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FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period
ended March 31, 2002

Commission file number 1-9076

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

13-3295276

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois

60069-3640

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 484-4400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes (X) No ()

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$3.125 per share, at April 30, 2002 was 150,168,347 shares.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(In millions)

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(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
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Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 91.8	\$ 48.7
Accounts receivable, net	893.5	860.6
Inventories		
Bulk whiskey	185.9	180.8
Other raw materials, supplies and work in process	244.0	249.6
Finished products	366.5	426.2
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	796.4	856.6
Other current assets	194.2	203.7
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Total current assets	1,975.9	1,969.6
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,145.9	1,158.4
Intangibles resulting from business acquisitions, net	1,785.9	1,789.6
Other assets	373.2	383.3
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Total assets	\$5,280.9	\$5,300.9
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
	-----	-----
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Notes payable to banks	\$ 57.9	\$ 37.8
Current portion of long-term debt	1.2	1.4
Accounts payable	267.5	308.9
Accrued taxes	376.2	353.3
Accrued customer programs	95.6	132.5
Accrued salaries, wages and other compensation	75.8	100.2

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Accrued expenses and other liabilities	304.3	324.3
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Total current liabilities	1,178.5	1,258.4
Long-term debt	950.0	950.3
Deferred income	220.5	227.2
Postretirement and other liabilities	360.4	371.5
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Total liabilities	2,709.4	2,807.4
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Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	398.4	390.8
Stockholders' equity		
\$2.67 Convertible Preferred stock - redeemable at Company's option	8.3	8.6
Common stock, par value \$3.125 per share, 229.6 million shares issued	717.4	717.4
Paid-in capital	97.1	113.2
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(133.8)	(131.7)
Retained earnings	4,204.3	4,157.7
Treasury stock, at cost	(2,720.2)	(2,762.5)
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Total stockholders' equity	\$ 2,173.1	\$ 2,102.7
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 5,280.9	\$ 5,300.9
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	2002	2001
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Net sales	\$ 1,270.7	\$ 1,271.6
Cost of products sold	698.2	688.5
Excise taxes on spirits and wine	74.7	83.2
Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses	343.4	349.1
Amortization of intangibles	3.3	15.7
Restructuring charges	1.8	-
Interest and related expenses	16.8	31.8
Other income, net	(6.1)	(0.2)
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Income before income taxes and minority interests	138.6	103.5
Income taxes	50.7	40.5
Minority interests	3.9	1.5
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Net income	\$ 84.0	\$ 61.5
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Earnings per share		
Basic	\$.57	\$.40
	=====	=====
Diluted	\$.55	\$.39
	=====	=====
Dividends paid per share	\$.25	\$.24
	=====	=====
Average number of shares outstanding		
Basic	148.8	153.7
	=====	=====
Diluted	153.5	156.7
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	2002	2001
	-----	-----
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 84.0	\$ 61.5
Restructuring Charges	0.4	-
Depreciation and amortization	41.6	53.9
Deferred income taxes	13.3	3.4
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(32.6)	45.6
Decrease (increase) in inventories	59.3	(17.7)
Decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(130.3)	(166.1)
Increase in accrued taxes	24.0	40.5
Other operating activities, net	2.6	2.4
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Net cash provided from operating activities	62.3	23.5
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Investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(31.4)	(37.8)
Acquisition of certain spirits distribution rights	-	(6.5)
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant and equipment	1.1	1.9
Other investing activities, net	-	(0.6)

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Net cash used by investing activities	(30.3)	(43.0)
Financing activities		
Increase in short-term debt, net	20.1	87.4
Dividends paid to stockholders	(37.4)	(37.1)
Cash purchases of common stock for treasury	(52.1)	(7.8)
Proceeds received from exercise of stock options	80.6	6.2
Other financing activities, net	(0.5)	(0.3)
Net cash provided by financing activities	10.7	48.4
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash	0.4	(2.8)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	43.1	26.1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$ 48.7	\$ 20.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 91.8	\$ 47.0

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
 for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

(In millions)
 (Unaudited)

