

VARGA PAUL C  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
VARGA PAUL C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BROWN FORMAN CORP [BFA, BFB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
850 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
  
(Street)

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

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

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Class A Common					78,288	D	
Class B Common	12/17/2008		M		17,213 A \$ 25.06	60,109 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Class B Common	12/17/2008		F		12,298 D \$ 51.46	47,811	D
Class B Common	12/17/2008		M		12,064 A \$ 30.62	59,875	D
Class B Common	12/17/2008		F		9,345 D \$ 51.46	50,530	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 25.06	12/17/2008		M	17,213	05/01/2005	04/30/2012			Class B Common	17
Non-Qualified Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 30.62	12/17/2008		M	12,064	05/01/2006	04/30/2013			Class B Common	12

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VARGA PAUL C 850 DIXIE HIGHWAY LOUISVILLE, KY 40210	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

Diane M. Barhorst, Atty. in Fact for Paul C. Varga	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) In October 2008, Brown-Forman Corporation completed a stock distribution of one share of Class B common stock for every four shares of either Class A or Class B common stock held. This total has been adjusted to reflect 24,235 Class B shares received through the distribution.

(2) These options were previously reported as covering 13,770 shares at an exercise price of \$31.33 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.

(3) These options were previously reported as covering 9,651 shares at an exercise price of \$38.27 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.

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