

NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALK MARK D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC [NMG.B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
GOULSTON & STORRS, PC, 400 ATLANTIC AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/06/2005

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Member of Schedule 13D group

BOSTON, MA 02110

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class B Common Stock | 10/06/2005 | | U | | 602,631 | D | \$ 100 0 |
| | | | | | | I | see footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALK MARK D GOULSTON & STORRS, PC 400 ATLANTIC AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02110 | | | | Member of Schedule 13D group |

Signatures

/s/ Mark D. Balk 10/07/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Reflects the shares disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 1, 2005, among The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., Newton Acquisition, Inc. and Newton Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc. that are held indirectly by the reporting person as trustee of the following trusts: 18,078 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Amy Smith Berylson 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Jennifer L. Berylson; 18,078 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Amy Smith Berylson 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Elizabeth S. Berylson; 18,078 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Amy Smith Berylson 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o James T. Berylson;

(2) 16,069 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert A. Smith 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Jackson A. Smith; 16,070 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert A. Smith 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Madeleine W. Smith; 16,069 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert A. Smith 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Ryan A. Smith; 23,803 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Debra S. Knez 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Jessica M. Knez; 23,802 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Debra S. Knez 1998 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust f/b/o Andrew P. Knez; 5,376 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the J-J-E 1988 Trust f/b/o Jennifer L. Berylson; 5,376 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the J-J-E 1988 Trust f/b/o James T. Berylson; 5,376 shares owned indirectly by Mark D. Balk as trustee of the J-J-E 1988 Trust f/b/o Elizabeth S. Berylson;

(3) 6,199 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Debra and Brian Knez 1988 Childrens Trust f/b/o Jessica M. Knez; 6,199 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Debra and Brian Knez 1988 Childrens Trust f/b/o Andrew P. Knez; 4,741 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert Smith and Dana Weiss 1994 Childrens Trust f/b/o Madeleine W. Smith; 4,741 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert

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Smith and Dana Weiss 1994 Childrens Trust f/b/o Ryan A. Smith; 4,741 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert Smith and Dana Weiss 1994 Childrens Trust f/b/o Jackson A. Smith;

- 48,208 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Amy Smith Berylson 1978 Insurance Trust u/d/t dated September 5, 1978; 48,208 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Robert Smith Insurance Trust u/d/t dated September 5, 1978; 48,208 shares owned as trustee of the Debra Smith Knez Insurance Trust u/d/t dated September 5, 1978; 71,416 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Nancy Lurie Marks 1976 Trust f/b/o Cathy Lurie u/d/t dated December 16, 1976; 96,416 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Nancy Lurie Marks 1976 Trust f/b/o Peter Lurie u/d/t dated December 16, 1976; 28,997 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Susan F. Smith Grantor Retained Annuity Trust 7 Years u/d/t dated August 10, 1994 f/b/o Amy Smith Berylson;

- 28,997 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Susan F. Smith Grantor Retained Annuity Trust 7 Years u/d/t dated August 10, 1994 f/b/o Robert A. Smith; 28,997 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the Susan F. Smith Grantor Retained Annuity Trust 7 Years u/d/t dated August 10, 1994 f/b/o Debra Smith Knez; 10,388 shares owned indirectly as trustee of the ADR Charitable Foundation and Trust u/d/t dated 11/1/68. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all of these shares and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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