

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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,  
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 \*  
Alvarez Ralph

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP,  
INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

(Street)

CANTON, MA 02021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
SymbolDUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.  
[DNKN]3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2016

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)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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                                       |   |   |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   |  |  |   |
|                                       |   |   | Code                                 | V  | Amount   |  | Price   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8. Price of<br>Derivative |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--|---|---------------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) |     | (Instr. 3 and 4)    |                    | Security<br>(Instr. 5) |  |         |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|---------|
|                            |   |                         | Code               | V   | (A)              | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |         |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units | (1)   | 03/16/2016              | A                  |   | 41               |     | (1)                 | (1)                | Common<br>Stock        | 41                                     | \$ 46.2 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Alvarez Ralph<br>C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.<br>130 ROYALL STREET<br>CANTON, MA 02021 | X                                |

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as Attorney-in-Fact for Ralph Alvarez. 03/17/2016

\*\*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).

The deferred stock units are issued under the Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, directors' fees may be deferred by the reporting person and such deferred fees are accounted for as if invested in Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. common stock. Each deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. common stock, and attracts dividend equivalents which are reinvested in additional deferred stock units. The deferred stock units become payable, in cash or common stock in the discretion of the Plan administrator, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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