

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HAYS THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC., 300
TOWER PARKWAY

(Street)

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/25/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	04/25/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	40,000 A \$ 38.69	91,352	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	04/25/2005		S	40,000 D \$ 87.35	51,352	I	By trusts held for the benefit of Mr. Hays and his spouse.
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125					9,907	I	By trusts for the benefit

Value \$3.125							of various family members.
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				4,066 ⁽²⁾	I		By Fortune Brands Retirement Savings Plan Trust.

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.69	04/25/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	40,000	02/23/1999	02/23/2008	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAYS THOMAS C FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. 300 TOWER PARKWAY LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069		X		

Signatures

Mark A. Roche, Attorney-in-fact for Thomas C. Hays
04/27/2005

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Reflects the exercise of options granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (2) The number of shares reported as held by the Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportional beneficial interest in the common stock held in the Trust as of April 25, 2005.

Remarks:

On April 25, 2005 Mr. Hays purchased and subsequently sold 40,000 shares of the issuer's common stock granted to him under

to have indirect beneficial ownership of 9,907 shares held in various trusts for the benefit of family members; however, he disc

Mr. Hays also owns options to purchase 220,500 shares of the issuer's common stock and holds 4,066 shares through his partici

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