

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 17, 2006 (January 13, 2006)**

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**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**300 Tower Parkway**  
**Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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847-484-4400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On January 13, 2006, Fortune Brands, Inc. issued a press release announcing the election of A.D. David Mackay to Fortune Brands Board of Directors. Mr. Mackay was elected as a Class I member of the Board of Directors and his term of office will expire at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Mackay and any other persons pursuant to which he was elected as a director. Fortune Brands has not yet named Mr. Mackay to any committee of the Board of Directors, but the company expects that it will name him to the Audit and Corporate Responsibility Committees. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)

99.1 Press Release of Fortune Brands, Inc. issued on January 13, 2006, filed herewith.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By           /s/ Mark A. Roche          

Name: Mark A. Roche  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: January 17, 2006

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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