

NU SKIN ENTERPRISES INC
Form S-3/A
July 26, 2004
Table of Contents

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 26, 2004

Registration No. 333-109836

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 4

TO

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NU SKIN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

87-0565309
(I.R.S. employer
identification number)

75 West Center Street

Provo, Utah 84601 (801) 345-1000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Edgar Filing: NU SKIN ENTERPRISES INC - Form S-3/A

M. Truman Hunt

Chief Executive Officer

Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc.

75 West Center Street Provo, Utah 84601 (801) 345-1000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With copies to:

D. Matthew Dorny, Esq.

Kevin P. Kennedy, Esq.

Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

75 West Center Street

3330 Hillview Avenue

Provo, Utah 84601

Palo Alto, California 94304

(801) 345-1000

(650) 251-5000

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered in this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Table of Contents

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and neither we nor the selling stockholders are soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JULY 26, 2004

PROSPECTUS

750,000 Shares

Class A Common Stock

The 750,000 shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus were initially sold in a private placement transaction on September 22, 2003. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the resale by the selling stockholders of their shares of the Class A common stock covered by this prospectus.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **NUS**. On July 23, 2004, the last reported sale price of our Class A common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$23.25 per share.

Investing in our Class A common stock involves a high degree of risk. For a discussion of the risks relevant to an investment in our Class A common stock, please refer to the Risk Factors section of this prospectus beginning on page 5.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2004

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | <u>Page</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Where You Can Find More Information</u> | 1 |
| <u>Incorporation By Reference</u> | 2 |
| <u>Prospectus Summary</u> | 3 |
| <u>Risk Factors</u> | 5 |
| <u>Forward-Looking Statements</u> | 20 |
| <u>Use of Proceeds</u> | 20 |
| <u>Description of Capital Stock</u> | 21 |
| <u>Selling Stockholders</u> | 26 |
| <u>Plan of Distribution</u> | 28 |
| <u>Legal Matters</u> | 29 |
| <u>Experts</u> | 29 |

Table of Contents

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference facilities, which are located at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20459, and obtain copies of our filings at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facilities. In addition, you may look at our filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., which are located at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Our SEC filings are available at the NYSE because our Class A common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol "NUS". We also have a website (www.nuskinenterprises.com) through which you may access our filings. Information contained on our website, however, is not and should not be deemed a part of this prospectus.

Table of Contents

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus some of the information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those filings. Any information contained in future SEC filings that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus will automatically update this prospectus, and any information included directly in this prospectus updates and supersedes the information contained in past SEC filings incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference, as updated, is an important part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the following documents:

our quarterly report on Form 10-Q (file no. 001-12421) for the quarter ended March 31, 2004;

our annual report on Form 10-K (file no. 001-12421) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003;

the description of our Class A common stock in our registration statement on Form 8-A (file no. 001-12421) filed with the SEC on November 6, 1996 (as such description is updated by the description contained in the Description of Capital Stock section of this prospectus); and

all documents that we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and prior to the completion of the resale of the shares of the Class A common stock by the selling stockholders pursuant to this prospectus.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing to our Investor Relations Department at 75 West Center Street, Provo, Utah 84601 or calling our Investor Relations Department at (801) 345-1000.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement or amendment. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement or amendment or any documents incorporated by reference therein is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read this summary together with the entire prospectus, including the Risk Factors section, and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including the more detailed information in the financial statements and the accompanying notes contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. For ease of reference, throughout this prospectus, we use the terms we, us and our to refer to Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. and, unless it is otherwise evident from the context, its subsidiaries.

Our Business

Nu Skin Enterprises is a leading, global direct selling company. We develop and distribute personal care products and nutritional supplements that are sold worldwide under the Nu Skin and Pharmanex brands. We also market technology products and services and a line of home care products under the Big Planet brand. We are one of the largest direct selling companies in the world with 2003 revenue of \$986 million and, as of June 30, 2004, a global network of approximately 808,000 active independent distributors and preferred customers. Approximately 31,000 of these active distributors had achieved executive distributor status. Our executive distributors play an important leadership role in our distribution network and are critical to the growth and profitability of our business. We operate in more than 30 countries throughout Asia, the Americas and Europe, and we recognized approximately 89% of our revenue in markets outside the United States in 2003, with our Japanese operations accounting for approximately 57% of our revenue. Because of the size of our foreign operations, our operating results can be negatively impacted by such factors as weakening of foreign currencies, regulatory issues and poor economic or political conditions in those markets.

