

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**MEIJER HENDRIK G**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA**  
  
(Street)  
  
**CINCINNATI, OH 45263**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]**  
  
3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/22/2005**  
  
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)  
  
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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/22/2005		A	592 A <u>(2)</u>	10,654.459	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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 42.22	03/22/2005		A	5,000	03/22/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/22/2015	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEIJER HENDRIK G 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263		X		

## Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact for Hendrik G. Meijer  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/24/2005  
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 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) Restricted stock granted pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp Incentive Compensation Plan subject to vesting on December 31, 2004.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Fifth Third Bancorp Incentive Compensation Plan. No consideration paid.
- (3) Indicates grant date. Stock appreciation rights are exercisable as follows: 25% one year from grant date, 50% two years from grant date, 75% three years from grant date, and 100% four years from grant date.

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