

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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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 *
 STERNLICHT BARRY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP, 591 W. PUTNAM AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/11/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.36	11/11/2016	A ⁽¹⁾		4,697		11/11/2017	11/11/2026	Class A Common Stock	4,697
Stock Units (Share Payout)	⁽²⁾	11/11/2016	A ⁽¹⁾		889.18		⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	889.18
Stock Units (Cash Payout)	⁽⁴⁾	11/11/2016	A ⁽⁵⁾		264.8		⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock	264.8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERNLICHT BARRY S STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP 591 W. PUTNAM AVE. GREENWICH, CT 06830	X			

Signatures

Barry S. Sternlicht, Maureen Sladek, Attorney-in-fact	11/14/2016
<u> </u> **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) Granted pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each stock unit (share payout) is convertible into one share of Class A Common Stock (i.e. 1:1).
- (3) The stock units (share payout) will be paid out the first business day of the calendar year following the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.
- (4) Each stock unit (cash payout) is convertible into cash equal to the value of one share of Class A Common Stock (i.e. 1:1).
- (5) Reflects grant of stock units in lieu of cash for quarterly board and committee retainers.
- (6) The stock units (cash payout) will be paid out the first business day of the calendar year following the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.

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