We develop and market branded consumer products that we believe are well suited for direct selling. Our distributors market and sell our products by educating consumers about the benefits and distinguishing characteristics of our products and by providing personalized customer service. Through dedicated research and development, we continually develop and introduce new products and enhance our existing line of products to provide our distributors with a differentiated product portfolio. We believe that we are able to attract and motivate high-caliber independent distributors because of our focus on developing innovative products, our attractive global compensation system and our advanced technological distributor support. The direct selling and nutritional supplement industries, however, are subject to extensive governmental regulations throughout the world, which impose some restrictions on our business and create the risk that we could be fined or have our operations suspended if we fail to comply with these regulations.

Table of Contents

Corporate Information

We are incorporated in the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 75 West Center Street, Provo, Utah 84601. Our telephone number at that address is (801) 345-1000. Our corporate website is located at <http://www.nuskinenterprises.com>. Our product division websites are located at <http://www.nuskin.com>, <http://www.pharmanex.com> and <http://www.bigplanet.com>. Information contained on our websites does not constitute part of this prospectus.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Class A common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described below, together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed by any of these risks. The trading price of our Class A common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

Currency exchange rate fluctuations could lower our revenue and net income.

In 2003, we recognized approximately 89% of our revenue in markets outside of the United States in each market's respective local currency. We purchase inventory primarily in the United States in U.S. dollars. In preparing our financial statements, we translate revenue and expenses in foreign countries from their local currencies into U.S. dollars using weighted average exchange rates. If the U.S. dollar strengthens relative to local currencies, particularly the Japanese yen inasmuch as we generated approximately 57% of our 2003 revenue in Japan, our reported revenue, gross profit and net income will likely be reduced. Given our inability to predict the degree of exchange rate fluctuations, we cannot estimate the effect these fluctuations may have upon future reported results or our overall financial condition. Although we attempt to reduce our exposure to short-term exchange rate fluctuations by using foreign currency exchange contracts for the Japanese yen, we cannot be certain these contracts or any other hedging activity will effectively reduce exchange rate exposure. In addition, there is the risk that the Chinese government may allow the Yuan to float against the U.S. dollar, which would result in exchange rate risk for our Chinese business.

Because our Japanese operations account for a majority of our business, any adverse changes in our business operations in Japan would harm our business.

Approximately 57% of our 2003 revenue was generated in Japan. Various factors could harm our business in Japan, such as worsening economic conditions. Economic conditions in Japan have been poor in recent years and may worsen or not improve. Many of our competitors have seen their businesses in this market contract in the last few years. The volume of goods sold through the direct selling channel has decreased from \$26.2 billion in 1998 to approximately \$24.5 billion in 2002, we believe primarily as a result of difficult economic conditions. We believe our operating results have been negatively impacted in the past in part because of economic conditions. Continued or worsening economic and political conditions in Japan could further impact our revenue and net income. In addition, we also face significant competition from existing and new competitors in Japan. Our financial results would be harmed if our products, business opportunity or planned growth initiatives fail to retain and generate continued interest and enthusiasm among our distributors and consumers in this market.

Table of Contents

If we are unable to retain our existing independent distributors and recruit additional distributors, our revenue will not increase and may even decline.

We distribute almost all of our products through our independent distributors, and we depend on them to generate virtually all of our revenue. Our distributors may terminate their services at any time, and, like most direct selling companies, we experience high turnover among distributors from year to year. As a result, in order to maintain sales and increase sales in the future, we need to continue to retain existing distributors and recruit additional distributors. To increase our revenue, we must increase the number of and/or the productivity of our distributors.

We have experienced periodic declines in both active distributors and executive distributors in the past. Our growth depends upon our ability to increase the number of active distributors and executive distributors. However, the number of our active and executive distributors may not increase and could decline once again in the future. While we take many steps to help train, motivate and retain distributors, we cannot accurately predict how the number and productivity of distributors may fluctuate because we rely primarily upon our distributor leaders to recruit, train and motivate new distributors. Our operating results could be harmed if we and our distributor leaders fail to generate sufficient interest in our business to retain existing distributors and attract new distributors.

The number and productivity of our distributors also depends on several additional factors, including:

any adverse publicity regarding us, our products, our distribution channel or our competitors;

a lack of interest in, or the technical failure of, existing or new products;

the public's perception of our products and their ingredients;

the public's perception of our distributors and direct selling businesses in general; and

general economic and business conditions.

