FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Poretti Adrian | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hostess Brands, Inc. [TWNK] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Own | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--------|---|------|--------------------|-------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) C/O HOSTESS | (First) | , | ddle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2023 | | | | | | | | | X | Officer (g below) | | ttle Other (sp below) | | specify | |
| 7905 QUIVIRA ROAD | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) LENEXA | • | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zi _l | o) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble I - Nor | า-Der | ivativ | e Se | curitie | s Acqı | uired, l | Disp | osed of, | or B | Benefi | ially Ow | /ned | | | | | |
| Date | | | | ransaction e nth/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 a | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ 01/1 | | | | | /17/2023 | | | | A | | 8,741 | | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 8,741 | | | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 25,213 | | D | | | |
| 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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/ | ate, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | | e Securities | | rities Un ative Se | derlying curity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti | e s lly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Explanation of Re | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | VII(3) | | | |

- 1. Consists of a grant of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of Class A Common Stock. These restricted stock units will vest in equal or nearly equal installments on January 17 of each 2024, 2025, and 2026, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- 2. Consists of previously disclosed restricted stock units that remained subject to time-based vesting criteria.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President, Chief Supply Chain Officer

/s/ Jolyn J. Sebree, Attorney-in-01/19/2023 <u>Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

- * 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).

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