## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D	D.C. 20549
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SONSTEBY CHARLES M						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [ EAT ]									c all applic Directo			10% Ow	ner
(Last) 6820 LB	(Last) (First) (Middle) 6820 LBJ FREEWAY							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/26/2008									Other (s below)		becily
(Street)  DALLA  (City)	_	tate)	75240 (Zip)		_		·		e of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefici	ally	Owned				
Date			Date	saction n/Day/Ye	Execution Date, if any		Code (Instr. 5)			ed (A) or str. 3, 4 a	or 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followir Reported			Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	!	Transaci (Instr. 3	ion(s)		1	Instr. 4)
Common Stock				08/2	08/26/2008				F		411	D	\$17	<b>517.79</b> 11		3,388		D	
			Table II -									or Bend ble secu			wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution E if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		!	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		D S	B. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Employee Stock Option Right-to-	\$19.12	08/28/2008			A		55,000		08/28/200	9 0	8/28/2016	Common Stock	55,00	0	\$19.12	55,000	)	D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Bryan D. McCrory, Attorney-

in-Fact for Charles M.

08/28/2008

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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