

LIFETIME BRANDS, INC
Form SC 13D
December 16, 2013

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

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

Lifetime Brands, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

53222Q103

(CUSIP Number)

Mill Road Capital II, L.P.

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December 6, 2013

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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* 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.

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1. Names of reporting persons.

Thomas E. Lynch

2. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a) (b)

3. SEC use only

4. Source of funds (see instructions)

AF

5. Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or place of organization

USA

Number of 7. Sole voting power

shares

beneficially 8. Shared voting power

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639,439

each 9. Sole dispositive power

reporting

10 Shared dispositive power

person

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12. Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (see instructions)

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14. Type of reporting person (see instructions)

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Scott P. Scharfman

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This joint statement on Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, \$0.01 par value (the **Common Stock**), of Lifetime Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the **Issuer**). The address of the Issuer's principal executive offices is 1000 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York, 11530.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This joint statement on Schedule 13D is being filed by Thomas E. Lynch, Scott P. Scharfman, Mill Road Capital II GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the **GP**), and Mill Road Capital II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the **Fund**). Each of the foregoing is referred to in this Schedule 13D as a **Reporting Person** and, collectively, as the **Reporting Persons**. Messrs. Lynch and Scharfman, Charles M. B. Goldman and Justin C. Jacobs are the management committee directors of the GP and, in this capacity, are referred to in this Schedule 13D as the **Managers**. The GP is the sole general partner of the Fund. Each of Messrs. Lynch and Scharfman has shared authority to vote and dispose of the shares of Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement dated December 16, 2013, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 1 to this Schedule 13D, pursuant to which they have agreed to file this Schedule 13D jointly in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Exchange Act.

(b) The business address of each of the Managers, and the address of the principal business and the principal office of the GP and the Fund, is 382 Greenwich Avenue, Suite One, Greenwich, CT 06830.

(c) The principal business of the GP is acting as the sole general partner of the Fund. The principal business of the Fund is investing in securities. The present principal occupation or employment of each Manager is as a management committee director of the GP and of Mill Road Capital Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the **Management Company**), which provides advisory and administrative services to the GP and is located at 382 Greenwich Avenue, Suite One, Greenwich, CT 06830.

(d) None of the Managers, the GP and the Fund has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Managers, the GP and the Fund was, during the last five years, a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and, as a result of such proceeding, was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order (1) enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or (2) finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each Manager is a citizen of the United States.

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Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Persons acquired beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 639,439 shares of Common Stock for \$7,857,300.88 using working capital from the Fund and the proceeds of margin loans under margin loan facilities maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Fund with a broker on customary terms and conditions.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Reporting Persons acquired shares of the Common Stock based on their belief that the Common Stock represents an attractive investment opportunity, and such purchases have been made in the Reporting Persons' ordinary course of business.

The Reporting Persons intend to review continuously their equity interest in the Issuer. Depending upon their evaluation of the factors described below, one or more of the Reporting Persons may from time to time purchase additional securities of the Issuer, dispose of all or a portion of the securities then held by such Reporting Persons, or cease buying or selling such securities; any such additional purchases or sales of securities of the Issuer may be in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise.

The Reporting Persons may wish to engage in a constructive dialogue with officers, directors and other representatives of the Issuer, as well as the Issuer's shareholders; topics of discussion may include, but are not limited to, the Issuer's markets, operations, competitors, prospects, strategy, personnel, directors, ownership and capitalization. The Reporting Persons may also enter into confidentiality or similar agreements with the Issuer and, subject to such an agreement or otherwise, exchange information with the Issuer. The factors that the Reporting Persons may consider in evaluating their equity interest in the Issuer's business include the following: (i) the Issuer's business and prospects; (ii) the performance of the Common Stock and the availability of the Common Stock for purchase at particular price levels; (iii) the availability and nature of opportunities to dispose of the Reporting Persons' interests; (iv) general economic conditions; (v) stock market conditions; (vi) other business and investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons; and (vii) other plans and requirements of the Reporting Persons.

