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# UNITED STATES

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-9076

# FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or other jurisdiction of

13-3295276 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

**520** Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)

60015-5611 (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 "

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). x Yes "No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer. Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company). Smaller reporting company.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant s common stock, par value \$3.125 per share, at July 31, 2010 was 152,358,261.

#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# **Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

# FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in millions)

	June 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2009
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 416.3	\$ 417.2
Accounts receivable, net	1,014.8	949.0
Inventories		
Maturing spirits	1,188.7	1,243.0
Other raw materials, supplies and work in process	319.4	322.7
Finished products	452.7	450.9
	1,960.8	2,016.6
Other current assets	471.8	488.9
Total current assets	3,863.7	3,871.7
Property, plant and equipment	3,068.8	3,059.6
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,662.3	1,591.7
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,406.5	1,467.9
Goodwill resulting from business acquisitions	3,545.4	3,576.5
Other intangible assets resulting from business acquisitions, net	3,002.5	3,188.4
Other assets	245.9	266.1
Total assets	\$ 12,064.0	\$ 12,370.6

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	June 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2009
Liabilities and equity	· ·	
Current liabilities		
Notes payable to banks	\$ 53.0	\$ 51.3
Current portion of long-term debt	594.3	
Accounts payable	466.1	468.5
Other current liabilities	824.0	943.8
Total current liabilities	1,937.4	1,463.6
Long-term debt	3,580.6	4,413.3
Deferred income taxes	677.5	642.9
Accrued pension and postretirement benefits	341.4	451.3
Other non-current liabilities	236.1	293.8
Total liabilities	6,773.0	7,264.9
Equity		
Fortune Brands stockholders equity		
\$2.67 Convertible Preferred stock redeemable at Company s option	5.0	5.2
Common stock, par value \$3.125 per share, 234.9 shares issued	734.0	734.0
Paid-in capital	789.5	755.6
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(377.9)	(211.8)
Retained earnings	7,373.6	7,135.4
Treasury stock, at cost	(3,248.9)	(3,326.0)
Total Fortune Brands stockholders equity	5,275.3	5,092.4
Noncontrolling interests	15.7	13.3
Total equity	5,291.0	5,105.7
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 12,064.0	\$ 12,370.6

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

# For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009

(in millions, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

		2010		2009
Net sales	\$ 3	3,524.0	\$ 3	3,179.7
Cost of products sold	1	,819.2	1	1,701.7
Excise taxes on spirits		254.4		224.7
Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses	1	,014.4		937.5
Amortization of intangible assets		16.7		16.7
Restructuring charges		0.9		45.7
Gain on sale of brands and related assets		(11.5)		
Operating income		429.9		253.4
Interest expense		108.7		105.9
Other (income) expense, net		(20.8)		14.1
Income before income taxes		342.0		133.4
Income taxes		38.2		23.9
Net income		303.8		109.5
Less: Noncontrolling interests		4.2		2.3
Net income attributable to Fortune Brands	\$	299.6	\$	107.2
Earnings per common share attributable to Fortune Brands common shareholders				
Basic	\$	1.97	\$	0.71
Diluted	\$	1.95	\$	0.71
Dividends paid per common share	\$	0.38	\$	0.63
Dividends pard per common share	Ψ	0.50	Ψ	0.03
Average number of common shares outstanding				
Basic		152.0		150.2
Dusic		132.0		130.2
Diluted		153.6		151.5

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

# For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009

(in millions, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

		2010		2009
Net sales	\$ 1	1,898.9	\$ 1	,740.8
Cost of products sold		979.3		914.8
Excise taxes on spirits		128.0		123.6
Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses		521.5		491.9
Amortization of intangible assets		8.3		8.4
Restructuring charges		(0.2)		9.2
Gain on sale of brands and related assets		(11.5)		
Operating income		273.5		192.9
Interest expense		53.5		53.4
Other (income) expense, net		(18.8)		9.6
Income before income taxes		238.8		129.9
Income taxes		9.4		29.3
Net income		229.4		100.6
Less: Noncontrolling interests		2.0		0.8
Net income attributable to Fortune Brands	\$	227.4	\$	99.8
Earnings per common share attributable to Fortune Brands common shareholders				
Basic	\$	1.49	\$	0.66
Diluted	\$	1.48	\$	0.66
Dividends paid per common share	\$	0.19	\$	0.19
Average number of common shares outstanding				
Basic		152.5		150.2
Diluted		154.1		151.6

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009

(in millions)

(Unaudited)

	2010	2009
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 303.8	\$ 109.5
Non-cash pre-tax expense (income):		
Restructuring charges	(0.3)	9.0
Depreciation	102.4	114.8
Amortization	18.1	18.0
Stock-based compensation	29.1	20.1
Deferred income taxes	37.2	(17.7)
Tax benefit from income tax audit settlements	(42.3)	
Gain on the sale of brands and related assets	(15.1)	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(121.6)	6.2
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(64.4)	61.5
Increase in accounts payable	8.7	24.1
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(148.1)	(129.3)
Increase (decrease) in accrued taxes	43.7	(1.3)
Other operating activities, net	50.0	17.1
Net cash provided by operating activities	201.2	232.0
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(68.9)	(57.9)
Proceeds from the disposition of assets	91.1	8.5
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(77.6)
Investments in affiliates		(41.7)
Return of investment in affiliates		37.6
Loans to affiliates	7.6	19.7
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	29.8	(111.4)
Financing activities		
Increase in short-term debt	7.5	4.4
Issuance of long-term debt		896.1
Repayment of long-term debt	(166.5)	(849.4)
Dividends to stockholders	(58.0)	(94.9)
Proceeds received from exercise of stock options	8.8	3.4
Tax benefit on exercise of stock options	1.7	0.3
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(1.8)	
Other financing, net	(6.9)	
Net cash used by financing activities	(215.2)	(40.1)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash	(16.7)	20.8

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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (0.9)	\$ 101.3
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$ 417.2	\$ 163.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 416.3	\$ 264.6

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

# For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009

(in millions, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

			ne Brands,	Inc. Stockhol	ders Equity				
	Convertible Preferred Stock		Paid-in Capital	AOCI	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock, At Cost	Non-con Inte	_	Total
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 5.5	\$ 734.0	\$716.4	\$ (478.4)	\$ 7,046.2	\$ (3,337.7)	\$	13.6	\$ 4,699.6
Comprehensive income									
Net income					107.2			2.3	109.5
Translation adjustments				183.3					183.3
Derivative instruments				(37.8)					(37.8)
Pension and postretirement benefit									
adjustments				22.5					22.5
Total comprehensive income				168.0	107.2			2.3	277.5
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests								(2.8)	(2.8)
Dividends (\$0.63 per Common share and									
\$1.335 per Preferred share)					(94.9)				(94.9)
Stock-based compensation			19.6		(0.9)	5.3			24.0
Tax benefit on exercise of stock options			0.3						0.3
Conversion of preferred stock (<0.1 shares)	(0.1)		(0.3)			0.4			
Balance at June 30, 2009	\$ 5.4	\$ 734.0	\$ 736.0	\$ (310.4)	\$ 7,057.6	\$ (3,332.0)	\$	13.1	\$ 4,903.7
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 5.2	\$ 734.0	\$ 755.6	\$ (211.8)	\$ 7,135.4	\$ (3,326.0)	\$	13.3	\$ 5,105.7
Comprehensive income									
Net income					299.6			4.2	303.8
Translation adjustments				(192.6)					(192.6)
Derivative instruments				11.9					11.9
Pension and postretirement benefit									
adjustments				14.6					14.6
Total comprehensive income				(166.1)	299.6			4.2	137.7
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests								(1.8)	(1.8)
Dividends (\$0.38 per Common share and \$1.335 per Preferred share)					(58.0)				(58.0)
Shares issued from treasury stock for benefit plans			6.4			61.4			67.8
Stock-based compensation			27.0		(3.4)	14.2			37.8
Tax benefit on exercise of stock options			1.8		(5.1)	1 1.2			1.8
Conversion of preferred stock (0.2 shares)	(0.2)		(1.3)			1.5			1.0
Balance at June 30, 2010	\$ 5.0	\$ 734.0	\$ 789.5	\$ (377.9)	\$7,373.6	\$ (3,248.9)	\$	15.7	\$ 5,291.0

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(1) Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

References to we, our, us, Fortune Brands and the Company refer to Fortune Brands, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries as a whole, unles context otherwise requires.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2010, the related condensed consolidated statements of income for the six-month and three-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 and the related condensed consolidated statements of cash flows and stockholders equity for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the financial statements have been included. 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 our annual consolidated financial statements and notes. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet was derived from the audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### 2. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

### Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) amended the existing authoritative guidance on variable interest entities (Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 810). This new authoritative guidance a) includes a new approach for determining when a variable interest entity (VIE) should be consolidated and b) changes when it is necessary to reassess who should consolidate a VIE. The new approach requires an enterprise to qualitatively assess the determination of the primary beneficiary (consolidator). The amendment is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after November 15, 2009 (calendar year 2010 for Fortune Brands). Adoption of this standard did not have an impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

# Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2009-13, Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force. This guidance allows entities to allocate consideration in multiple deliverable arrangements in a manner that reflects a transaction s economics. The guidance requires expanded disclosure. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (calendar year 2011 for Fortune Brands) and can be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. We do not believe that adoption of this standard will have a material impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 3. Acquisition

In April 2009, we paid 49.9 million (approximately \$66.2 million, net of cash acquired) to purchase 100% interests in seven subsidiaries of Maxxium Worldwide B.V. (Maxxium), our former international spirits sales and distribution joint venture, that were previously 50% owned equity investments. These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method in accordance with authoritative guidance on business combinations (ASC 805). In addition, we paid 30.9 million (approximately \$41.7 million) to acquire 50% ownership in five alliance joint venture entities with The Edrington Group (TEG), our Maxxium joint venture partner. These entities are accounted for under the equity method.

