

BALLY TOTAL FITNESS HOLDING CORP

Form 4

December 19, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**HARBINGER CAPITAL
PARTNERS MASTER FUND I,
LTD.**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND
SERVICES LIMITED, THIRD FL,
BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S
HILL**

(Street)

DUBLIN, L2 00000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**BALLY TOTAL FITNESS
HOLDING CORP [BFTH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	12/14/2007		S		412,570	D	\$ 0.18
Common Stock	12/14/2007		S		0	D	\$ 0

By
Harbinger
Capital
Partners
Master
Fund I,
Ltd.

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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
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL DUBLIN, L2 00000		X		
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS OFFSHORE MANAGER, L.L.C. ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244		X		
HMC INVESTORS, L.L.C. ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244		X		
HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORP ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244		X		
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
HARBERT RAYMOND J ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH		X		

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244

LUCE MICHAEL D

ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244

X

Signatures

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr.	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr.	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

HMC Investors, L.L.C., By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr.	12/19/2007
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Harbert Management Corporation, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr.	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Philip Falcone	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Raymond J. Harbert	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Michael D. Luce	12/19/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.

These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("Harbinger Management"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing member ("HMC Investors"), Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the managing member of HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, a shareholder of HMC and the portfolio

(2) manager of the Master Fund, Raymond J. Harbert, a shareholder of HMC, and Michael D. Luce, a shareholder of HMC. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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