

Meritage Homes CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sferruzza Hilla

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8800 EAST RAINTREE
 DRIVE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/13/2017 | | S | 363 ⁽¹⁾ D | \$ 34.85 | 11,589 | D |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | S | 952 ⁽¹⁾ D | \$ 34 | 13,757 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| MTH Common Shares | | | | | | 15,749 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 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 or Number of Shares |
| Performance Rights | \$ 0 | 02/14/2017 | | A | 5,196 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/14/2020 | MTH Common Shares | 5,196 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sferruzza Hilla 8800 EAST RAINTREE DRIVE SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Hilla
Sferruzza

02/15/2017

**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) Represents sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (3) Balance represents restricted shares and restricted share units not vested.
- (4) Each performance award represents a contingent right to receive one share of MTH common stock. The performance awards vest upon MTH's common stock achieving a three-year total shareholder return relative to a defined peer group. The number of derivative securities

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and underlying securities reported in the table above is based on the maximum amount of shares that may be earned under the performance awards. The actual performance awards issued may range from 0 shares to the maximum noted above.

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