

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)  
03/01/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price (A) or (D)  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000 A \$ 31.1  | 11,701   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 4,800 A \$ 29.29  | 16,501   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 14,800 D \$ 51.08   | 1,701  | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 26,200 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 26,200 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | D   |

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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)

| 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)          | (D)                        |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 31.1  | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 01/06/2012   | 01/06/2019  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 29.29   | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              | 4,800   | 01/05/2013   | 01/05/2020  | Common Stock | 4,800                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| Gordon David M<br>C/O THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC.<br>26901 MALIBU HILLS DRIVE<br>CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 |               |           | President |       |

## Signatures

David M. Gordon by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney in fact  
 03/03/2016  
 \*\*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).

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$51.06 to \$51.15, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to CAKE Corporation, any security holder of CAKE Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.

(1) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.

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