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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZELL SAMUEL	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	CAPITAL TRUST INC [CT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA	(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CHICAGO, IL 60606		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) or l of (D) 4 and (A))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock Units	12/31/2008		A	3,238	A	<u>(2)</u>	34,404	D	

(1)

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other **ZELL SAMUEL** TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA X CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

/s/ Geoffrey G. Jervis, on behalf of Samuel Zell

12/31/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- 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).
- The Helen Zell Revocable Trust ("HZRT") beneficially owns 10,000 shares of Class A Common Stock. Samuel Zell's spouse, Helen Zell, (1) is the trustee of the HZRT. Samuel Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported as beneficially owned by him except to the
- Represents an award of Class A Common Stock Units that convert to shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at the time (2) determined at grant. The number of shares of Class A Common Stock subject to the award was calculated by dividing \$18,750 by the average trading price for the fourth quarter of 2008.

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