	\$2.67 Convertible Preferred Stock	Common stock	Paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Ret ear
Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ 9.2	\$717.4	\$125.9	\$ (79.6)	\$3,
Comprehensive income					
Net income	-	-	-	-	
Changes during the period	-	-	-	(23.7)	
Total comprehensive (loss) income	-	-	-	(23.7)	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	
Purchases	-	-	-	-	
Conversion of preferred stock and delivery of stock plan shares	(0.1)	-	(2.9)	-	
Balance at March 31, 2001	\$ 9.1	\$717.4	\$123.0	\$ (103.3)	\$3,
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ 8.6	\$717.4	\$113.2	\$ (131.7)	\$4,

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Comprehensive income					
Net income	-	-	-	-	-
Changes during the period	-	-	-	(2.1)	-
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Total Comprehensive (loss) income	-	-	-	(2.1)	-
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Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Conversion of preferred stock, delivery of stock plan shares and sale of stock in subsidiary	(0.3)	-	(16.1)	-	-
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Balance at March 31, 2002	\$ 8.3	\$717.4	\$ 97.1	\$ (133.8)	\$4,000.0
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Principles of Consolidation

The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2002, the related condensed consolidated statements of income for the three month periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related condensed consolidated statements of cash flows and stockholders' equity for the three month periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements have been included. Such adjustments included restructuring and other nonrecurring charges in 2002 and only normal recurring items 2001. Interim results may not be indicative of results for a full year.

The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes are presented as permitted by Form 10-Q and do not contain certain information included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and notes. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet was derived from the Company's audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. This Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in its 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

2. Accounting Changes

Goodwill and Purchased Intangible Assets

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("FAS Statement No. 142"). FAS Statement No. 142 requires goodwill to be tested for impairment on an annual basis and under certain circumstances, and written down when impaired, rather than amortized as previous standards required. In addition, FAS Statement No. 142 requires purchased intangible assets other than goodwill to be amortized over their useful lives unless these lives are determined to be indefinite. Certain

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of our tradenames have been assigned an indefinite life as it was deemed that these tradenames are currently anticipated to contribute cash flows to the Company indefinitely. Indefinite-lived intangible assets will not be amortized, but are required to be evaluated at each reporting period to determine whether the indefinite useful life is appropriate.

FAS Statement No. 142 is effective for all fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. In accordance with FAS Statement No. 142, of the total intangibles of \$1.8 billion, the Company ceased amortizing intangibles totaling \$1.4 billion, including \$1.1 billion of goodwill and \$0.3 billion of indefinite-lived tradenames, as of January 1, 2002.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Accounting Changes (Continued)

Goodwill and Purchased Intangible Assets (Continued)

In addition, other purchased intangible assets, primarily tradenames, are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. The remaining tradenames are amortized over their estimated useful lives, either 15 or 30 years. The gross carrying value and accumulated amortization of the Company's amortizable intangible assets were \$516.2 million and \$167.6 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2002. The Company's anticipated annual amortization is expected to be approximately \$13 million.

The following table presents the impact of FAS Statement No. 142 on net income and net income per share had the standard been in effect for the three months ended March 31, 2001:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2002 ----	March 31, 2001 ----
Net income - as reported	\$ 84.0	\$ 61.5
Adjustments:		
Amortization of goodwill	-	9.4
Amortization of tradenames	-	2.1
Income tax effect	-	(0.9)
	-----	-----
Net adjustments	-	10.6
	-----	-----
Net income - adjusted	\$ 84.0	72.1
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Basic net income per share - as reported	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.40
Basic net income per share - as adjusted	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.47
Diluted net income per share - as reported	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.39
Diluted net income per share - as adjusted	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.46

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FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Accounting Changes (Concluded)

Goodwill and Purchased Intangible Assets (Concluded)

As of March 31, 2002, no impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets has been recognized. There can be no assurances that future goodwill and other intangibles asset impairment tests will not result in a charge to earnings.

Net Sales

Net sales reflect the effect of a reclassification of certain expenses previously included in selling and general and administrative expenses as a reduction of net sales. These reclassifications, which reduced reported net sales by \$29.4 million for the three months ending March 31, 2001, were required by the Emerging Issues Task Force Issues No. 00-14 and No. 00-25. These reclassifications did not result in a change in the Company's operating company contribution, earnings or earnings per share in any of the periods affected.

