

Ells Steve  
Form 4  
February 24, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ells Steve

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC  
[CMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE  
500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2012

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman & Co-CEO

(Street)  
DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	A \$ 53.36	256,802	D
Common Stock	02/23/2012		D <sup>(1)</sup>	1,380	D \$ 386.8	255,422	D
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	6,520	D \$ (2) 385.06	248,902	D
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,400	D \$ (3) 385.67	247,502	D

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Common Stock	02/24/2012	S <sup>(1)</sup>	700	D	\$ 386.99 (4)	246,802	D
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Underlying Security
2009 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 53.36	02/23/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000		02/17/2012	02/17/2016	Common Stock	10,000
2010 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 103.79							02/16/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	10,000
2011 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 268.73							02/11/2013 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/11/2018	Common Stock	7,000
2012 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 371.63							02/06/2014 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/06/2019	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ells Steve 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80202	X		Chairman & Co-CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael McGawn, as  
attorney-in-fact

02/24/2012

\_\_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) These stock appreciation rights exercises and sales were executed under the terms of a Sales Plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.  
  
Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$384.85 to \$385.24 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$385.29 to \$386.25 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$386.56 to \$387.42 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) 75,000 of the 2010 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/16/2013.
- (5) 37,500 of the 2011 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/11/2014.
- (6) 37,500 of the 2012 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/06/2015.

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