

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 21, 2005 (April 21, 2005)**

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**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**300 Tower Parkway**  
**Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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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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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 21, 2005, Fortune Brands, Inc. ( Fortune Brands ) issued a press release announcing agreements, pursuant to which:

- (i) Fortune Brands subsidiaries will purchase from subsidiaries of Pernod Ricard SA ( Pernod Ricard ) certain spirits and wines brands and related assets and liabilities currently owned by Allied Domecq PLC ( Allied ) after Pernod Ricard completes its proposed acquisition of all the outstanding shares of Allied, as separately announced by Allied and Pernod Ricard; and
- (ii) Fortune Brands subsidiaries will purchase from Pernod Ricard subsidiaries its Larios brands and related assets and liabilities.

A copy of the press release is included herein as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 1.01 will be filed in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release of Fortune Brands dated April 21, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release of Fortune Brands dated April 21, 2005

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