In June 2009, the Spirits business acquired the EFFEN super-premium vodka brand and related assets from Sazerac Company, Inc. In conjunction with this transaction, we sold the Old Taylor whiskey brand and assets to Sazerac Company, Inc. The acquisition has been included in our consolidated results from the date of acquisition. The acquisition was not material for the purposes of supplemental disclosure in accordance with authoritative guidance on business combinations (ASC 805). The acquisition and divestiture did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### 4. Disposition

In April 2010, we sold our Cobra golf product line to PUMA AG for \$88.9 million. The asset sale included the Cobra golf brand and related inventory, intellectual property and endorsement contracts. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$11.5 million (\$10.4 million after tax). We may receive additional consideration related to the achievement by Cobra of specific sales targets in 2010 or 2011. In 2009, Cobra net sales were approximately \$130 million.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 5. Goodwill and Other Identifiable Intangible Assets

We had goodwill of \$3,545.4 million as of June 30, 2010. The change in the net carrying amount of goodwill by segment was as follows:

(in millions)	Spirits	Home	and Security	Golf	Total goodwill
Balance at December 31, 2009	-		· ·		
Goodwill	\$ 2,112.0	\$	1,904.0	\$ 11.8	\$ 4,027.8
Accumulated impairment losses			(451.3)		(451.3)
Total goodwill, net	\$ 2,112.0	\$	1,452.7	\$ 11.8	\$ 3,576.5
Year-to-date activity					
Translation adjustments	(38.0)		0.7		(37.3)
Acquisition-related adjustments	7.4				7.4
Dispositions				(1.2)	(1.2)
Balance at June 30, 2010					
Goodwill	\$ 2,081.4	\$	1,904.7	\$ 10.6	\$ 3,996.7
Accumulated impairment losses			(451.3)		(451.3)
•					
Total goodwill, net	\$ 2,081.4	\$	1,453.4	\$ 10.6	\$ 3,545.4

We also had indefinite-lived intangible assets, principally tradenames, of \$2,481.5 million and \$2,623.1 million as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The decrease of \$141.6 million was due to changes in foreign currency translation adjustments (\$76.8 million) and the disposition of the Cobra golf product line (\$64.8 million).

Amortizable identifiable intangible assets, principally tradenames, are subject to amortization over their estimated useful life, 5 to 30 years, based on the assessment of a number of factors that may impact useful life. These factors include historical and tradename performance with respect to consumer name recognition, geographic market presence, market share, plans for ongoing tradename support and promotion, financial results and other relevant factors. The gross carrying value and accumulated amortization of amortizable intangible assets were \$900.4 million and \$379.4 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2010, compared to \$932.1 million and \$366.8 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2009. The gross carrying value decrease of \$31.7 million was primarily due to changes in foreign currency translation adjustments.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 5. Goodwill and Other Identifiable Intangible Assets (Continued)

The gross carrying value and accumulated amortization by class of intangible assets as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

		As o	f June 30, 2010	)	As	s of L	December 31, 2	009
(in millions)	Gross Carrying Amounts		cumulated ortization	Net Book Value	Gross Carrying Amounts		cumulated ortization	Net Book Value
Indefinite-lived tradenames	\$ 2,536.4	\$	$(54.9)^{(1)}$	\$ 2,481.5	\$ 2,695.1	\$	$(72.0)^{(1)}$	\$ 2,623.1
Amortizable intangible assets								
Tradenames	540.1		(182.2)	357.9	572.3		(179.8)	392.5
Customer and contractual relationships	274.5		(148.4)	126.1	274.0		(140.9)	133.1
Patents/proprietary technology	40.5		(32.1)	8.4	40.5		(31.0)	9.5
Licenses and other	45.3		(16.7)	28.6	45.3		(15.1)	30.2
Total	900.4		(379.4)	521.0	932.1		(366.8)	565.3
Total identifiable intangibles	\$ 3,436.8	\$	(434.3)	\$ 3,002.5	\$ 3,627.2	\$	(438.8)	\$ 3,188.4

<sup>(1)</sup> Accumulated amortization prior to the adoption of revised authoritative guidance on goodwill and other intangibles assets (ASC 350).

Indefinite-lived tradenames as of June 30, 2010 were comprised of \$1,815.9 million in the Spirits segment, \$663.7 million in the Home and Security segment and \$1.9 million in the Golf segment.

The Company cannot predict the occurrence of certain events that might adversely affect the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets. Such events may include, but are not limited to, the impact of the economic environment; a material negative change in relationships with significant customers; or strategic decisions made in response to economic and competitive conditions.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 6. Income Taxes

Our effective income tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were 11.2% and 17.9%, respectively. The effective tax rate in 2010 was favorably impacted by a \$42.0 million tax benefit related to final settlement of U.S. and Spanish federal income tax audits. The effective tax rate in 2010 was also favorably impacted by the tax-free treatment of indemnification income received in connection with the settlement of the Spanish income tax audit. The effective tax rate in 2010 was unfavorably impacted by a higher proportion of domestic income in 2010, which is taxed at a higher rate relative to foreign income. Our effective income tax rate in 2009 was favorably impacted by tax benefits from restructuring and other charges relative to the lower taxed income before these charges.

Our effective income tax rates for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were 3.9% and 22.6%, respectively. The effective tax rate in 2010 was favorably impacted by a \$42.0 million tax benefit related to final settlement of U.S. and Spanish federal income tax audits. The effective tax rate in 2010 was also favorably impacted by the tax-free treatment of the indemnification proceeds received in connection with the settlement of the Spanish income tax audit mentioned above. The 2010 effective tax rate was unfavorably impacted by a higher proportion of domestic income in 2010, which is taxed at a higher rate relative to foreign income.

During the second quarter of 2010, the Spanish tax authorities concluded their routine examination of our Spanish spirits companies, which included the spirits and wine brands as well as certain distribution assets acquired from Pernod Ricard S.A. (Pernod Ricard) in July 2005. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, Pernod Ricard indemnified the Company for pre-acquisition income tax contingencies and liabilities. The tax returns that were subject to examination included the 2004 through 2006 periods, and the majority of the audit assessment related to pre-acquisition issues. The Spanish tax authorities issued a net assessment of approximately \$29.3 million (\$22.9 million for tax and \$6.4 million for related interest and penalties), which was paid in July 2010. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, we negotiated and received a tax indemnification payment from Pernod Ricard related to the above assessment and recorded other (income) expense, net of \$25.6 million related to the finalization of the income tax indemnification on these matters.

Also during the second quarter of 2010, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) concluded its routine examination of the Company s 2006 and 2007 tax years.

As a result of the conclusion of the above-mentioned audit examinations, during the second quarter of 2010, we recorded approximately \$42.0 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits (net of current and deferred taxes) into net income.

It is reasonably possible that, within the next 12 months, total unrecognized tax benefits may decrease in the range of \$30 to \$40 million, primarily as a result of the conclusion of U.S. federal, state and foreign income tax proceedings.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 7. Information on Business Segments

Net sales and operating income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 by segment were as follows:

#### Six Months Ended June 30,

(in millions)	2010	2009	% Change vs. Prior Year
Net Sales	2010		7 (11)
Spirits	\$ 1,204.6	\$ 1,086.3	10.9%
Home and Security	1,576.5	1,380.6	14.2
Golf	742.9	712.8	4.2
Net Sales	\$ 3,524.0	\$ 3,179.7	10.8%
Operating Income (Loss)			
Spirits	\$ 261.1	\$ 268.9	(2.9)%
Home and Security	105.0	(18.9)	
Golf	109.8	52.6	108.7
Corporate expenses	(46.0)	(49.2)	6.5
Operating Income	\$ 429.9	\$ 253.4	69.7%

Net sales and operating income for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 by segment were as follows:

# Three Months Ended June 30,

(in millions)	2010	2009	% Change vs. Prior Year
Net Sales			
Spirits	\$ 631.5	\$ 600.0	5.3%
Home and Security	878.1	775.0	13.3
Golf	389.3	365.8	6.4
Net Sales	\$ 1,898.9	\$ 1,740.8	9.1%
Operating Income			
Spirits	\$ 146.0	\$ 140.3	4.1%
Home and Security	82.6	36.0	129.4
Golf	65.4	43.6	50.0
Corporate expenses	(20.5)	(27.0)	24.1
Operating Income	\$ 273.5	\$ 192.9	41.8%

# $NOTES\ TO\ CONDENSED\ CONSOLIDATED\ FINANCIAL\ STATEMENTS\ (Continued)$

# 8. Earnings Per Share

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share (EPS) is as follows:

(in millions, except for per share amounts)		hs Ended e 30,		nths Ended e 30,
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net income attributable to Fortune Brands	\$ 299.6	\$ 107.2	\$ 227.4	\$ 99.8
Less: Preferred stock dividends	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Income attributable to Fortune Brands common stockholders basic	299.4	107.0	227.3	99.7
Convertible Preferred stock dividends	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Income attributable to Fortune Brands common stockholders diluted	\$ 299.6	\$ 107.2	\$ 227.4	\$ 99.8
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding basic Conversion of Convertible Preferred stock Exercise of share-based awards	152.0 1.1 0.5	150.2 1.2 0.1	152.5 1.1 0.5	150.2 1.2 0.2
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding diluted	153.6	151.5	154.1	151.6
Antidilutive stock-based awards excluded from weighted average number of common shares outstanding for diluted EPS	16.4	14.3	17.1	14.0
Earnings per common share attributable to Fortune Brands common shareholders				
Basic	\$ 1.97	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.49	\$ 0.66
Diluted	\$ 1.95	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.48	\$ 0.66

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 9. Pension and Other Retiree Benefits

The components of net periodic benefit cost for pension and postretirement benefits for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	Pension	Benefits	Postretirement Bene			
(in millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009		
Service cost	\$ 14.7	\$ 13.7	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.2		
Interest cost	31.9	31.3	3.3	4.0		
Expected return on plan assets	(40.3)	(37.7)				
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	1.2	1.3	(2.0)	(0.5)		
Amortization of net losses (gains)	10.8	6.6	(0.3)	(0.7)		
Curtailment and settlement losses (gains)	0.2	8.3		(0.1)		
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 18.5	\$ 23.5	\$ 2.0	\$ 3.9		

Curtailment losses in 2009 related to the downsizing or closure of facilities in the Home and Security business. The settlement loss related to retirement of an executive officer.

The components of net periodic benefit cost for pension and postretirement benefits for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				
	Pension 1	Benefits	Postretiremo	ent Benefits	
(in millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Service cost	\$ 7.1	\$ 5.7	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.5	
Interest cost	15.8	15.5	1.5	1.6	
Expected return on plan assets	(20.0)	(18.7)			
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	0.6	0.7	(1.1)	(0.2)	
Amortization of net losses (gains)	5.2	2.9	(0.3)	(0.8)	
Curtailment and settlement losses (gains)	0.1	7.1		(0.1)	
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 8.8	\$ 13.2	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.0	

On February 3, 2010, we made a voluntary contribution to our U.S. defined benefit pension plans of 1.56 million shares of our common stock, previously held as treasury stock, with a fair value of \$67.9 million.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 10. Debt and Financing Arrangements

On February 3, 2010, we executed a \$750 million, 3-year committed revolving credit agreement to be used for general corporate purposes. As of June 30, 2010, this facility had no balance outstanding. This credit facility replaced our prior \$2.0 billion, 5-year committed revolving credit agreement. The interest rates under this credit facility are variable based on LIBOR at the time of the borrowing and the Company s long-term credit rating. The credit facility includes a minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio requirement of 3.0 to 1.0 through 2011 and 3.5 to 1.0 in 2012. The Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio is defined as the ratio of adjusted EBITDA to Consolidated Interest Expense. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as consolidated net income before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, as well as noncash restructuring and nonrecurring charges, losses from asset impairments, and gains or losses resulting from the sale of assets not in the ordinary course of business. Consolidated Interest Expense is as disclosed in the financial statements. The credit facility also includes a maximum debt to total capital ratio of 0.55 to 1.0. Total capital is defined as debt plus equity and deferred taxes less any future impairment charges. No other debt instruments include financial ratio covenants.

