

COLES MYER LTD  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT 1934

For the month of October, 2002

COLES MYER LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

800 TOORAK ROAD, TOORONGA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorised.

COLES MYER LTD.

(Registrant)

By /s/ R F BENNETT

(Signature)

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Date October 15, 2002

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News Release

Thursday, 10 October 2002

New Coles Myer Chairman

Coles Myer today announced the appointment of Rick Allert as Chairman, effective from the conclusion of today's Board meeting (10 October 2002), on an ongoing basis.

Mr Allert, a CML director for seven years, will succeed Stan Wallis, who will retire as a director following the Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2002.

Mr Allert informed the Board that he was willing to accept the chairmanship on a long-term basis.

"While my first inclination was to accept the position for an initial period of six months, after reflection, I have come to the firm view that the Coles Myer Board and management need continuity and certainty in Board leadership going forward," Mr Allert said.

"I am committed to helping John Fletcher and his team achieve their five-year vision to become Australia's number one retailer.

"I am committed to working with directors to ensure that Coles Myer has a stable and unified Board which has a shared commitment to all shareholders."

Mr Allert paid tribute to outgoing Chairman, Mr Wallis.

"Stan has made a great personal commitment to the organisation over the last seven years. As Chairman for the past five years, Stan has steered Coles Myer through both very successful and more challenging times," he said.

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