

Gartland Thomas M
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Gartland Thomas M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.
 [CAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/27/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Sales & Marketing

6 SYLVAN WAY

(Street)

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

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

PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Num Sha |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/27/2010 | A | 32,524 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 32 |
| Performance Based Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/27/2010 | A | 32,524 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 32 |
| Stock options (right to buy) | \$ 0.79 | 01/28/2010 | A ⁽⁵⁾ | 150,000 | | | | | 01/28/2010 | 01/28/2019 | Common Stock | 150 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|
| Gartland Thomas M 6 SYLVAN WAY PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, Sales & Marketing |

Signatures

Jean M. Sera, by Power of Attorney for Thomas M. Gartland 01/29/2010

__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) Units convert to Common Stock on a one-to-one basis upon vesting.
- (2) Grant vests in three equal installments on January 27, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
 Between 50% and 100% of the units will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant if the per-share closing price of the Company's common stock equals or exceeds a minimum threshold price of \$14.12 and a maximum target price of \$15.77 over any consecutive 30 trading days between the grant date and the third anniversary of the date of grant. The actual number of units that vest, based on closing prices that are between the threshold and target prices shall be determined on a pro rata basis using straight line interpolation.
- (3)
- (4) Expiration date not applicable.
- (5) Award consists of options which vested upon the Company's achievement of certain financial performance goals.

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