During the second quarter of 2010, we repurchased outstanding notes that mature on January 15, 2011 with a face value of \$159.4 million. A loss on the repurchase of \$4.4 million was recognized in other (income) expense, net.

#### 11. Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are either foreign exchange contracts recorded at fair value to hedge currency fluctuations for transactions denominated in foreign currencies, interest rate swaps or commodity swaps of forecasted commodity purchases. Deferred compensation programs assets and liabilities are for programs where select employees can defer compensation until death, disability or other termination of employment.

We do not enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Financial instruments are principally used to reduce the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and commodities used as raw materials in our products. The principal derivative financial instruments we enter into on a routine basis are foreign exchange contracts. In addition, from time to time, we enter into interest rate swaps and commodity swaps.

We have entered into fixed to floating interest rate swaps with an aggregate notional principal amount of \$900 million as of June 30, 2010. These swap agreements hedge changes in the fair value of a portion of our existing fixed rate debt that result from changes in a benchmark interest rate (U.S. LIBOR). The swap agreements were designated and classified as fair value hedges in accordance with the authoritative guidance on derivatives and hedging (ASC 815). The unrealized gain on interest rate swap contracts and the offsetting unrealized loss on the related debt was \$29.6 million and \$9.8 million in the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 11. Financial Instruments (Continued)

We enter into foreign exchange contracts primarily to hedge forecasted sales and purchases denominated in select foreign currencies, thereby limiting currency risk that would otherwise result from changes in exchange rates. The periods of the foreign exchange contracts correspond to the periods of the forecasted transactions, which generally do not exceed 12 to 15 months subsequent to the latest balance sheet date. We also enter into foreign exchange contracts to hedge our risk to changes in the fair value of recognized foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities and to hedge a portion of our net investments in certain foreign subsidiaries. The effective portions of cash flow hedges are reported in other comprehensive income (OCI) and are recognized in the statement of income when the hedged item affects earnings. The ineffective portion of all hedges is recognized in current period earnings. In addition, changes in fair value of all economic hedge transactions are immediately recognized in current period earnings. Our primary foreign currency hedge contracts pertain to the U.S. dollar, the Australian dollar, the Euro and the British pound sterling. The gross U.S. dollar equivalent notional amount of all foreign currency derivative hedges outstanding at June 30, 2010 was \$481.7 million.

We enter into commodity swap contracts to manage the price risk associated with forecasted purchase of materials used in our operations. We account for these commodity derivatives as economic hedges or cash flow hedges. Changes in the fair value of economic hedges are recorded directly into current period earnings. There were no material commodity swap contracts outstanding as of June 30, 2010.

The counterparties to derivative contracts are major financial institutions. We are subject to credit risk on these contracts equal to the fair value of these instruments. Management currently believes that the risk of incurring losses is unlikely and that the losses, if any, would be immaterial.

The fair values of derivative instruments on the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were:

		Fair	Valu Dec	e ember
(in millions)		June 30, 2010	2	31, 2009
Assets:				
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current assets	\$ 10.6	\$	6.6
Interest rate contracts	Other assets	37.7		12.3
Commodity contracts	Other current assets	0.3		1.0
	Total assets	\$ 48.6	\$	19.9
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current liabilities	\$ 8.0	\$	18.6
	Other non-current liabilities	0.4		
Interest rate contracts	Other non-current liabilities			3.6
Commodity contracts	Other current liabilities	0.3		
	Total liabilities	\$ 8.7	\$	22.2

# $NOTES\ TO\ CONDENSED\ CONSOLIDATED\ FINANCIAL\ STATEMENTS\ (Continued)$

### 11. Financial Instruments (Continued)

The effects of derivative financial instruments on the statement of income and OCI for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were:

(in millions)			Gain (Loss)		
	Recogn	nized in			
	O	CI			
	(Effective	e Portion)	Recognized i	in Income	
			Location of Gain (Loss)		
Type of hedge	2010	2009	Recognized in Income	2010	2009
Cash flow	\$ 3.3	\$ 7.0	Net sales	\$ (9.2)	\$ 9.2
			Cost of products sold	(1.4)	18.1
			Interest expense	(0.4)	(0.4)
Fair value			Cost of products sold		(0.2)
			Interest expense	10.0	0.9
			Other expense, net	(1.4)	(12.4)
Net investment	0.4	0.4	•		
Total	\$ 3.7	\$ 7.4		\$ (2.4)	\$ 15.2

The effects of derivative financial instruments on the statement of income and OCI for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were:

(in millions)			Gain (Loss)		
	Recogn	ized in			
	0	CI			
	(Effective	Portion)	Recognized in	n Income	
			Location of Gain (Loss)		
Type of hedge	2010	2009	Recognized in Income	2010	2009
Cash flow	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.9	Net sales	\$ (2.3)	\$ 2.8
			Cost of products sold		11.2
			Interest expense	(0.4)	(0.4)
Fair value			Cost of products sold		(0.2)
			Interest expense	5.0	0.9
			Other expense, net		(12.4)
Net investment		0.1			
Total	\$ 2.9	\$ 3.0		\$ 2.3	\$ 1.9

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 11. Financial Instruments (Continued)

In the six and three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges recognized in other (income) expense, net, was immaterial. The Company has designated certain foreign currency denominated nonderivative financial instruments as hedges of the currency exposure of net investments in foreign operations in accordance with authoritative guidance on foreign currency translation (ASC 830) and derivatives and hedging (ASC 815). The net unrealized gain for nonderivative financial instruments included in cumulative translation adjustment in accumulated other comprehensive income on the consolidated balance sheet in the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$64.2 million and \$14.3 million, respectively. The net unrealized gain (loss) for nonderivative financial instruments included in cumulative translation adjustment in accumulated other comprehensive income on the consolidated balance sheet in the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$40.2 million and \$(19.9) million, respectively.

#### 12. Fair Value Measurements

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

	Fair Value					
(in millions)	June 30, 2010		mber 31, 2009			
Assets						
Derivative financial instruments (Level 2)	\$ 48.6	\$	19.9			
Deferred compensation program assets (Level 1)	18.7		47.1			
Total assets	\$ 67.3	¢	67.0			
Liabilities	\$ 07.3	Ф	07.0			
Derivative financial instruments (Level 2)	\$ 8.7	\$	22.2			

Authoritative guidance on fair value measurement (ASC 820), establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. Level 1 inputs, the highest priority, are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs reflect other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are either observable directly or through corroboration with observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, due to little or no market activity for the asset or liability, such as internally-developed valuation models.

The fair value of the Company's long-term debt (including current portion) was determined from quoted market prices, where available, using current interest rates that consider credit ratings and the remaining terms to maturity. The fair value of long-term debt at June 30, 2010 was approximately \$4,362.3 million, compared to the aggregate carrying value of \$4,174.9 million. The fair value of long-term debt at December 31, 2009 was approximately \$4,433.0 million compared to the aggregate carrying value of \$4,413.3 million.

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### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 13. Guarantees and Commitments

We guarantee 50% of the credit facilities of Maxxium España S.L., in the amount of 9.5 million (approximately \$11.6 million), reflecting our ownership in the joint venture with TEG. The liability related to these guarantees was not material. Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Inc. (BGSW) and TEG also have provided an uncommitted multi-currency Shareholder Loan Facility for BGSW/TEG joint ventures, of which our share is 50%, or 15 million (approximately \$18.4 million).

We also guarantee various leases for ACCO World Corporation, the Office business divested in a spin-off in 2005. We continue to guarantee payment of certain real estate leases, with lease payments totaling approximately \$19.3 million, through April 2013. The liability related to this guarantee is not material.

#### 14. Restructuring and Other Charges

Pre-tax restructuring and other charges for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are shown below.

(in millions)	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 Other Charges <sup>(1)</sup>					
	Restructuring	Cost of		70.4 (2)		'otal
	Charges	Products Sold		G&A <sup>(2)</sup>		arges
Spirits	\$ (0.2)	\$ 1.6	\$	3.3	\$	4.7
Home and Security	0.7	1.2		(0.4)		1.5
Golf	0.4	(0.3)		0.1		0.2
(in millions)	\$ 0.9  Restructuring Charges	\$ 2.5  Six Months En Other C Cost of Products Sold	harges			6.4 Sotal
Spirits	\$ 4.3	\$ 0.6	\$	(1.3)	\$	3.6
Home and Security	16.0	22.7		1.0		39.7
Golf	21.7	1.5		1.0		24.2
Corporate	3.7					3.7

Other Charges represent charges directly related to restructuring initiatives that cannot be reported as restructuring under U.S. GAAP. Such costs may include losses on disposal of inventories, trade receivables allowances from exiting product lines and accelerated depreciation resulting from the closure of facilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Restructuring and Other Charges (Continued)

Pre-tax restructuring and other charges for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are shown below.

(in millions)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 Other Charges <sup>(1)</sup>					
	Restructuring Charges	Cost of Products Sold	ASG	&A (2)		otal arges
Spirits	\$ (0.9)	\$ 0.9	\$	1.0	\$	1.0
Home and Security	0.3	0.3		(0.4)		0.2
Golf	0.4	0.1				0.5
	\$ (0.2)	\$ 1.3	\$	0.6	\$	1.7
(in millions)	Restructuring Charges	Three Months I Other C Cost of Products Sold	Charges		Т	'otal arges
	Restructuring Charges \$ 3.6	Other C Cost of	Charges	(1)	Т	otal arges 0.9
(in millions)  Spirits Home and Security	Charges	Other C Cost of Products Sold	Charges ASG	(1) &A <sup>(2)</sup>	T Ch	arges
Spirits	Charges \$ 3.6	Other C Cost of Products Sold \$ 0.6	Charges ASG	(1) &A (2) (3.3)	T Ch	0.9 7.9
Spirits Home and Security	Charges \$ 3.6 4.1	Other ( Cost of Products Sold \$ 0.6 3.3	Charges ASG	(1) &A (2) (3.3) (0.5	T Ch	arges 0.9

Other Charges represent charges directly related to restructuring initiatives that cannot be reported as restructuring under U.S. GAAP. Such costs may include losses on disposal of inventories, trade receivables allowances from exiting product lines and accelerated depreciation resulting from the closure of facilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 14. Restructuring and Other Charges (Continued)

For the six and three months ended June 30, 2010, restructuring and other charges primarily related to previously announced projects in the Spirits and Home and Security businesses.

