Castle John K Form 3 February 08, 2006 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 0.5 response... 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 <u>*</u> Castle John K			Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MORTONS RESTAURANT GROUP INC [MRT]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/08/2006		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O CASTLE HARLAN, INC., 150 EAST 58TH STREET (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10155					(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u>X</u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer <u></u> Other (give title below) (specify below)				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	1	Table I - N	on-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		I	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5) D) ect			
Common Sto	ock, par va	lue \$.01 pe	er share	7,074,471		Ι	See 1	Note $(1) (2)$	
Reminder: Repo owned directly o	or indirectly. Perso inforn	ons who res nation cont	ach class of secur spond to the co ained in this fo	llection of rm are not		EC 1473 (7-02)		
	currei	ntly valid O	MB control nur	nber.					
Т	able II - Der	rivative Secu	irities Beneficiall	y Owned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, c	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Castle John K C/O CASTLE HARLAN, INC. 150 EAST 58TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10155	Â	X	Â	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ John K. 02/0	02/08/2006					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 shares listed will be received from Morton's Holdings, LLC in a distribution (the "Distribution") that will occur prior to the closing of Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc.'s ("Morton's") initial public offering and include 6,779,339 shares to be held by Castle Harlan Partners III, L.P., 111,138 shares to be held by Castle Harlan Offshore Partners III, L.P., 113,302 shares to be held by Castle Harlan Affiliates III,

 III, E.I., 111,150 shares to be held by Castle Harlan Orisince Faithers III, E.I., 115,502 shares to be held by Castle Harlan Arithmets III, L.P., 25,804 shares to be held by Frogmore Forum Family Fund, LLC and 44,888 shares to be held by Branford Castle Holdings, Inc. after the Distribution. John K. Castle, a member of the Morton's board of directors, is the controlling shareholder of Castle Harlan Partners III, G.P., Inc., which is the general partner of the general partner of Castle Harlan Partners III, L.P.

Mr. Castle is also the controlling stockholder of the general partners of Castle Harlan Offshore Partners III, L.P. and of Castle Harlan Affiliates III, L.P. Mr. Castle also exercises control of Branford Castle Holdings, Inc. and Frogmore Family Forum Fund, LLC. Mr.

(2) Castle shares voting and investment control with these entities (each of which is itself controlled by Mr. Castle) over the securities held by these entities. Mr. Castle disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Morton's common stock in excess of his proportionate ownership interest in Castle Harlan Partners III, L.P. and its affiliates.

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