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)
January 1, 2005

Commission file number 1-13163

YUM! BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

13-3951308

(State or other jurisdiction (IRS Employer of incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

1441 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40213 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (502) 874-8300

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e- 4(c))
Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations
Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement
On November 12, 2004, the Board of Directors approved revisions to the standard director compensation arrangements for non-employee directors. The revised arrangements, which are effective as of January 1, 2005, are described on Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto.
Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibitis
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits 99.1 Standard Director Compensation Agreements
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

YUM! BRANDS, INC. (Registrant)

Date: January 6, 2005 /s/ Matthew M. Preston

Vice President and Associate General Counsel

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Exhibit 99.1

STANDARD DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

Employee directors do not receive additional compensation for serving on the Board of Directors. Each director who is not an employee of Yum receives an annual stock grant retainer with a fair market value of \$100,000 and an annual grant of vested options to buy \$125,000 worth of Yum common stock at a price equal to its fair market value on the date of grant. Directors may elect to receive up to one-half of their stock retainer in cash. Non-employee directors also receive a one-time stock grant with a fair market value of \$25,000 on the date of grant upon joining the Board, distribution of which is deferred until termination from the Board. Directors may also defer payment of their retainers pursuant to the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. Deferrals may not be made for less than one year. Yum also pays the premiums on directors' and officers' liability and business travel accident insurance policies. In recognition of the added duties of these chairs, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$15,000 stock retainer annually and the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee receives an additional \$5,000 stock retainer annually.