HAYS THOMAS C Form 4 April 28, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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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		
(Last) (First) (M		(Middle)	FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
FORTUNE BRANDS, INC., 300 TOWER PARKWAY			(Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che		
LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Desirative Securities As	guined Disposed of an Daneficially Owner		

(City)	(State) (2	Table	: I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally 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. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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					(2)	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	

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Commont 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number prof 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	\$ 86.1	04/26/2005		A	2,500	03/26/2006	04/26/2015	Common	2,500

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Buy) (2)

Angela M. Plan, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas C. Hays 04/28/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 s

Mr. Hays also indirectly owns 51,352 shares of the issuer's common stock and holds 4,066 shares through his participation in

In addition, Mr. Hays may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of 9,907 shares held in various trusts for the benef

beneficial ownership of these shares.

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