

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO /DE/  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KESSLER JOHN W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO /DE/ [ANF]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/19/2008**

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

**THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, 220 MARKET SQUARE, SUITE 200**

(Street)

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

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

**NEW ALBANY, OH 43054**

(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	05/19/2008		M	3,800	A \$ 24.31	7,104	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008		M	4,000	A \$ 29.47	11,104	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008		S	1,000	D \$ 75.4	10,104	D

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Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	100	D	\$ 75.41	10,004	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	100	D	\$ 75.42	9,904	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 75.43	8,504	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	100	D	\$ 75.44	8,404	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 75.45	7,004	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	400	D	\$ 75.46	6,604	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	3,200	D	\$ 75.46	3,404	D
Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008	S	100	D	\$ 75.48	3,304	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. I Der Sec (In	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 29.47	05/19/2008	M	4,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/05/2011	Class A Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 24.31	05/19/2008	M	3,800	<u>(1)</u>	11/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	3,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KESSLER JOHN W THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY 220 MARKET SQUARE, SUITE 200 NEW ALBANY, OH 43054	X			

## Signatures

By: Robert J. Tannous,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/20/2008

\_\_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) Option vests 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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