

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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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 *
KLEIN CHRISTOPHER J

(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)
02/25/2008

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)
Sr. VP-Strategy & Corp. Dev.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				V	17,318	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)

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
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2008		A	13,200	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common	13,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLEIN CHRISTOPHER J 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015			Sr. VP-Strategy & Corp. Dev.	

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher J. Klein 02/27/2008

__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 restricted stock unit awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock under the issuer's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each restricted unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
Full Payment of the award will be made in the form of shares in 2011 if Mr. Klein remains employed with the Company through December 31, 2010 and if certain performance goals are met. However, a portion of the award (one-third) may be accelerated and paid in 2009 if certain performance goals are met in 2008. Likewise, a portion of the award (one-third) may be accelerated and paid in 2010 if certain performance goals are met in 2009.

Remarks:

On February 25, 2008, Mr. Klein was granted an award of 13,200 restricted stock units under the issuer's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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