CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ells Steve Issuer Symbol CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC (Check all applicable) [CMG] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 02/19/2015 Chairman & Co-CEO 500 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly 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) sonor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/19/2015		M(1)	12,500	A	\$ 371.63	147,043	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2015		F(1)	6,865	D	\$ 676.73	141,178	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2015		S(1)	5,635	D	\$ 674.71 (2)	134,543	D	
Common Stock							12,519	I	Ells Dynasty

Trust

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			Holdings LLC
Common Stock	99,740	I	Ells DE Trust Holdings LLC

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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 onDerivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	Acquired posed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2012 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 371.63	02/19/2015		M <u>(1)</u>		12,500	02/06/2015	02/06/2019	Commo
2012 Performance SOSARs	\$ 371.63	02/20/2015		A(3)	37,500		02/20/2015	02/06/2019	Commo
2013 Performance SOSARs	\$ 318.45	02/20/2015		A(4)	37,500		02/20/2015	02/07/2020	Commo
2013 Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 318.45						02/07/2015(5)	02/07/2020	Commo
2014 Stock Appreciation	\$ 543.2						02/03/2016(6)	02/03/2021	Commo

Reporting Owners

Rights

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
	X		Chairman & Co-CEO				

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Ells Steve 1401 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Michael M. McGawn, as attorney-in-fact

02/23/2015

**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) This stock appreciation rights exercise and sale was executed under the terms of a Sales Plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- Reflects a weighted-average price. Actual sales prices ranged from \$674.00 to \$675.00 per share. The filing person undertakes to furnish to the issuer, any requesting shareholder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission complete information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- On February 6, 2012, Chipotle granted the reporting person performance-vesting stock-only stock appreciation rights, or Performance SOSARs, in respect of 75,000 shares of Chipotle common stock. Vesting of the Performance SOSARs was contingent on Chipotle's achievement of stated levels of cumulative cash flow from operations prior to the fourth and fifth fiscal year-ends following the award date, with vesting to occur no sooner than February 6, 2014 and 2015 (with half of each Performance SOSAR subject to each such time-based vesting date), subject to possible acceleration. The second cash flow from operations target was achieved in the 2014 fiscal year, resulting in the Performance SOSARs in respect of the second tranche of 37,500 shares vesting in full.
 - On February 7, 2013, Chipotle granted the reporting person performance-vesting stock-only stock appreciation rights, or Performance SOSARs, in respect of 75,000 shares of Chipotle common stock. Vesting of the Performance SOSARs is contingent on Chipotle's achievement of stated levels of cumulative cash flow from operations prior to the fourth and fifth fiscal year-ends following the award
- date, with vesting to occur no sooner than February 7, 2015 and 2016 (with half of each Performance SOSAR subject to each such time-based vesting date), subject to possible acceleration. The first cash flow from operations target was achieved in the 2014 fiscal year, resulting in Performance SOSARs in respect of the first tranche of 37,500 shares vesting in full.
- One half of the 2013 Stock Appreciation Rights vested on February 7, 2015 and the remaining half are scheduled to vest on February 7, 2016, subject to possible acceleration of vesting.
- (6) The 2014 Stock Appreciation Rights are scheduled to vest in equal installments on February 3, 2016 and February 3, 2017, subject to possible acceleration of vesting.

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