ROCHE MARK A

Form 4 January 27, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROCHE MARK A

(First) (Middle)

300 TOWER PARKWAY

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) Sr. VP, General Counsel, Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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		Person

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow							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. Securities Accor(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	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)
C			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	01/25/2005		A <u>(1)</u>	15,750	A	\$ 81.72	59,325	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	01/25/2005		F(2)	6,214	D	\$ 81.72	53,111	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	01/25/2005		D(3)	9,536	D	\$ 81.72	43,575	D	

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Common
Stock, Par
Value
\$3.125

Stock, Par

5,488 (4)

I 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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROCHE MARK A 300 TOWER PARKWAY LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

Sr. VP, General Counsel, Secy.

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A.

Roche 01/27/2005

**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) Reflects the grant of a performance award to the undersigned under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).

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- 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).
- Under the terms of the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans, the undersigned elected to recive his award in cash and for reporting purposes is deemed to have transferred back to the issuer shares of the issuer's common stock in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(e).
- (4) 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 January 25, 2005.

Remarks:

Mr. Roche earned a performance award equivalent to 15,750 shares of the issuer's common stock for the performance period 2 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Payment of the performance award was approved on January 25, 2005. The issuer withheld 6,21 result of the award. Having significantly exceeded the Company's guidelines for executive stock ownership, Mr. Roche electe (equivalent to the value of 9,536 shares) in cash. These transactions did not change Mr. Roche's ownership of Company stock of the issuer's common stock and options to purchase 293,767 shares of common stock. Mr. Roche also holds 5,488 shares of

Brands Retirement Savings Plan.

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