

FRIEDMAN ROBERT H
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 * Â FRIEDMAN ROBERT H (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/22/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EMPIRE RESORTS INC [NYYN]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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OLSHAN GRUNDMAN
 FROME ROSENZWEIG, Â 65 E.
 55TH STREET
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

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

NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title Amount or Number of	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/22/2005	07/21/2015	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	15,000	\$ 4.02	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN ROBERT H OLSHAN GRUNDMAN FROME ROSENZWEIG 65 E. 55TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Friedman,
Robert H

07/28/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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