

Wiertel Edward A
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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 *
Wiertel Edward 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)
02/22/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP & Corporate Controller

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				(A) or (D) Price	3,455	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 61.54	02/22/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	8,900	02/22/2012 02/02/2021	Common Stock	8,900
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/22/2011		A ⁽³⁾	3,300	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wiertel Edward A 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015			VP & Corporate Controller	

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Edward A. Wiertel
 Date: 02/24/2011

__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 options under the issuer's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 22, 2012.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (3) Reflects the grant of restricted stock unit awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (4) Full payment of the award will be made in the form of shares in 2014 if Mr. Wiertel (a) remains employed with the Company through January 31, 2014 and (b) complies with a non-compete in the event of retirement. Full payment of the award may be made earlier in the event of death or disability prior to January 31, 2014.

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Remarks:

On February 22, 2011, Mr. Wiertel received a grant of options to purchase 8,900 shares of the issuer's common stock and a gra

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