

LAUREN RALPH  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
LAUREN RALPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
POLO RALPH LAUREN CORP  
[RL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
650 MADISON AVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2008

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount/Number of Shares
				(A)	(D)				
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)		278,601	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	278,601
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)	2,786		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	2,786
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)	273,042		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	273,042
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)		273,042	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	273,042
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)	273,042		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	273,042
Class B Common Stock	(1)	12/17/2008	J(2)	2,773		(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	2,773
Class B Common Stock	(1)					(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	7,783
Class B Common Stock	(1)					(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	3,183

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAUREN RALPH 650 MADISON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	X	Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

Yen D. Chu,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/19/2008

\_\_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) Each share of Class B Common Stock is immediately convertible on a one-for-one basis into a share of Class A Common Stock.

Reflects a distribution of shares of Class B Common Stock from RL Holding, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, to each of RL Family

(2) L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, RL Holding Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the reporting person. The portion of such shares distributed to RL Family, L.P. were subsequently distributed to the reporting person.

(3) Reflects a distribution to the reporting person of 875,732 shares of Class B Common Stock on December 17, 2008 from grantor retained annuity trusts of which the reporting person is a trustee.

(4) Reflects a contribution from the reporting person's wife of 819,096 shares of Class B Common Stock on May 28, 2008 to grantor retained annuity trusts of the reporting person's wife, of which she is a trustee.

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