

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
Form SC 13D
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)***

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$3.125 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

349631101

(CUSIP Number)

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October 4, 2010

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 349631101

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) ☐

(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

OO (See Item 3)

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

☐

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF - 0 -

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

16,668,636

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

PERSON - 0 -

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

16,668,636

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

16,668,636

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

10.9%¹

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

IA

¹ This calculation is based on 152,358,261 shares of Common Stock, par value \$3.125 per share (Common Stock), of Fortune Brands, Inc. (the Issuer) outstanding as of July 31, 2010 as reported in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 (the 6/30/10 10-Q).

CUSIP No. 349631101

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

PS Management GP, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(a) ☐

(b) ☐

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF

-0-

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

16,668,636

EACH
REPORTING

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON -0-

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

16,668,636

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

10.9%²

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

OO

² This calculation is based on 152,358,261 Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2010 as reported in the 6/30/10 10-Q.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Pershing Square GP, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(a) ☐

(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF

-0-

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

981,463

EACH
REPORTING

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON -0-

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

981,463

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

981,463

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

0.6%³

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

IA

³ This calculation is based on 152,358,261 Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2010 as reported in the 6/30/10 10-Q.

CUSIP No. 349631101

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

William A. Ackman

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) ☐

(b) ☐

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

OO (See Item 3)

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

U.S.A.

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF

-0-

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

16,668,636

EACH
REPORTING

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON -0-

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

16,668,636

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

16,668,636

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

10.9%⁴

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

14

IN

⁴ This calculation is based on 152,358,261 Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2010 as reported in the 6/30/10 10-Q.

ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, par value \$3.125 per share (the Common Stock), of Fortune Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at: 520 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

As of October 8, 2010, the Reporting Persons (defined below) beneficially owned an aggregate of 16,668,636 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 10.9% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The Reporting Persons also have additional economic exposure to approximately 603,486 notional shares of Common Stock under certain cash-settled total return swaps (Swaps), bringing their total aggregate economic exposure to 17,272,122 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 11.3% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

(a), (f) This statement is being filed by:

(i) Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Pershing Square);

(ii) PS Management GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (PS Management);

(iii) Pershing Square GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Pershing Square GP); and

(iv) William A. Ackman, a citizen of the United States of America (together with Pershing Square, PS Management and Pershing Square GP , the Reporting Persons).

The Reporting Persons have entered into a joint filing agreement, date as of October 8, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

(b)

The address of the principal business and principal office of each of the Reporting Persons is 888 Seventh Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019.

(c)

Pershing Square s principal business is serving as investment advisor to certain affiliated funds.

PS Management s principal business is serving as the sole general partner of Pershing Square.

Pershing Square GP s principal business is serving as the sole general partner of Pershing Square, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (PS) and Pershing Square II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (PS II).

The principal occupation of William A. Ackman is serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Pershing Square and the managing member of each of PS Management and Pershing Square GP.

(d), (e)

During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons (i) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Pershing Square advises the accounts of PS, PS II, Pershing Square International, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (Pershing Square International), Pershing Square Holdco, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (PS Holdco), Pershing Square Holdco A, LLC (PS Holdco A), Pershing Square Holdco B, LLC (PS Holdco B) and Pershing Square Holdco C, LLC (PS Holdco C), together with PS, PS II, Pershing Square International, PS Holdco, PS Holdco C, and PS Holdco B, the Pershing Square Funds). Pershing Square purchased for the accounts of the Pershing Square Funds an aggregate of 16,668,636 shares of the Common Stock for total consideration (including brokerage commissions) of \$764,757,471 and 603,486 notional shares underlying Swaps. The source of funding for such transactions was derived from the respective capital of the Pershing Square Funds.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Reporting Persons believe that the Issuer's Common Stock is undervalued and is an attractive investment. The Reporting Persons expect to engage in discussions with management, the board, other stockholders of the Issuer and other relevant parties concerning the business, assets, capitalization, financial condition, operations, governance, management, strategy and future plans of the Issuer, which discussions may include proposing or considering one or more of the actions described in subsections (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons intend to review their investments in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors, including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and strategic direction, actions taken by the board, price levels of shares of the Common Stock, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, concentration of positions in the portfolios managed by the Reporting Persons, market conditions and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may take such actions with respect to their investments in the Issuer as they deem appropriate, including, without limitation, purchasing additional shares of the Common Stock or other financial instruments related to the Issuer or selling some or all of their beneficial or economic holdings, engaging in hedging or similar transactions with respect to the securities relating to the Issuer and/or otherwise changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a), (b)

Based upon the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010, there were 152,358,261 shares of the Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2010.

