

MAY PETER W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MAY PETER W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
[(ECPG)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2005

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

C/O TRIARC COMPANIES, INC., 280 PARK AVENUE

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/20/2005                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 291,138 D \$ 20   | 668,450   | I  | By JM and LM Trusts (2) (3)       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/20/2005                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 604,790 D \$ 20   | 1,296,800   | I  | By Madison West (3)               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,000  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 101,275   | I  | By Triarc (3) (4)                 |

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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. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| MAY PETER W<br>C/O TRIARC COMPANIES, INC.<br>280 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ May, Peter  
W. 01/24/2005

\*\*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) On January 20, 2005, in connection with an underwritten offering of the Issuer's Common Stock, Madison West Associates Corp. (Madison West), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triarc Companies, Inc. (Triarc), the Jonathan P. May 1998 Trust (JM Trust) and the Leslie A. May 1998 Trust (LM Trust) entered into an Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale by Madison West of 604,790 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and the sale by each of the JM Trust and the LM Trust of 145,569 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock at a price of \$20.00 per share, less Underwriter's discounts and commissions of \$0.35 per share. The offering is scheduled to close on January 25, 2005.
- (2) All such shares are held equally in the JM Trust and the LM Trust, entities in which Mr. May is a trustee.

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- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, 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.
- (4) All such securities are held by Triarc. Mr. May is an officer, director and significant stockholder of Triarc.

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