

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROTHE JAMES T (Last) (First) (Middle) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 200 NORTH (Street) GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option	(1)	10/12/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 44.97	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROTHE JAMES T 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200 NORTH GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	X			

Signatures

/s/ James T. Rothe	10/14/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

These options vest and become exercisable as to 50% on the earlier of 10/12/2005 or Red Robin's first annual meeting of stockholders that occurs more than ten months (1) after 10/12/2004, and the remaining 50% on the earlier of 10/12/2006 or Red Robin's first annual meeting of stockholders that occurs more than twenty-two months after 12/16/2004.

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