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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Jaritz Alexandra | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH] | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 01/31/2012 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| 10750 COL SILVER SPRING, I | (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President | | Owner r ow) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - N | Non-Derivat | ive Securit | ies Ber | neficially Owned | |
| 1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4) | rity | | 2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owner (Instr. | 1 | |
| Common St | ock | | 8,148 | | D | Â | | |
| Common Stock | | | 601 | | Ι | 401(k) Plan | | |
| Reminder: Rep owned directly | | | ach class of securities benefic | ially S | EC 1473 (7-02 | 2) | | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | | Derivative | Security: | |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option | (1) | 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 680 | \$ 26.88 | D | Â |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director 10% Owner | | Officer | Other | | |
| Jaritz Alexandra 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE SILVER SPRING, MD 20901 | Â | Â | Senior Vice President | Â | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| Bret L. Limage, attorney in fact | 02/07/2012 | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The option is exercisable in two equal annual installments. The two installments become exercisable on February 8, 2012 and February 8, 2013.

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