

STEWART ROBERT J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 STEWART ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ARK RESTAURANTS CORP  
 [ARKR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 85 FIFTH AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/19/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10003

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,800                                                                                         | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options                              | \$ 29.6                                                | 12/21/2005                           |                                                    | A                              | 8,750                                                                                   | 12/21/2005 12/20/2014                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 8,750                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 29.6                                                | 12/21/2006                           |                                                    | A                              | 8,750                                                                                   | 12/21/2006 12/20/2014                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 8,750                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 32.15                                               | 12/19/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,500                                                                                   | 12/19/2008 12/18/2016                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 2,500                         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 32.15                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/19/2007 12/18/2016                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 2,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| STEWART ROBERT J<br>85 FIFTH AVENUE<br>14TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10003 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert Stewart 12/19/2008

\*\*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).

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