

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE
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**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 *
MIRGON THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10750 COLUMBIA PIKE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/09/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	12/09/2008		A		202	A	\$ 26.9069
Common Stock					2,031	I	401 (k) plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Phantom Stock ⁽¹⁾	⁽²⁾			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable ⁽³⁾ Expiration Date ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares 533

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MIRGON THOMAS 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE SILVER SPRING, MD 20901			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Sandy Michel, attorney
in fact
12/11/2008
**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) Phantom stock holdings represent shares of the issuer's common stock beneficially owned by the reporting person that were previously reported in Table I on the reporting person's previous Forms 4.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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