

Gordon David M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gordon David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE CHEESECAKE  
FACTORY INC., 26901 MALIBU  
HILLS DRIVE

(Street)

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
[CAKE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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	03/07/2013		A	(A) or (D) 9,000 (1)	\$ 0	28,400	D
Common Stock					3,310		D

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

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock options to purchase	\$ 35.62	03/07/2013		A	25,000	(2) 03/07/2021	Common stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Gordon David M  
C/O THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC.  
26901 MALIBU HILLS DRIVE  
CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

President

## Signatures

David M. Gordon by Debby Zurzolo his attorney  
in fact

03/11/2013

\_\_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).

(1) Represents shares of restricted stock that vest 60% on 3/7/2016 and 20% on each of 3/7/2017 and 2018.

(2) Vests as to 20% of the options on each of 3/7/2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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