FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* (Check all applicable) LIMITED BRANDS INC [ LTD ] SCHLESINGER LEONARD A X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify X 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 04/28/2005 Vice Chairman and COO THREE LIMITED PARKWAY 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) **COLUMBUS** OH 43230 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (qiZ) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 2. Transaction 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Transaction **Execution Date** Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially Owned Following (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr 8) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Price Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Option - Right to	\$21.88	04/28/2005		A		125,000		(1)	04/28/2015	Common Stock, \$0.50 par	125,000	\$0	125,000	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Option vests 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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

\*\* 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).
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