

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VARUGHESE JOHN

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 VP, International

**C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP,
 INC., 130 ROYALL STREET**

(Street)

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

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

CANTON, MA 02021

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

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.35	02/23/2016	A		23,907		<u>(1)</u>	02/23/2023	Common Stock	23,907

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VARUGHESE JOHN C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. 130 ROYALL STREET CANTON, MA 02021			VP, International	

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as attorney-in-fact for John Varughese

02/25/2016

 **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).
- (1) On 2/23/2016 the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 23,907 shares of common stock. The option vests based upon time criteria (four equal annual installments that begin on 2/23/2017).

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