

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
**ALTER ROBERT 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)  
**01/15/2009**  
  
 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)  
**Executive Chairman**  
  
 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J	(A) or (D) Amount 18,230 (1)	\$ 0 157,749	D	
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J	49,894	A \$ 0 431,756	I	Indirectly held by Robert A. Alter Trust
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J	2,613	A \$ 0 22,613	I	Indirectly held by Management Sub SHP, LLC

