

Buckley Michael F  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
Buckley Michael F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Differential Brands Group Inc.  
[DFBG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

C/O DIFFERENTIAL BRANDS GROUP INC., 1231 S. GERHART AVE.

(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

COMMERCE, CA 90022

(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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share | 12/31/2017                           |  | M                              | A   | 144,588<br>(1)  | \$ 0<br>(1)  | 736,118                                    | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share | 12/31/2017                           |  | F                              | D   | 54,336<br>(2)   | \$ 0.95  | 681,782                                    | 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) |  |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                    | Amount Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 12/31/2017                           |  | M                              | 144,588   | 12/31/2017   | 12/31/2017  | Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share | 144,588                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Buckley Michael F<br>C/O DIFFERENTIAL BRANDS GROUP INC.<br>1231 S. GERHART AVE.<br>COMMERCE, CA 90022 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael Buckley  
01/03/2017  
\*\*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) The reporting person previously received a grant of shares of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Differential Brands Group Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and previously reported on Table II of a Form 3. These RSUs vested in accordance with the terms of the applicable RSU agreement and the Plan.

(2) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the RSU agreement, and as permitted under the Plan, 1/3 of the shares vested and the Company withheld an equivalent amount of RSUs at fair market value to pay the minimum tax withholding requirements for the reporting person. There was no open market sale of common stock by the reporting person.

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- (3) The remaining RSUs will vest on December 31, 2018, subject to Mr. Buckley's continued employment through the applicable vesting dates.

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