

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 * <b>EDENS WESLEY R</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP [NCT]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>CEO and Chairman</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC, 1251 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/03/2004</b>			
(Street) <b>NEW YORK, NY 10020</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

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) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/03/2004		P		1,140	A	\$ 26.66	16,815	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01								2,255,109 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Fortress Principal Investment Holdings II LLC
Series B Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01								1,096 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Newcastle Investment Holdings LLC

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

EDENS WESLEY R C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC 1251 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10020	X		CEO and Chairman	
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## Signatures

/s/ Wesley R. Edens		05/05/2004
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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).

Mr. Edens may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares of common stock of the issuer by virtue of his beneficial ownership of a portion of Fortress Principal Investment Holdings II LLC ("FPIH II"); Mr. Edens disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares held by FPIH II except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. On (1) December 31, 2003, FPIH II, successor in interest to Fortress Principal Investment Holdings LLC, distributed 495,080 shares of common stock of the issuer to a withdrawing member of FPIH II. Mr. Edens had no pecuniary interest in the shares of common stock of the issuer so distributed by FPIH II.

Mr. Edens may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of his beneficial ownership of a portion of FPIH II; FPIH II is the managing member and owns (2) a portion of Newcastle Investment Holdings LLC ("NIH"). Mr. Edens disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the issuer held by NIH except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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