

MATROS RICHARD K
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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 *
MATROS RICHARD K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc. [SBRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 550
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

IRVINE, CA 92612
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	12/18/2012		A	9,333 (1)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock					420,303	I	By R&A Matros Revocable Trust

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Units	(3)	12/18/2012		A	4,666	(3) 12/31/2013	Common Stock	4,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATROS RICHARD K C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. 18500 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 550 IRVINE, CA 92612	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Harold W. Andrews, Jr., as
Attorney-in-Fact

12/19/2012

**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) Grant of stock units under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to the satisfaction of a performance requirement for the 2013 calendar year established by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors, the units vest at the rate of 25% on each of December 31, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Promptly after vesting, the vested units will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

(2) Consists of unvested stock units that, upon vesting, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

(3) Each stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock. One-third of the stock units will vest on December 31, 2013 if the Issuer's stock price appreciates 5% or more during calendar 2013. Two-thirds of the stock units will vest on December 31, 2013 if the Issuer's stock price appreciates 10% or more during calendar 2013. 100% of the stock units will vest on December 31, 2013 if the Issuer's stock price appreciates 15% or more during calendar 2013.

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