

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.  
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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 \*  
**ALTER ROBERT A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 903 CALLE AMANECER, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. [SHO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/26/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/26/2009		M		42,106	A	195,717
Common Stock	10/26/2009		F		10,842	D	\$ 8.16
Common Stock							40,954

By Robert A. Alter Trust

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALTER ROBERT A 903 CALLE AMANECER SUITE 100 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert A. Alter 10/27/2009

\*\*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 October 26, 2004, Mr. Alter was granted an aggregate amount of 210,526 restricted stock units, subject to the satisfaction of vesting requirements over a five-year period, with the first annual vesting on October 26, 2005. Upon vesting, Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. will deliver one share of Common Stock for each vested restricted stock unit. Mr. Alter has only the rights of an unsecured creditor in the restricted stock units and no rights as a stockholder in Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. until the restricted stock unit vests.
- (2) On October 26, 2009, 42,106 restricted stock units vested and 10,842 shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing stock price on October 26, 2009 of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$8.16.

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