3. Sale of Stock of Subsidiary

In January 2002, the Company completed the second of two transactions to sell shares in its wholly-owned office products subsidiary, ACCO World Corporation ("ACCO"). This offering resulted in an aggregate reduction of less than 2% of the Company's interest in ACCO. The Company treated the sale as an equity transaction in accordance with Company policy, recording the difference between the purchase price and the book value of the subsidiary's stock to "Paid-in-capital." As a result of the first of the two transactions, the Company recognized a net tax benefit of \$72.9 million in 2001. The two transactions resulted in a substantial tax loss carryforward that will be realized in the event that the Company has qualified taxable capital gains.

4. Joint Ventures

In May 2001, the Company's spirits and wine business completed transactions with Vin & Sprit AB of Sweden (V&S) creating a joint venture, named Future Brands LLC (the "LLC"), to distribute over an initial ten-year period both companies' spirits and wine brands in the United States. The Company's spirits and wine business has accounted for this joint venture using the equity method of accounting. V&S paid \$270 million to gain access to our spirits and wine business's U.S. distribution network and to acquire a 49% interest in the LLC,

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. Joint Ventures (Concluded)

and paid \$375 million to purchase a 10% equity interest in Jim Beam Brands Worldwide ("JBBW") in the form of convertible preferred stock. The shares of JBBW convertible preferred stock issued to V&S is convertible into 10% of the JBBW common stock and have voting power equivalent to a 10% interest in JBBW common stock. The preferred stock is entitled to a dividend equal to the greater of 10% of the dividend paid upon JBBW common stock or 3% of the preferred stock's face value (\$375 million) plus unpaid accrued

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dividends; no dividends may be paid on common stock unless all unpaid accrued JBBW preferred stock dividends have been paid. V&S also received a 3-year option to increase its equity stake in JBBW by up to an additional 9.9%. V&S may require the Company to purchase the JBBW preferred stock in whole or in part at any time after May 31, 2004, or upon a change in control of JBBW, Jim Beam Brands Co. ("JBB Co."), or certain other events. The Company has accounted for the \$270 million gain on the sale of 49% of the LLC as deferred income and the resulting tax on sale as a deferred income tax asset due to certain continuing obligations of JBB Co., including, but not limited to, making payments to suppliers, employees and other parties with which the LLC has contracts in the event of a default of the LLC. In June 2001, the Company began amortizing these amounts to other income on a straight-line basis over the initial term of the agreement.

5. Information on Business Segments

Net sales and operating company contribution are as follows:

	Net Sales		Operating Company Contribution	
	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2002	2001	2002	2001
	(In millions)			
Home products	\$ 520.6	\$ 461.6	\$ 70.3	\$ 61.5
Spirits and wine	234.7	277.5	58.4	58.8
Golf products	266.0	254.2	31.5	33.5
Office products	249.4	278.3	7.7	7.3
	\$1,270.7	\$1,271.6	\$ 167.9	\$ 161.1
	=====	=====	=====	=====

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5. Information on Business Segments (Concluded)

Operating company contribution is net sales less all costs and expenses other than restructuring and other nonrecurring charges, amortization of intangibles, corporate administrative expense, interest and related expenses, other (income) expenses, net, income taxes and minority interests.

A reconciliation of operating company contribution to consolidated income before income taxes and minority interests is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
	(In millions)	
Operating company contribution	\$167.9	\$161.1
Amortization of intangibles	3.3	15.7
Restructuring charges	1.8	-
Other nonrecurring charges	1.4	-

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Interest and related expenses	16.8	31.8
Non-operating expenses	6.0	10.1
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Income before income taxes and minority interests	\$138.6	\$103.5
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FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

6. Earnings Per Share

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for "Net income" is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
	-----	-----
	(In millions, except per share amounts)	
Net income	\$ 84.0	\$ 61.5
Less: Preferred stock dividends	0.2	0.2
	-----	-----
Income available to stockholders - basic	83.8	61.3
Convertible Preferred stock dividend requirements	0.2	0.2
	-----	-----
Income available to stockholders - diluted	\$ 84.0	\$ 61.5
	=====	=====
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic	148.8	153.7
Conversion of Convertible Preferred stock	1.8	1.8
Exercise of stock options	2.9	1.2
	-----	-----
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted	153.5	156.7
	=====	=====
Earnings per share		
Basic	\$.57	\$.40
	=====	=====
Diluted	\$.55	\$.39
	=====	=====

7. Restructuring and Other Nonrecurring Charges

RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER NONRECURRING CHARGES PROGRAM - 2001

In April 2001, the Company announced that as a result of its evaluation of strategic options for its office products business, it would immediately begin implementing a plan designed to improve both financial results and the long-term value of the business. The Company determined

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that it would not divest its office products business due to weakness in the overall economy and current conditions in the office products industry. In addition, in the fourth quarter of 2001, the home products business recorded restructuring and other

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7. Restructuring and Other Nonrecurring Charges (Continued)

nonrecurring charges for workforce reductions and rationalization of operations while the golf business recorded charges for capacity reductions in select technology platforms.

