

Marples Paul  
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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 \*  
Marples Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331  
L STREET, NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2012

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)  
Managing Director, CoStar UK

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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/21/2012                           |  | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>Amount (D) Price                                    | 16,900 (1)<br>\$ 0 33,173 (2)   | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Acquire Common Stock             | \$ 58.95   | 02/21/2012                           |  | A                              | 5,800   | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/20/2022                                | Common Stock  | 5,800                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Marples Paul<br>C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC.<br>1331 L STREET, NW<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20005 |               |           | Managing Director, CoStar UK |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 02/23/2012

\*\*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) Includes a grant of 4,100 shares of restricted common stock that vest in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015, and a grant of 12,800 shares of restricted common stock that vest upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of \$90 million of cumulative earnings before interest depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) over a period of four consecutive calendar quarters by March 31, 2017.
- (2) Represents all shares of common stock owned, consisting of 10,472 shares of Common Stock and 22,701 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested restricted common stock grants.
- (3) The option vests in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015.

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