Depending on their assessment of the foregoing factors, the Reporting Persons may, from time to time, modify their present intention as stated in this Item 4.

Except as set forth above, the Reporting Persons intend to continuously review their options but do not have at this time any specific plans that would result in (a) the acquisition of additional securities of the Issuer or the disposition of securities of the Issuer; (b) any extraordinary corporate transactions such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (c) any sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or of any of its subsidiaries; (d) any change in the present management or Board of Directors of the Issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the Issuer's Board of Directors; (e) any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer; (f) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure; (g) any change in the Issuer's charter or by-laws that may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person; (h) the Issuer's Common Stock

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being delisted from a national securities exchange or ceasing to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system or a registered national securities association; (i) causing a class of equity securities of the Issuer to become eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; or (j) any action similar to those enumerated above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a, b) The percentages of beneficial ownership reported in this Item 5, and on each Reporting Person's cover page to this Schedule 13D, are based on a total of 12,737,557 shares of the Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 8, 2013, as reported in the most recent quarterly report of the Issuer on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2013. All of the share numbers reported below, and on each Reporting Person's cover page to this Schedule 13D, are as of December 16, 2013, unless otherwise indicated. The cover page to this Schedule 13D for each Reporting Person is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Item 5(a, b).

The Fund directly holds, and thus has sole voting and dispositive power over, 639,439 shares of Common Stock. The GP, as sole general partner of the Fund, also has sole voting and dispositive power over these shares, and each of Messrs. Lynch and Scharfman has the shared authority to vote and dispose of these shares on behalf of the Fund. Accordingly, each of the Reporting Persons beneficially owns 639,439 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 5.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, and the Reporting Persons beneficially own, in the aggregate, 639,439 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 5.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(c) No Reporting Person, other than the Fund as set forth in the table below, effected any transaction in shares of the Common Stock from October 17, 2013 (the date 60 days prior to the filing of this Schedule 13D) to December 16, 2013:

Date of Purchase / Sale	Shares Purchased / (Sold) (#)	Avg. Purchase / Sale Price per Share (\$)
10/18/2013	1,000	\$ 15.5000
11/1/2013	9,788	\$ 15.3625
11/4/2013	400	\$ 15.4750
11/5/2013	857	\$ 15.4958
11/6/2013	40,596	\$ 15.4507
11/8/2013	531	\$ 14.9209
11/11/2013	7,269	\$ 14.7168
11/13/2013	3,705	\$ 14.0346
11/14/2013	1,000	\$ 14.1278
11/15/2013	7,200	\$ 14.2751
11/18/2013	16,381	\$ 14.6694
11/19/2013	20,115	\$ 14.3503
12/3/2013	5,410	\$ 14.0898
12/4/2013	362	\$ 14.1000

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12/5/2013	14,531	\$	14.0375
12/6/2013	25,000	\$	13.8500

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Each of the above listed transactions was conducted in the ordinary course of business on the open market for cash. Purchases have been aggregated daily, and purchase prices do not reflect brokerage commissions paid.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of shares of the Common Stock.

(e) Not applicable.

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

Except as otherwise described in this Schedule 13D, including the Exhibits attached hereto, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings, or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the Reporting Persons, or between any Reporting Person(s) and any third party, with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including, but not limited to, those involving the transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, put or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or losses, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement by and among Thomas E. Lynch, Scott P. Scharfman, Mill Road Capital II GP LLC and Mill Road Capital II, L.P. dated as of December 16, 2013.

Exhibit 2 Confirming Statement of Thomas E. Lynch dated December 16, 2013.

Exhibit 3 Confirming Statement of Scott P. Scharfman dated December 16, 2013.

[signature pages follow]

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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.

DATE: December 16, 2013

MILL ROAD CAPITAL II, L.P.

By: Mill Road Capital II GP LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Thomas E. Lynch
Thomas E. Lynch
Management Committee Director and
Chairman

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By: /s/ Thomas E. Lynch
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THOMAS E. LYNCH

/s/ Thomas E. Lynch
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SCOTT P. SCHARFMAN

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