

Mayer Kevin E.
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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 *
Mayer Kevin E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BJs RESTAURANTS INC [BJRI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7755 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
ExecVP/Chief Marketing Officer

(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

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2018 | 01/15/2018 | F | 270 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 37.7 | 5,218 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2018 | 01/15/2018 | F | 171 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 37.7 | 5,047 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2018 | 01/15/2018 | A | 1,769 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 37.7 | 6,816 ⁽³⁾ | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | \$ 37.7 | 01/15/2018 | 01/15/2018 | A | 6,201 (4) | 01/15/2019 01/15/2028 | Common Stock | 6,201 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mayer Kevin E. 7755 CENTER AVENUE SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647 | | | ExecVP/Chief Marketing Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Jacob J. Guild, Attorney-in-Fact for Kevin E. Mayer
01/16/2018

__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) Shares withheld by the Registrant to satisfy minimum statutory withholding requirements on vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) These shares represent a Restricted Stock Unit award vesting in three equal installments beginning on January 15, 2019. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (3) Amount includes 5,151 of unvested Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) These stock options vest 33.3% per year beginning on January 15, 2019.

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