hotel Investors, L.L.C. until the restricted stock units vest.
- (2) On October 26, 2004, 23,026 restricted stock units vested, and 8,163 shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

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