

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
Form 8-K
January 11, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 5, 2006

Fortune Brands, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-9076
(Commission File Number)

13-3295276
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway

Lincolnshire, IL 60069

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

847-484-4400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 5, 2006, Fortune Brands, Inc. (the Company) entered into an underwriting agreement with Barclays Capital Inc., Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and LaSalle Financial Services, Inc. on behalf of the several underwriters named therein in connection with the offer and sale of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5/8% Notes due 2011, \$950 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2016, and \$300 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2036 (the Notes) in an underwritten public offering. The underwriting agreement includes the terms and conditions for the Notes, indemnification and contribution obligations, and other terms and conditions customary in agreements of this type.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, certain of the underwriters and certain of their affiliates have provided and may in the future provide investment banking, financial and other services to the Company, for which the Company has paid, and intends to pay, customary fees. Affiliates of the underwriters are also lenders and, in certain cases, agents or arrangers under certain of the Company's outstanding credit facilities. In addition, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., one of the underwriters, serves as trustee under the Company's indenture.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- 1.1 Conformed copy of the underwriting agreement, dated January 5, 2006, between the Company and Barclays Capital Inc., Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and LaSalle Financial Services, Inc. on behalf of the several underwriters named therein in connection with the offer and sale of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5/8% Notes due 2011, \$950 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2016, and \$300 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2036.
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- 4.3 Form of Global Note for the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2016 in the amount of \$500 million.
- 4.4 Form of Global Note for the Company's 3/8% Notes due 2016 in the amount of \$450 million.
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.
(Registrant)

By /s/ MARK A. ROCHE

Name: Mark A. Roche
Title: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 11, 2006

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