

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 des Pallieres Bertrand

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
 EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.
 [EQS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 700 LOUISIANA STREET, 48TH
 FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2016

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

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

(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	01/20/2016		P	V	25,000	A	\$ 1.55	2,161,835	D <u>(1)</u>
Common stock	01/20/2016		P	V	8,400	A	\$ 1.5	2,170,235	D <u>(1)</u>
Common stock	01/21/2016		P	V	177	A	\$ 1.5	2,170,412	D <u>(1)</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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
des Pallieres Bertrand 700 LOUISIANA STREET 48TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ Bertrand des
Pallieres 01/22/2016

 **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) Includes 1,027,737 shares held directly by Mr. des Pallieres and a trust controlled by him, also includes 145,833 shares held directly by SPQR Capital Holdings S.A., a Luxembourg societe anonyme in which Mr. des Pallieres is a minority stockholder and serves as a director. Also includes 986,842 shares held directly by Lamsdowne Capital S.A., a Luxembourg societe anonyme that is indirectly wholly-owned by Mr. des Pallieres.

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