Based on the foregoing, the 16,668,636 shares of the Common Stock (the Subject Shares) beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons represent approximately 10.9% of the shares of the Common Stock issued and outstanding.

Pershing Square, as the investment adviser to the Pershing Square Funds, may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of (and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of) the Subject Shares. As the general partner of Pershing Square, PS Management may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or to direct the vote of (and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of) the Subject Shares. As the general partner of PS and PS II, Pershing Square GP may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or to direct the vote of (and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of) the 960,725 shares of the Common Stock held for the account of PS and the 20,738 shares of Common Stock held for the account of PS II. By virtue of William A. Ackman's position as the Chief Executive Officer of Pershing Square and managing member of each of PS Management and Pershing Square GP, William A. Ackman may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of (and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of) the Subject Shares and, therefore, William A. Ackman may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Subject Shares.

The Reporting Persons are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the Reporting Persons contained herein.

As of the date hereof, none of the Reporting Persons own any shares of the Common Stock other than the Subject Shares covered in this Statement.

(c)

Exhibit 99.2, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5(c) as if restated in full, describes all of the transactions in shares of Common Stock and Swaps that were effected in the past sixty days by the Reporting Persons for the benefit of the Pershing Square Funds. Except as set forth in Exhibit 99.2 attached hereto, within the last 60 days, no reportable transactions were effected by any Reporting Person.

(d)

No other person is known to the Reporting Persons to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of the Common Stock covered by this Schedule 13D, except that dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, the shares of the Common Stock held for the accounts managed by Pershing Square may be delivered to such accounts.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

The Subject Shares are beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons. Furthermore, certain of the Reporting Persons entered into Swaps for the benefit of Pershing Square International on October 7, 2010. Under the terms of the Swaps

(i) Pershing Square International will be obligated to pay to the counterparty any negative price performance of the 603,486 notional number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Swap as of the expiration date of such Swap, plus interest at the rates set forth in the applicable contracts, and (ii) the counterparty will be obligated to pay to Pershing Square International any positive price performance of the 603,486 notional number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Swap as of the expiration date of the Swap. Any dividends received by the counterparty on such notional shares of Common Stock during the term of the Swaps will be paid to Pershing Square International. All balances will be cash settled at the expiration date of the Swaps. The Pershing Square Funds' counterparties for the Swaps and/or other previously purchased and exercised over-the-counter options included entities related to Société Générale and UBS.

The Swaps do not give the Reporting Persons or Pershing Square International direct or indirect voting, investment or dispositive control over any securities of the Issuer and do not require the counterparty thereto to acquire, hold, vote or dispose of any securities of the Issuer. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons disclaim any beneficial ownership of any shares of Common Stock that may be referenced in such contracts or shares of Common Stock or other securities or financial instruments that may be held from time to time by any counterparty to the contracts.

The Pershing Square Funds may, from time to time, enter into and dispose of cash-settled equity swap, option or other derivative transactions with one or more counterparties that are based upon the value of shares of the Common Stock, which transactions may be significant in amount. The profit, loss and/or return on such contracts may be wholly or partially dependent on the market value of the shares of the Common Stock.

Except for the matters described herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2010, among Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P., PS Management GP, LLC, Pershing Square GP and William A. Ackman.

Exhibit 99.2 Trading data.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: October 8, 2010

**PERSHING SQUARE CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT, L.P.**

By: PS Management GP, LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ William A. Ackman
William A. Ackman
Managing Member

PS MANAGEMENT GP, LLC

By: /s/ William A. Ackman
William A. Ackman
Managing Member

PERSHING SQUARE GP, LLC

By: /s/ William A. Ackman
William A. Ackman
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/s/ William A. Ackman
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