

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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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 *
ROCHE MARK A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
520 LAKE COOK ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/24/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP General Counsel & Secy

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

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 | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 | | | | | 53,772 | D | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 | | | | | 5,750 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Fortune Brands, Inc. 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) | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 80.95 | 09/24/2007 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 40,000 | 09/24/2008 09/24/2014 | Common | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROCHE MARK A 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015 | | | Sr. VP General Counsel & Secy | |

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Roche
 Signature: _____ Date: 09/26/2007

**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) 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 September 24, 2007.
- (2) Reflects the grant of options, together with related limited rights and tax withholding features under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans. The options vest in three equal installments beginning September 24, 2008.

Remarks:

On September 24, 2007, Mr. Roche received a grant of options to purchase 40,000 shares of the issuer's common stock under t
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