As a result of these actions, the Company recorded total pre-tax restructuring and other nonrecurring charges of \$3.2 million (\$2.2 million after tax), during the three months ended March 31, 2002, as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2002				

Nonrecurring				

Restructuring	Cost of	SG&A		
	Sales Charges	Charges	Total	

(In millions)				
Office products	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 3.2
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Total	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 3.2
	=====	=====	=====	=====

The charges principally related to employee termination costs, asset write-offs and costs associated with a consolidation of manufacturing facilities.

Reconciliation of the restructuring liability, as of March 31, 2002 is as follows:

	Balance at	2002	Cash	Non-Cash	Balance at
	12/31/01	Provision	Expenditures	Write-offs	3/31/02

(In millions)					
Rationalization of operations					
Employment termination costs (1)	\$17.1	\$ 1.4	\$ (5.8)	\$ -	\$12.7
Other	4.7	-	-	(2.9)	1.8
International distribution and lease agreements	5.2	-	-	-	5.2
Loss on disposal of assets	2.4	0.4	(0.6)	(0.4)	1.8
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	\$29.4	\$ 1.8	\$ (6.4)	\$ (3.3)	\$21.5
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(1) Of the 1,253 positions planned for elimination, 706 had been eliminated as of March 31, 2002.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7. Restructuring and Other Nonrecurring Charges (Concluded)

The Company expects that substantially all remaining payments will be made within the next twelve months.

RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER NONRECURRING CHARGES PROGRAM - 1999

The following table represents our reconciliation of the restructuring liability for the 1999 program, as of March 31, 2002, as follows:

	Balance at 12/31/01	Cash Expenditures	Adjustments to Income/ Non-Cash Write-offs	Balance at 3/31/02
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(In millions)			
Rationalization of operations				
Employment termination costs (1), (2)	\$ 2.8	\$(0.3)	\$(1.3)	\$ 1.2
International distribution and lease agreements (3)	0.5	(0.1)	(0.3)	0.1
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$ 3.3	\$(0.4)	\$(1.6)	\$ 1.3
	=====	=====	=====	=====

(1) Of the 2,306 positions planned for elimination, 2,284 had been eliminated as of March 31, 2002.

(2) \$1.0 million of the \$1.3 million classified as non-cash write-offs represents the reversal of certain employee termination costs was reflected as a reduction of restructuring charges recorded in 2001.

(3) The amount classified as non-cash write-offs represent the reversal of certain lease agreement costs to income.

The Company expects that the 1999 restructuring and other nonrecurring charges program will be either expended or adjusted by the end of the second quarter of 2002.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

8. Comprehensive Loss

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

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	Foreign currency adjustments	Minimum pension liability adjustment	Accumulated other comprehensive loss
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	(In millions)		
Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ (75.4)	\$ (4.2)	\$ (79.6)
Changes in three months	(23.7)	-	(23.7)
	-----	-----	-----
Balance at March 31, 2001	\$ (99.1)	\$ (4.2)	\$ (103.3)
	=====	=====	=====
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ (113.6)	\$ (18.1)	\$ (131.7)
Changes in three months	(2.0)	(0.1)	(2.1)
	-----	-----	-----
Balance at March 31, 2002	\$ (115.6)	\$ (18.2)	\$ (133.8)
	=====	=====	=====

Included in the foreign currency adjustments balance at March 31, 2002 is total deferred derivative gain of \$1.4 million.

9. Subsequent Event

On April 12, 2002, the Company announced that its home products business completed its acquisition of The Omega Group, a U.S. based manufacturer of kitchen and bath cabinets, for \$538 million, which includes the assumption of \$127 million in debt. The products included in the acquisition generated sales of \$325 million in 2001.

On a consolidated basis, the pro forma impact of The Omega Group on either net sales or operating company contribution is not expected to be significant as required by FAS Statement No. 141, "Business Combinations".

