

COSTAR GROUP INC

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Linnington Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331
 L STREET, NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
 COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/11/2016

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)

Executive VP, Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/11/2016		A		7,380 (1)	A \$ 0	22,381 (2) D

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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)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 182.75	03/11/2016		A	9,000	<u>(3)</u>	03/10/2026	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Linnington Matthew C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005	Executive VP, Sales

Signatures

/s/ Jeannette Koonce,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/15/2016

**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).
- Includes a grant of 4,500 shares of restricted common stock that vest in three equal installments on March 11, 2017, March 11, 2018 and March 11, 2019, and a grant of 2,880 shares of restricted common stock that vest based upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of a three year performance goal.
- (1) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 2,371 shares of Common Stock and 20,010 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock grants.
- (2) The option vests in three equal installments on March 11, 2017, March 11, 2018 and March 11, 2019

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