

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b><br><u>Hermann Charles</u><br><hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>520 ZANG ST, SUITE D</u><br><hr/> (Street)<br><u>BROOMFIELD CO 80021</u><br><hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b><br>03/05/2018 | <b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><u>NOODLES &amp; Co [ NDLS ]</u>   |  |
|   |  | <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b><br>Director <span style="float:right">10% Owner</span><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">Other (specify below)</span><br><p align="center"><u>Chief Brand Officer</u></p> | <b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b><br><br><b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <u>Class A Common Stock</u>     | 0   | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |

**Explanation of Responses:**

**Remarks:**

EXHIBIT LIST: EX-24 Power of Attorney Charles Hermann

/s/ Melissa Heidman, attorney in fact

03/05/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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Power of Attorney Charles Hermann

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY - SECURITIES LAW COMPLIANCE

The undersigned, being a person or entity subject to the reporting obligations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), due to or with respect to the undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Corporation. This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to make any filings with respect to the undersigned. This Limited Power of Attorney is executed as of the date set forth below.

/s/ Charles Hermann  
2/26/2018 Date