FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hersch Dennis S					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LIMITED BRANDS INC [ LTD ]							(	5. Rela Check X	tionship all appl Direct	icable)	ing Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 599 LEXINGTON AVESUITE 27A					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2012									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) NEW YC			10022 (Zip)	4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							5. Indiv ine) X	′					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
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Phantom Stock	(1)	10/29/2012		A		420		(2)		(2)	Common Stock, \$0.50 par value	420	\$(	0.000	50,834 <sup>(3</sup>	3)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This award converts to common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- $2. \ The \ shares \ of \ phantom \ stock \ become \ payable \ upon \ the \ reporting \ person's \ termination \ of \ service \ as \ a \ director.$
- 3. Total holdings include shares acquired in exempt dividend reinvestment transactions.

Robert J. Tannous, Attorneyin-Fact

10/30/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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