FORTUNE BRANDS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
HAYS THOMAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/02/2004

_X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC., 300 **TOWER PARKWAY**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instit i)		
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)	12/02/2004		M(2)	5,300	A	\$ 38.69	5,300 (1)	D		
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)	12/02/2004		S	5,300	D	\$ 78.3	0	D		
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)	12/03/2004		M(2)	21,700	A	\$ 38.69	21,700 (1)	D		

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Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)	12/03/2004	S	21,700	D	\$ 78	0	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)						52,352 (1)	I	By trusts held for the benefit of Mr. Hays and his spouse.
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)						9,907 (1)	I	By trusts held for the benefit of various family members.
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 (1)						4,063 (1) (3)	I	By Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust.
Reminder: Rep	port on a separate line for each class of secur	rities bene	eficially ow	ned di	rectly or i	ndirectly.		
			Perso	ns w	ho respo	ond to the colle	ction of	SEC 1474

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.69	12/02/2004		M(2)		5,300 (1)	02/23/1999	02/23/2008	Common Stock	5,300 (1)
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.69	12/03/2004		M(2)		21,700 (1)	02/23/1999	02/23/2008	Common Stock	21,700 (1)

(9-02)

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

Russell W. Hahn, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas C. Hays

12/06/2004

**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) Attached to each share of common stock is one Preferred Share Purchase Right that is not presently transferable from the common stock.
- (2) Reflects the exercise of options granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (3) 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 December 2, 2004.

Remarks:

On December 3, 2004, Mr. Hays purchased and subsequently sold 21,700 shares of the issuer's common stock. After these traindirectly owns 52,352 shares of the issuer's common stock through the revocable trust described above. In addition, Mr. Hay indirect beneficial ownership of 9,907 shares held in various trusts for the benefit of family members; however, he disclaims be

ownership of these shares. Mr. Hays also owns options to purchase 260,500 shares of the issuer's common stock and holds 4,000 shares of the issuer's common stock and holds 4,

On December 2, 2004 and December 3, 2004, Mr. Hays performed cashless exercises of options granted issued to him under t

participation in the Fortune Brands Retirement Savings Plan.

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