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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ells Steve			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC [CMG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE			02/23/2012	below) below) Chairman & Co-CEO			
500				Chairman & Co-CLO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DENVER,	CO 80202			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own			
1.Title of	2. Transaction I		ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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)
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	10,000	A	\$ 53.36	256,802	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		D <u>(1)</u>	1,380	D	\$ 386.8	255,422	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	6,520	D	\$ 385.06 (2)	248,902	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 385.67 (3)	247,502	D	

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Common Stock S(1) 700 D 386.99 246,802 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)	onDeriv Secur Acqui	rities ired (A) sposed of . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ame Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ai Ni Sh
2009 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 53.36	02/23/2012		M(1)		10,000	02/17/2012	02/17/2016	Common Stock	1
2010 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 103.79						02/16/2012(5)	02/16/2017	Common Stock	1
2011 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 268.73						02/11/2013(6)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	7
2012 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 371.63						02/06/2014(7)	02/06/2019	Common Stock	7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ells Steve						
1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500	X		Chairman & Co-CEO			
DENVER, CO 80202						

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Signatures

/s/ Michael McGawn, as attorney-in-fact

02/24/2012

**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) These stock appreciation rights exercises and sales were executed under the terms of a Sales Plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$384.85 to \$385.24 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$385.29 to \$386.25 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$386.56 to \$387.42 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) 75,000 of the 2010 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/16/2013.
- (6) 37,500 of the 2011 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/11/2014.
- (7) 37,500 of the 2012 Stock Appreciation Rights vest on 2/06/2015.

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