

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**December 16, 2003 (December 16, 2003)**  
(Date of Report (date of earliest event reported))

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**Cendant Corporation**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-10308**  
(Commission File No.)

**06-0918165**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**9 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, NY**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**10019**  
(Zip Code)

**(212) 413-1800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**None**  
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events**

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY INDICATED OR UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "CENDANT", "WE", "OUR", OR "US" MEANS CENDANT CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES.

On December 16, 2003, we announced that George Herrera, 46, former CEO and president, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) will join our board of directors on January 26, 2004 as an independent director. He will replace The Honorable William S. Cohen, chairman and chief executive officer of The Cohen Group, who will leave the board at that time to devote more attention to his growing consulting business. Mr. Herrera will also serve on the policy committee of the board of directors.

As the former head of USHCC, Mr. Herrera was responsible for communicating the interests of over 1.5 million Hispanic-owned businesses across the country to both the private and public sectors, and addressed the critical economic issues that impact Hispanic entrepreneurs.

Mr. Herrera is the creator of the national syndicated television show "Hispanics Today", which is seen by over 26 million viewers weekly. Hispanics Today showcases the accomplishments of Hispanics in business, politics, sports and entertainment.

In addition, Mr. Herrera was inducted as a fellow in the Wharton Society of Fellows. He is a member of the Secretary's Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce, appointed by Secretary of Labor, Elaine L. Chao. Mr. Herrera is also the chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Corporate America Task Force advisory committee.

Prior to joining the USHCC, Mr. Herrera served seventeen years as president of David J. Burgos & Associates, Inc., the largest Hispanic-owned management and financial consulting firm in America.

A copy of the press release announcing a change in our Board membership is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 7. Exhibits**

See Exhibit Index

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CENDANT CORPORATION**

By: /s/ ERIC BOCK

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Eric J. Bock  
Executive Vice President—Law  
and Corporate Secretary

Date: December 16, 2003

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**CENDANT CORPORATION  
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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99	Press Release issued by Cendant Corporation on December 16, 2003, announcing a change in Cendant's Board membership.

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**CENDANT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE HERRERA  
TO BOARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 2004**

Mr. Herrera to Replace The Honorable William S. Cohen

**NEW YORK, December 16, 2003**—Cendant Corporation (**NYSE: CD**) today announced that George Herrera, 46, former CEO and president, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) will join its board of directors on January 26, 2004 as an independent director. He will replace The Honorable William S. Cohen, chairman and chief executive officer of The Cohen Group, who will leave the board at that time to devote more attention to his growing consulting business. Mr. Herrera will also serve on the policy committee of the board of directors.

"We thank Secretary Cohen for his outstanding service as a director during the past three years, and we are delighted that George will be joining Cendant's board of directors," stated Cendant Chairman, CEO and President, Henry R. Silverman. "His independence as well as his outstanding background in economic development and minority business initiatives will make him a valuable addition to the Company's board and its policy committee," added Mr. Silverman.

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**About Cendant Corporation**

Cendant Corporation is primarily a provider of travel and residential real estate services. With approximately 90,000 employees, New York City-based Cendant provides these services to businesses and consumers in over 100 countries. More information about Cendant, its companies, brands and current SEC filings may be obtained by visiting the Company's Web site at <http://www.cendant.com> or by calling 877-4-INFOCD (877-446-3623).

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