

NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KATZ KAREN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC [NMGA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Pres.&COO,Neiman Marcus Stores

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, INC., 1618 MAIN STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/21/2004**

**DALLAS, TX 75201**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock, Class A	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	M		5,200	D	\$ 23.1875	15,615	D
Common Stock, Class A	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	M		800	D	\$ 23.125	16,415	D
Common Stock, Class A	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	S		6,000	D	\$ 72.5147	10,415	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Nur of Sha
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$ 23.125	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	M	800	10/06/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 10/06/2009	Class A Common	8
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$ 23.1875	12/21/2004	12/21/2004	M	5,200	11/03/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/03/2009	Class A Common	5,

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KATZ KAREN  
THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, INC.  
1618 MAIN STREET  
DALLAS, TX 75201

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## Signatures

Karen Katz 12/21/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Option granted pursuant to The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. 1997 Incentive Plan, which includes tax withholding rights, in a transaction (1) exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. Options vest 20% on the anniversary date of the award and expire ten years from the anniversary date of the award.

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