

COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP
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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 *
 Middleton Sean

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Pres - Cognizant Accelerator

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/02/2017

(Street)
 TEANECK, NJ 07666

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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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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)

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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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/02/2017		A	3,669	(2) (2)	Class A Common Stock	3,669 \$
Restricted Stock Units (3) (4)	(3) (4)	03/02/2017		A	1,075	(3)(4) (3)(4)	Class A Common Stock	1,075 \$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Middleton Sean C/O COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD. TEANECK, NJ 07666			Pres - Cognizant Accelerator	

Signatures

/s/ Harry Demas, on behalf of Sean Middleton, by Power of Attorney 03/06/2017

__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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

The restricted stock units were granted on March 2, 2017 under the Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan and vest in quarterly installments over three years, commencing on June 2, 2017, with 1/12th of the stock units vesting on each quarterly vesting date so that the stock units will be fully vested on the twelfth quarterly vesting date. The stock units will be fully vested on March 2, 2020.

(3) Represents the total number of performance-based restricted stock units which vested based upon attainment by the Company of certain performance milestones, as determined by the Company's compensation committee on March 2, 2017 based upon the audited financials for the 2016 fiscal year. The performance-based restricted stock units were granted on February 16, 2016 under the Cognizant Technology Solutions 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan. In accordance with the performance-based restricted stock unit award, the vested performance-based restricted stock units shall be issued on June 1, 2017, provided the reporting person remains in the Company's service through such date. (Continued in the next footnote.)

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- (Continued from the previous footnote.) Each performance-based restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The reporting person will disclose the receipt of shares of the Company's Class A Common
- (4) Stock underlying the performance-based restricted stock units on Table I of Form 4, if and when such reporting person satisfies the aforementioned service-based conditions.

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