

Trower Alexandra C.  
Form 4  
September 06, 2018

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Trower Alexandra C.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES  
INC [EL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE ESTEE LAUDER  
COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH  
AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/04/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
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4. If Amendment, Date Original  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 09/04/2018                              |                                                             | A <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 12,185<br><sup>(1)</sup>                                                | A \$ 0 26,518                                                                                                      | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 09/04/2018                              |                                                             | F <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 6,485                                                                   | D \$ 138.93 20,033                                                                                                 | D                                                                       |                                                                   |

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) |                 |                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) | Date Exercisable                                              | Expiration Date | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 138.15                                              | 09/04/2018                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                                         | 15,609<br>(3)                                            |     | (3)                                                           | 09/04/2028      | Class A Common Stock | 15,609                     |
| Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout)      | \$ 0 (4)                                               | 09/04/2018                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                                         | 4,671<br>(5)                                             |     | (5)                                                           | (5)             | Class A Common Stock | 4,671                      |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.  
767 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10153

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## Signatures

Alexandra C. Trower, by Maureen Sladek,  
attorney-in-fact

09/06/2018

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects payout of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") granted to Reporting Person on September 4, 2015.

(2) Represents the withholding of shares for tax purposes in connection with the payout of the PSUs.

(3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 5,203 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2020; 5,203 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2021; and 5,203 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2022.

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(4) Not applicable.

Assuming continued employment, these Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will vest and be paid out as follows: 1,557 on October 31, 2019; 1,557 on November 2, 2020; and 1,557 on November 1, 2021. RSUs vest and are paid out in shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis on the applicable vesting date. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover statutory tax obligations. RSUs are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

(5)

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