

Fortunato Joe
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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 *
 Fortunato Joe

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300 SIXTH AVENUE

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/08/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock") | 08/08/2012 | | M | | 50,000 | A | \$ 7.5 |
| Common Stock | 08/08/2012 | | S | | 50,000 | D | \$ 39.0791 |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.5 | 08/08/2012 | | M | 50,000 | <u>(2)</u> 03/15/2017 | Common Stock | 50,000 <u>(2)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Fortunato Joe GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Gerald J. Stubenhofer, Jr., by power of attorney

08/09/2012

**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) These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.98 to \$39.25, inclusive, and the price reported reflects the weighted average price at which the shares were sold. Mr. Fortunato undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

(2) Option granted on March 16, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 1,262,877 shares of Common Stock, vested in four equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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