In addition, we may face saturation or maturity levels in a given country or market. This is of particular concern in Taiwan, where industry sources have estimated that over 10% of the population is already involved in some form of direct selling. The maturity of several of our markets could also affect our ability to attract and retain distributors in those markets.

Our expansion of operations in China has resulted in governmental scrutiny, and our operations in China may

be harmed by the results of such scrutiny.

The Chinese government banned direct selling activities in China in 1998, subject to certain limited exceptions. The government has rigorously monitored and enforced this ban. In the past, the government has taken significant actions against companies that the government found were engaging in direct selling in violation of applicable law, including shutting down their businesses and imposing substantial fines. Although a few of our global direct selling

Table of Contents

competitors have authorization to conduct limited direct selling activities after the 1998 ban, we have not received such authorization. Consequently, we have not implemented our direct sales model in China. Instead, we have implemented a business model that utilizes retail stores and an employed sales force that we believe complies with applicable regulations. We also allow distributor leaders from outside of China to help us recruit, find, train and motivate our employed sales force in China. Frequently, individuals, including our competitors, complain to local regulatory agencies that our China business model violates applicable regulations on direct selling. As a result, we regularly visit with regulators to address their questions and concerns and explain our local business model. We also use our best efforts to train our China sales force on our business model.

The regulatory environment in China is evolving, and officials in the Chinese government often exercise discretion in deciding how to interpret and apply applicable regulations. We have made some modifications to our business model and policies in response to concerns expressed by governmental authorities prior to and since we opened for business in January 2003. In addition, some of our distributors living outside of China and some of our employed sales representatives in China have engaged in activities that violated our policies in this market and resulted in some regulatory concern and some adverse publicity. At times, these reviews and investigations by government regulators have obstructed our ability to conduct business and have resulted in several cases in fines being paid by us, which in the aggregate have been less than 1% of our revenue in China since we began operating there. We may incur similar or more severe sanctions in the future. Occasionally, we have also been asked to cease sales activity in some stores while the regulators review our operations. While, in each of these cases, we have been allowed to recommence operations after the government's review, there is no assurance that this will always be the case.

Although we have worked closely with both national and local governmental agencies in implementing our plans, our efforts to comply with local laws may be harmed by a rapidly evolving regulatory climate, concerns about activities resembling direct selling and any subjective interpretation of laws. Any determination that our operations or activities, or the activities of our employed sales representatives or distributors living outside of China, are not in compliance with applicable regulations could result in the imposition of substantial fines, extended interruptions of business, restrictions on our ability to open new stores or expand into new locations, changes to our business model, the termination of required licenses to conduct business, or other actions, all of which would harm our business.

If regulators prevent us from hiring sales employees or opening new stores in China as quickly as we would like, our ability to grow our business there could be negatively impacted.

Because of concerns about the potential number of sales employees we could hire in some cities, regulators in a few cities in China initially recommended that we maintain a reasonable level of sales employees per store. If the level of employees that regulators determine to be reasonable is less than we anticipate or believe reasonable, or if regulators otherwise impose restrictions on the number of sales employees we may hire, our revenue could be negatively impacted, which could reduce our revenue or slow our growth rate in

Table of Contents

China. Additionally, regulatory provisions require us to obtain a license for each store that we operate in China, and regulators have broad discretion in approving these licenses. If regulators fail to approve licenses for new stores at a rate that meets our growth demands, this could harm our growth potential.

If China fails to adopt new direct selling regulations, or if these regulations are not favorable to us, this could harm our business.

Chinese regulators have indicated that they intend to publish new direct selling regulations within the next few months. There can be no assurance that these regulations will be adopted or, if adopted, that they will benefit our company. While we intend to apply for a direct selling license under any new proposed regulations and believe that one would be granted to us, there can be no assurance that this would be the case. Although we currently do not operate a direct selling business in China, our future growth could be harmed if the regulations are not adopted or are unfavorable, or if we are unable to obtain a license for direct selling under these regulations.

Global political issues and conflicts could harm our business.

Because a substantial portion of our business is conducted outside of the United States, our business is subject to global political issues and conflicts, including terrorism threats, tensions related to North Korea, political tensions between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, and other issues. If these conflicts or issues escalate, or if there is increased anti-American sentiment, this could harm our foreign operations. In addition, changes and actions by governments in foreign markets, in particular those markets such as China where capitalism and free market trading is still evolving, could harm our business.

If we are unable to successfully manage rapid growth in China, our operations may be harmed.

