

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(RULE 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED

PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND

AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 9)***

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

**Class A Common Stock,
par value \$.01 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

518439 10 4

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

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- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- ý Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 518439 10 4

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
William P. Lauder
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a)
 - (b)
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
United States of America
- | | | | |
|---|----|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 5. | | Sole Voting Power 4,060,944 |
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 6. | | Shared Voting Power 4,566,098 |
| | 7. | | Sole Dispositive Power 4,060,944 |
| | 8. | | Shared Dispositive Power 4,566,098 |
| | 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 8,627,042** SEE ITEM 4 | |
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
N/A
 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
6.1% ** SEE ITEM 4
 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IN

Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer
The name of the issuer is The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. (the Issuer).
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
The address of the Issuer's principal executive office is 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153.

Item 2.

- (a) - (c) This report is being filed by William P. Lauder with a business address of 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (the Reporting Person). The Reporting Person is a citizen of the United States of America.
- (d) - (e) This report covers the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the Class A Common Stock). The CUSIP number of the Class A Common Stock is 518439 10 4.

Item 3.

- If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**
- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
As of December 31, 2004, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 8,627,042 shares of Class A Common Stock as follows: (i) 1,168,240 shares of Class A Common Stock and 2,264,038 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Issuer (the Class B Common Stock), held directly by the Reporting Person; (ii) 368,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock held indirectly as a co-trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o the Reporting Person (the WPL GRAT Remainder Trust); (iii) 368,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock held indirectly as a co-trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder (the GML Remainder Trust); (iv) 628,666 shares of Class A Common Stock subject to exercisable stock options held by the Reporting Person.
- (b) Percent of class:
Each share of Class B Common Stock is convertible at the option of the holder into one share of Class A Common Stock and is automatically converted into one share of Class A Common Stock upon transfer to a person who is not a Permitted Transferee, as that term is defined in the Issuer's Certificate of Incorporation. Assuming conversion of all such shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person, the Reporting Person would beneficially own 8,627,042 shares of Class A Common Stock, which would constitute 6.1% of the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding.
Each share of Class A Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Issuer's stockholders and each share of Class B Common Stock entitles the holder to ten votes on each such matter, including the election of directors of the Issuer. Assuming no conversion of any of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, the 2,533,788 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 6,093,254 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person constitute 6.0% of the aggregate voting power of the Issuer.
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
The Reporting Person has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the (i) 1,168,240 shares of Class A Common Stock and 2,264,038 shares of Class B Common Stock held directly by the Reporting Person; and (ii) 628,666 shares of Class A Common Stock subject to exercisable employee stock options held by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person shares voting and dispositive power with Gary M. Lauder and Joel S. Ehrenkranz, as co-trustees of the WPL Remainder Trust and the GML Remainder Trust, with respect to the 368,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by each of such trusts.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following O.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Gary M. Lauder, as a co-trustee and beneficiary of the WPL Remainder Trust and the GML Remainder Trust, and Joel S. Ehrenkranz, as a co-trustee of the WPL Remainder Trust and the GML Remainder Trust, have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the 368,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by each of such trusts.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable.

Item 8.

Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The Reporting Person is a party to a Stockholders Agreement (the Stockholders Agreement), dated November 22, 1995, as amended, among the parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto. The stockholders who are parties to the Stockholders Agreement have agreed to vote in favor of the election of Leonard A. Lauder and Ronald S. Lauder and one designee of each as directors of the Issuer. The Reporting Person is the designee of Leonard A. Lauder. The Stockholders Agreement also contains certain limitations on the transfer of shares of Class A Common Stock. Each stockholder who is a party to the Stockholders Agreement has agreed to grant to the other parties a right of first offer to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock of the stockholder in the event the stockholder intends to sell to a person (or group of persons) who is not a Lauder Family Member, as defined therein, except in certain circumstances, such as sales in a widely distributed underwritten public offering or sales made in compliance with Rule 144.

Item 9.

Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10.

Certification

Not Applicable.

Signature

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.

February 11, 2005
Date

/s/ William P. Lauder
Signature

William P. Lauder
Name/Title

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit A List of Parties to the Stockholders Agreement

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List of Parties to the Stockholders Agreement

Leonard A. Lauder, (a) individually and (b) as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

Ronald S. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of The Descendents of Ronald S. Lauder 1966 Trust and (c) as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

William P. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder and (c) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder

Gary M. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder, (c) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder, (d) as custodian under the New York Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for the benefit of Danielle Lauder, (e) as custodian under the New York Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for the benefit of Rachel Lauder and (f) as Trustee of the Gary M. Lauder Revocable Trust u/a/d as of August 10, 2000, Gary M. Lauder, Settlor

LAL Family Partners L.P.

Joel S. Ehrenkranz, (a) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder and (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder

Richard D. Parsons, (a) as Trustee of the Trust f/b/o Aerin Lauder and Jane Lauder u/a/d December 15, 1976, created by Estée Lauder and Joseph H. Lauder, as Grantors, (b) as Trustee of the Trust f/b/o Aerin Lauder and Jane Lauder u/a/d December 15, 1976, created by Ronald S. Lauder, as Grantor, (c) as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2000 Revocable Trust u/a/d April 24, 2000, Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer, as Grantor and (d) as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2004 GRAT

Ira T. Wender, as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation

Signature

The Rockefeller Trust Company (Delaware) as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2004 GRAT