For the six and three months ended June 30, 2009, Spirits charges in 2009 related to our business repositioning, including strategic sales and distribution initiatives in the U.S. and international markets, and supply chain activities. The credit in the second quarter of 2009 for the Spirits business was due to changes in estimates related to business repositioning costs. Home and Security charges were primarily due to supply chain realignment, and capacity and cost reduction initiatives, including the announced closure of three U.S. manufacturing facilities, as well as workforce and shift reductions. Home and Security restructuring charges of \$16.0 million primarily consisted of \$9.9 million for workforce reductions, \$3.8 million for fixed assets write-downs, and \$2.3 million for lease contract termination and other costs. Home and Security restructuring-related charges primarily consisted of accelerated depreciation associated with facilities being closed. Golf restructuring charges of \$21.7 million were primarily due to a company-wide workforce reduction (\$20.3 million) and the closure of a shoe manufacturing facility (\$1.4 million). Golf restructuring-related charges were associated with disposing of inventory at a closed facility and other costs associated with the workforce reduction. The credit in the second quarter of 2009 for the Golf business reflected a change in estimate with regard to workforce reduction liabilities. Corporate charges related to costs incurred with the disposal of fixed assets.

### Reconciliation of Restructuring Liability

(in millions)	Dece	ember 31, 009	2010 ovision	Cash enditures	n-Cash langes	Ju	ance at ne 30, 2010
Workforce reductions	\$	36.7	\$ (0.3)	\$ (20.6)	\$ (0.2)	\$	15.6
Asset write-downs			(0.3)	0.6	(0.3)		
Contract termination costs		10.4	(0.2)	(0.4)	(1.3)		8.5
Other		1.3	1.7	(1.3)	(0.4)		1.3
	\$	48.4	\$ 0.9	\$ (21.7)	\$ (2.2)	\$	25.4
(in millions)	Dece	ance at ember 31, 008	2009 ovision	Cash enditures	n-Cash langes	Ju	ance at ne 30, 2009
Workforce reductions	\$	30.7	\$ 30.7	\$ (29.8)	\$ 0.4	\$	32.0
Asset write-downs			9.0		(9.0)		
Contract termination costs		7.3	3.6	(1.3)	0.8		10.4
Other		1.7	2.4	(3.6)	(0.1)		0.4

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### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 15. Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Total comprehensive income attributable to Fortune Brands for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 is shown below.

	Three Mon	nths Ended
(in millions)	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Net income attributable to Fortune Brands	\$ 227.4	\$ 99.8
Translation adjustments	(176.0)	293.9
Derivative instruments	1.8	(27.0)
Pension and postretirement benefit adjustments	12.1	20.9
Total comprehensive income	65.3	387.6
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2.0	0.8
Comprehensive income attributable to Fortune Brands	\$ 67.3	\$ 388.4

# 16. Pending Litigation Tobacco Litigation and Indemnification

On December 22, 1994, we sold The American Tobacco Company (ATCO) subsidiary 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, which subsequently merged into B&W, agreed, under an Indemnification Agreement (the Indemnification Agreement), to indemnify Fortune Brands, Inc. against claims including legal expenses arising from smoking and health and fire safe cigarette matters relating to the tobacco business of ATCO.

On July 30, 2004, B&W and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc. announced that they had completed the combination of their respective U.S. tobacco businesses, previously conducted by B&W (and ATCO) and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., by forming a new combined company known as R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. As a result of the combination and in accordance with the Indemnification Agreement, the new R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has assumed the indemnification obligations under the Indemnification Agreement relating to the U.S. business previously conducted by B&W (and ATCO). B&W has not been released from any of its obligations under the Indemnification Agreement. We refer to B&W and the new R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company as the Indemnitor under the Indemnification Agreement.

The Indemnitor has complied with the terms of the Indemnification Agreement since 1994 and we are not aware of any inability on the part of the Indemnitor to satisfy its indemnity obligations.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 16. Pending Litigation (Continued)

#### **Tobacco Litigation and Indemnification (Continued)**

The Company is a defendant in a number of actions based upon allegations that human ailments have resulted from tobacco use. It is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending litigation, and, as with any litigation, it is possible that some of these actions could be decided unfavorably. We are unable to make a meaningful estimate of the amount or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome of the pending litigation. However, we believe that there are a number of meritorious defenses to the pending actions, including the fact that the Company never made or sold tobacco, and these actions are being vigorously contested by the Indemnitor. We believe that the pending actions will not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition because we believe we have meritorious defenses and the Company is indemnified under the Indemnification Agreement.

### Other Litigation

#### The 2006 Callaway Litigation

On February 9, 2006, Callaway Golf Company (Callaway) filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against the Company s subsidiary Acushnet Company (Acushnet) in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Callaway alleged that Pro V1 golf balls then manufactured by Acushnet infringed four of Callaway s patents. At a December, 2007 trial, the validity of nine claims contained in the four patents was tried to a jury which returned a mixed verdict, finding one claim invalid and eight claims valid. On November 10, 2008, the trial court issued an order enjoining sales of all 2007 Pro V1 golf balls as of January 1, 2009. Acushnet appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

On August 14, 2009, the Court of Appeals overturned the judgment, vacated the injunction and sent the case back to the District Court. The Court of Appeals also found that the District Court erred in rejecting an Acushnet defense before the trial and that certain evidence supporting that defense may be available to Acushnet for the new trial.

On March 29, 2010, following the new trial, a jury found in favor of Acushnet on all counts. Specifically, the jury concluded that Acushnet was not liable because all of the patents asserted by Callaway were invalid both as obvious and anticipated by earlier patents. Following the trial, Callaway filed a motion asking the court to enter judgment as a matter of law in its favor or, alternatively, to grant a new trial on the validity of the Callaway patents. The court is currently considering this post-trial motion.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 16. Pending Litigation (Continued)

**Other Litigation (Continued)** 

### The 2009 Callaway Litigation

In late 2008, Acushnet introduced what it believes to be non-infringing Pro V1 balls. In February 2009, Acushnet introduced new improved versions of the Pro V1 balls, which it also believes are non-infringing. On March 3, 2009, Callaway filed another lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against Acushnet in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Callaway alleged that Acushnet s modified Pro V1 balls and Acushnet s new 2009 versions of the Pro V1 balls infringe two additional patents owned by Callaway. On March 3, 2009, Acushnet also filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against Callaway in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Acushnet alleged that Callaway s Tour i and Tour ix balls infringe nine of Acushnet s patents.

## Proceedings at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

In separate proceedings, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) issued final actions determining that all four of the patents asserted by Callaway in the 2006 Callaway Litigation are invalid. Callaway has filed appeals regarding all four of the patents with the Patent Board of Appeals. With regard to the patents asserted by Callaway in the 2009 Callaway Litigation, Acushnet also filed a request for reexamination with the PTO. The PTO has accepted the reexaminations and has issued office actions that reject all of the claims of both patents as invalid on multiple grounds.

We believe, and counsel advises, that Acushnet has meritorious defenses to all of the litigation brought by Callaway and both of these matters are being vigorously contested. It is not possible at this time to assess the likelihood of an adverse outcome or determine a reasonable estimate, or range of estimates, of potential damages. If decided unfavorably, however, the litigation could have a material adverse effect on the results of the Company s operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In addition to the lawsuits described above, the Company and its subsidiaries are defendants in lawsuits associated with the normal conduct of their businesses and operations. It is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending actions, and, as with any litigation, it is possible that some of these actions could be decided unfavorably. We believe that there are meritorious defenses to these actions and that these actions will not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition. These actions are being vigorously contested.

# $NOTES\ TO\ CONDENSED\ CONSOLIDATED\ FINANCIAL\ STATEMENTS\ (Concluded)$

#### 17. Environmental

We are subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. It is not possible to quantify with certainty the potential impact of actions relating to environmental matters, particularly remediation and other compliance efforts that our subsidiaries may undertake in the future. In our opinion, however, compliance with current environmental protection laws (before taking into account estimated recoveries from third parties) will not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

### 18. Subsequent Event

In July 2010, we committed to sell certain German spirits brands and related assets. We expect to record an after tax loss of \$10 to \$15 million when the sale is consummated, which we expect to occur in the third quarter of 2010.

#### Item 2.

#### FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

### **OVERVIEW**

Fortune Brands, Inc. (Fortune Brands) is a holding company with subsidiaries that make and sell leading consumer branded products worldwide in the following markets: distilled spirits, home and security, and golf products. We strive to enhance shareholder value in a variety of ways, including:

profitably building leading consumer brands to drive sales and earnings growth and enhance returns on a long-term basis,

positioning our brands and businesses to outperform their respective markets. We do this by:

- developing innovative new products and effective marketing programs,
- expanding customer relationships,
- extending brands into adjacent categories, and
- developing international growth opportunities,

pursuing business improvements by operating lean and flexible supply chains and business processes,

promoting organizational excellence by developing winning cultures and associates, and

leveraging our breadth and balance and financial resources to drive shareholder value.

While our first priority is internal growth, we also strive to create shareholder value through add-on acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures. In addition, we seek to enhance shareholder value through other initiatives, such as using our financial resources to pay dividends and repurchase shares, when deemed appropriate. Currently, we continue to focus on paying down debt.

For a description of certain factors that may have had, or may in the future have, a significant impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations, see Forward-Looking Statements.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 Compared To Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

		Net Sales	
			% Change
(in millions)	2010	2009	vs. Prior Year
Spirits	\$ 1,204.6	\$ 1,086.3	10.9%
Home and Security	1,576.5	1,380.6	14.2
Golf	742.9	712.8	4.2
Net Sales	\$ 3,524.0	\$ 3,179.7	10.9%
	Operating Income (Loss)		
		•	% Change
	2010	2009	,
Spirits		<b>2009</b> \$ 268.9	% Change
Spirits Home and Security	2010		% Change vs. Prior Year
•	<b>2010</b> \$ 261.1	\$ 268.9	% Change vs. Prior Year
Home and Security	2010 \$ 261.1 105.0	\$ 268.9 (18.9)	% Change vs. Prior Year (2.9)%
Home and Security Golf	2010 \$ 261.1 105.0 109.8	\$ 268.9 (18.9) 52.6	% Change vs. Prior Year (2.9)%

#### Net sales

Net sales increased \$344.3 million, or 11%, to \$3.5 billion, primarily due to higher sales in the Spirits and Home and Security segments. Net sales benefited from favorable foreign exchange (\$72 million) and the impact of acquisitions in the Spirits business on the first quarter (approximately \$37 million), including sales of third party brands and excise taxes within distribution businesses acquired from Maxxium Worldwide B.V. (Maxxium), our prior international spirits sales and distribution joint venture. In addition, net sales increased in the Home and Security business partly due to customer purchases in advance of the expiration of the U.S. homebuyer tax credit, and in the Spirits business partly due to the timing of customer orders in certain markets. We anticipate these factors will negatively impact revenues in the second half of 2010.

