

Fortress Investment Group LLC
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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 *
KAUFFMAN ROBERT I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Fortress Investment Group LLC [FIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President-Europe and Director

C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 46TH FLOOR
 (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

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|---|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Shares | 12/21/2012 | | S | | | 2,082,684 | D | \$ 3.50 | | I | By Aldel LLC ⁽²⁾ |
| | | | | | | | | | (1) | | |

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) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Fortress Operating Group Units ⁽³⁾ | <u>(3)</u> | 12/21/2012 | | S | 49,189,480 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Class A Shares | 49,189,480 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAUFFMAN ROBERT I C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 46TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10105 | X | X | President-Europe and Director | |
| Aldel LLC C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 46TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10105 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ David N. Brooks, as attorney-in-fact 12/26/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ David N. Brooks, as attorney-in-fact 12/26/2012

**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) The \$3.50 unit price of each Fortress Operating Group Unit is comprised of (i) \$2.45 per Fortress Operating Entity I LP Class B Common Unit, (ii) \$0.0175 per FOE II (New) LP Class B Common Unit and (iii) \$1.0325 per Principal Holdings I LP Class B Common Unit.
- (2) The Reporting Person is the sole member of the limited liability company, and disclaims beneficial ownership of the Class A shares held by the limited liability company, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) A "Fortress Operating Group Unit" represents one limited partner interest in each of Fortress Operating Entity I LP, FOE II (New) LP and Principal Holdings I LP. The Reporting Person has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Fortress Operating Group Unit for one Class A share of the Company; provided, that one Class B share of the Company (which has no economic interest in the

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Company) is concurrently delivered to the Company for cancellation. The Reporting Person owns Class B shares in the same amount as the Reporting Person's Fortress Operating Group Units. Such shares represent no economic interest in the Company and are not separately reported herein. The Fortress Operating Group Units have no expiration date.

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