BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Eyre Brik V	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC [BAX]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE BAXTER PARKWAY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2017						Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CVP, Hospital Products			
DEERFIEL		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City) (State) (7in)												
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price				
Stock, \$1 par value	02/21/2017			A(1)		1,394	A	\$ 0	38,475	D		
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/21/2017			A(2)		2,698	A	\$ 0	41,173	D		
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/21/2017			F(3)		1,772	D	\$ 49.96	39,401	D		
Common Stock, \$1	02/21/2017			A(4)		8,252	A	\$0	47,653	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. Transa Code (Instr.		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Eyre Brik V ONE BAXTER PARKWAY DEERFIELD, IL 60015

CVP, Hospital Products

Signatures

/s/ Ellen K. McIntosh, as attorney-in-fact for Brik V. Eyre

02/23/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Represents shares awarded from the performance share unit award granted on March 4, 2014 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter International Inc. (Baxter) as of such date (the 2014 PSUs). The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on Baxter's Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) performance, as assessed annually over a three-year period. One-third of the ROIC performance share units are allocated to each one-year period. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares awarded based on Baxter's ROIC during the January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 performance period. These shares have vested as the relevant three-year performance period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 (the Three-Year Performance Period) has ended.

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- Represents shares awarded from the 2014 PSUs. The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on Baxter's Growth in Shareholder Value (GSV) performance over the Three-Year Performance Period. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares awarded based on Baxter's GSV during the Three-Year Performance Period. These shares have vested as the Three-Year Performance Period has ended.
- (3) Represents the number of shares forfeited by the reporting person to cover the withholding of taxes incurred as a result of the vesting of shares earned in 2014, 2015 and 2016 as part of the 2014 PSUs.
 - Represents shares earned from the performance share unit award granted on March 3, 2016 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter as of such date. The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on the Baxter's Adjusted Operating
- (4) Margin (OM) performance, as assessed annually over a three-year period. One-third of the OM performance share units are allocated to each one-year period. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares earned based on Baxter's OM, as assessed from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. These shares are scheduled to vest after the end of the relevant three-year performance period (which runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018).

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