### Cost of products sold

Cost of products sold increased \$117.5 million, or 7%, primarily due to higher sales across all segments, partially offset by lower charges related to restructuring programs (\$22.3 million) and cost reduction programs, mainly in the Home and Security and Golf segments.

## Excise taxes on spirits

Excise taxes collected from customers are reflected in net sales, and the equal and corresponding payments to governments are reflected in expenses. Excise taxes are generally levied based on the alcohol content of spirits products and vary significantly by country. Excise taxes on spirits were up \$29.7 million, primarily due to the acquisition and consolidation of former Maxxium joint venture entities and higher U.S. sales volume.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

#### Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses

Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$76.9 million, or 8%, primarily due to increased sales, higher levels of advertising and promotion spending and increased selling and distribution costs associated with our Spirits business new international sales and distribution structures.

### Amortization of intangible assets

Amortization of intangible assets was flat year-over-year for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009.

#### Restructuring charges

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded restructuring charges of \$0.9 million related to previously announced projects in the Spirits and Home and Security businesses.

For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded restructuring charges of \$45.7 million. These charges related to workforce reductions in the Golf and Home and Security businesses, including closure of a shoe manufacturing facility and three Home and Security manufacturing facilities in the U.S., as well as reductions in general and administrative costs, and charges associated with strategic sales and distribution initiatives in our international spirits markets.

## Gain on sale of brands and related assets

In April 2010, we sold the Cobra golf product line to PUMA AG. The asset sale included the Cobra golf product line and related inventory, intellectual property and endorsement contracts. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$11.5 million.

## Operating income

Operating income increased \$176.5 million, or 70%, to \$429.9 million, primarily due to higher net sales in all segments, lower restructuring and other charges (\$64.8 million), favorable foreign currency (\$16 million), and reduced cost structures in the Home and Security and Golf businesses, as well as the gain on the sale of the Cobra golf product line. Operating income was unfavorably impacted by higher advertising and promotion spending and increased operating costs associated with our new international sales and distribution structures in the Spirits business.

### Interest expense

Interest expense increased \$2.8 million, or 3%, to \$108.7 million, primarily due to higher average interest rates and debt amortization expenses, partially offset by lower average borrowings.

## Other (income) expense, net

Other (income) expense, net, increased \$34.9 million to income of \$20.8 million, primarily due to tax indemnification income of \$25.6 million from Pernod Ricard S.A. (Pernod Ricard) in connection with a 2004-2006 Spanish income tax audit settlement. In addition, other (income) expense, net, benefited from lower losses from Spirits business joint ventures accounted for using the equity method (\$8.7 million). Other (income) expense, net, also includes non-operating income and expense, such as interest income, transaction gains/losses related to foreign currency-denominated transactions, and gains/losses on the early extinguishment of debt.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

#### Income taxes

Our effective income tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were 11.2% and 17.9%, respectively. The effective tax rate in 2010 was favorably impacted by a \$42.0 million tax benefit related to final settlement of U.S. and Spanish federal income tax audits. The effective tax rate in 2010 was also favorably impacted by the tax-free treatment of indemnification income received in connection with the settlement of the Spanish income tax audit. The effective tax rate in 2010 was unfavorably impacted by a higher proportion of domestic income in 2010, which is taxed at a higher rate relative to foreign income. Our effective income tax rate in 2009 was favorably impacted by tax benefits from restructuring and other charges relative to the lower taxed income before these charges.

During the second quarter of 2010, the Spanish tax authorities concluded their routine examination of our Spanish spirits companies, which included the spirits and wine brands as well as certain distribution assets acquired from Pernod Ricard in July 2005. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, Pernod Ricard indemnified the Company for pre-acquisition income tax contingencies and liabilities. The tax returns that were subject to examination included the 2004 through 2006 periods, and the majority of the audit assessment related to pre-acquisition issues. The Spanish tax authorities issued a net assessment of approximately \$29.3 million (\$22.9 million for tax and \$6.4 million for related interest and penalties), which was paid in July 2010. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, we received a tax indemnification payment from Pernod Ricard related to the above assessment and recorded other (income) expense, net of \$25.6 million related to the finalization of the income tax indemnification on these matters.

Also during the second quarter of 2010, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) concluded its routine examination of the Company s 2006 and 2007 tax years.

As a result of the resolution of the above-mentioned audit examinations, during the second quarter of 2010, we recorded approximately \$42.0 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits (net of current and deferred taxes) in net income.

#### Noncontrolling interests

Noncontrolling interest expense was \$4.2 million and \$2.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

# Income attributable to Fortune Brands common shareholders

Income from continuing operations was \$299.6 million, or \$1.97 per basic share and \$1.95 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2010. These results compared to \$107.2 million, or \$0.71 per basic and diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The \$192.4 million increase in income was primarily due to higher operating income, as well as the favorable resolution of U.S. and international tax audits (\$67.6 million).

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **Results of Operations By Segment**

#### **Spirits**

Net sales increased \$118.3 million, or 11%, to \$1,204.6 million. The net sales increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volumes in both the U.S. and certain international markets. Sales volume benefited from introduction of new products, increased demand in the spirits market, higher bulk spirits sales, and favorable foreign exchange (\$18 million). Sales also benefited from the timing of customer orders in the U.S. and select international markets. We expect this timing of orders will negatively impact revenues in the second half of 2010.

Operating income decreased \$7.8 million, or 3%, to \$261.1 million, primarily due to higher levels of advertising and promotional expense, and increased selling and distribution costs associated with our Spirits business new international sales and distribution structures. Operating income increases from higher sales volume were partially offset by price reductions as a result of increased price competition in select market categories.

We expect to incur additional restructuring and other charges of approximately \$10 to \$15 million over the next twelve to eighteen months related to our previously announced organizational repositioning and U.S. supply chain initiatives.

Based on exchange rates as of June 30, 2010, we expect the impact of adverse foreign exchange on operating income in the second half of 2010 to be approximately \$10 to \$15 million.

In July 2010, we committed to sell certain German spirits brands and related assets. We expect to record an after tax loss of \$10 to \$15 million when the sale is consummated, which we expect to occur in the third quarter of 2010.

Factors that could adversely affect future results in our Spirits business include consumers trading down to lower price points, competitive pricing activities, changes in customer inventory levels, potential impairment charges, future excise and other tax increases globally, regulatory enforcement trends, and reduction of government financial incentives related to our rum production.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

**Results of Operations By Segment (Continued)** 

#### **Home and Security**

Net sales increased \$195.9 million, or 14%, to \$1,576.5 million. The increase was primarily due to improved market conditions in the U.S. home products market compared to weak market conditions in the same period of 2009, favorable foreign exchange (\$28 million), expanding relationships with key customers, and new product introductions, including offerings at new price points, as well as year-over-year increased customer inventories in certain product categories. In addition, net sales benefited from consumer purchases in advance of the expiration of the U.S. homebuyer tax credit. We anticipate this timing of purchases will negatively impact the second half of 2010.

Operating income increased \$123.9 million to income of \$105.0 million, primarily due to higher sales and the benefit of favorable operating leverage on lower cost structures in all areas of the business. In addition, operating income benefited from lower restructuring and other charges (\$38.2 million) due to the completion of many of the 2009 projects that were undertaken to reduce manufacturing capacity and administrative cost structures.

We expect results in the second half of 2010 will be more challenging as the U.S. home products market responds to consumer caution and expiration of U.S. government stimulus programs. In addition, we expect our second half costs will be higher, particularly for raw materials and transportation, and that the benefit of major cost savings programs initiated in 2008 and 2009 will be annualized in the second half. We will continue to strive to mitigate the impact of these challenges through market share gain initiatives, successful extension of brands into new markets, expanding existing customer relationships, and ongoing productivity programs.

### **Golf**

Net sales increased \$30.1 million, or 4%, to \$742.9 million, primarily due to favorable foreign exchange (\$26 million) and higher international sales on a constant currency basis. Net sales were unfavorably impacted due to the April 2010 sale of the Cobra golf product line (approximately \$11 million).

Operating income increased \$57.2 million, or 109%, to \$109.8 million, primarily due to the absence of last year s restructuring and other charges of \$24.2 million, a gain on the sale of the Cobra golf product line of \$11.5 million, favorable foreign exchange, and the benefit of productivity initiatives.

While we expect golfers to remain cautious in their purchases of equipment in 2010, we expect the golf industry to benefit from favorable long-term demographic trends, including an aging U.S. population (rounds of play increase with age and retirement), and the increasing popularity of golf internationally.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

**Results of Operations By Segment (Continued)** 

#### **Golf (Continued)**

In April 2010, we sold our Cobra golf product line to PUMA AG for \$88.9 million. The asset sale included the Cobra golf brand and related inventory, intellectual property and endorsement contracts. In 2009, Cobra net sales were approximately \$130 million. In connection with a transition services agreement with PUMA AG, we expect to record revenues and distribute Cobra products in select international markets over the next six to nine months.

The United States Golf Association (USGA) and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club (R&A) establish standards for golf equipment used in the United States and outside the United States, respectively. In recent years, both the USGA and the R&A have enacted new rules further restricting the dimensions or performance of golf clubs and golf balls. In March 2005, the USGA and R&A requested that manufacturers participate in a golf ball research project by manufacturing and submitting balls that would conform to an overall distance standard that is 15 to 25 yards shorter than the current standard of 317 yards. More recently, they adopted a rule change to allow greater adjustability in golf clubs, which went into effect January 1, 2008. In August 2008, the USGA and R&A adopted a rule change, effective January 1, 2010, further restricting golf club grooves by reducing the groove volume and limiting the groove edge angle allowable on irons and wedges. This rule change will not apply to most golfers until January 1, 2024. It was implemented on professional tours beginning in 2010 and will be implemented in other elite amateur competitions beginning 2014. All products shipped into the marketplace after December 31, 2010 must comply with the new groove specification. Existing rules and any new rules could change the golf products industry s ability to innovate and deploy new technologies, as well as impact the competitive dynamic among industry participants, potentially impacting our Golf business.