As a result of Chinese regulations prohibiting us from implementing our direct selling model in China, we have opened over 100 of our own retail stores and hired a large and rapidly growing employed sales force. In addition, due to import restrictions in China, we have built and operate our own manufacturing plant to produce the products that we sell in our stores in China. As of June 30, 2004, we had spent approximately \$10 million building our stores and factory and expect to spend an additional \$7 to \$10 million through the end of 2005. We have experienced rapid growth in China, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully manage rapid expansion of manufacturing operations and a rapidly growing and dynamic sales force. We also cannot assure you that we will not experience difficulties in dealing with or taking employment related actions (such as hiring, terminations and salary administration, including social benefit payments) with respect to our employed sales representatives, particularly given the highly regulated nature of the employment relationship in China. If we are unable to effectively manage such growth and expansion of our retail stores, manufacturing operations or our employees, our government relations may be compromised and our operations in China may be harmed.

Table of Contents

Intellectual property rights are difficult to enforce in China.

Chinese commercial law is relatively undeveloped compared to most of our other major markets, and, as a result, we may have limited legal recourse in the event we encounter significant difficulties with patent or trademark infringers. Limited protection of intellectual property is available under Chinese law, and the local manufacturing of our products may subject us to an increased risk that unauthorized parties may attempt to copy or otherwise obtain or use our product formulations. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to adequately protect our product formulations.

Manufacturing and production cost issues associated with our laser-based scanner could negatively impact the success of our scanner program and our ability to make a sufficient number of scanners available to interested distributors, which could harm our business.

Our introduction of a laser-based scanner that measures the levels of carotenoid antioxidants in the skin has generated considerable enthusiasm among some of our distributors, particularly in the United States. We have not had experience in developing, manufacturing and marketing sophisticated technology products such as the scanner. As with any new technology, we have experienced delays and technical and production cost issues in developing and manufacturing a scanner that meets required specifications and performs at a consistent level. As of June 30, 2004, we were manufacturing 40 to 50 units each week at a cost of approximately \$7,500 per unit. If we are unable to timely resolve technical issues or otherwise fail to deliver scanners that perform to a standard expected by our distributors or if we are unable to make a sufficient number of scanners available to interested distributors at reasonable lease rates, we could dampen distributor enthusiasm and harm our business, particularly in the United States where many distributors have been focusing their marketing activities around the introduction of the scanner. Because of the substantial investment in the scanner initiative, we may not be able to recoup our investment or may have to record an expense that would negatively impact earnings if the scanner program fails for any reason.

If our laser-based scanner is determined to be a medical device in a particular geographic market, this could inhibit or delay our ability to market the scanner in such market.

We believe that our laser-based scanner can be marketed as a non-medical device. However, the FDA in the United States has questioned the status of the scanner as a non-medical device. There are various factors that could determine whether the scanner is a medical device including the claims that we or our distributors make about the scanner. If the FDA were to make a determination that the scanner is a medical device, or if it determines that our distributors are using the scanner to make medical claims, we would be required to obtain FDA clearance to market the scanner as a medical device, which could delay significantly or otherwise inhibit our ability and the ability of our distributors to use the scanner in the United States. In addition, we are facing similar regulatory issues in other markets with respect to the status of the scanner as a non-medical device. If distributors make claims regarding the scanner outside of the claims authorized by us this could result in regulatory actions against our business or prevent us from marketing the scanner as a non-medical device.

Table of Contents

Although we are in the process of preparing an application for FDA clearance to market the scanner as a medical device in the United States in the event such clearance is required, obtaining FDA clearance or similar clearance in other markets could require us to provide documentation concerning the clinical utility of the scanner and to make some modifications to the design, specifications and manufacturing process of the scanner in order to meet stringent standards imposed on medical device companies. There can be no assurance we would be able to provide such documentation and make such changes promptly or in a manner that is satisfactory to regulatory authorities. We are also subject to regulatory restrictions that limit the claims or representations that we and our distributors can make about the scanner because we are not using it as a medical device, which could adversely impact our success in utilizing the scanner. Any delay, restriction or limitation of our anticipated use of this tool caused by regulatory issues could harm our business, particularly in the United States where we have experienced the strongest interest in the scanner.

Governmental regulations relating to the marketing and advertising of our products and services, in particular our nutritional supplements, may restrict or inhibit our ability to sell these products.

