

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
 THOMAS H. LEE ADVISORS, LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR,  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/15/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

BOSTON, MA 02110

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2012                           |  | S                              | (A)<br>5,000,000<br>(1)   | D \$ 30 7,242,610   | I  | See Note (2)  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2012                           |  | S                              | (A)<br>7,242,610<br>(1)   | D \$ 30 0   | I  | See Note (2)  |

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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THOMAS H. LEE ADVISORS, LLC<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110  |               | X         |         |       |
| THL EQUITY ADVISORS V LLC<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110  |               | X         |         |       |
| LEE THOMAS H EQUITY FUND V LP<br>C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P.<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110        |               | X         |         |       |
| LEE THOMAS H PARALLEL FUND V LP<br>C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P.<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110      |               | X         |         |       |
| LEE THOMAS H EQUITY CAYMAN FUND V LP<br>C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P.<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110 |               | X         |         |       |
| LEE THOMAS H INVESTORS LP<br>C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P.<br>100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110            |               | X         |         |       |
| Putnam Investment Holdings, LLC<br>ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE  |               | X         |         |       |

BOSTON, MA 02109

Putnam Investments Employees Securities CO I LLC  
ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE X  
BOSTON, MA 02109

Putnam Investments Employees Securities CO II LLC  
ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE X  
BOSTON, MA 02109

## Signatures

Thomas H. Lee Advisors, LLC, by: /s/ Charles P. Holden, Managing Director 08/17/2012

\_\_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) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote (1).
  - (2) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote (2).

### Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 (Footnotes) and Exhibit 99.2 (Joint Filer Information) are incorporated herein by reference.

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