

OMTVEDT CRAIG P

Form 4

February 05, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OMTVEDT CRAIG P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

520 LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	02/03/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	6,500 A \$ 0	68,740	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	02/03/2010		F ⁽²⁾	1,980 D \$ 43.1	66,760	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125					2,840 ⁽³⁾	I	By Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit (RSUs)	(4)	02/03/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		6,500	(5) (5)	Common 6,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OMTVEDT CRAIG P
520 LAKE COOK ROAD
DEERFIELD, IL 60015

Senior Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig P.
Omtvedt

02/05/2010

 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 accelerated vesting and payment of one-third of a restricted stock unit award made under the Company's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Reflects the withholding by the issuer of shares awarded to the undersigned having a fair market value equal to the withholding taxes payable by the undersigned at the time the award vested, such transaction being exempt under Rule 16b-3(e).

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- (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 February 3, 2010.
- (4) Each RSU converts to one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (5) Full payment of the award will be made in 2011 if Mr. Omtvedt remains employed with the Company through December 31, 2010.

Remarks:

Because the Company met certain performance goals in 2009 and Mr. Omtvedt is not subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal

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