FORM 4

Limited Partnership Unit

Option

(right to buy) (3)

\$ 23.50

10/06/2003

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(Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANGER STANLEY K				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TANGER FACTORY OUTLET CENTERS INC [SKT]							_X_ D	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_ Director X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3200 NORTHLINE AVENUE, SUITE 360				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/07/2003								Chairman, CEO						
(Street) GREENSBORO, NC 27408				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)								_X_ Form	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)		(State)	(Zip)				Table	e I - No	n-Derivat	ive Seci	urities A	cquired, Di	sposed of	, or Benefic	cially Ov	vned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye			2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Ye			(Instr. 8		4. Securities Acquired (A or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned : Transac	Transaction(s) For (Instr. 3 and 4) For		Owner Form: Direct or Ind	rship Indire Bene	eneficial wnership			
							Code	V	Amount		Price	;				(Instr.	4)	
Common St	tock		10/03/2003				M		6,400	A	\$ 23.5	72,560)			D		
Common St	tock		10/03/2003			S		6,400 (1)	D	\$ 36.72	62 66,160	66,160			D			
Common St	tock		10/06/2003			М		6,500	A	\$ 23.5	72,660	2,660			D			
Common Stock 10/06/2003					S		6,500 (1)	D	\$ 36.77	66,160	0			D				
Common Stock 10/07/2003					M		7,950	A	\$ 23.5	74,110				D				
Common Stock										139,03	1			I	by Part	nership		
Common Stock										1,000				I		pouse		
Reminder: Rep	oort on a sepa	arate line for each o	class of securities be	eneficially	own	ed di	irectly or	Pe thi	rsons w	re not	require	the collect d to respo trol numbe	nd unles				SEC 14	74 (9-02)
			Table II									ally Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, if Occurity Conversion (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Transaction of Code D Code Ar) (Instr. 8) Se A (A (A D D (Instr. 8) Code			Number rivative curities quired or posed D) str. 3, 4, 15)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		sable and 7. te of Se		7. Title and of Underlyi Securities	7. Title and Amount of Underlying securities Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Num Derivat Securiti Benefic Owned Followi Reporte Transac (Instr. 4	ive es ially ng ed etion(s)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expira Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Limited Partnership Unit Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 23.50	10/03/2003		М				10/31	/1996 ⁽⁴⁾	10/31	/2005	Common Stock	6,400	\$ 0	33,4	150	D	

Common

Stock

6,500

\$0

26,950

D

6,500 10/31/1996⁽⁴⁾ 10/31/2005

Limited Partnership Unit Option	\$ 23.50	10/07/2003	M		7,950	10/31/1996 ⁽⁴⁾	10/31/2005	Common Stock	7,950	\$ 0	19,000	D	
(right to buy) (3)								Stock					

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TANGER STANLEY K 3200 NORTHLINE AVENUE, SUITE 360 GREENSBORO, NC 27408	X	X	Chairman, CEO				

Signatures

By: Thomas J. Guerrieri Jr. For: Stanley K. Tanger	10/07/2003	
**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 Proporties Limited Partnership Units granted pursuant to the Tanger Properties Limited Partnership Unit Option Plan.
- (2) Represents shares purchased and immediately paid as compensation to all employees of Stanley K. Tanger & Company, of which Stanley K. Tanger is the 100% owner.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing one year from the date of grant.

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