# **Corporate**

Corporate expenses of \$46.0 million, which include salaries, benefits and expenses related to corporate office employees, decreased \$3.2 million, primarily due to the absence of pension settlement costs and expense associated with the disposition of fixed assets from 2009, partially offset by higher share-based compensation partly due to a low level of incentive compensation in 2009.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 Compared To Three Months Ended June 30, 2009

		Net Sales	
(in millions)	2010	2009	% Change vs. Prior Year
Spirits	\$ 631.5	\$ 600.0	5.3%
Home and Security	878.1	775.0	13.3
Golf	389.3	365.8	6.4
Net Sales	\$ 1,898.9	\$ 1,740.8	9.1%
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	2010	Operating Incom	ne % Change vs. Prior Year
Spirits	<b>2010</b> \$ 146.0		% Change
Spirits Home and Security		2009	% Change vs. Prior Year
	\$ 146.0	<b>2009</b> \$ 140.3	% Change vs. Prior Year 4.1%
Home and Security	\$ 146.0 82.6	2009 \$ 140.3 36.0	% Change vs. Prior Year 4.1% 129.4
Home and Security Golf	\$ 146.0 82.6 65.4	2009 \$ 140.3 36.0 43.6	% Change vs. Prior Year 4.1% 129.4 50.0

### Net sales

Net sales increased \$158.1 million, or 9%, to \$1.9 billion, primarily due to higher sales volumes in the Spirits and Home and Security segments. Net sales benefited from the introduction of new products, global expansion initiatives, and brand investment programs. In addition, net sales increased in the Home and Security business partly due to customer purchases in advance of the expiration of the U.S. homebuyer tax credit and in the Spirits business partly due to the timing of customer orders in certain markets. We anticipate these factors will negatively impact revenues in the second half of 2010.

### Cost of products sold

Cost of products sold increased \$64.5 million, or 7%, primarily due to higher sales across all segments, partially offset by cost reduction programs, mainly in the Home and Security and Golf segments.

# Excise taxes on spirits

Excise taxes collected from customers are reflected in net sales, and the equal and corresponding payments to governments are reflected in expenses. Excise taxes are generally levied based on the alcohol content of spirits products and vary significantly by country. Excise taxes on spirits increased approximately 4% on higher spirits sales.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

#### Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses

Advertising, selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$29.6 million, or 6%, primarily due to increased sales and higher levels of advertising and promotion spending.

### Amortization of intangible assets

Amortization of intangible assets was flat year-over-year for the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009.

#### Restructuring charges

For the three months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded restructuring income of \$0.2 million related to changes in estimates for previously announced projects in the Spirits and Home and Security businesses.

For the three months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded restructuring charges of \$9.2 million. These charges primarily related to previously announced supply-chain realignment, and capacity and cost reduction initiatives in the Home and Security business, as well as sales and distribution and supply chain initiatives in the Spirits business.

### Gain on sale of brands and related assets

In April 2010, we sold the Cobra golf product line to PUMA AG. The asset sale included the Cobra golf product line and related inventory, intellectual property and endorsement contracts. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$11.5 million.

### Operating income

Operating income increased \$80.6 million, or 42%, to \$273.5 million, primarily due to higher net sales in all segments, lower restructuring and other charges (\$9.3 million) and reduced cost structures in the Home and Security and Golf businesses, as well as the gain on the sale of the Cobra golf product line. Operating income was unfavorably impacted by higher advertising and promotion spending.

#### Interest expense

Interest expense was flat year-over-year for the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009.

### Other (income) expense, net

Other (income) expense, net, increased \$28.4 million to income of \$18.8 million, primarily due to tax indemnification income of \$25.6 million from Pernod Ricard in connection with a 2004-2006 Spanish income tax audit settlement. Other (income) expense, net, also includes non-operating income and expense, such as interest income, transaction gains/losses related to foreign currency-denominated transactions, and gains/losses on the early extinguishment of debt.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

#### Income taxes

Our effective income tax rates for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were 3.9% and 22.6%, respectively. The effective tax rate in 2010 was favorably impacted by a \$42.0 million tax benefit related to final settlement of U.S. and Spanish federal income tax audits. The effective tax rate in 2010 was also favorably impacted by the tax free treatment of the indemnification proceeds received in connection with the settlement of the Spanish income tax audit mentioned above. The 2010 effective tax rate was unfavorably impacted by a higher proportion of domestic income in 2010, which is taxed at a higher rate relative to foreign income.

During the second quarter of 2010, the Spanish tax authorities concluded their routine examination of our Spanish Spirits companies, which included the spirits and wine brands as well as certain distribution assets acquired from Pernod Ricard in July 2005. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, Pernod Ricard indemnified the Company for pre-acquisition income tax contingencies and liabilities. The tax returns that were subject to examination included the 2004 through 2006 periods, and the majority of the audit assessment related to pre-acquisition issues. The Spanish tax authorities issued a net assessment of approximately \$29.3 million (\$22.9 million for tax and \$6.4 million for related interest and penalties), which was paid in July 2010. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, we received a tax indemnification payment from Pernod Ricard related to the above assessment and recorded other (income) expense, net of \$25.6 million related to the finalization of the income tax indemnification on these matters.

Also during the second quarter of 2010, the IRS concluded its routine examination of the Company s 2006 and 2007 tax years.

As a result of the resolution of the above-mentioned audit examinations, during the second quarter of 2010, we recorded approximately \$42.0 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits (net of current and deferred taxes) in net income.

#### Noncontrolling interests

Noncontrolling interest expense was \$2.0 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

# Income attributable to Fortune Brands common shareholders

Income from continuing operations was \$227.4 million, or \$1.49 per basic share and \$1.48 per diluted share, for the three months ended June, 2010. These results compared to \$99.8 million, or \$0.66 per basic and diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2009. The \$127.6 million increase in income was primarily due to higher operating income as well as the favorable resolution of U.S. and international tax audits (\$67.6 million).

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

### **Results of Operations By Segment**

#### **Spirits**

Net sales increased \$31.5 million, or 5%, to \$631.5 million. The net sales increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volumes in both the U.S. and certain international markets, benefiting from increased demand in the U.S. spirits market. Sales volume also benefited from higher bulk spirits sales, as well as the timing of customer orders in the U.S. and select international markets. We anticipate this timing of orders will negatively impact revenues in the second half of 2010.

Operating income increased \$5.7 million, or 4%, to \$146.0 million, primarily due to higher sales. Operating income was unfavorably impacted by higher levels of advertising and promotional expense and price reduction as a result of increased price competition in select market categories.

#### **Home and Security**

Net sales increased \$103.1 million, or 13%, to \$878.1 million. The increase was primarily due to improved market conditions in the U.S. home products market, expanding relationships with key customers, and new product introductions, including offerings at new price points. Net sales also benefited from customer purchases in advance of the expiration of the U.S. homebuyer tax credit. We expect this timing of purchases will negatively impact revenues in the second half of 2010.

Operating income increased \$46.6 million, or 129%, to \$82.6 million, primarily due to higher sales and the benefit of cost saving initiatives, as well as favorable operating leverage on lower cost structures in all areas of the business. In addition, operating income benefited from lower restructuring and other charges (\$7.7 million) due to the completion of many of the 2009 projects that were undertaken to reduce manufacturing capacity and administrative cost structures. The benefits of higher sales were partially offset by higher raw material and transportation costs.

### **Golf**

Net sales increased \$23.5 million, or 6%, to \$389.3 million, primarily due to higher sales across all product lines, as well as favorable foreign exchange rates (\$9 million). Net sales were higher in the U.S. and internationally on a constant currency basis. Net sales were unfavorably impacted by the April 2010 sale of the Cobra golf product line (approximately \$11 million).

Operating income increased \$21.8 million, or 50%, to \$65.4 million, primarily due to higher sales, a gain on the sale of the Cobra golf product line of \$11.5 million, and favorable product mix.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)**

#### **Results of Operations By Segment**

#### **Corporate**

Corporate expenses of \$20.5 million, which include salaries, benefits and expenses related to corporate office employees, decreased \$6.5 million, primarily due to the absence of pension settlement costs and expense associated with the disposition of fixed assets from 2009, partially offset by higher share-based compensation partly due to a low level of incentive compensation in 2009.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We believe that our internally generated funds, together with access to global credit markets and availability under our existing revolving credit agreements, are adequate to meet our long-term and short-term liquidity and capital needs, including our current maturities of long-term debt. Our primary liquidity needs are to support working capital requirements, fund capital expenditures, service indebtedness and pay dividends, as well as finance acquisitions and share repurchases, when deemed appropriate. Our principal sources of liquidity are cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and availability under our credit agreements. Our operating income is generated by our subsidiaries. There are no restrictions on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to Fortune Brands. We periodically review our portfolio of brands and evaluate strategic options to increase shareholder value. Our current focus is paying down debt. However, we cannot predict whether or when we may enter into an acquisition, disposition, joint venture or other strategic options, or what impact any such transaction could have on our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition, whether as a result of the issuance of debt or equity securities, or otherwise. Our cash flows from operations, borrowing availability and overall liquidity are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including those described in the section titled Forward-Looking Statements.

#### **Liquidity and Capitalization**

Total debt decreased \$236.7 million during the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 to \$4.2 billion. During the second quarter of 2010, we repurchased \$159.4 million of notes due January 15, 2011. The remainder of the decrease was due to a change in foreign currency rates. The ratio of total debt to total capital decreased to 44.4% at June 30, 2010 from 46.7% at December 31, 2009, primarily due to the lower debt level, higher equity resulting from 2010 net income, and the first quarter stock contribution to the defined benefit pension plans, partially offset by dividends paid.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (Continued)

#### **Liquidity and Capitalization (Continued)**

On February 3, 2010, we executed a \$750 million, 3-year committed revolving credit agreement to be used for general corporate purposes. As of June 30, 2010, this facility had no balance outstanding. This credit facility replaced our prior \$2.0 billion, 5-year committed revolving credit agreement. The interest rates under this credit facility are variable based on LIBOR at the time of the borrowing and the Company s long-term credit rating. The credit facility includes a minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio requirement of 3.0 to 1.0 through 2011 and 3.5 to 1.0 in 2012. The Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio is defined as the ratio of adjusted EBITDA to Consolidated Interest Expense. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as consolidated net income before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, as well as noncash restructuring and nonrecurring charges, losses from asset impairments, and gains or losses resulting from the sale of assets not in the ordinary course of business. Consolidated Interest Expense is as disclosed in the financial statements. The credit facility also includes a maximum debt to total capital ratio of 0.55 to 1.0. Total capital is defined as debt plus equity and deferred taxes less any future impairment charges. As of June 30, 2010, we have complied with these ratios by a wide margin. We believe the possibility of violating any of these covenants is remote. No other debt instruments include financial ratio covenants.

