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

## SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. (Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

265504100 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2011 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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[] Rule 13d-1(b)
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CUSIP NO. 265504100 13**G** PAGE 2 OF 24 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Thomas H. Lee Equity Fund V, L.P. 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) " (b) " 3 SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware 5 **SOLE VOTING POWER** -0-NUMBER OF **SHARES** BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER OWNED BY 16,868,118 **EACH** REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER **PERSON** WITH -0-8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 16,868,118 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 16,868,118 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* o 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 14.0% 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

THL Equity Advisors V, LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*
  - (a) "
  - (b) "
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF -0-

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

**OWNED BY** 

EACH 22,154,595

REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**PERSON** 

WITH -0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

22,154,595

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

22,154,595

- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

18.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Putnam Investment Holdings, LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*
  - (a) "
  - (b) "
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF -0-

**SHARES** 

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH 350,540

REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**PERSON** 

WITH -0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

350,540

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

350,540

- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
  - Putnam Investments Employees' Securities Company I LLC
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*
  - (a) "
  - (b) "
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF -0-

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH 114,648

REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**PERSON** 

WITH -0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

114,648

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

114,648

- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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- NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
  - Putnam Investments Employees' Securities Company II LLC
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)