

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

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**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): September 28, 2010**

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**The Hillman Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-13293**  
(Commission File No.)

**23-2874736**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(513) 851-4900**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

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On September 28, 2010, Ali Fartaj, the Senior Vice President of Operations of the Hillman Group, Inc. (“Hillman”), a subsidiary of The Hillman Companies, Inc., notified Hillman of his intention to resign from Hillman effective October 22, 2010. Mr. Fartaj is leaving to pursue other interests. On September 28, 2010, Hillman issued a press release announcing Mr. Fartaj’s resignation. A copy of the release is included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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In connection with Mr. Fartaj’s resignation, Hillman and Mr. Fartaj entered into a separation agreement (the “Agreement”). The Agreement provides that Mr. Fartaj will receive a lump sum payment of \$200,000 (subject to all withholdings and deductions required by law) in full settlement of any and all amounts owed (including bonuses and severance) to Mr. Fartaj under this current employment agreement with Hillman. The Agreement also contains customary release and confidentiality provisions.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated September 28, 2010

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**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 4, 2010

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ James P. Waters

James P. Waters  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

99.1

Press Release dated September 28, 2010

**Hillman Announces Resignation of Senior Vice President of Operations, Ali Fartaj**

CINCINNATI, Sept. 28 /PRNewswire/ — The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the “Company” or “Hillman”), - The Hillman Companies, Inc. announced today that Ali Fartaj, Sr. Vice President of Operations has decided to resign from his position effective October 22, 2010 to pursue other interests. In the next several weeks we will be working with Mr. Fartaj to have a smooth transition of his responsibilities. Mr. Fartaj joined Hillman in his current capacity in January 2008.

“During his tenure, he has been instrumental in leading the Operations team through numerous operational improvements, including the implementation of LEAN principles, optimization of supply chain network and processes and incorporation of a higher level of discipline ” said Max Hillman, CEO. “We certainly appreciate Ali’s significant contributions to Hillman and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.”

Hillman sells to hardware stores, home centers, pet suppliers, mass merchants, and other retail outlets principally in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and South America. Their product line includes thousands of small parts such as fasteners and related hardware items, keys, key duplication systems, and identification items, such as tags, letters, numbers and signs. Services offered include design and installation of merchandising systems and maintenance of appropriate in-store inventory levels.

*For more information on the Company, please visit our website at <http://www.hillmangroup.com> or call investor relations at 800-800-4900 #2084*