

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. | | (Month/Day/Year) | DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP,Â 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| WASHINGTON,Â DCÂ 20004 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 12,242,614 | I | See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Carlyle Group L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| Carlyle Holdings II L.P. C/O THE CARLYLE GROUP 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW, SUITE 220S WASHINGTON, DC 20004 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN KY1-9001 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

/s/ R. Rainey Hoffman, attorney-in-fact for Daniel A. D'Aniello,
Chairman

05/08/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) Following an internal reorganization, the reporting persons, by reason of the relationships described below, may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares reported herein and held of record by Carlyle Partners IV, L.P. and CP IV Coinvestment, L.P. (together, the "Record Holders"). Each of the reporting persons expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of any such securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The indirect parent of the Record Holders is now TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. The general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P. is TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. The general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. is Carlyle Holdings II L.P. The general partner of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. is Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C.

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The managing member of Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. is The Carlyle Group L.P. The general partner of The Carlyle Group L.P. is Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., which is managed by an eight person board of directors, with all board action relating to the voting or disposition of these shares requiring approval of a majority of the board. All members of the board of directors expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein.

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ List:

ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â ConfirmingÂ Statement

ExhibitÂ 99Â -Â JointÂ FilerÂ Information

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