

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

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_)\*

PROMUS COMPANIES INCORPORATED

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

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(Title of Class of Securities)

74342A10

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(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement /X/. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).1

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provides in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).



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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON ROBERT MARVIN KOMMERSTAD  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
  
(a) / /  
(b) / /  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S.A.  
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NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 0  
SHARES  
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BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 5951497  
OWNED BY  
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EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0  
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REPORTING 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7659722  
PERSON  
WITH  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7659722  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 7.5%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\* IN, HC  
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\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILING OUT!  
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ITEM 1.

- (a) NAME OF ISSUER: Promus Companies Incorporated
- (b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:  
1023 Cherry Road Memphis, TN 38117

ITEM 2.

(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING: This statement is being filed by (i) Provident Investment Counsel, a California corporation and registered investment adviser ("IA"), and (ii) Robert Marvin Kommerstad, a shareholder of IA ("Shareholder") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). Shareholder controls IA by virtue of Shareholder's position as the sole voting trustee of a voting trust which holds all of the outstanding securities of IA.

IA's beneficial ownership of the Common Stock is direct as a result of IA's discretionary authority to buy, sell, and vote shares of such Common Stock for its investment advisory clients. Shareholder's ownership of Common Stock is indirect as a result of Shareholder's stock ownership in IA, and is reported solely because Rule 13d-1(a) and (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires any person who is "directly or indirectly" the beneficial owner of more than five percent of any equity security of a specified class to file a Schedule 13G within the specified time period. The answers in blocks 6, 8, 9 and 11 on page 3 above and in responses to item 4 by Shareholder are given on the basis of the "indirect" beneficial ownership referred to in such Rule, based on the direct beneficial ownership of Common Stock by IA and the relationship of the Shareholder to IA referred to above.

Information with respect to each Reporting Person is given solely by the respective Reporting Person, and no Reporting Person undertakes hereby any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such information concerning any other Reporting Person.

- (b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

IA's Principal Business Office is located at:

300 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101-4022.

Shareholder's Principal Business Office is located at:

300 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101-4022.

- (c) CITIZENSHIP:

IA is a California corporation.

Shareholder is a United States citizen.

(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP NUMBER:

74342A10

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B),  
CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) / / Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
- (b) / / Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act
- (c) / / Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the act
- (d) / / Investment Company registered under section 8 of the  
Investment Company Act
- (e) /x/ Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the  
Investment Advisers Act  
[IA]
- (f) / / Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the  
provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g) /x/ Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section  
240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7)  
[Shareholder]
- (h) / / Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d1-(b)(1)(ii)(H)

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

(a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: Reporting Persons each directly or  
indirectly beneficially own 7659722 shares of Common Stock. IA's beneficial  
ownership is direct and the Shareholder's beneficial ownership is indirect.

(b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 7.5%

(c) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

IA and Shareholder share the power to vote 5951497 shares. No other person has the power to vote such shares.

IA and Shareholder have no power to vote 1708225 shares for which they have dispositive power.

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

IA and Shareholder share with each other the power to dispose all 7659722 shares for which they have direct or indirect beneficial ownership. They do not share this power with any other person.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

IA, a registered investment adviser, and Shareholder, its controlling shareholder, have the right or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from Common Stock, and to direct the receipt of proceeds from the sale of Common Stock to IA's investment advisory clients. No single investment advisory client of IA owns more than 5% of the Common Stock.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Shareholder is considered the equivalent of a parent holding company for purposes of this Schedule 13G. IA is considered Shareholder's subsidiary, and acquired the security being reported on by Shareholder. IA is a registered investment adviser. See Exhibit B.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief, I  
certify that the information set forth in this statement is true,  
complete and correct.

February 9, 1994

PROVIDENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL

By:

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Thad Brown  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Senior Vice-President

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Robert Marvin Kommerstad

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EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13G

The undersigned hereby agree that any statement of Schedule 13G to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by any of the undersigned, including any amendment thereto, with respect to securities of Promus Companies Incorporated may be filed by any of the undersigned as a joint filing on behalf of all of the undersigned.

February 9, 1994

PROVIDENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL

By:

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Thad Brown  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Senior Vice-President

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Robert Marvin Kommerstad

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EXHIBIT B

IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF  
SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED SECURITY BEING  
REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

IA, a registered investment adviser, acquired "beneficial ownership" of the securities being reported on as a result of its discretionary authority to acquire, dispose and (with respect to certain of such securities) vote the securities being reported on. Under a series of SEC no-action letters, including the letter issued to WARREN BUFFET AND BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY, INC. (available December 5, 1986), Shareholder is considered the equivalent of the parent holding company of IA and is therefore eligible to report his indirect beneficial ownership in such shares on Schedule 13G.

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