

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Arabia John V

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 120 VANTIS, SUITE 350  
 (Street)

ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2017

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)  
 President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2017                           |  | F                              | 9,240 D (1)   | 656,804.6748  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2017                           |  | F                              | 14,227 D (2)  | 642,577.6748  | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| Arabia John V<br>120 VANTIS<br>SUITE 350<br>ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John V. Arabia 02/15/2017

\*\*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) On February 13, 2017, 16,725 restricted shares of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. (awarded to the Reporting Person on February 13, 2015) vested, and 9,240 shares of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing price on February 13, 2017 of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was \$15.38 per share.
- (2) On February 15, 2017, 25,751 restricted shares of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. (awarded to the Reporting Person on February 15, 2013) vested, and 14,227 shares of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing price on February 15, 2017 of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was \$15.56 per share.

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