

COSTAR GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Linnington Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331  
L STREET, NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/11/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/11/2016		A		7,380 (1)	A	\$ 0 22,381 (2) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 182.75	03/11/2016		A	9,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/10/2026	Common Stock	9,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Linnington Matthew C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005			Executive VP, Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeannette Koonce,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/15/2016

\_\_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).

- Includes a grant of 4,500 shares of restricted common stock that vest in three equal installments on March 11, 2017, March 11, 2018 and March 11, 2019, and a grant of 2,880 shares of restricted common stock that vest based upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of a three year performance goal.
- (1) March 11, 2019, and a grant of 2,880 shares of restricted common stock that vest based upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of a three year performance goal.
  - (2) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 2,371 shares of Common Stock and 20,010 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock grants.
  - (3) The option vests in three equal installments on March 11, 2017, March 11, 2018 and March 11, 2019

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