

Wendy's Co  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GARDEN EDWARD P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
280 PARK AVENUE  
(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10017  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Wendy's Co [WEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2012

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 01/03/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 3,232 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 5.22 <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 76,623,145  | I  |                                   |

By Trian Partners <sup>(2)</sup>  
<sub>(3)</sub>

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GARDEN EDWARD P<br>280 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Stuart I. Rosen, Attorney-In-Fact for Edward P. Garden 01/04/2012

\_\_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) Shares were issued pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Award Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of a Board of Directors retainer fee that would otherwise be payable in cash. In accordance with the Plan, the price is the average of the closing price per share on the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date on which the retainer fee would otherwise be payable.
- (2) Trian Fund Management, L.P. ("Trian Management") serves as the management company for Trian Partners, L.P. ("Trian Onshore"), Trian Partners Master Fund, L.P. ("Trian Offshore") and Trian Partners Parallel Fund I, L.P. ("Parallel Fund I" and collectively, the "Trian Entities"), and as such determines the investment and voting decisions of the Trian Entities with respect to the shares of the Issuer held by them. Mr. Garden is a member of Trian Fund Management GP, LLC, which is the general partner of Trian Management, and therefore is in a position to determine the investment and voting decisions made by Trian Management on behalf of the Trian Entities. Mr. Garden is also a member of Trian Partners General Partner, LLC ("Trian GP LLC"), the general partner of Trian Partners GP, L.P. ("Trian GP") and as such is in a position to determine the investment and voting decisions made by Trian GP LLC on behalf of Trian GP.
- (3) (FN 2, contd.) Accordingly, Mr. Garden may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) the shares beneficially owned by the Trian Entities and Trian GP. Mr. Garden disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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