

LUIKART JAMES L  
Form 3  
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# FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                       | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement             | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol         |
| Â Jefferies Capital Partners LLC                                | (Month/Day/Year)                                 | Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI]                       |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                         | 05/07/2012                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
| C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS,Â 520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR | (Check all applicable)                           |                                                            |
| (Street)                                                        | ____ Director ____X_ 10% Owner                   |                                                            |
|                                                                 | ____ Officer ____ Other                          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
|                                                                 | (give title below) (specify below)               | ____ Form filed by One Reporting Person                    |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022                                            |                                                  | __X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person          |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                            |                                                  |                                                            |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

|                                    |                                                       |                                                          |                                                       |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)    | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 6,559,739 <u>(2)</u>                                  | I                                                        | See Footnote <u>(1)</u>                               |

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

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|                                            |                                                          |                                                                             |                                               |                                           |                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jefferies Capital Partners LLC<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022     | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS IV LP<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022   | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| JCP IV LLC<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022                         | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| JCP PARTNERS IV LLC<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022                | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| LUIKART JAMES L<br>C/O JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS<br>520 MADISON AVENUE, 10TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022                    | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Brian P.  
Friedman

05/17/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) See Exhibit 99.
- (2) See Exhibit 99.

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**Remarks:**

ThisÂ reportÂ isÂ filedÂ jointlyÂ byÂ JefferiesÂ CapitalÂ Partners,Â GeneralÂ Partner,Â ManagerÂ andÂ Mr.Â Luikart,Â

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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