

Alberto-Culver CO  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**

**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2009**

**ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**1-32970**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-5196741**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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2525 Armitage Avenue

Melrose Park, Illinois 60160

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (708) 450-3000

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SECTION 1 REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On December 13, 2009, Alberto-Culver UK Products Limited ( "AC UK Products" ), a wholly owned subsidiary of Alberto-Culver Company (the "Company" ), entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "Agreement" ) to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Simple Health & Beauty Group Limited ( "Simple" ). Simple is a leading skin care company based in the United Kingdom that is owned primarily by Duke Street, a mid-market private equity fund. AC UK Products was organized by the Company for the purpose of acquiring Simple.

The total purchase price is expected to be approximately £240 million including the acquisition of Simple's outstanding shares and the retirement of all of its debt. The transaction will be funded from the Company's existing cash and is expected to close before December 31, 2009.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALBERTO CULVER COMPANY

By: /s/ RALPH J. NICOLETTI  
**Ralph J. Nicoletti**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

**(Principal Financial Officer)**

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