

1992 GRAT REMAINDER TRUST FBO WILLIAM LAUDER
Form SC 13D
October 17, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. ____)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.
(Name of Issuer)

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| CLASS A COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE | 518439 10 4 |
| (Title of class of securities) | (CUSIP number) |

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OCTOBER 16, 2003
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON: S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON: | 1992 GRAT REMAINDER TRU |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS: | NOT APPLICABLE |
| 5 | CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM | |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: | NEW YORK |
| NUMBER OF SHARES | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER: |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER: |
| EACH REPORTING | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| PERSON WITH | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON: | |
| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES: | |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): | |
| 14 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: | OO |

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This statement relates to the shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), of The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (the "Issuer"). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

This statement is being filed by the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust

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f/b/o William Lauder (the "Reporting Person"), with an address at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153. The Reporting Person was organized in the State of New York.

During the last five years, the Reporting Person has not (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which the Reporting Person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Effective as of October 16, 2003, (i) 1,068,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and (ii) 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class B Common Stock"), of the Issuer that were held by the 1992 Leonard A. Lauder Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (the "1992 LAL GRAT"), were distributed (the "Distribution") to the Reporting Person, an irrevocable trust. The 1992 LAL GRAT was a party to the Stockholders' Agreement (as defined in Item 6 below) among certain stockholders of the Issuer that is described in Item 6 of this statement. In compliance with the requirements of the Stockholders' Agreement in connection with the Distribution, the Reporting Person became a party to the Stockholders' Agreement as well. By virtue of becoming a party to the Stockholders' Agreement, the Reporting Person may be deemed to have become a member of a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This statement on Schedule 13D is being filed merely as a result of the Reporting Person's having become a party to the Stockholders' Agreement. No consideration was paid by the Reporting Person for the Distribution or for becoming a party to the Stockholders' Agreement. The trustees of the Reporting Person report separately on Schedule 13G.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Distribution by the 1992 LAL GRAT to the Reporting Person was effected pursuant to the terms of the 1992 LAL GRAT, and the Reporting Person became a party to the Stockholders' Agreement for the purpose of allowing the 1992 LAL GRAT to effect the Distribution in compliance with the Stockholders' Agreement, to which it is a party.

Except for sales, gifts, other transfers, and pledges of the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person, or conversions of shares of Class B Common Stock, in each case, and at any time and from time to time, the Reporting Person has no present plans or intentions which relate to or would result in any of the actions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF ISSUER

(a) As of October 16, 2003, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 2,983,049 shares of Class A Common Stock as follows: 1,068,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock held directly by the Reporting Person.

Each share of Class B Common Stock is convertible at the option of the holder into one share of Class A Common Stock and is automatically converted into one share of Class A Common Stock upon transfer to a person who is not a Permitted Transferee, as that term is defined in the Issuer's Certificate of Incorporation. Assuming conversion of all such shares of Class B

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Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person, the Reporting Person would beneficially own 2,983,049 shares of Class A Common Stock, which would constitute 2.4% of the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding (based on publicly available information regarding the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of October 1, 2003).

Each share of Class A Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Issuer's stockholders and each share of Class B Common Stock entitles the holder to ten votes on each such matter, including the election of directors of the Issuer. Assuming no conversion of any of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, the 1,068,441 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 1,914,608 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person constitute 1.7% of the aggregate voting power of the Issuer.

(b) The responses of the Reporting Person to (i) Rows (7) through (10) of the cover page of this statement and (ii) Item 5(a) hereof are incorporated herein by reference. As co-trustees of the Reporting Person, William P. Lauder, Gary M. Lauder and Joel S. Ehrenkranz share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person.

(c) Except as described in Item 3 hereof, the Reporting Person has not had any other transactions in the Class A Common Stock that were effected during the past sixty days.

(d) William P. Lauder as a co-trustee and beneficiary of the Reporting Person, Gary M. Lauder and Joel S. Ehrenkranz, as co-trustees of the Reporting Person, and certain other beneficiaries of the Reporting Person, have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Effective as of October 16, 2003, the Reporting Person, in connection with the Distribution, became a party to a stockholders' agreement (the "Stockholders' Agreement"), dated November 22, 1995, as amended, among the parties listed on Exhibit G attached hereto. The stockholders who are parties to the Stockholders' Agreement have agreed to vote in favor of the election of Leonard A. Lauder and Ronald S. Lauder and one designee of each as directors of the Issuer. The Stockholders' Agreement also contains certain limitations on the

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transfer of shares of Class A Common Stock. Each stockholder who is a party to the Stockholders' Agreement has agreed to grant to the other parties a right of first offer to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock of the stockholder in the event the stockholder intends to sell to a person (or group of persons) who is not a Lauder Family Member, as defined therein, except in certain circumstances, such as sales in a widely distributed underwritten public offering or sales made in compliance with Rule 144.

The Reporting Person is not party to any other contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship (legal or otherwise) with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

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Exhibit A Stockholders' Agreement, dated November 22, 1995 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2003).*

Exhibit B Amendment No. 1 to Stockholders' Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1996).*

Exhibit C Amendment No. 2 to Stockholders' Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 1996).*

Exhibit D Amendment No. 3 to Stockholders' Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1997).*

Exhibit E Amendment No. 4 to Stockholders' Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1d to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000).*

Exhibit F Amendment No. 5 to Stockholders' Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1e to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002).*

Exhibit G List of parties to Stockholders' Agreement.

* Incorporated by reference

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 17, 2003

1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder

By: /s/ Joel S. Ehrenkranz

Joel S. Ehrenkranz, Trustee

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