FRIEDMANS INC Form SC 13D/A July 15, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A (Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 4)

Friedman's Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

358438109

(CUSIP Number)

Joel Piassick One Riverchase Parkway South Birmingham, Alabama 35244

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 30, 2005

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box [].

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

⁽¹⁾ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

CUSIP No. 358438109
1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [_]
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*
WC
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [_]
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Cayman Islands
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
7. SOLE VOTING POWER
0
8. SHARED VOTING POWER
6,728,365
9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
0
10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
6,728,365
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
6,728,365
12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
27.0%
14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [_]
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*
AF
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [_]
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
7. SOLE VOTING POWER
0
8. SHARED VOTING POWER
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HMC Investors, L.L.C.
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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
7. SOLE VOTING POWER
0
8. SHARED VOTING POWER
6,921,000
9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
0
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12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
27.6%
14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Philip Falcone
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*
AF
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITED 2 (d) OR 2 (e) [_]
6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
U.S.A.
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
7. SOLE VOTING POWER
0
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6,921,000
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IN

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Raymond J. Harbert		
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		
(a) [_] (b) [x] 3. SEC USE ONLY		
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27.6%		
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IN		

CUSIP	No. 358438109
	ME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Michae	el D. Luce
2. CH	ECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [_] (b) [x]
3. SE	C USE ONLY
4. SO	URCE OF FUNDS*
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	IN

CUSIP No. 358438109

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

No material change.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

No material change.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

No material change.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

No material change.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

No material change.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended by adding the following:

"Pursuant to a settlement agreement and a related assignment agreement, dated June 30, 2005, the Master Fund purchased a \$1.9 million allowed secured claim against the Issuer which is convertible into equity of the reorganized Issuer on the same terms as the Term Loan. The Master Fund may in the future continue to acquire additional claims with similar conversion terms."

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A: Agreement between the Reporting Persons to file jointly

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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.

Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.

By: HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C.

By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member

By:
/s/ Joel B. Piassick
HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C. By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member
By:
/s/ Joel B. Piassick
HMC Investors, L.L.C.
/s/ Joel B. Piassick
/s/ Philip Falcone
Philip Falcone
/s/ Raymond J. Harbert
Raymond J. Harbert
/s/ Michael D. Luce
Michael D. Luce
July 15, 2005

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