

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO /DE/

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

31-1469076

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6301 Fitch Path, New Albany, Ohio 43054
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

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(Name, Address, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

With Copy To:

Elizabeth Turrell Farrar, Esq.
Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.(Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities | Amount to be | Proposed Maximum Offering Price | Proposed Maximum Aggregate | Amount of Registration |
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| to be Registered | Registered (1) | Per Share | Offering Price | Fee |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 3,000,000 shares | \$73.30(2) | \$219,900,000 | \$25,531 |
| Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock Purchase Rights (3) | | | | |

- (1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement on Form S-8 also covers an indeterminate number of shares that may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for delivery pursuant to the Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan) in accordance with the anti-dilution provisions of the Plan as the result of a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or other similar transaction or adjustment affecting the Class A Common Stock of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (the Registrant) as specified in such anti-dilution provisions.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act and computed on the basis of the average of the high and low sales prices for a share of Class A Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 28, 2011.
- (3) Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock Purchase Rights (the Rights) evidence the right to purchase under certain conditions, one one-thousandth of a share of Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock of the Registrant. The Registrant is required to deliver .50 Right, subject to adjustment, with each share of Class A Common Stock that becomes outstanding until the distribution date for the Rights, at which date the Rights will commence trading separately from the shares of Class A Common Stock. Prior to the distribution date, the Rights trade together with the Class A Common Stock. The value attributable to the Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the Class A Common Stock.
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Part I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan) as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) either as part of this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this Registration Statement) or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been previously filed by Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (the Registrant or the Company) with the Commission, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Registrant for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2011, filed with the Commission on March 29, 2011 (the Annual Report);
- (ii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Registrant for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2011, filed with the Commission on June 8, 2011;
- (iii) the Current Reports on Form 8-K (excluding any information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 thereof) of the Registrant filed with the Commission on January 31, 2011, February 16, 2011, February 18, 2011, May 23, 2011 and June 17, 2011;
- (iv) the description of the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A Common Stock), of the Registrant contained in the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 3, 2002, filed with the Commission on September 16, 2002, as amended by the description of the Class A Common Stock contained in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant with the Commission on June 16, 2009 and the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant with the Commission on June 17, 2011, together with any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (v) the description of the Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock Purchase Rights of the Registrant contained in the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 5), dated November 3, 2009 and filed with the Commission on that date, amending the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated July 21, 1998 and filed with the Commission on that date, as previously amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, dated April 23, 1999 and filed with the Commission on April 26, 1999, Amendment No. 2 thereto, dated September 19, 2001 and filed with the Commission on that date, Amendment No. 3 thereto, dated August 6, 2003 and filed with the Commission on that date, and Amendment No. 4 thereto, dated June 12, 2008 and filed with the Commission on that date, together with any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

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All documents which may be filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), Section 13(c), Section 14 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be made a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference, or contained in this Registration Statement, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

On behalf of the Registrant, the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, 52 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, will pass upon the validity of the issuance of the securities being registered on this Registration Statement. As of July 6, 2011, members of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, and attorneys employed thereby or of counsel thereto, together with members of their immediate families, owned an aggregate of 3,760 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Registrant.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Delaware General Corporation Law

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director or officer of the corporation or is or was serving at the corporation's request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity, against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. In the case of an action by or in the right of the corporation, however, such indemnification may only apply to expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of the action and no such indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which that person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that an appropriate court determines that such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses the court deems proper. To the extent that such person has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defending any action, suit or proceeding referred to above or any claim, issue or matter therein, the corporation must indemnify such person against the expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Amended and Restated Bylaws

Article V of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws provides as follows:

Section 5.01. **Indemnification.** (a) The corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless any person (and the heirs, executors or administrators of such person) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or is involved in, any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he, his testator, or intestate is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or as a member of any committee or similar body, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware as they may exist from time to time. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article V shall also include the right to be paid by the corporation the expenses incurred in connection with any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware as they may exist from time to time.

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(b) The corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors, provide indemnification to such of the employees and agents of the corporation to such extent and to such effect as the Board of Directors shall determine to be appropriate and authorized by the laws of Delaware as they may exist from time to time.

Section 5.02. Insurance. The proper officers of the corporation, without further authorization by the Board of Directors, may in their discretion purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent for another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability.