Our products and our related marketing and advertising efforts are subject to extensive governmental regulations by numerous domestic and foreign governmental agencies and authorities. These include the FDA, the FTC, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Department of Agriculture in the United States, State Attorneys General and other state regulatory agencies and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare in Japan along with similar governmental agencies in other foreign markets where we operate. We also believe that the regulatory attitude towards dietary supplements in the United States, Japan and other markets is worsening.

Our markets have varied regulations concerning product formulation, labeling, packaging and importation. These laws and regulations often require us to, among other things:

reformulate products for a specific market to meet the specific product formulation laws of that country;

conform product labeling to the regulations in each country; and

register or qualify products with the applicable governmental authority or obtain necessary approvals or file necessary notifications for the marketing of our products.

Failure to introduce products or delays in introducing products could reduce revenue and decrease profitability. Regulators also may prohibit us from making therapeutic claims about products, regardless of the existence of research and independent studies that may support such claims. These product claim restrictions could prevent us from realizing the potential revenue from some of our products.

The recent discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), commonly referred to as mad cow disease , in the United States could harm our business if we are not able to successfully implement contingency plans to address regulatory issues surrounding BSE.

Some countries, including Japan, have banned the importation or sale of products that contain bovine materials sourced from locations where BSE has been identified.

Table of Contents

Approximately 40% of our Pharmanex revenue, accounting for over 18% of our total revenue, is generated from products that are encapsulated in gel capsules that are currently produced with bovine materials. We have been sourcing substantially all of our bovine materials, used primarily in the gel capsules of our nutritional supplements, from India and the United States, which were both BSE-free countries. At the end of December 2003, a single cow imported from Canada into the United States was found to have BSE, which has prompted some countries, including Japan, to suspend imports of beef and bovine related products from the United States as they review the situation. We have implemented alternative production plans for Japan to utilize gelatin capsules sourced from BSE-free countries or non-bovine gelatin capsules, and produce certain products in tablet form, in order to avoid material stock outages of our major products in Japan. If we experience production difficulties, quality control problems or shortages in supply, this could result in stock outages of key products or customer satisfaction issues in Japan, which could harm our business. In the event that the BSE issue is not resolved satisfactorily in the United States in a timely manner or if BSE becomes an issue in other countries, this could result in additional risk of product shortages or write-offs of inventory that no longer can be used. In addition, our business could be harmed if consumers become unduly concerned about the risks of BSE with respect to our bovine-sourced gelatin capsules or, alternatively, if consumers react negatively to our switching from capsules to tablets on some products as part of our contingency plans.

The sources and ingredients of our products are also subject to additional governmental regulations by numerous domestic and foreign governmental agencies and authorities regarding product ingredients. We may be unable to introduce our products in some markets if we fail to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals or if any product ingredients are prohibited, which could harm our business.

Recent negative publicity concerning stimulant-based supplements have spurred efforts to change existing laws and regulations with respect to nutritional supplements that, if successful, could result in more restrictive and burdensome regulations.

There have been some recent injuries and deaths that have been attributed to the use of nutritional supplements that contain ingredients that are controversial and have generated negative publicity. This publicity has resulted in efforts to adopt new regulations applicable to nutritional supplements that could impose further restrictions and regulatory controls over the nutritional supplement industry. Although we are committed to not market nutritional supplements that contain any stimulants, steroids or other substances that are controversial and could pose health risks, our operations could be harmed if governmental laws or regulations are enacted that restrict the ability of companies to market or distribute nutritional supplements or impose additional burdens or requirements on nutritional supplement companies as a result of public reaction to the recent injuries and deaths caused by supplements that do contain these controversial ingredients.

If we are unable to expand operations in any of the new markets we have currently targeted, we may have difficulty achieving our long-term objectives.

A significant percentage of our revenue growth over the past decade has been attributable to our expansion into new markets. For example, the revenue growth we experienced in recent

Table of Contents

years was due in part to our successful expansion of operations into Singapore, Malaysia and Mainland China. Moreover, our growth over the next several years depends on our ability to successfully introduce our products and our distribution system into new markets, including further development of Mainland China and Eastern Europe. In addition to the regulatory difficulties we may face in gaining access into these new markets, we could face difficulties in achieving acceptance of our premium-priced products in developing markets. In the past, we have struggled to operate successfully in developing country markets, such as Latin America. This may also be the case in Eastern Europe and the other new markets into which we currently intend to expand. If we are unable to successfully expand our operations into these new markets, our opportunities to grow our business may be limited, and, as a result, we may not be able to achieve our long-term objectives.

