

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

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HANDEL JOEL M

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	968 JAMES STREET SYRACUSE, NY 13203
Telephone	3154240513
CIK	0000809248
Symbol	TAST
SIC Code	5812 - Eating Places
Industry	Restaurants & Bars
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
Fiscal Year	01/01

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Handel Joel M		CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [TAST]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
C/O SCHNADER HARRISON SEGAL & LEWIS, 140 BROADWAY, SUITE 3100		1/15/2017			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
NEW YORK, NY 10022				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)				<input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	1/15/2017		A		6645	A (1)	\$0 (1)	43108	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2016 Stock Incentive Plan.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Handel Joel M C/O SCHNADER HARRISON SEGAL & LEWIS 140 BROADWAY, SUITE 3100 NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

Signatures

/s/ Joel Handel

1/18/2017

**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 4(b)(v).

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