Section 5.03. ERISA. To assure indemnification under this Article V of all such persons who are or were fiduciaries of an employee benefit plan governed by the Act of Congress entitled Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, the provisions of this Article V shall, for the purposes hereof, be interpreted as follows: an other enterprise shall be deemed to include an employee benefit plan; the corporation shall be deemed to have requested a person to serve as an employee of an employee benefit plan where the performance by such person of his duties to the corporation also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, such person to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to said Act of Congress shall be deemed fines; and action taken or omitted by a person with respect to an employee benefit plan in the performance of such person's duties for a purpose reasonably believed by such person to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose which is not opposed to the best interests of the corporation.

Section 5.04. Contractual Nature. The foregoing provisions of this Article V shall be deemed to be a contract between the corporation and each director and officer who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article V is in effect. Neither any repeal or modification of this Article V or, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware, any repeal or modification of laws, shall affect any rights or obligations then existing with respect to any state of facts then or theretofore existing or any action, suit or proceeding theretofore or thereafter brought based in whole or in part upon any such state of facts.

Section 5.05. Construction. For the purposes of this Article V, references to the corporation include in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or as a member of any committee or similar body shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article V with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

Article SIXTH of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides as follows:

Section 4. Elimination of Certain Personal Liability of Directors. A director of this Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of any fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware Law.

Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan

Section 3(c) of the Plan provides that the members of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Registrant (the Committee), any person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Committee, and any officer or employee of the Registrant or a subsidiary or affiliate acting at the direction or on behalf of the Committee or a delegate shall not be personally liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan, and shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Registrant with respect to any such action or determination.

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Directors and Officers Insurance Policies

The Registrant maintains insurance policies providing for indemnification of directors and officers and for reimbursement to the Registrant for monies which it may pay as indemnity to any director or officer, subject to the conditions and exclusions of the policies and specified retention provisions.

Employment Agreement

Section 13 of the Employment Agreement, entered into as of December 19, 2008, between the Registrant and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Michael S. Jeffries, provides as follows:

13. Indemnification.

(a) The Company agrees that if the Executive is made a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a Proceeding), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer or employee of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, member, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether or not the basis of the Proceeding is the Executive's alleged action in an official capacity while serving as a director, officer, member, employee or agent, the Executive shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent legally permitted or authorized by the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws or resolutions of the Company's Board of Directors or, if greater, by the laws of the State of Delaware, against all cost, expense, liability and loss (including, without limitation, attorneys fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or other liabilities or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by the Executive in connection therewith, and such indemnification shall continue as to the Executive even if he has ceased to be a director, member, employee or agent of the Company or other entity and shall inure to the benefit of the Executive's heirs, executors and administrators. The Company shall advance to the Executive all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with a Proceeding within 20 calendar days after receipt by the Company of a written request for such advance. Such request shall include an undertaking by the Executive to repay the amount of such advance if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified against such costs and expenses; provided that the amount of such obligation to repay shall be limited to the after-tax amount of any such advance except to the extent the Executive is able to offset such taxes incurred on the advance by the tax benefit, if any, attributable to a deduction realized by him for the repayment.

(b) Neither the failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of any Proceeding concerning payment of amounts claimed by the Executive under Section 13(a) above that indemnification of the Executive is proper because he has met the applicable standard of conduct, nor a determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or stockholders) that the Executive has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption in any judicial proceeding that the Executive has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

(c) The Company agrees to continue and maintain a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy covering the Executive, until such time as actions against the Executive are no longer permitted by law, with terms and conditions no less favorable than the most favorable coverage then applying to any other senior level executive officer or director of the Company.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

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Item 8. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed with or incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on August 27, 1996, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended November 2, 1996 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.2 Certificate of Designation of Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 21, 1998, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 1999 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.3 Certificate of Decrease of Shares Designated as Class B Common Stock as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 30, 1999, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 1999 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.4 Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Abercrombie & Fitch Co., as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on June 16, 2011, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on June 17, 2011 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.5 Certificate regarding Approval of Amendment to Section 2.03 of Amended and Restated Bylaws of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. by Stockholders of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. at Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on June 10, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed June 16, 2009 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.6 Certificate regarding Approval of Addition of New Article IX of Amended and Restated Bylaws by Board of Directors of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. on June 10, 2009, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed June 16, 2009 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.7 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (reflecting amendments through June 10, 2009), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 1, 2009 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.8 Rights Agreement, dated as of July 16, 1998, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and First Chicago Trust Company of New York, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated and filed July 21, 1998 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.9 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of April 21, 1999, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and First Chicago Trust Company of New York, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Registrant's Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-A dated April 23, 1999 and filed April 26, 1999 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.10 Certificate of adjustment of number of Rights associated with each share of Class A Common Stock, dated May 27, 1999, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 1999 (File No. 001-12107)