10. Pending Litigation

Tobacco Litigation and Indemnification

On December 22, 1994, the Company sold The American Tobacco Company subsidiary to Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of B.A.T Industries p.l.c. In connection with the sale, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and The American Tobacco Company ("the Indemnitors") agreed to indemnify the Company against claims including legal expenses arising from smoking and health and fire safe cigarette matters relating to the tobacco business of The American Tobacco Company.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

10. Pending Litigation (Concluded)

The Company is a defendant in numerous actions based upon allegations that human ailments have resulted from tobacco use.

Management believes that there are meritorious defenses to the pending actions, including the fact that the Company never made or sold tobacco, and these actions are being vigorously contested. However, it is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending litigation, and it is possible that some of these actions could be decided unfavorably. Management is unable to make a meaningful estimate of the amount or range

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of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome of the pending litigation. Management believes that the pending actions will not have a material adverse effect upon the results of operations, cash flows or financial condition of the Company as long as the Indemnitors continue to fulfill their obligations to indemnify the Company under the aforementioned indemnification agreement.

Other Litigation

In addition to the lawsuits described above, the Company and its subsidiaries are defendants in lawsuits associated with their business and operations. It is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending actions, but management believes that there are meritorious defenses to these actions and that these actions will not have a material adverse effect upon the results of operations, cash flows or financial condition of the Company. These actions are being vigorously contested.

11. Environmental

The Company is subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. The Company provides for expenses associated with environmental remediation obligations when such amounts are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Such accruals are adjusted as new information develops or circumstances change and are not discounted. While it is not possible to quantify with certainty the potential impact of actions regarding environmental matters, particularly remediation and other compliance efforts that the Company's subsidiaries may undertake in the future, in the opinion of management, compliance with the present environmental protection laws, before taking into account estimated recoveries from third parties, will not have a material adverse effect upon the results of operations, cash flows or financial condition of the Company.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Fortune Brands, Inc.:

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Fortune Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of March 31, 2002, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, cash flows and stockholders' equity for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2002 and March 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We previously audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the consolidated balance sheet as of

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December 31, 2001, and the related consolidated statements of income, cash flows and stockholders' equity for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated January 22, 2002, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2001, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chicago, Illinois 60606
April 17, 2002

Item 2.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 as Compared
to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2001

	Net Sales		Operating Company Contribution(1)	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
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	(In millions)			
Home products	\$ 520.6	\$ 461.6	\$ 70.3	\$ 61.5
Spirits and wine	234.7	277.5	58.4	58.8
Golf products	266.0	254.2	31.5	33.5
Office products	249.4	278.3	7.7	7.3
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	\$1,270.7	\$1,271.6	\$ 167.9	\$ 161.1
	=====	=====	=====	=====

(1) Operating company contribution is net sales less all costs and expenses other than restructuring and other nonrecurring charges, amortization of intangibles, corporate administrative expense, interest and related expenses, other (income) expenses, net, income taxes and minority interests.

CONSOLIDATED

Net sales were flat as compared to the prior year. While net sales were supported by strength in the home products business and the introduction of new products in the golf and home business, these benefits were offset by lower sales in the office products business and the sale of the U.K. private-label Scotch business in October 2001 as well as unfavorable foreign exchange (\$10 million). On a comparable basis to the prior year period, excluding the impact of revenues for the U.K. private-label Scotch business for the first quarter of

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2001 and the impact of excise taxes and foreign exchange, net sales increased \$50.7 million, or 4%.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

CONSOLIDATED (Continued)

Operating company contribution increased \$6.8 million, or 4%, due to lower operating expenses, strong demand in our home products business, cost savings achieved as a result of the establishment of the Future Brands LLC joint venture by the Company's spirits and wine business in June 2001, including \$0.8 million of profit for interim Absolut vodka revenues and expenses recorded on a net basis during January 2002 prior to the termination of the Vin & Sprit interim distribution agreement and other cost containment initiatives across all of our businesses partly offset by unfavorable foreign exchange (\$1.2 million). On a comparable basis, excluding the impact of the U.K. private-label Scotch business for the first quarter of 2001 and foreign exchange, operating company contribution increased \$12.2 million, or 8%.

