

# FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
ADLER THOMAS W		HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW ]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float: right;">_____ 10% Owner</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float: right;">_____ Other (specify below)</span>	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600		5/16/2008			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
RALEIGH, NC 27604				<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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	5/16/2008		M		700	A	\$22.18	31242	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		700	D	\$36.09	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		402	A	\$22.18	30942	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		402	D	\$36.08	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1600	A	\$22.18	32142	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1600	D	\$36.07	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		100	A	\$22.18	30642	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		100	D	\$36.065	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1000	A	\$22.18	31542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1000	D	\$36.06	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		700	A	\$22.18	31242	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		700	D	\$36.05	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		100	A	\$22.18	30642	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		100	D	\$36.045	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		600	A	\$22.18	31142	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		600	D	\$36.03	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		500	A	\$22.18	31042	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		500	D	\$36.02	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		800	A	\$22.18	31342	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		800	D	\$36.015	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		800	A	\$22.18	31342	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		800	D	\$36.01	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1500	A	\$22.18	32042	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		1500	D	\$36.00	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		500	A	\$22.18	31042	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		500	D	\$35.995	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		900	A	\$22.18	31442	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		900	D	\$35.99	30542	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		900	A	\$22.18	31442	D	
Common Stock	5/16/2008		M		900	D	\$35.98	30542	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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				
Stock Option	\$22.18	5/16/2008		M			11102	(1)	3/24/2009	Common Stock	11102	\$22.18	1600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADLER THOMAS W C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X			

Signatures

<u>/s/Deborah A. Pike, Attorney-in-fact for Thomas W. Adler</u>	<u>5/19/2008</u>
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

- \* 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).

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