

Benedetti Alessandro
Form 4
September 07, 2011

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Benedetti Alessandro

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)

C/O EQUUS TOTAL RETURN,
INC., 8 GREENWAY PLAZA,
SUITE 930

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/02/2011

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

HOUSTON, TX 77046

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 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	09/02/2011		P		400,000	A	\$ 2.75
					1,362,962	(1)	
					(2)		
						I	See footnotes (1) (2)

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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benedetti Alessandro C/O EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. 8 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 930 HOUSTON, TX 77046	X		Executive Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Fraser Atkinson,
Attorney-In-Fact

09/07/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents 400,000 shares held directly by EB Finance S.A. The reporting person is a stockholder of EB Finance S.A. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Includes 962,962 shares held directly by Mobiquity Investments Limited ("Mobiquity"). Mobiquity, a Washington investment holding company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Versatile Systems Inc., a Canadian corporation ("Versatile"). The Reporting Person is a director and minority stockholder of Versatile. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares except to the extent, if any, of his pecuniary interest therein.

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