We have an investment grade credit rating from three credit rating agencies. A downgrade of our credit ratings to non-investment grade or a prolonged global economic decline and credit crisis may impact our access to long-term capital markets, increase interest rates on some of our corporate debt, and weaken operating cash flow and liquidity, potentially impacting our ability to pay dividends, fund acquisitions and repurchase shares in the future.

### **Cash Flows**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$201.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$232.0 million for the same six-month period last year. The decrease in cash provided of \$30.8 million was principally due to an increase in working capital due to higher sales and unfavorable comparison to the first half of 2009 when we were reducing inventory levels as a result of the weak economy. Cash provided by operating activities benefited from higher net income.

Net cash provided by investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 increased by \$141.2 million to \$29.8 million, compared with cash used by investing activities of \$111.4 million in the same six-month period last year. This change was primarily due to proceeds from the April 2010 disposition of the Cobra golf product line (\$88.9 million) and the absence of the cash outflow from the purchase of the Beam international sales and distribution companies in April 2009 (approximately \$66 million net of cash acquired). This change was partially offset by higher capital spending (\$11.0 million) and lower repayments of loans from affiliates (\$12.1 million).

Net cash used by financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$215.2 million, compared to \$40.1 million in the same six-month period last year. The increase in cash used of \$175.1 million was primarily due to second quarter 2010 debt repurchase of \$159.4 million of the \$750 million of notes due January 15, 2011 compared to net additional borrowings in the first half of 2009 (\$51.1 million), partially offset by lower dividends paid in 2010 (\$36.8 million).

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (Continued)

#### **Dividends**

A summary of 2010 dividend activity for the Company s common stock is shown below:

Dividend Amount	<b>Declaration Date</b>	Record Date	Payment Date
\$0.19 per share	January 26, 2010	February 10, 2010	March 1, 2010
\$0.19 per share	April 27, 2010	May 12, 2010	June 1, 2010
\$0.19 per share	July 26, 2010	August 11, 2010	September 1, 2010
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A summary of 2010 dividend activity for the Company s \$2.67 Convertible Preferred stock is shown below:

Dividend Amount	Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date
\$0.6675 per share	January 26, 2010	February 10, 2010	March 10, 2010
\$0.6675 per share	April 27, 2010	May 12, 2010	June 10, 2010
\$0.6675 per share	July 26, 2010	August 11, 2010	September 10, 2010
Customer Credit Risk			

We routinely grant unsecured credit to customers in the normal course of business. Accounts receivable were \$1,014.8 million as of June 30, 2010 and are recorded at their stated amount less allowances for discounts, doubtful accounts and returns. Allowances for doubtful accounts include provisions for certain customers where a risk of default has been specifically identified as well as provisions determined on a general formula basis when it is determined that some default is probable and estimable but not yet clearly associated with a specific customer. The assessment of likelihood of customer default is based on a variety of factors, including the length of time the receivables are past due, the historical collection experience and existing economic conditions. In accordance with our policy, our allowance for discounts, doubtful accounts and returns was \$76.6 million as of June 30, 2010, an increase from \$67.6 million at June 30, 2009. The current conditions in the global economy and credit markets may reduce our customers—ability to access sufficient liquidity and capital to fund their operations and make our estimation of customer defaults inherently uncertain. While we believe current allowances for doubtful accounts are adequate, it is possible that continued weak economic conditions may cause significantly higher levels of customer defaults and bad debt expense in future periods.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

The counterparties to derivative contracts are major financial institutions. Although our theoretical risk is the replacement cost at the then estimated fair value of these instruments, we believe that the risk of incurring losses is unlikely and that the losses, if any, would be immaterial. The fair value of derivative assets at June 30, 2010 was \$48.6 million. The estimated fair value of derivative contracts represents the amount required to enter into offsetting contracts with similar remaining maturities based on quoted market prices.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (Continued)**

#### **Pension Plans**

We sponsor defined benefit pension plans that are funded by a portfolio of investments maintained within benefit plan trusts. We have met all of our U.S. minimum funding requirements for 2010. For the foreseeable future, we believe that we have sufficient liquidity to meet the minimum funding that may be required by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. As of December 31, 2009, the fair value of our total pension plan assets was \$821.7 million, representing 82% of the accumulated benefit obligation liability. On February 3, 2010, we made a voluntary contribution to our U.S. defined benefit pension plans of 1.56 million shares of our common stock, previously held as treasury stock, with a fair value of \$67.9 million (\$43.50 per share).

### **Guarantees and Commitments**

We guarantee 50% of the credit facilities of Maxxium España S.L., in the amount of 9.5 million (approximately \$11.6 million), reflecting our ownership in the joint venture with The Edrington Group Ltd. (TEG). The liability related to these guarantees was not material. Beam Global Spirits & Wine (BGSW) and TEG also have an uncommitted multi-currency Shareholder Loan Facility for BGSW/TEG joint ventures, of which our share is 50%, or 15 million (approximately \$18.4 million).

We also guarantee various leases for ACCO World Corporation, the Office business divested in a spin-off in 2005. We continue to guarantee payment of certain real estate leases, with lease payments totaling approximately \$19.3 million, through April 2013. The liability related to this guarantee is not material.

There were no material changes to our contractual indemnification obligations as previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

#### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) amended the existing authoritative guidance on variable interest entities (Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 810). This new authoritative guidance a) includes a new approach for determining when a variable interest entity (VIE) should be consolidated and b) changes when it is necessary to reassess who should consolidate a VIE. The new approach requires an enterprise to qualitatively assess the determination of the primary beneficiary (consolidator). The amendment is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after November 15, 2009 (calendar year 2010 for Fortune Brands). Adoption of this standard did not have an impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2009-13, Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force. This guidance allows entities to allocate consideration in multiple deliverable arrangements in a manner that reflects a transaction s economics. The guidance requires expanded disclosure. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (calendar year 2011 for Fortune Brands) and can be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. We do not believe that adoption of this standard will have a material impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

# FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains statements relating to future results. Readers are cautioned that these are forward-looking statements, as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update, amend or clarify them to reflect events, new information or circumstances occurring after the date of this Report. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to:

general economic conditions, including the U.S. housing and remodeling market,
the impact of changes in U.S. government stimulus programs,
competitive market pressures (including pricing pressures),
customer defaults and related bad debt expense,
consolidation of trade customers,
successful development of new products and processes,
ability to secure and maintain rights to intellectual property,
risks pertaining to strategic acquisitions and joint ventures, including the potential financial effects and performance of such acquisitions or joint ventures, and integration of acquisitions and the related confirmation or remediation of internal controls ov financial reporting,
ability to attract and retain qualified personnel,
weather,
risks associated with doing business outside the United States, including currency exchange rate risks,
commodity and energy price volatility,

costs of certain employee and retiree benefits and returns on pension assets,	
dependence on performance of distributors and other marketing arrangements,	
the impact of excise tax increases on distilled spirits,	
the status of the U.S. rum excise tax cover-over program,	
changes in golf equipment regulatory standards and other regulatory developments,	
potential liabilities, costs and uncertainties of litigation,	
impairment in the carrying value of goodwill or other acquired intangible assets,	
historical consolidated financial statements that may not be indicative of future conditions and results,	
interest rate fluctuations,	
volatility of financial and credit markets, which could affect access to capital for the Company, its customers and	d consumers, and
any possible downgrades of the Company s credit ratings, as well as other risks and uncertainties described from time to time in the Company s Securities and Exchange Commission	n filings.

### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

There were no material changes in the information provided in Item 7A-Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

The Company s management has evaluated, with the participation of the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Report.

# (b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

There have not been any changes in the Company s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company s fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting, except as discussed below. The Company is in the process of reviewing the internal control structure of the spirits sales and distribution companies acquired from Maxxium Worldwide B.V. in the second quarter of 2009, and, if necessary, we will make appropriate changes as we incorporate our controls and procedures into these acquisitions.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

### (a) Smoking and Health Proceedings.

#### **Tobacco Overview**

On December 22, 1994, we sold The American Tobacco Company (ATCO) subsidiary 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, which subsequently merged into B&W, agreed, under an Indemnification Agreement (the Indemnification Agreement), to indemnify Fortune Brands, Inc. against claims including legal expenses arising from smoking and health and fire safe cigarette matters relating to the tobacco business of ATCO.

On July 30, 2004, B&W and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc. announced that they had completed the combination of their respective U.S. tobacco businesses, previously conducted by B&W (and ATCO) and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., by forming a new combined company known as R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. As a result of the combination and in accordance with the Indemnification Agreement, the new R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company assumed the indemnification obligations under the Indemnification Agreement relating to the U.S. business previously conducted by B&W (and ATCO). B&W has not been released from any of its obligations under the Indemnification Agreement. We refer to B&W and the new R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company as the Indemnitor under the Indemnification Agreement.

The Indemnitor has complied with the terms of the Indemnification Agreement since 1994 and we are not aware of any inability on the part of the Indemnitor to satisfy its indemnity obligations.

Numerous legal actions, proceedings and claims are pending in various jurisdictions against leading tobacco manufacturers, including B&W both individually and as successor by merger to ATCO, based upon allegations that cancer and other ailments have resulted from tobacco use. The Company has been named as a defendant in some of these cases. These claims have generally fallen within three categories: (i) smoking and health cases alleging personal injury brought on behalf of individual plaintiffs, (ii) smoking and health cases alleging personal injury and other damages and purporting to be brought on behalf of classes of individual plaintiffs, and (iii) health care cost recovery cases, including class actions, brought by foreign governments, unions, health trusts, taxpayers and others seeking reimbursement for health care expenditures allegedly caused by cigarette smoking. Damages claimed in some of the cases range into the billions of dollars.

As of August1, 2010, there were approximately eight smoking and health cases pending on behalf of individual plaintiffs in which the Company has been named as one of the defendants. This number has not changed from the number reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. See Pending Cases below.

