

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC  
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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 \*  
 SONSTEBY CHARLES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [EAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6820 LBJ FREEWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/17/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief Financial Officer

DALLAS, TX 75240  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M	3,764 A \$ 26.9583	93,031	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M	3,584 A \$ 27.9	96,615	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	\$ 27.9	08/17/2005		M	3,584	11/15/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/15/2011	Common Stock	3,
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	\$ 26.9583	08/17/2005		M	3,764	11/08/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/08/2010	Common Stock	3,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SONSTEBY CHARLES M 6820 LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TX 75240			EVP, Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Jay L. Tobin, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles M. Sonsteby  
 08/17/2005  
 \_\_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).
- (1) Options vest in installments on and after date shown.

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