For the three months ended March 31, 2002, we recorded pre-tax restructuring and other nonrecurring charges of \$3.2 million, \$2.2 million after-tax, or one cent per share. These charges related to the rationalization of operations in the office products business.

Interest and related expenses decreased \$15.0 million, or 47%. This decline primarily reflected the repayment of debt using proceeds received from Vin & Sprit and from the sale of the U.K. private-label Scotch business as well as lower interest rates.

The effective income tax rates for the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 were 36.5% and 39.1%, respectively. The lower effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2002 principally reflected lower goodwill amortization related to the adoption of FAS Statement No. 142.

Net income increased \$22.5 million, or 36.6%, to \$84.0 million, or 57 cents basic and 55 cents diluted per share, compared with net income of \$61.5 million, or 40 cents basic and 39 cents diluted per share, for the same three month period last year benefiting from lower interest expense and higher operating company contribution.

Income from operations before net charges, which represents income before the \$3.2 million (\$2.2 million after-tax) restructuring and other nonrecurring charges taken in the three month period ended March 31, 2002, and includes the eight cent benefit recognized as a result of the adoption of FAS Statement No. 142, was \$86.2 million, or 58 cents basic and 56 cents diluted per share, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2002.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

Home Products

Net sales increased \$59.0 million, or 13%. The increase in net sales was attributable to overall volume increases and higher average selling prices partly offset by higher rebates as well as unfavorable foreign exchange (\$2

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million). The overall volume increases were related to the introduction of new products coupled with line extensions and higher volume in certain existing product lines, primarily MasterBrand cabinets. Operating company contribution increased \$8.8 million, or 14% on the higher sales partly offset by higher operating expenses.

The continued consolidation of the customer base in the home products industry, for example among home centers and large homebuilders, and increased price competition will continue to present us and our competitors with pricing challenges. Customer consolidation will also present opportunities for the most efficient manufacturers and skilled marketers.

Spirits and Wine

Net sales decreased \$42.8 million, or 15%, principally on the sale of the U.K. private-label Scotch business in October 2001 as well as unfavorable foreign exchange (\$1 million) partially offset by higher average selling prices in the Jim Beam bourbon and DeKuyper product lines. On a comparable basis, excluding the revenues of the U.K. private-label Scotch business for the first quarter of 2001 and the impact of excise taxes and foreign exchange, net sales were flat compared to the prior year period.

Operating company contribution was flat versus the prior year period. On a comparable basis, excluding the impact of the U.K. private-label Scotch business for the first quarter of 2001 and foreign exchange, operating company contribution increased \$4.3 million, or 8%, principally attributable to the cost savings achieved as a result of the establishment of the Future Brands LLC joint venture in June 2001, including \$0.8 million of profit for interim Absolut vodka revenues and expenses recorded on a net basis during January 2002, and continuing growth of the higher margin premium and superpremium spirits and wine brands. With the establishment of Vin & Sprit's new U.S. subsidiary as the exclusive importer of Vin & Sprit's products revenues and expenses under the interim distribution agreement with Vin & Sprit were no longer recorded by our spirits and wine business as of February 1, 2002.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

Spirits and Wine (Concluded)

The Maxxium joint venture, the merger of Grand Metropolitan and Guinness to create Diageo in late 1997, and the more recent sale of the Seagram brands to Diageo and Pernod-Ricard, and the Jim Beam-Absolut U.S. distribution joint venture and the Brown-Forman and Bacardi U.S. partnership reflect the continued trend towards consolidation in the highly competitive spirits and wine business. The creation of Diageo and the breadth of its portfolio, as well as continued consolidation of the supplier, distributor and retailer tiers, may present pricing and service challenges for our subsidiaries and their competitors. It may also present opportunities, particularly for the most efficient and innovative competitors.

Golf Products

Net sales increased \$11.8 million, or 5%, on the introduction of new products and line extensions partly offset by lower volumes in certain existing product lines, unfavorable price mix as well as unfavorable foreign exchange (\$3 million). The higher overall volumes were led by increased sales of golf balls,

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golf clubs, golf gloves and outerwear. Operating company contribution decreased \$2.0 million, or 6%, due largely to higher marketing spending to support the business's new product initiatives.