Adverse publicity concerning our business, marketing plan or products could harm our business and reputation.

The size of our distribution force and the results of our operations can be particularly impacted by adverse publicity regarding us, the legality of our distributor network, our products or the actions of our distributors. Specifically, we are susceptible to adverse publicity concerning:

suspicious about the legality of network marketing;

the ingredients or safety of our or our competitors' products;

regulatory investigations of us, our competitors and our respective products;

the actions of our current or former distributors; and

public perceptions of direct selling businesses generally.

In addition, in the past we have experienced negative publicity that has harmed our business in connection with regulatory investigations and inquiries. We may receive negative publicity in the future, and it may harm our business and reputation.

Although our distributors are independent contractors, improper distributor actions that violate laws or regulations could harm our business.

Distributor activities in our existing markets that violate governmental laws or regulations could result in

governmental actions against us in markets where we operate. Except in China, our distributors are not employees and act independently of us. We implement strict policies and procedures to ensure our distributors will comply with legal requirements. However, given the size of our distributor force, we experience problems with distributors from time to time. For example, product claims made by some of our distributors in 1990 and 1991 led to an investigation by the FTC, which resulted in our entering into a consent decree with the FTC as described below.

Failure of new products to gain distributor and market acceptance could harm our business.

A critical component of our business is our ability to develop new products that create enthusiasm among our distributor force. If we fail to introduce new products planned for

Table of Contents

introduction, our distributor productivity could be harmed. In addition, if any new products fail to gain market acceptance, are restricted by regulatory requirements or have quality problems, this would harm our results of operations. Factors that could affect our ability to continue to introduce new products include, among others, government regulations, the loss of key research and development staff from our divisions, the termination of third-party research and collaborative arrangements, proprietary protections of competitors that may limit our ability to offer comparable products and any failure to anticipate changes in consumer tastes and buying preferences.

Government inquiries, investigations and actions could harm our business.

From time to time, we receive formal and informal inquiries from various government regulatory authorities about our business and our compliance with local laws and regulations. Any determination that we or our distributors are not in compliance with existing laws or regulations could potentially harm our business. Even if governmental actions do not result in rulings or orders, they potentially could create negative publicity. Negative publicity could detrimentally affect our efforts to recruit or motivate distributors and attract customers and, consequently, could reduce revenue and net income.

In the early 1990s, we entered into voluntary consent agreements with the FTC and other state regulatory agencies relating to investigations of our distributors' product claims and practices. These investigations centered around allegedly unsubstantiated product and earnings claims made by some of our distributors. We believe that the negative publicity generated by this FTC action, as well as a subsequent action in the mid-1990s related to unsubstantiated product claims, harmed our business and results of operations in the United States. Pursuant to the consent decrees, we agreed, among other things, to supplement our procedures to enforce our policies, to not allow distributors to make earnings representations without making additional disclosures relating to average earnings and to not make, or allow our distributors to make, product claims that were not substantiated. We have taken various actions, including implementing a more generous inventory buy-back policy, publishing average distributor earnings information, supplementing our procedures for enforcing our policies, and reviewing distributor product sales aids, to address the issues raised by the FTC and state agencies in these investigations. As a result of the previous investigations, the FTC makes inquiries from time to time regarding our compliance with applicable laws and regulations and our consent decree. Any further actions by the FTC or other comparable state or federal regulatory agencies, in the United States or abroad, could have a further negative impact on us in the future.

In addition, we are susceptible to government-initiated campaigns that do not rise to the level of formal regulations. For example, the South Korean government, several South Korean trade groups and members of the South Korean media initiated campaigns in 1997 and 1998 urging South Korean consumers not to purchase luxury or foreign goods. We believe that these campaigns and the related media attention they received, together with the economic recession that occurred in the late 1990s in the South Korean economy, significantly harmed our South Korean business. We cannot assure you that similar government, trade group or media actions will not occur again in South Korea or in other countries where we operate or that such events will not similarly harm our operations.

Table of Contents

The loss of key high-level distributors could negatively impact our distributor growth and our revenue.

As of June 30, 2004, we had approximately 808,000 active distributors and preferred customers and 31,000 executive distributors. Approximately 311 distributors currently occupy the highest distributor level under our Global Compensation Plan. These distributors, together with their extensive networks of downline distributors, account for substantially all of our revenue. As a result, the loss of a high-level distributor or a group of leading distributors in the distributor's network of downline distributors, whether by their own choice or through disciplinary actions by us for violations of our policies and procedures, could negatively impact our distributor growth and our revenue.

