FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HAILEY V ANN |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIMITED BRANDS INC [ LTD ] |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner |                                              |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |
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| HAILET VANN                                           |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         | 1                            |                                                                        |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    |                                                                                               | Dire                                         | ctor                                                                                                                     |                                                                   | 10% O                                                     | )wner                                               |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                               |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                       |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    | X                                                                                             | Offic<br>belov                               | er (give title<br>w)                                                                                                     |                                                                   | Other (specify below)                                     |                                                     |  |
| THREE LIMITED PARKWAY                                 |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         | 12/                          | 12/31/2004                                                             |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    |                                                                                               | EVP and CFO                                  |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |
| (Street)                                              |                                                                       |                                            | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |         |                              |                                                                        |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               | vidual o           | r Joint/Group                                                                                 | oup Filing (Check Applicable                 |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |
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| (City)                                                | (St                                                                   | rate) (                                    | Zip)                                                     |         |                              |                                                                        |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    |                                                                                               | Forn<br>Pers                                 | n filed by Mor<br>on                                                                                                     | re tha                                                            | an One Rep                                                | orting                                              |  |
|                                                       |                                                                       | Tabl                                       | e I - Nor                                                | n-Deriv | ative                        | Se                                                                     | curiti                                                      | es Ac | quire                       | d, D              | isp | osed o                                                        | f, o | r Ber         | nefic              | ially                                                                                         | Owne                                         | ed                                                                                                                       |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |
| Date                                                  |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         | saction<br>/Day/Year)        |                                                                        | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       | Cod                         | nsacti<br>de (Ins |     | 4. Securities Acquired (A<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,<br>5) |      |               |                    | or<br>and                                                                                     | Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned                    | cially<br>I Following                                                                                                    | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |                                                           | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|                                                       |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              |                                                                        |                                                             |       | Cod                         | de V              |     | Amount                                                        |      | (A) or<br>(D) | Pri                | се                                                                                            | Repor<br>Transa<br>(Instr.                   | ted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4)                                                                                             |                                                                   |                                                           | (Instr. 4)                                          |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value 12/31/                 |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              | 004                                                                    |                                                             |       | G                           |                   | V   | 350                                                           |      | D             |                    | \$ <mark>0</mark>                                                                             | 231,215                                      |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   | D                                                         |                                                     |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value 12/31/                 |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              | 004                                                                    |                                                             | G     |                             | V                 | 350 |                                                               | A    | ;             | \$ <mark>0</mark>  | 694                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                          | I                                                                 | Minor<br>Child                                            |                                                     |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value                        |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         |                              |                                                                        |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     |                                                               |      |               |                    |                                                                                               |                                              | 903                                                                                                                      |                                                                   | I                                                         | SARP                                                |  |
|                                                       |                                                                       | Та                                         | ıble II - [<br>)                                         |         |                              |                                                                        |                                                             |       |                             |                   |     | sed of,<br>nvertib                                            |      |               |                    |                                                                                               | wned                                         |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day        | Date,   | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |                                                                        | n of                                                        |       | 6. Date<br>Expira<br>(Monti | tion D            | ate |                                                               | or   |               | f<br>g<br>Instr. 3 | Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins                                                                            | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>estr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(<br>(Instr. 4) |                                                                   | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)               |  |
|                                                       |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |         | Code                         | v                                                                      | (A)                                                         | (D)   | Date<br>Exerci              |                   |     | xpiration<br>ate                                              |      |               | umber              | r                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                           |                                                     |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

By: Robert J. Tannous, Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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