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FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

05/17/2001

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation (RL)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option issued pursuant to Issuer's 1997 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Right To Buy)	(1)	5/17/2011	Class A Common Stock	7,500	\$28.675	D	

Explanation of Responses: (1) The option was granted on May 17, 2001. The option vests and becomes exercisable with respect to 50% of the shares of Class A Common Stock subject to the option on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant.

/s/ Dr. Joyce F. Brown

05/24/01

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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