

STUTZ CARIN
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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 *
STUTZ CARIN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN
CIRCLE, SUITE 200N
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2018

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

GREENWOOD
VILLAGE, CO 80111
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	03/15/2018		A	(A) or (D) 2,720 (1)	\$ 0 7,454 (2)	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)

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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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 61.25	03/15/2018		A	14,229	<u>(3)</u>	03/15/2028			Common Stock	14,229

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STUTZ CARIN 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/19/2018

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents a grant of time-based stock units under the issuer's 2017 Performance Incentive Plan. Each time-based stock unit represents the contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. One-fourth of the units are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. The closing price on the date of grant, March 15, 2018, was \$61.25.

(2) Includes 6,112 restricted stock units subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.

(3) One-fourth of the options are scheduled to vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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