

Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.
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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 *
MATROS RICHARD K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**Sabra Health Care REIT, Inc.
 [SBRA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 18500 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 550

(Street)

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

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

(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 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	02/28/2017		A		1,570 (1) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A		62,207 (2) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A		47,895 (3) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F		52,076 (4) \$ 27.16	D	
	03/01/2017		G		\$ 0 103,317 (6)	D	

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Common Stock				58,026						
				<u>(5)</u>						
Common Stock	03/01/2017		G	58,026	A	\$ 0	999,419	I		By R&A Matros Revocable Trust
				<u>(5)</u>						

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 Acquired (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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATROS RICHARD K C/O SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. 18500 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE 550 IRVINE, CA 92612	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Richard K. Matros
03/02/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents stock units credited to the reporting person in the form of dividend equivalent payments on stock units previously granted to the reporting person that are outstanding under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan, calculated on the basis of the market value of the Issuer's common stock on the dividend payment date. These units will vest and become payable on the same terms as the original stock units to which they relate.

(2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock issued under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan subject to an annual bonus performance stock unit ("PSU") award granted on February 26, 2016, including 5,392 shares with respect to dividend equivalent payments calculated on the basis of the market value of the Issuer's Common Stock on the applicable dividend date. The Compensation Committee determined on March 1, 2017 that the number of PSUs earned was 114.4% of the target. Upon this determination, the PSUs vested immediately. Each PSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock, based on the Issuer's achievement of an adjusted normalized funds from operations target for a performance period beginning October 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

(3) Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock issued under the Issuer's 2009 Performance Incentive Plan subject to a funds from operations-based stock unit ("FFO units") award granted on December 17, 2013, including 8,921 shares with respect to dividend equivalent payments calculated on the basis of the market value of the Issuer's Common Stock on the applicable dividend date. The Compensation Committee determined on March 1, 2017 that the number of FFO units earned was 152% of the target. Upon this determination, the FFO units vested immediately. Each FFO unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock, based on the Issuer's achievement of an earnings per share target for a performance period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 and a funds from operations target for a performance period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

(4) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in accordance with Rule 16b-3 to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the PSUs and FFO units, each as reported herein.

(5) Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock acquired in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units that have been transferred by the reporting person to the R&A Matros Revocable Trust.

(6) Consists of stock units that, upon settlement, will be paid on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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