

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>PLATINUM EQUITY LLC</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>360 NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE, SOUTH BUILDING</b> (Street) <b>BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210</b> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <b>11/04/2016</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Hostess Brands, Inc. [TWNK]</b>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	13,824,732	I	See footnote <a href="#">(1)</a>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Warrants to Purchase Shares of Class A Common Stock	12/04/2016	11/04/2021	Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	8,500,000 <a href="#">(2)</a>	\$ 5.75	I	See footnote <a href="#">(1)</a>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PLATINUM EQUITY LLC 360 NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE SOUTH BUILDING BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X		
Gores Tom C/O PLATINUM EQUITY, LLC 360 NORTH CRESCENT DRIVE, SOUTH BUILDING BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X		

## Signatures

By: /s/ Mary Ann Sigler, Chief Financial Officer on behalf of Platinum Equity, LLC		11/14/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
By: /s/ Mary Ann Sigler, Attorney-in-Fact for Tom Gores		11/14/2016
**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 securities reported herein are held of record by Gores Sponsor, LLC ("Gores Sponsor"). Platinum Equity LLC ("Platinum Equity") is a managing member of Gores Sponsor and shares the power to vote and dispose of the securities held of record by Gores Sponsor with AEG Holdings, LLC. Tom Gores, the chairman and chief executive officer of Platinum Equity, is the ultimate beneficial owner of Platinum Equity. As such, each of Platinum Equity and Mr. Gores may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by Gores Sponsor.

(2) Each warrant is exercisable for one-half of one share of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$5.75 per half share, to be exercised only for a whole number of shares of Class A Common Stock.

### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Mary Ann Sigler as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, to:

(1) prepare and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, including any joint filing agreement thereunder, and do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, or complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto;

(2) prepare and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned reports of ownership on Schedule 13D or 13G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, including any joint filing agreement thereunder, and do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such reports or schedules, and complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto; and

(3) timely file such forms with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority, and to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 28th day of October, 2010.

/s/ Tom Gores  
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Name: Tom Gores