#### **Certain Developments Affecting the Indemnitor**

On July 14, 2000, in Engle v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, et al., a Florida state case brought against B&W (individually and as successor to ATCO) and other U.S. tobacco manufacturers on behalf of a class of Florida residents allegedly injured as a result of their alleged addiction to cigarettes containing nicotine, a jury awarded a total of \$144.87 billion in punitive damages against the defendants, including \$17.59 billion against B&W. On November 6, 2000, the Florida Circuit Court upheld this jury award, and held that the class of plaintiffs eligible to recover damages should be extended to smokers with illnesses diagnosed more than four years before the lawsuit was filed in 1994. On May 21, 2003, a Florida appellate court reversed the jury s verdict and damages award and decertified the class. On October 22, 2003, plaintiffs counsel sought review of this decision in the Florida Supreme Court. On July 6, 2006 the Florida Supreme Court vacated the jury s \$145 billion punitive damage award and also decertified the class and reinstated compensatory damages to the two named plaintiffs, and permitted individual members of the former class to file separate lawsuits within one year of issuance of the mandate (which was ultimately issued January 11, 2007). On August 7, 2006, both parties filed motions for rehearing with the Florida Supreme Court. On December 21, 2006, the Florida Supreme Court denied plaintiffs rehearing motion, and granted in part and denied in part defendants rehearing motion. The December 21, 2006 ruling did not amend the July 6, 2006 decision s major holdings, but instead addressed the claims to which the Engle jury s phase one verdict will be applicable in the individual lawsuits that the Florida Supreme Court s decision has permitted. On October 1, 2007, the United States Supreme Court denied defendants motion seeking review by that courtAs of January 25, 2010, B&W and/or R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company had been served in over 7,800 cases (the Engle progeny cases ) brought by individual plaintiffs in state and federal courts in Florida. These cases include claims asserted by over 9,400 individual plaintiffs. The number of cases may increase as the Florida courts continue to sever cases with multiple plaintiffs. In 2009, trials in the Engle progeny cases began. Of the ten Engle progeny cases that were tried in 2009, several resulted in adverse judgments against tobacco companies, including four adverse judgments against the Indemnitor. All four of these adverse judgments are currently being appealed by the Indemnitor. The Company is not a party to any of the Engle litigation.

In September 1999, the United States government filed a recoupment lawsuit in Federal Court in Washington, D.C. against the leading tobacco manufacturers (including B&W individually and as a successor to ATCO) seeking recovery of costs paid by the Federal government for claimed smoking-related illness. In this action, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed certain counts of the lawsuit, but also ruled that the government may proceed with two counts under the federal RICO statute. On February 4, 2005, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia held that the government may not, however, seek a disgorgement of defendants profits from the sale of tobacco as a part of its RICO claim. The U.S. Supreme Court denied the government s petition to review the case on October 17, 2005. The trial was concluded in June, 2005. On August 17, 2006, the Court issued its final judgment and remedial order, which found that the defendants violated federal civil RICO law by defrauding the public with regard to smoking and health issues. The court did not award monetary damages to the government, but did order the defendants to, among other things, remove descriptors such as low tar, light or ultra light from cigarette packages and to publish certain corrective statements regarding smoking and health issues. The defendants and the government appealed this matter. On May 22, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia unanimously affirmed the district court s RICO liability judgment against several defendants, including the Indemnitor, ordered the dismissal of two defunct U.S. trade associations that were not covered by the district court s injunctive remedies, and remanded for further factual findings and clarification as to whether liability should be imposed against B&W. The government s cross-appeal seeking disgorgement of past profits and the funding of smoking

education and cessation programs was denied. On December 11, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia entered an order continuing the effective stay of the district court s injunctive remedies pending the U.S. Supreme Court s final disposition of the case. The Company is not a party to this action.

On March 21, 2003, a judgment for \$7.1 billion in compensatory and \$3 billion in punitive damages was entered by an Illinois state court against Philip Morris, Inc. in Price, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., a class action alleging that certain advertising for light or low tar cigarettes was deceptive under the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act. On December 15, 2005, the Illinois Supreme Court reversed the judgment and remanded the case to the lower court with instruction to dismiss the case. On November 27, 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear plaintiff s appeal and ordered the lower court to dismiss plaintiff s pending motion to vacate. On December 18, 2006, the trial court entered a final judgment in accordance with the Illinois Supreme Court s mandate. On January 17, 2007, the plaintiffs subsequently filed a motion in the lower court seeking to vacate or withhold judgment. On August 22, 2007, the Illinois Supreme Court issued a supervisory order directing the lower courts to dismiss the motion. On August 30, 2007, the trial court dismissed plaintiffs motion. On December 18, 2008, plaintiff filed a petition requesting the state court to vacate the Price judgment in light of the U.S. Supreme Court s December 15, 2008 decision in Altria Group, Inc. v. Good (in which the Court held that federal law did not preempt the plaintiff s assertion of state-law consumer fraud claims which alleged that defendants advertising and marketing fraudulently conveyed the message that light cigarettes deliver less tar and nicotine to smokers than regular cigarettes). On February 4, 2009, the trial court dismissed the plaintiff s petition. On March 4, 2009, plaintiff filed a notice of appeal to the intermediate appellate court. Oral argument was heard in the intermediate appellate court on February 2, 2010. Class actions involving similar allegations as Price (Howard, et al. v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and Turner v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.) are pending against B&W and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, respectively, in the same court. Proceedings in the Howard and Turner cases have been stayed and are otherwise inactive pending resolution of the Price litigation. The Company is not a party to the Price, Howard, Turner or Good litigation.

#### Resolution of Health Care Cost Recovery Actions by State, U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia

In 1998, certain U.S. tobacco companies, including B&W, entered into a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with certain state attorneys general that resulted in the dismissal of all remaining health care reimbursement lawsuits brought by 52 government entities, including 46 states, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and the District of Columbia. Although the Company is not a party to the MSA and is not bound by any of its payment obligations or other restrictions, the Company understands that it is a released party under the terms of the MSA, which provides for the release of claims not only against participating manufacturers, but also against their predecessors, successors, and past, present and future affiliates.

Under the MSA, participating manufacturers were required to make initial payments through 2003, with additional payments to the settling parties required to continue in perpetuity (starting at \$4.5 billion in 2000 and increasing to \$9 billion in 2018 and thereafter). Payments to a strategic contribution fund for individual states beginning in 2008 through 2017, and a public health foundation until 2008, are also required. Ongoing payments are to be allocated according to market share and are subject to various credits and adjustments, depending on industry volume. The MSA also calls for the participating manufacturers to pay attorneys fees for the states attorneys in the settled litigation.

Prior to the MSA, health care cost recovery actions filed by the states of Minnesota, Texas, Florida and Mississippi were settled separately on terms that included monetary payments of several billion dollars. The Company was not a party to the Minnesota or Texas actions and was voluntarily dismissed from the Florida and Mississippi actions. The Company is not a party to any of these settlements nor is it required to pay any money under these settlements.

#### **Pending Cases**

There were no pending smoking and health proceedings in which the Company has been named as a defendant other than as previously reported in Exhibit 99 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### **Terminated Cases**

No tobacco-related cases were terminated in the three months ended June 30, 2010.

#### Other Litigation

The 2006 Callaway Litigation

On February 9, 2006, Callaway Golf Company (Callaway) filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against the Company s subsidiary Acushnet Company (Acushnet) in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Callaway alleged that Pro V1 golf balls then manufactured by Acushnet infringed four of Callaway s patents. At a December, 2007 trial, the validity of nine claims contained in the four patents was tried to a jury which returned a mixed verdict, finding one claim invalid and eight claims valid. On November 10, 2008, the trial court issued an order enjoining sales of all 2007 Pro V1 golf balls as of January 1, 2009. Acushnet appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

On August 14, 2009, the Court of Appeals overturned the judgment, vacated the injunction and sent the case back to the District Court. The Court of Appeals also found that the District Court erred in rejecting an Acushnet defense before the trial and that certain evidence supporting that defense may be available to Acushnet for the new trial.

On March 29, 2010, following the new trial, a jury found in favor of Acushnet on all counts. Specifically, the jury concluded that Acushnet was not liable because all of the patents asserted by Callaway were invalid both as obvious and anticipated by earlier patents. Following the trial, Callaway filed a motion asking the court to enter judgment as a matter of law in its favor or, alternatively, to grant a new trial on the validity of the Callaway patents. The court is currently considering this post-trial motion.

The 2009 Callaway Litigation

In late 2008, Acushnet introduced what it believes to be non-infringing Pro V1 balls. In February 2009, Acushnet introduced new improved versions of the Pro V1 balls, which it also believes are non-infringing. On March 3, 2009, Callaway filed another lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against Acushnet in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Callaway alleged that Acushnet s modified Pro V1 balls and Acushnet s new 2009 versions of the Pro V1 balls infringe two additional patents owned by Callaway. On March 3, 2009, Acushnet also filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages against Callaway in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Acushnet alleged that Callaway s Tour i and Tour ix balls infringe nine of Acushnet s patents.

Proceedings at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

In separate proceedings, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) issued final actions determining that all four of the patents asserted by Callaway in the 2006 Callaway Litigation are invalid. Callaway has filed appeals regarding all four of the patents with the Patent Board of Appeals. With regard to the patents asserted by Callaway in the 2009 Callaway Litigation, Acushnet also filed a request for reexamination with the PTO. The PTO has accepted the reexaminations and has issued office actions that reject all of the claims of both patents as invalid on multiple grounds.

We believe, and counsel advises, that Acushnet has meritorious defenses to all of the litigation brought by Callaway and both of these matters are being vigorously contested. It is not possible at this time to assess the likelihood of an adverse outcome or determine a reasonable estimate, or range of estimates, of potential damages. If decided unfavorably, however, the litigation could have a material adverse effect on the results of the Company s operations, cash flows or financial con.

In addition to the lawsuits described above, the Company and its subsidiaries are defendants in lawsuits associated with the normal conduct of their businesses and operations. It is not possible to predict the outcome of the pending actions, and, as with any litigation, it is possible that some of these actions could be decided unfavorably. We believe that there are meritorious defenses to these actions and that these actions will not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition. These actions are being vigorously contested.

#### Conclusion

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 reasonable estimate of the amount or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome of the pending litigation. However, management believes that there are a number of meritorious defenses to the pending actions, including the fact that the Company never made or sold tobacco, and these actions are being vigorously contested by the Indemnitor. 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 because it believes it has meritorious defenses and the Company is indemnified under the Indemnification Agreement.

### (b) Environmental Matters.

We are subject to laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment. It is not possible to quantify with certainty the potential impact of actions relating to environmental matters, particularly remediation and other compliance efforts that our subsidiaries may undertake in the future. In our opinion, however, compliance with current environmental protection laws (before taking into account estimated recoveries from third parties) will not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

### Item 1A. RISK FACTORS.

There were no material changes from risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2009.

### Item 6. EXHIBITS

- 3(i). Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended April 30, 2009 and April 29, 2010, is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 7, 2010.
- 3(ii). By-laws of Fortune Brands, Inc. (as amended), as of July 29, 2008, is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 31, 2008, Commission file number 1-9076.
- 12.\* Statement re Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends.
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### \* Filed herewith.

In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be part of any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

# **SIGNATURE**

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

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: August 6, 2010 /s/ Craig P. Omtvedt Craig P. Omtvedt

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Duly authorized officer and principal financial officer of

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