- 4.11 Appointment and Acceptance of Successor Rights Agent, effective as of the opening of business on October 8, 2001, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and National City Bank, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 4, 2001 (File No. 001-12107)

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- 4.12 Amendment No. 2, dated as of June 11, 2008, to the Rights Agreement, dated as of July 16, 1998, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and National City Bank (as successor to First Chicago Trust Company of New York), as Rights Agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.01 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 2), dated and filed June 12, 2008 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.13 Appointment and Acceptance of Successor Rights Agent, effective as of the opening of business on November 2, 2009, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (as successor to National City Bank), as Rights Agent, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 5), dated and filed November 3, 2009 (File No. 001-12107)
- 4.14 Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on June 17, 2011 (File No. 001-12107)
- 5.1 Opinion of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP regarding the validity of securities being registered
- 15.1 Awareness Letter of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.2 Consent of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and

Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

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- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New Albany, State of Ohio, on the 8th day of August, 2011.

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO.

By: /s/ Ronald A. Robins, Jr.
Ronald A. Robins, Jr.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and
Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated, on the 8th day of August, 2011.

| Signature | Title |
|---------------------------|--|
| /s/ Michael S. Jeffries | Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director |
| Michael S. Jeffries | |
| /s/ James B. Bachmann* | Director |
| James B. Bachmann | |
| /s/ Lauren J. Brisky* | Director |
| Lauren J. Brisky | |
| /s/ Michael E. Greenlees* | Director |
| Michael E. Greenlees | |
| /s/ Archie M. Griffin* | Director |
| Archie M. Griffin | |
| /s/ Kevin S. Huvane* | Director |
| Kevin S. Huvane | |
| /s/ John W. Kessler* | Director |
| John W. Kessler | |
| /s/ Elizabeth M. Lee* | Director |

Elizabeth M. Lee

/s/ Jonathan E. Ramsden

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Jonathan E. Ramsden

/s/ Craig R. Stapleton*

Director

Craig R. Stapleton

* The above-named directors of the Registrant sign this Registration Statement by Ronald A. Robins, Jr., their attorney-in-fact, pursuant to the Power of Attorney signed by each of the above-named directors, which Power of Attorney is filed with this Registration Statement on Form S-8, all in the capacities indicated and on August 8, 2011.

By: /s/ Ronald A. Robins, Jr.
Ronald A. Robins, Jr.
Attorney-in-Fact

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| 4.7 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (reflecting amendments through June 10, 2009) | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 1, 2009 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.8 | Rights Agreement, dated as of July 16, 1998, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and First Chicago Trust Company of New York | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated and filed July 21, 1998 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.9 | Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated as of April 21, 1999, between Abercrombie & | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Registrant s Amendment No. 1 to |

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| | Fitch Co. and First Chicago Trust Company of New York | Form 8-A dated April 23, 1999 and filed April 26, 1999 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.10 | Certificate of adjustment of number of Rights associated with each share of Class A Common Stock, dated May 27, 1999 | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 1999 (File No. 001-12107) |

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| 4.11 | Appointment and Acceptance of Successor Rights Agent, effective as of the opening of business on October 8, 2001, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and National City Bank | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 4, 2001 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.12 | Amendment No. 2, dated as of June 11, 2008, to the Rights Agreement, dated as of July 16, 1998, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and National City Bank (as successor to First Chicago Trust Company of New York), as Rights Agent | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.01 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 2), dated and filed June 12, 2008 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.13 | Appointment and Acceptance of Successor Rights Agent, effective as of the opening of business on November 2, 2009, between Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (as successor to National City Bank), as Rights Agent | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 5), dated and filed November 3, 2009 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 4.14 | Amended and Restated Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan | Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on June 17, 2011 (File No. 001-12107) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP regarding the validity of securities being registered | Filed herewith |
| 15.1 | Awareness Letter of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm | Filed herewith |
| 23.1 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm | Filed herewith |
| 23.2 | Consent of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) | Filed herewith |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney | Filed herewith |