

HAYS THOMAS C
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
04/26/2005

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)
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	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 of various family members.
					4,066 ⁽¹⁾	I	

Common
Stock, Par
Value
\$3.125

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 86.1	04/26/2005		A	2,500	03/26/2006 04/26/2015	Common	2,500

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

Angela M. Plan, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas C. Hays

04/28/2005

____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) 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 26, 2005.
- (2) Reflects a grant of an option under the issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan.

Remarks:

On April 26, 2005, Mr. Hays received a grant of 2,500 options to purchase the issuer's common stock under the issuer's 2002 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. As a result of this transaction, Mr. Hays owns options to purchase 223,000 shares of the issuer's common stock. Mr. Hays also indirectly owns 51,352 shares of the issuer's common stock and holds 4,066 shares through his participation in the issuer's 2002 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. In addition, Mr. Hays may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of 9,907 shares held in various trusts for the benefit of the undersigned. The undersigned is the beneficial owner of these shares.

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