

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Form SC 13D

June 15, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.  
(Name of issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

14574X1074  
(CUSIP Number)

Antonio Carlos de Freitas Valle  
Avenida Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 2277, Conjunto 1603  
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CEP 01452-000  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized  
to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 4, 2012  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of  
this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of  
Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(g), check the following box. ?

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a  
reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to  
the subject class of securities, and for subsequent amendment  
containing information which would alter disclosures provided  
in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page  
shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise  
subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall  
be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see Notes).

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 14574X104

- (1) Names of reporting persons  
Highland Investment Fund  
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group  
(a) ? (b) ?  
(3) SEC use only  
(4) Source of funds (see instructions)

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(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Highland Investment Fund is incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

(7) Sole voting power

0

(8) Shared voting power

1,955,9241

(9) Sole dispositive power

0

(10) Shared dispositive power

1,955,9242

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

1,955,9243

(12) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (see instructions) ?

(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

8.44%4

(14) Type of reporting person (see instructions)

IC

(1) Names of reporting persons

Otima Investments Management S.A.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a) ? (b) ?

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)

AF

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Otima Investments Management Ltd. is incorporated in Uruguay

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

(7) Sole voting power

0

(8) Shared voting power

1,955,9245

(9) Sole dispositive power

0

(10) Shared dispositive power

1,955,9246

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

1,955,9247

(12) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (see instructions) ?

(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

8.44%8

(14) Type of reporting person (see instructions)

IA

(1) Names of reporting persons

Antonio Carlos de Freitas Valle

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a) ? (b) ?

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)

AF

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant

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to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Mr. Valle is a Brazilian citizen

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

(7) Sole voting power

0

(8) Shared voting power

1,955,9249

(9) Sole dispositive power

0

(10) Shared dispositive power

1,955,92410

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

1,955,92411

(12) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (see instructions) ?

(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

8.44%12

(14) Type of reporting person (see instructions)

IN

### Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the common stock (the "Common Stock") of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer").

The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 968 James Street, Syracuse, New York 13203.

### Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This statement is being filed by Highland Investment Fund, an open-ended limited liability multi-class company duly incorporated on July 17, 2002 under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "Fund"); Otima Investments Management S.A., the investment manager of the Fund (the "Investment Manager"); and Mr. Antonio Carlos de Freitas Valle, the sole director and shareholder of the Investment Manager ("Mr. Valle") (together referred to as the "Reporting Persons").

The Investment Manager, in its capacity as the Fund's investment manager, owns the totality of the non-participating voting shares issued by the Fund. Mr. Valle is the sole director and shareholder of the Investment Manager.

(b) The principal executive offices of the Fund are located at 227 Elgin Avenue, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, P.O. Box 852 GT.

The principal executive offices of the Investment Manager are located at Avda. 18 de Julio No. 975 -C.P. 11.100, Montevideo, Uruguay

The principal executive offices of Mr. Valle are located at Avenida Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 2277, Conjunto 1603, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil, CEP 01452-000

(c) The Fund is registered with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority under Section 4(3) of the Mutual Funds Law (Revised) of the Cayman Islands and seeks to achieve capital appreciation by investing on a global basis through a diversified portfolio of investments.

The Investment Manager's principal business is to provide investment management services to investment funds and other sophisticated clients.

Mr. Valle is the sole director and shareholder of the Investment Manager.

(d) Neither of the Reporting Persons has been, during the last five years, convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors)

(e) Neither of the Reporting Persons has been, during the last five years, a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment,

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decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The Fund is a Cayman Islands exempted company.

The Investment Manager is a Uruguayan company.

Mr. Valle is a Brazilian citizen.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The consideration for the purchase of the shares of the Common Stock reported herein

was derived from the Fund's own working capital. A total of approximately US\$10,777,141.24 was paid to acquire such shares.

### Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction

The Reporting Persons have acquired the shares of the Common Stock of the Issuer reported herein for investment purposes. The Reporting Persons evaluate the investment in the shares of the Common Stock on a continual basis. The Reporting Persons have no plans or proposals as of the date of this filing which, other than as expressly set forth below, relate to, or would result in, any of the actions enumerated in Item 4 of the instructions to Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons reserve the right to make contact with members of the Issuer's management, the members of the Issuer's Board of Directors, other significant shareholders and others regarding strategic alternatives that the Issuer could employ to increase shareholder value.

