FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. 19	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
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					4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
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(City)		(Sta	ite) (2	Zip)																			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																						
1. Title of S	Security (Instr	. 3)		2. Trans Date (Month/I		Execution Date,			Code	Transaction Disposed Of (D) Code (Instr. 5)					and Securi		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	t of Indirect			
		Date (Mont							Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	е	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111341. 4)				
Class A Common Stock				10/17/2006		5			A		516		A \$0		307,610		D						
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																							
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ J. Christopher Clifton, Attorney-In-Fact

10/17/2006

** 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 4 (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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The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Jeffrey J. Zimmer, Robert E. Cauley and J. Christopher Clifton, or any one of them acting alone, as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him in his name and stead in any and all capacities, to sign and file for and on his behalf, in respect of any acquisition, disposition or other change in ownership of any shares of common or preferred stock of Opteum Inc. (the "Company"), the following:

(i) any Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities

(i) any Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(ii) any Statement of Changes of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 4 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(iii) any Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 5 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

(iv) any Notice of Proposed Sale of Securities on Form 144 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (v) any and all agreements, certificates, receipts, or other documents in connection therewith.

The undersigned hereby gives full power and authority to the attorney-in-fact to seek and obtain as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information.

The undersigned hereby grants unto such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters and hereby ratifies and confirms all that any such attorney-in-fact and agent or substitute may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (a) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (b) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney.

Date: September 20, 2006 /s/ Jason Kaplan Name: Jason Kaplan

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