

SONSTEBY CHARLES M
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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 *
SONSTEBY CHARLES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC
[EAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6820 LBJ FREEWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/20/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

DALLAS, TX 75240

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		14,237	A	\$ 26.9583
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		3,400	A	\$ 27.9
Common Stock	03/20/2006		S		17,637	D	\$ 42.7215
Common Stock	03/21/2006		M		7,600	A	\$ 27.9
Common Stock	03/21/2006		S		7,600	D	\$ 42.7

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	\$ 26.9583	03/20/2006		M	14,237	11/08/2002 ⁽¹⁾	11/08/2010	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	\$ 27.9	03/20/2006		M	3,400	11/15/2003 ⁽¹⁾	11/15/2011	Common Stock	3
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	\$ 27.9	03/21/2006		M	7,600	11/15/2003 ⁽¹⁾	11/15/2011	Common Stock	7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SONSTEBY CHARLES M 6820 LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TX 75240			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

Bryan D. McCrory, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles M. Sonsteby
Date: 03/21/2006

**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) Options vest in installments on or after the date shown

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