The Reporting Persons reserve the right to effect transactions that would change the number of shares they may be deemed to beneficially own.

The Reporting Persons further reserve the right to act in concert with any other shareholders of the Issuer, or other persons, for a common purpose should it determine to do so, and/or to recommend courses of action to the Issuer's management, the Issuer's Board of Directors, the Issuer's shareholders and others.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As of the date hereof, Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own 1,955,924 shares of the Common Stock. Such shares represent 8.44% of the outstanding Common Stock<sup>13</sup> as of the date of this statement.

The Investment Manager is the investment manager and the sole holder of the non-participating voting shares of the Fund and, accordingly, the Investment Manager has the power to cause the Fund to vote or to dispose of securities which that entity beneficially owns. Mr. Valle, as the sole director and shareholder of the Investment Manager, has the power to direct the voting or the disposition of the Shares. Therefore, for the purposes of Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Act

and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over a total of 1,955,924 Shares.

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Sections 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13D.

(b) As for the Fund, the number of shares of the Common Stock as to which it has:

(i) Sole voting power: 0

(ii) Shared voting power with the Investment Manager and Mr. Valle: 1,955,924

(iii) Sole dispositive power: 0

(iv) Shared dispositive power with the Investment Manager and Mr. Valle: 1,955,924

As for the Investment Manager, the number of shares of the Common Stock as to which it has:

(i) Sole voting power: 0

(ii) Shared voting power with the Fund and Mr. Valle: 1,955,924

(iii) Sole dispositive power: 0

(iv) Shared dispositive power with the Fund and Mr. Valle: 1,955,924

As for Mr. Valle, the number of shares of the Common Stock as to which he has:

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- (i) Sole voting power: 0
- (ii) Shared voting power with the Fund and the Investment Manager: 1,955,924
- (iii) Sole dispositive power: 0
- (iv) Shared dispositive power with the Fund and the Investment Manager: 1,955,924

(c) The following table sets forth all transactions with respect to the Common Stock of the Issuer effected during the past sixty (60) days by the Fund. All such transactions were effected in the open market.

Equity	Date	Fund	Trade Amount	Trade Price
TAST	05/18/2012	HIGHLAND	25.633	5.29
TAST	05/21/2012	HIGHLAND	43.072	5.23
TAST	05/22/2012	HIGHLAND	594.259	5.41
TAST	05/23/2012	HIGHLAND	79.595	5.46
TAST	05/24/2012	HIGHLAND	54.383	5.45
TAST	05/25/2012	HIGHLAND	26.959	5.45
TAST	05/29/2012	HIGHLAND	300	5.54
TAST	05/30/2012	HIGHLAND	84.547	6.06

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05/31/2012

HIGHLAND

52.017

6.11

TAST

06/01/2012

HIGHLAND

188.820

5.92

TAST

06/04/2012

HIGHLAND

34.994

5.76

TAST

06/05/2012

HIGHLAND

303.300

5.13

TAST

06/06/2012

HIGHLAND

364.144

5.17

TAST

06/11/2012

HIGHLAND

70.059

5.51

TAST

06/12/2012

HIGHLAND

22.142

5.55

TAST

06/13/2012

HIGHLAND

11.700

5.55

(d) Not applicable

(e) Not applicable

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with  
Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Not applicable

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Not applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify  
that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 14, 2012

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Highland Investment Fund

By: Humberto de Paula Lima Isaac

Title: Attorney-in-fact

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Otima Investments Management S.A.  
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Title: Attorney-in-fact

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Antonio Carlos de Freitas Valle  
By: Humberto de Paula Lima Isaac  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

1 See Item 5(a) below

2 Idem

3 Idem

4 Idem

5 Idem

6 Idem

7 Idem

8 Idem

9 See Item 5(a)-(b) below

10 Idem

11 Idem

12 Idem

13 Based on 23,161,822 shares of the Common Stock, par value \$0,01 per share of the Issuer, outstanding as of May 8, 2012, in accordance with Form 10-Q (Quarterly Report) filed by the Issuer on 05/10/12 for the period ending 04/01/12, being such Form available at the Securities and Exchange Commission website

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