

DENNYS CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
TRAFELET & CO LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DENNYS CORP [DNNY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
900 THIRD AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2004

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2004                           |  | P                              | 41,900 A \$ 4.0658  | 6,010,300 (1)   | I  | By Delta Institutional, LP                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,127,800 (2)   | I  | By Delta Onshore, LP                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2004                           |  | P                              | 63,100 A \$ 4.0658  | 6,468,215 (3)   | I  | By Delta Offshore, Ltd.                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,075,000 (4)   | I  | By Delta Pleiades, LP                                 |

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| TRAFELET & CO LLC<br>900 THIRD AVENUE<br>5TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022  |               | X         |         |       |
| TRAFELET REMY W<br>900 THIRD AVENUE<br>5TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022  |               | X         |         |       |
| DELTA INSTITUTIONAL LP<br>900 THIRD AVENUE<br>5TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022   |               | X         |         |       |
| DELTA ONSHORE, LP<br>900 THIRD AVENUE<br>5TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022  |               | X         |         |       |
| DELTA OFFSHORE LTD<br>C/O BNY ALT. INVESTMENT SERVICES LIMITED<br>18 CHURCH STREET, SKANDIA HOUSE<br>HAMILTON, HM11, D0 00000 |               | X         |         |       |

DELTA PLEIADES, LP  
900 THIRD AVENUE  
5TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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## Signatures

|  |            |
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| Trafelet & Company, LLC, By: /s/ Remy W. Trafelet  | 12/20/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| /s/ Remy W. Trafelet   | 12/20/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| Delta Institutional, LP, By: Trafelet & Company Advisors, LLC, General Partner, By: /s/<br>Remy W. Trafelet, Managing Member | 12/20/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| Delta Onshore, LP, By: Trafelet & Company Advisors, LLC, General Partner, By: /s/ Remy<br>W. Trafelet, Managing Member       | 12/20/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| Delta Offshore, Ltd., By: Trafelet & Company, LLC, Investment Manager, By: /s/ Remy W.<br>Trafelet, Managing Member          | 12/20/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| Delta Pleiades, LP, By: Trafelet & Company Advisors, LLC, General Partner, By: /s/ Remy<br>W. Trafelet, Managing Member      | 12/20/2004 |
| **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).

These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Trafelet & Company, LLC ("Trafelet"), the management company of Delta Institutional, LP, and Mr. Remy W. Trafelet, the managing member of Trafelet. Each such reporting person and the joint filers disclaim

- (1) beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person or any joint filer is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or for any other purpose.

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- (2) or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person or any joint filer is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or for any other purpose.

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