

Meritage Homes CORP  
Form SC 13G  
November 05, 2012

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

Information  
Statement  
Pursuant to Rules  
13d-1 and 13d-2  
Under the  
Securities  
Exchange Act of  
1934  
**(Amendment  
No. )\***

Meritage  
Homes  
Corporation  
(Name of Issuer)

Common stock,  
par value \$0.01  
per share  
(Title of Class of  
Securities)

59001A102  
(CUSIP Number)

October 26,  
2012  
Date of Event  
Which Requires  
Filing of the  
Statement

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

**Citadel Advisors 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 SHARED VOTING POWER

6. OWNED BY  
EACH **2,027,496 shares**

REPORTING

PERSON            SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
7.  
WITH              0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.  
**See Row 6 above**

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.  
**5.7%<sup>1</sup>**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.  
**IA; OO; HC**

The percentages reported in this Schedule 13G are based upon 35,848,379 shares of common stock outstanding (comprised of (i) 35,590,401 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 30, 2012 (according to the Form 10-Q filed by the issuer on October 31, 2012) and (ii) 257,978 shares issuable upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by the Reporting Persons).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

**Citadel Holdings II LP**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2. (a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
**Delaware**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY SHARED VOTING POWER

6. OWNED BY  
EACH **2,027,496 shares**

REPORTING

PERSON            SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
7.  
WITH            **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.  
**See Row 6 above**

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
10.            CERTAIN SHARES

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.  
**5.7%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.  
**PN; HC**

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

**Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.**

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 SHARED VOTING POWER

6. OWNED BY  
EACH **2,041,896 shares**

REPORTING

PERSON            SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
7.  
WITH            **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above.**

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
9.  
**See Row 6 above.**

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
10.            CERTAIN SHARES

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
11.  
**5.7%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
12.  
**OO; HC**



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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

**Kenneth Griffin**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**U.S. Citizen**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY SHARED VOTING POWER

6. OWNED BY  
EACH **2,041,896 shares**

REPORTING

PERSON SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

WITH 0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.

**See Row 6 above**

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES

10.

CERTAIN SHARES

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

**5.7%**

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.

**IN; HC**

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Item  
1(a) Name of Issuer

Meritage Homes Corporation

Item  
1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

17851 North 85th Street, Suite 300, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255

Item  
2(a) Name of Person Filing

This Schedule 13G is being jointly filed by Citadel Advisors LLC ("Citadel Advisors"), Citadel Holdings II LP ("CH-II"), Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C. ("CIG-II") and Mr. Kenneth Griffin (collectively with Citadel Advisors, CH-II and CIG-II, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to shares of common stock (and options to purchase, and other securities convertible into, common stock) of the above-named issuer owned by Citadel Equity Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CEF"), Citadel Global Equities Master Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CG"), Surveyor Capital Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("SC"), certain segregated accounts and Citadel Securities LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Citadel Securities").

Citadel Advisors is the portfolio manager for CEF, CG and SC, and the investment manager for certain segregated accounts. CH-II is the managing member of Citadel Advisors. Citadel Holdings I LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("CH-I"), is the non-member manager of Citadel Securities. CIG-II is the general partner of CH-I and CH-II. Mr. Griffin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of, and owns a controlling interest in, CIG-II.

The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by the statement other than the securities actually owned by such person (if any).

Item  
2(b) Address of Principal Business Office

The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Citadel LLC, 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

Item  
2(c) Citizenship

Each of Citadel Advisors and CIG-II is organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware. CH-II is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Griffin is a U.S. citizen.

Item  
2(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common stock, \$0.01 par value

Item  
2(e) CUSIP Number

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Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) " Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;
- (b) " Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c) " Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d) " Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e) " An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) " A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) " A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) " A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) " Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Item 4 Ownership

##### A. Citadel Advisors LLC

- (a) Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own 2,027,496 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) The number of shares Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.7% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,027,496

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,027,496

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B. Citadel Holdings II LP

(a) CH-II may be deemed to beneficially own 2,027,496 shares of Common Stock.

(b) The number of shares CH-II may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.7% of the Common Stock outstanding.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,027,496

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,027,496

C. Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.

(a) CIG-II may be deemed to beneficially own 2,041,896 shares of Common Stock.

(b) The number of shares CIG-II may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.7% of the Common Stock outstanding.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,041,896

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,041,896

D. Kenneth Griffin

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(a) Mr. Griffin may be deemed to beneficially own 2,041,896 shares of Common Stock.

(b) The number of shares Mr. Griffin may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.7% of the Common Stock outstanding.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,041,896

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,041,896



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Item  
5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following .:

Item  
6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent

7 Holding Company  
See Item 2 above

Item  
8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item  
9 Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item  
10 Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

CITADEL ADVISORS LLC

By: Citadel Holdings II LP,  
its Managing Member

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL HOLDINGS II LP

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP II,  
L.L.C.

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

KENNETH GRIFFIN

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, attorney-in-fact\*

John C. Nagel is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously \* filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2006, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Limited Partnership on Schedule 13G for Morgans Hotel Group Co.

**EXHIBIT 99.1**

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13G filed herewith (and any amendments thereto), relating to the Common Stock of Meritage Homes Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is being filed jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on behalf of each of the undersigned.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and each of such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

CITADEL ADVISORS LLC

By: Citadel Holdings II LP,  
its Managing Member

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP II,  
L.L.C.

By: /s/ John C. Nagel  
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL HOLDINGS II LP

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,  
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