Laws and regulations may prohibit or severely restrict our direct sales efforts and cause our revenue and profitability to decline.

Various government agencies throughout the world regulate direct sales practices. These laws and regulations are generally intended to prevent fraudulent or deceptive schemes, often referred to as pyramid schemes, that compensate participants for recruiting additional participants irrespective of product sales, use high pressure recruiting methods and/or do not involve legitimate products. The laws and regulations in our current markets often:

impose order cancellations, product returns, inventory buy-backs and cooling-off rights for consumers and distributors;

require us or our distributors to register with governmental agencies;

impose reporting requirements to regulatory agencies; and/or

require us to ensure that distributors are not being compensated based upon the recruitment of new distributors.

Complying with these widely varying and sometimes inconsistent rules and regulations can be difficult and require the devotion of significant resources on our part. If we are unable to continue business in existing markets or commence operations in new markets because of these laws, our revenue and profitability will decline. Countries where we currently do business could change their laws or regulations to negatively affect or prohibit completely direct sales efforts. In addition, government agencies and courts in the countries where we operate may use their powers and discretion in interpreting and applying laws in a manner that limits our ability to operate or otherwise harms our business. If any governmental authority were to bring a regulatory enforcement action against us that interrupts our business, revenue and earnings would likely suffer.

Challenges by private parties to the form of our network marketing system could harm our business.

We may be subject to challenges by private parties, including our distributors, to the form of our network marketing system or elements of our business. In the United States, the network marketing industry and regulatory authorities have generally relied on the implementation of distributor rules and policies designed to promote retail sales to protect consumers and to prevent inappropriate activities and to distinguish between legitimate

Table of Contents

network marketing distribution plans and unlawful pyramid schemes. We have adopted rules and policies based on case law, rulings of the FTC, discussions with regulatory authorities in several states and domestic and global industry standards. Legal and regulatory requirements concerning network marketing systems, however, involve a high level of subjectivity, are inherently fact-based and are subject to judicial interpretation. Because of the foregoing, we can provide no assurance that we would not be harmed by the application or interpretation of statutes or regulations governing network marketing, particularly in any civil challenge by a current or former distributor.

Increases in duties on our imported products in our markets outside of the United States could reduce our revenue and harm our competitive position.

Historically, we have imported most of our products into the countries in which they are ultimately sold. These countries impose various legal restrictions on imports and typically impose duties on our products. In any given country, regulators may increase duties on imports and, as a result, reduce our profitability and harm our competitive position relative to locally produced goods.

Governmental authorities may question our inter-company transfer pricing policies or change their laws in a manner that could increase our effective tax rate or otherwise harm our business.

As a U.S. company doing business in international markets through subsidiaries, we are subject to foreign tax and inter-company pricing laws, including those relating to the flow of funds between our company and our subsidiaries. Regulators in the United States and in foreign markets closely monitor our corporate structure and how we effect inter-company fund transfers. If regulators challenge our corporate structure, transfer pricing mechanisms or inter-company transfers, our operations may be harmed, and our effective tax rate may increase. Tax rates vary from country to country, and, if regulators determine that our profits in one jurisdiction may need to be increased, we may not be able to fully utilize all foreign tax credits that are generated, which will increase our effective tax rate. For example, our corporate income tax rate in the United States is 35%. If our profitability in a higher tax jurisdiction, such as Japan where the corporate tax rate is currently set at 42%, increases disproportionately to the rest of our business, our effective tax rate may increase. We cannot assure you that we will continue operating in compliance with all applicable customs, exchange control and transfer pricing laws, despite our efforts to be aware of and comply with such laws. If these laws change, we may need to adjust our operating procedures and our business may suffer.

The loss of suppliers could harm our business.

For approximately ten years, we have acquired ingredients and products from one unaffiliated supplier that currently manufactures approximately 39% of our Nu Skin personal care products. We currently rely on two unaffiliated suppliers, one of which supplies approximately 39% and the other of which supplies approximately 28% of our Pharmanex nutritional supplements. We obtain some of our nutritional supplements from sole suppliers in China. We

also license the right to distribute some of our products from third parties. Because

Table of Contents

of the concentrated nature of our suppliers and manufacturers, the loss of any of these suppliers or manufacturers, or the failure of suppliers to meet our needs, could restrict our ability to produce or distribute some products and harm our revenue as a result.

We depend on our key personnel, and the loss of the services provided by any of our executive officers or other key employees could harm our business and results of operations.

