

Alberto-Culver CO  
 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**NICOLETTI RALPH J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 597 REGENCY DRIVE  
 (Street)

LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/10/2011

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)  
 Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	
Common Stock	05/10/2011		D		\$ 41,702	D	
					37.5		
					0		

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.825	05/10/2011		D	17,175	<u>(1)</u> 02/28/2017	Common Stock 17,175
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.995	05/10/2011		D	15,000	<u>(1)</u> 09/30/2017	Common Stock 15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.255	05/10/2011		D	29,700	<u>(1)</u> 09/30/2018	Common Stock 29,700
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.75	05/10/2011		D	34,350	<u>(1)</u> 11/30/2019	Common Stock 34,350

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICOLETTI RALPH J 597 REGENCY DRIVE LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047			Executive VP & Chief Fin. Off.	

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Ralph J. Nicoletti  
05/11/2011

\_\_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) This option is exercisable in full.

(2) The price of the derivative security is calculated by subtracting the exercise price of the derivative security in column 2 from \$37.50.

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