

IGNITE RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Reported by
METZGER STEVEN D

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 04/12/17 for the Period Ending 04/03/17

Address	10555 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042
Telephone	(713) 366-7500
CIK	0001526796
Symbol	IRGT
SIC Code	5812 - Eating Places
Industry	Restaurants & Bars
Sector	Consumer Cyclical

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Metzger Steven D (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 4/3/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc. [IRG]
C/O IGNITE RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 10555 RICHMOND AVENUE (Street)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) SVP, General Counsel & Secretary /	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)
HOUSTON, TX 77042 (City) (State) (Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ 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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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		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 Appreciation Right	(1)	8/12/2026	Common Stock	20833 (1)	\$1.2000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) On August 12, 2016, the reporting person was granted 20,833 Stock Appreciation Rights that will vest in four equal installments on each of August 12, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Metzger Steven D C/O IGNITE RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 10555 RICHMOND AVENUE HOUSTON, TX 77042			SVP, General Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Brad Leist, as Attorney-in-Fact

4/12/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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