Competitors whose products have significant brand awareness have introduced golf balls into their product offerings in the past three years and the golf ball industry has experienced increased price competition, partially as a result of such introductions. Largely as a result of the introduction of the Pro V1 and NXT, our golf ball business has recovered market share losses that occurred upon the entrance of new competitors. In 2002, our golf ball share has increased principally as a result of the improved availability of Pro V1 as well as the introduction of the new NXT Tour, Distance and Pinnacle golf balls. The ability of the Company's golf business to maintain and increase revenues will depend upon its innovation and marketing.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

Golf Products (Concluded)

The United States Golf Association (USGA) establishes standards for golf equipment used in the United States. On November 2, 1998, the USGA announced the immediate implementation of a new golf club performance rule that established a rebound velocity standard for driving clubs. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club (R&A) establishes standards for golf equipment used in competitive play outside the United States and Mexico. On September 21, 2000, the R&A issued a Notice to Manufacturers announcing its decision not to adopt the USGA's rebound velocity standard or any new rule or test protocol for driving clubs. The R&A's decision not to adopt the rule implemented by the USGA has resulted in conflicting conformance standards for driving clubs in the United States and the rest of the world. The USGA and R&A have recently proposed a compromise to resolve this conflict in performance standards. Although it is not possible at this time to determine the impact of this proposal if adopted, it may cause a significant disruption to the market for driving clubs by changing the current standards in the U.S. and by creating separate equipment standards for tournament and recreational play.

Each of the USGA and the R&A has announced its intention to propose new rules addressing the overall distance standard for golf balls, golf club head size and golf club shaft length. Until more details regarding such potential rule changes become available, we cannot determine whether they would have a material effect on our group's golf ball business and/or the golf ball industry. However, the new rules being considered could incorporate rules that would shorten the overall distance that golf balls are allowed to travel and that could hamper innovation in the design and manufacture of golf balls.

There has been considerable recent discussion in the golf trade press regarding the use of a standardized golf ball for professional tournament play and a separate set of rules for tournament play. The adoption of either concept by one of golf's ruling bodies, a professional tour or individual tournaments could materially impact our golf products business and the golf industry.

Although it is difficult to predict the impact of the rules discussed above if adopted, they could have a significant impact on our golf products business and/or the golf industry.

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FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Concluded)

Office Products

Net sales decreased \$28.9 million, or 10%. The lower sales resulted primarily from lower volumes in the United States and Europe, with major customers continuing to reduce inventories, as well as unfavorable foreign exchange (\$4 million). The lower sales were further impacted by industry-wide volume challenges in the United States, economic softness in Europe, our office products business's second largest market, and discontinued product lines in both markets. The decrease in net sales was partly offset by the introduction of new products.

Operating company contribution increased \$0.4 million, or 5%, reflecting the savings achieved as a result of the business's restructuring actions and the business's focus on its most profitable product categories.

The office products business is increasingly concentrated in a small number of major customers, principally office products superstores, large retailers, wholesalers and contract stationers. The continuing consolidation of customers is causing increased pricing pressures that negatively affect results. Pricing pressures were compounded by the ongoing efforts of several major customers to reduce inventory levels. These conditions continue to present challenges to our office products group and its competitors.

We decided, in April 2001, not to divest our office products business due to weakness in the overall economy particularly impacting the office products industry. We are currently repositioning and restructuring the business to improve both financial results and the long-term value of the business. Under this plan, our office products group is realigning and streamlining its worldwide operations, intensifying its focus on growing profitable core product categories, divesting or discontinuing non-strategic and low-return product categories and reducing overhead expenses and excess capacity. As a result of this plan, we recorded total pre-tax restructuring and other nonrecurring charges of \$3.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2002 to complete the first phase of our repositioning program. We are currently in the process of completing our plans for the final phase of our office products repositioning. The final phase will substantially downsize the business's manufacturing capacity and distribution infrastructure and we expect it will provide significant further cost savings and working capital improvements.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Concluded)

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net cash provided from operating activities of \$62.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002 compared with \$23.5 million for the same three-month period last year. The increase was primarily related to the higher net income and a reduction in inventory.

Net cash used by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2002 was \$30.3 million, compared with \$43.0 million in the same three-month period last year.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2002 was \$10.7 million, compared with \$48.4 million in the same three month period last year. During the three months ended March 31, 2002, purchases of our common stock amounted to \$52.1 million (1,131,000 shares repurchased) and

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proceeds received from the exercise of stock options (\$80.6 million) increased as options exercises were higher than in the same three-month period last year.

