

CARBONARI BRUCE A
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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 *
CARBONARI BRUCE A

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

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2009

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)
Chairman and CEO

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, Par Value \$3.125				(A) or (D) Price	44,387	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				(A) or (D) Price	15,242 ⁽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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 53,500 ⁽³⁾	02/23/2009		A	53,500	⁽⁴⁾ / ⁽⁴⁾	Common	53,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARBONARI BRUCE A 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce A.
Carbonari

02/25/2009

__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 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 February 23, 2009.
- (2) Reflects the grant of restricted stock unit awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock under the issuer's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (4) Full Payment of the award will be made in the form of shares in 2012 if Mr. Carbonari (a) remains employed with the Company through December 31, 2011 and certain performance goals are met (b)complies with a non-compete in the event of retirement, or (c) in the event death or disability.

Remarks:

On February 23, 2009, Mr. Carbonari was granted an award of 53,500 restricted stock units under the issuer's 2007 Long-Term

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