

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)  
04/30/2012

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)  
 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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Class A Common                  | 04/30/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 5,032<br>(1)  | D  | \$<br>84.59<br>(2)                |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   |   | D  | 21,513                            |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 43.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2012 04/30/2019                                    | Class B Common  | 61,266                     |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 61.24   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2013 04/30/2020                                    | Class B Common  | 85,299                     |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 73.95   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/01/2014 04/30/2021                                    | Class B Common  | 60,085                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Diane M. Barhorst, Atty. in Fact for Paul C. Varga  
05/02/2012

\_\_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) To satisfy tax withholding obligations associated with the July 24, 2008 grant of Class A common stock that vested on April 30, 2012, the reporting person surrendered 5,032 shares of Class A common stock.

(2) The closing price of BF-A (\$84.59) on April 30, 2012 was used to calculate the tax withholding obligations.

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