SMITH ELIZABETH A

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH ELIZABETH A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Bloomin' Brands, Inc. [BLMN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | X Director 10% Owner | | |
| 2202 NORTH WEST SHORE | | | 12/15/2017 | X Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
| BLVD, SUITE 500 | | | | below) below) | | |
| DL VD, GOIII | 2500 | | | Chairman and CEO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| TAMPA, FL 33607 | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative S | Securit | ies Acqui | red, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities oner Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 | d of (E and 5) (A) or | 0) | 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) |
| Common | 12/15/2017 | | Code V M | Amount 125,000 | (D) | Price \$ 6.5 | 206,235 | D | |
| Stock | 12/13/2017 | | 171 | <u>(1)</u> | | Ψ 0.5 | 200,233 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | S | 125,000 (1) | D | \$ 20.79 (2) | 81,235 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | M | 125,000 (1) | A | \$ 6.5 | 206,235 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | S | 125,000 (1) | D | \$ 20.79 (3) | 81,235 | D | |
| | 12/15/2017 | | M | | A | \$ 6.5 | 206,235 | D | |

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| Common | | | 125,000 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|--------|---|
| Stock | | | (1) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | S | 125,000 (1) | D | \$ 20.8 (4) | 81,235 | D |

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | TransactionDerivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|-----------------------|----------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.5 | 12/15/2017 | | M | | 125,000 (1) | <u>(5)</u> | 11/16/2019 | Common Stock | 125,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.5 | 12/15/2017 | | M | | 125,000 (1) | <u>(5)</u> | 11/16/2019 | Common Stock | 125,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.5 | 12/15/2017 | | M | | 125,000 (1) | <u>(5)</u> | 11/16/2019 | Common Stock | 125,00 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 84,008 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 112,22 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.03 | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 07/01/2021 | Common Stock | 550,00 |
| Stock | \$ 25.36 | | | | | | <u>(9)</u> | 02/26/2025 | Common | 220,58 |

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| Option (right to buy) | | | | Stock | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.32 | (10) | 02/27/2024 | Common Stock | 177,94 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.03 | <u>(5)</u> | 07/01/2021 | Common Stock | 550,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.15 | <u>(11)</u> | 02/25/2026 | Common Stock | 261,12 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.27 | (12) | 02/24/2027 | Common Stock | 267,32 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SMITH ELIZABETH A 2202 NORTH WEST SHORE BLVD SUITE 500 TAMPA, FL 33607 | X | | Chairman and CEO | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kelly Lefferts, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/19/2017

**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) This transaction was effected by the reporting person pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan that was entered into on November 14, 2017.
- Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$20.600 to \$21.030. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$20.600 to \$21.070. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$20.570 to \$21.020. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) These stock options are fully vested.
- These restricted stock units, in the original grant amount of 112,010, began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 25, 2017.
- (7) This field is not applicable.
- (8) These restricted stock units, in the original grant amount of 112,220, will begin vesting in four equal annual installments on February 24, 2018.
- (9) These stock options, in the original grant amount of 220,589, began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 26, 2016.
- (10) These stock options, in the original grant amount of 177,940, began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 27, 2015.
- (11) These stock options, in the original grant amount of 261,122, began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 25, 2017.
- (12) These stock options, in the original grant amount of 267,327, will begin vesting in four equal annual installments on February 24, 2018. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.