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

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102) Information Statement Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934(1)

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO. (Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities)

> 002896-20-7 (CUSIP Number)

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(1) 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).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

THE LIMITED, INC. 31-1029810

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>43,000,000      |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| OWNED** BY                          | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER                  |
| EACH                                | _ |                                      |
| PERSON<br>WITH                      | 1 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>43,000,000 |
|                                     |   | 10,000,000                           |
|                                     | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER             |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 43,000,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* Approximately 84%

- TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
  - \*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

# Item 1.

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- (a) Name of Issuer.
  - Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (the "Company")
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices.

Four Limited Parkway Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

### Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing.

The Limited, Inc. ("The Limited")

(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence.

The address of the principal business office of The Limited is Three Limited Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43230.

(c) Citizenship.

The Limited is a Delaware corporation.

(d) Title of Class of Securities.

The class of securities to which this statement relates is the Class A Common Stock of the Company. The Limited currently holds Class B Common Stock, which Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock.

(e) CUSIP Number.

002896-20-7.

- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
  - (a)  $|_{-}|$  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
  - (b)  $|_{-}|$  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
  - (c)  $|_{-}|$  Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
  - (d) |\_| Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act,
  - (e) |\_| Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940,
  - (f) |\_| Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
  - (g) |\_| Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7),
  - (h) |\_| Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).

## Inapplicable.

- Item 4. Ownership.
  - (a) Amount Beneficially Owned.

The Limited beneficially owns 43 million shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company. On October 1, 1996, the Company acquired the assets and liabilities of the business known as Abercrombie & Fitch Co. in exchange for 43 million shares of Class B Common Stock issued to The Limited, which Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock.

(b) Percent of Class.

Approximately 84%.

(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 43,000,000
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 43,000,00
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable.

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

Inapplicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Securities Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Inapplicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Inapplicable.

### 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.

Date: December 13, 1997

THE LIMITED, INC.

By: /s/ Sam Fried Name: Sam Fried Title: Vice President

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).