FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					or Sec	tion 30(h) of the	nvestme	nt Con	npany Act	of 19	940					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^{\star}$ Baker Richard A.				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP [ ROIC ]							heck all a		g Person(s) to I	ssuer Owner		
(Last)	Last) (First) (Middle)												X Offi	cer (give title ow)	Other below	(specify
C/O RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP. 81 MAIN STREET, SUITE #503					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011									Executive	· Chairman	
(Street) WHITE PLAINS NY 10601  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriva	ative S	ecurities Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, c	or Ben	eficia	lly Owr	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,				ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Secu Bene Own	nount of rities ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		orted saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 12/31/					2011		A		2,083(1	1)	A	\$0	)	47,849	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 12/31/					2011	F 1,310 <sup>(2)</sup> D		\$11.	84	46,539	D					
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erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, cecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		4. Transactio Code (Insi B)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) :: ities red :: sed :: 3, 4			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On March 11, 2011, the reporting person was granted 6,250 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest as to 2,083 shares on December 31, 2011, 2,083 shares on December 31, 2012 and 2,084 shares on December 31, 2013 based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the 12 months ending December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The performance criteria for 2011 were met, resulting in vesting of 2,083 shares.

Exercisable

Expiration

Title

Date

2. Consists of shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer in order to satisfy the tax withholding obligation of the reporting person in connection with shares of restricted Common Stock that vested.

<u>/s/ Richard A. Baker</u> <u>01/04/2012</u>

Amount or Number

Shares

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

Code

(A) (D)

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