

COUNTRYMAN GARY L
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FORM 4

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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 *
 COUNTRYMAN GARY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC
 [NMGA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP,
 INC., 1618 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2005

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

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 1,000 | D | |

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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 97.985 | 04/30/2005 | 04/30/2005 | A | 314,075 ⁽²⁾ | 04/30/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 04/30/2020 ⁽¹⁾ | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COUNTRYMAN GARY L THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, INC. 1618 MAIN STREET DALLAS, TX 75201 | X | | | |

Signatures

Gary L.
Countryman 05/03/2005
**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).
 Pursuant to The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, non-employee directors of The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. (the "Company") receive shares of Class A common stock equivalents as part of their directors' compensation ("Mandatory Deferred Units"), and are permitted to elect to receive shares of common stock equivalents in lieu of their cash compensation ("Elective Deferred Units"). The number and "price" of such units are determined quarterly and are calculated by dividing the amount of fees in each fiscal quarter by the average of the market price of the Company's Class A common stock during the last five trading days of such fiscal quarter. Settlement of these units is in cash.
- (1) Includes both Elective Deferred Units and Mandatory Deferred Units.
- (3) Includes shares acquired in unreported dividend reinvestment transactions.

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