

BANGS NELSON A  
Form 4  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND  
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COMMISSION

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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continue. See Instruction 1(b).  
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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p><b>Bangs Nelson A.</b><br/>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.<br/>1618 Main St.</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.<br/>(NMG.A)</p> <p>3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Persons (Voluntary)</p> | <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable)</p> <p>Director 10%</p> <p>Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer Other</p> <p>(specify below)</p> <p>Senior Vice President and General Counsel</p> |
| <p>(Street)</p> <p>Dallas Texas 75201</p>  | <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>September 20, 2002</p>   | <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>  |
| <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>  | <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if Any | 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) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| Year) | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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)<br>Code V | 5. Number of Derivative securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A) (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)<br>Date Exercisable Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)<br>Title Amount or Number of Shares | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Nonqualified Stock Option (1)  | \$30.97  | 9-20-02                              | 9-20-02  | A  | 8,500   | (1) 9-20-2008  | Class A Common Stock 8,500  | \$30.97                                   |  |
| Right to Receive Purchased Restricted Stock or Nonqualified Stock Option (2) | (2)  | 9-20-02                              | 9-20-02  | A  | 6,500   | (2)  | Class A Common Stock 6,500  | (2)                                       | 4  |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Option granted pursuant to The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. 1997 Incentive Plan, which includes tax withholding rights. Option vests on the third anniversary date of the grant and expires six years from the date of grant.

(2) Represents the right to elect to receive either purchased restricted stock ("PRS") or to receive nonqualified stock

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options pursuant to The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. 1997 Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. PRS is purchased at 50 percent of the fair market value on the date of the award and is subject to repurchase by the Company until the third anniversary date of the award in the event of the recipient's termination of employment. Nonqualified stock options are granted at fair market value on the date of the award, vest on the third anniversary date of the award and expire on the sixth anniversary date of the award.

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| ** Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). | <u>          /s/ Nelson A.          </u><br><u>          Bangs                          </u> | <u>          September 24          </u><br><u>          2002                          </u> |
|   | **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date   |

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedures.