

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
02/25/2008

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)  
President 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	37,109	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125				(A) or (D) Price	14,181 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 66.79	02/25/2008		A <sup>(2)</sup>	200,000	02/25/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2015	Common	200,000		

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce A. Carbonari  
Date: 02/27/2008

\*\*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 25, 2008.
- (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 annual installments beginning February 25, 2011.

### Remarks:

On February 25, 2008, Mr. Carbonari received a grant of options to purchase 200,000 shares of the issuer's common stock under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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