

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANGER STEVEN B		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TANGER FACTORY OUTLET CENTERS INC [SKT]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President, COO					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3200 NORTHLINE AVENUE, SUITE 360		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2003							
(Street) GREENSBORO, NC 27408		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/01/2003		M		4,000	A	\$ 23.50	4,000	D
Common Stock	10/01/2003		S		4,000 (1)	D	\$ 36.6811	0	D
Common Stock	10/01/2003		M		5,000	A	\$ 24.25	5,000	D
Common Stock	10/01/2003		S		5,000 (1)	D	\$ 36.6811	0	D
Common Stock	10/02/2003		M		3,000	A	\$ 24.25	3,000	D
Common Stock	10/02/2003		S		3,000 (1)	D	\$ 36.724	0	D

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

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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Limited Partnership Unit Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 23.50	10/01/2003		M			4,000	10/31/1996(3)	10/31/2005	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 0	0	D
Limited Partnership Unit Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 24.25	10/01/2003		M			5,000	10/28/1997(3)	10/28/2006	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 0	30,000	D

Limited Partnership Unit Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 24.25	10/02/2003		M			3,000	10/28/1997 (3)	10/28/2006	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 0	27,000	D	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TANGER STEVEN B 3200 NORTHLINE AVENUE, SUITE 360 GREENSBORO, NC 27408	X		President, COO	

Signatures

By: Thomas J. Guerrieri Jr. For: Steven B. Tanger		10/02/2003
** 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)** Securities sold pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1, previously adopted on May 16, 2003, to direct the exercise of certain options to purchase limited partnership units granted pursuant to the Tanger Properties Limited Partnership Unit Option Plan.
- (2)** Options to purchase limited partnership units, granted pursuant to the Tanger Properties Limited Partnership Unit Option Plan. Each unit obtained upon exercise of option is exchangeable for common stock on a one-for-one basis, except under certain circumstances to preserve the Company's status as a real estate investment trust for income tax purposes.
- (3)** The option becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing one year from the date of grant.

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