Total debt increased \$19.6 million during the three month period ended March 31, 2002. However, the ratio of total debt to total capital decreased to 28.2% at March 31, 2002 from 28.4% at December 31, 2001. As a result of the acquisition of The Omega Group in April 2002, the total amount of debt increased \$438 million, while the ratio of total debt to total capital increased to 35.8% at April 30, 2002.

We believe that our internally generated funds, together with access to global credit markets, are adequate to meet our capital needs.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains statements relating to future results. They are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We caution readers that these forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: changes in general economic conditions, foreign exchange rate fluctuations, changes in interest rates, competitive product and pricing pressures, trade consolidations, the impact of excise tax increases with respect to distilled spirits, regulatory developments, the uncertainties of litigation, changes in golf equipment regulatory standards, the impact of weather, particularly on the home products and golf brand groups, expenses and disruptions related to shifts in manufacturing to different locations and sources, challenges in the integration of acquisitions and joint ventures, as well as other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

(a) Smoking and Health Proceedings

Indemnification Agreement

On December 22, 1994, Registrant sold The American Tobacco Company ("ATCO") to Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation ("B&W"), at the time a wholly-owned subsidiary of B.A.T. Industries p.l.c. In connection with the sale, B&W and ATCO (collectively, the "Indemnitors") agreed to indemnify Registrant against claims including legal expenses arising from smoking and health and fire sale cigarette matters relating to the tobacco business of ATCO.

Individual Cases

As of May 1, 2001, there were approximately 76 smoking and health cases pending on behalf of individual plaintiffs in which Registrant has been named as one of the defendants, compared with approximately 76 such cases as of March 1, 2002, as reported by Registrant in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

Class Actions

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As of May 1, 2001, there were approximately 13 purported smoking and health class actions pending in which Registrant has been named as one of the defendants, compared with approximately 13 such cases on March 1, 2002, as reported by Registrant in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

Health Care Cost Recovery Actions

As of May 1, 2001, there were approximately two health care cost recovery actions pending in which Registrant had been name as one of the defendants, compared with approximately two such cases as of March 1, 2002, as reported by Registrant in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

List of Pending Cases

See Exhibit 99 to this Form 10-Q for a list of additional proceedings involving the smoking and health controversy in which Registrant has been named as a defendant and not previously reported.

List of Terminated Cases

See Exhibit 99 to this Form 10-Q for a list of smoking and health proceedings, in which Registrant has been named as a defendant, which have been terminated and have not previously been reported as such.

Conclusion

Management believes that there are meritorious defenses to the above-mentioned pending actions and these actions are being vigorously contested. However, it is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending litigation, and it is possible that some of these actions could be decided unfavorably. Management is unable to make a meaningful estimate of the amount or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome of the pending litigation. Management believes that the pending actions will not have a material adverse effect upon the results of operations, cash flows or financial condition of Registrant as long as the Indemnitors continue to fulfill their obligations to indemnify Registrant under the aforementioned indemnification agreement.

- (b) Reference is made to Note 9, "Pending Litigation", in the Notes to Condensed Consolidation Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

(a) Exhibits

- 12. Statement re computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges.
- 15. Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP dated May 15, 2002 re unaudited financial information.
- 99. List of Pending/Terminated Cases.

*Indicates that exhibit is a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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In lieu of filing certain instruments with respect to long-term debt of the kind described in Item 601(b)(4) of Regulation S-K, Registrant agrees to furnish a copy of such instruments to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated January 23, 2002, in respect of Registrant's press release dated January 23, 2002 announcing Registrant's financial results for the year-ended December 31, 2001 (Items 5 and 7(c)).

Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 6, 2002, in respect of Registrant's renewal of its stock repurchase program and Registrant's press release dated February 25, 2002 relating to the selection of Registrant's cabinets business as exclusive supplier for Home Depot's Thomasville brands of cabinets. (Items 5 and 7(c)).

Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 19, 2002, in respect of Registrant's press release dated March 19, 2002 announcing that management expected to report first quarter earnings per share that are above the top end of the current range of analysts' estimates, and in respect of Registrant's investor brochure dated March 19, 2002. (Items 5, 7(c) and 9).

SIGNATURE

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

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 15, 2002

By /s/ Nadine A. Heidrich

Nadine A. Heidrich
Vice President and Corporate
Controller

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