CHARMING SHOPPES INC Form SC 13D January 18, 2008

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No.)*

Charming Shoppes, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.10 per value

(Title of Class of Securities)

<u>161133103</u>

(CUSIP Number)

MARRAN OGILVIE, ESQ.

RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC

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New York, New York 10017

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 11, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing

of This Statement)

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD.

2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) **X** (b) **0**

- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) SOURCE OF FUNDS WC
- 5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6) **CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION** Cayman Islands

	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	1,000	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	0	
EACH		
REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	1,000	
WITH		
	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	0	

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,000
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** Less than 1%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** CO

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RGG ENTERPRISE, LTD

2)	CHECK THE APPROI	PRIATE BC	DX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) (b)	X O
3)	SEC USE ONLY				
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS WC				
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISC PURSUANT TO ITEM		OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED		0
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PL Cayman Islands	ACE OF OI	RGANIZATION		
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7) 0	SOLE VOTING POWER		
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	8) 0	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	REPORTING PERSON WITH	9) 0	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		10) 0	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
11)	AGGREGATE AMOU 0	NT BENEF	ICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
12)	CHECK BOX IF THE	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES		0
13)	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESE	NTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)		

14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** CO

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1)	NAME OF REPORTING RCG PB, LTD	PERSON					
2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)						
3)	SEC USE ONLY						
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS WC						
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)						
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLAC Cayman Islands	E OF OR	GANIZATION				
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7) 0	SOLE VOTING POWER				
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	8) 0	SHARED VOTING POWER				
	REPORTING PERSON WITH	9) 0	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
		10) 0	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 0
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

- 13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** 0%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON**
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1)	NAME OF REPORTING	G PERSON	Ν				
	RCG LATITUDE MASTE	ER FUND,	LTD				
2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a (b						
3)	SEC USE ONLY						
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS WC						
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCL PURSUANT TO ITEMS		OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED 2(e)		0		
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Cayman Islands						
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7) 0	SOLE VOTING POWER				
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	8) 0	SHARED VOTING POWER				
	EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	9) 0	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 0
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** 0%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** CO

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RAMIUS ADVISORS, LLC

2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)	x
		(b)	0

- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) SOURCE OF FUNDS OO

5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
	PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6) **CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION** Delaware

	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	0	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	0	

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EACH		
REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	0	
WITH		
	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0
- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 0
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** 0%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** IA, OO

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RCG STARBOARD ADVISORS, LLC

- 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) X (b) o
- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) SOURCE OF FUNDS OO
- 5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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Delaware

	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	1,000	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	0	
EACH		
REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	1,000	
WITH		
	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	0	

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,000
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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- 13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** IA, OO

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, L.L.C.

2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) **x** (b) **o**

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

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- 5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6) **CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION** Delaware

	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	1,000	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	0	
EACH		
REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	1,000	
WITH		
	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	0	

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,000
- 12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** Les than 1%
- 14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** IA, OO

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

C4S & CO., L.L.C.

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2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) **x** (b) **o**

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- 3) SEC USE ONLY
- 4) SOURCE OF FUNDS OO
- 5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6) **CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION** Delaware

	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	1,000	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	0	
EACH		
REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	1,000	
WITH		
	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	0	

- 11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,000
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1)	NAME OF REPORTING	PERSON				
	PETER A. COHEN					
2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (4 (1					
3)	SEC USE ONLY					
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS					
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCL PURSUANT TO ITEMS		F LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED e)		0	
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACUSA	CE OF OR	GANIZATION			
	NUMBER OF SHARES	7) 0	SOLE VOTING POWER			
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	8) 1,000	SHARED VOTING POWER			
	REPORTING PERSON WITH	9) 0	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		10) 1,000	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
11)	AGGREGATE AMOUN 1,000	T BENEFI	CIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			

12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13) **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)** Less than 1%

14) **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON**

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1)	NAME OF REPORTING P MORGAN B. STARK	PERSON		
2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP			(a) (b)
3)	SEC USE ONLY			
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION USA			
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	7) 0	SOLE VOTING POWER	
	OWNED BY EACH	8) 1,000	SHARED VOTING POWER	
	REPORTING PERSON WITH	9) 0	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		10) 1,000	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

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