

SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Devonshire Duke of

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC  
 [BID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 38500 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/29/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Deputy Chairman

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	04/29/2005	A		565		(2)	(2)	Class A Ltd. Voting Common Stock	565 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Devonshire Duke of 38500 WOODWARD AVENUE SUITE 100 BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304	X		Deputy Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Duke of  
Devonshire 05/02/2005  
 \*\*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) One for One  
 The deferred stock units were accrued under the Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. 1998 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") as a result of a partial or full deferral election with respect to stock compensation paid under the Plan. These units will be settled 100% in Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. Class A Limited Voting Common Stock (except that fractional shares, if any, will be settled in cash) after the reporting person's termination of service on the Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. Board.
- (2)
- (3) Not Applicable

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