Our success depends to a significant degree upon the continued contributions of our senior management, many of whom would be difficult to replace. These employees may voluntarily terminate their employment with us at any time. We may not be able to successfully retain existing personnel or identify, hire and integrate new personnel. We do not carry key person insurance for any of our personnel. While we have signed offer letters from most of our senior executives, we only have one formal employment agreement with Joseph Chang, President of Pharmanex. If we lose the services of our executive officers or key employees for any reason, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be harmed.

Our markets are intensely competitive, and market conditions and the strengths of competitors may harm our business.

The markets for our Nu Skin and Pharmanex products are intensely competitive. Our results of operations may be harmed by market conditions and competition in the future. Many competitors have much greater name recognition and financial resources than we have, which may give them a competitive advantage. For example, our Nu Skin products compete directly with branded, premium retail products. We also compete with other direct selling organizations. The leading direct selling companies in our existing markets are Avon and Alticor (Amway). We currently do not have significant patent or other proprietary protection, and our competitors may introduce products with the same ingredients that we use in our products. Because of regulatory restrictions concerning claims about the efficacy of dietary supplements, we may have difficulty differentiating our products from our competitors' products, and competing products entering the nutritional market could harm our nutritional supplement revenue.

We also compete with other network marketing companies for distributors. Some of these competitors have a longer operating history and greater visibility, name recognition and financial resources than we do. Some of our competitors have also adopted and could continue to adopt some of our successful business strategies, including our Global Compensation Plan for distributors. Consequently, to successfully compete in this market and attract and retain distributors, we must ensure that our business opportunities and compensation plans are financially rewarding. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully compete in this market.

There is uncertainty whether the SARS epidemic could return, particularly in those Asian markets most affected by the epidemic in 2003.

It is difficult to predict the impact, if any, of a recurrence of a SARS epidemic on our business. Although such an event could generate increased sales of health/immune

Table of Contents

supplements and certain personal care products, our direct selling and retail activities and results of operations could be harmed if the fear of SARS or other communicable diseases that spread rapidly in densely populated areas causes people to avoid public places and interaction with one another.

Product liability claims could harm our business.

We may be required to pay for losses or injuries purportedly caused by our products. Although we have had a very limited product claims history, we have recently experienced difficulty in finding insurers that are willing to provide product liability coverage at reasonable rates due to insurance industry trends and the rising cost of insurance generally. As a result, we have elected to self-insure our product liability risks for our core product lines. Until we elect and are able to obtain product liability insurance, if any of our products are found to cause any injury or damage, we will be subject to the full amount of liability associated with any injuries or damages. This liability could be substantial. We cannot predict if and when product liability insurance will be available to us on reasonable terms.

System failures could harm our business.

Because of our diverse geographic operations and our complex distributor compensation plan, our business is highly dependent on efficiently functioning information technology systems. These systems and operations are vulnerable to damage or interruption from fires, earthquakes, telecommunications failures and other events. They are also subject to break-ins, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and similar misconduct. In April 2002, we adopted a Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Plan, which is in the process of being implemented. All of our data sets are archived and stored at third party, secure sites, but we have not contracted for a third party recovery site. Despite any precautions, the occurrence of a natural disaster or other unanticipated problems could result in interruptions in services and reduce our revenue and profits.

Risks Related to Our Class A Common Stock

The market price of our Class A common stock is subject to significant fluctuations due to a number of factors that are beyond our control.

Our Class A common stock closed at \$14.10 per share on July 1, 2002 and closed at \$25.49 per share on July 1, 2004. During this two-year period, our Class A common stock traded as low as \$8.40 per share and as high as \$25.91 per share. Many factors could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to fall. Some of these factors include:

fluctuations in our quarterly operating results;

the sale of shares of Class A common stock by our original or significant stockholders;

general trends in the market for our products;

Table of Contents

acquisitions by us or our competitors;

economic and/or currency exchange issues in those foreign countries in which we operate;

changes in estimates of our operating performance or changes in recommendations by securities analysts;
and

general business and political conditions.

Broad market fluctuations could also lower the market price of our Class A common stock regardless of our actual operating performance.

As of June 30, 2004, our original stockholders, together with their family members, estate planning entities and affiliates, controlled approximately 42% of the combined stockholder voting power, and their interests may be different from yours.

The original stockholders of our company, together with their family members and affiliates, have the ability to influence the election and removal of the board of directors and, as a result, future direction and operations of our company. As of June 30, 2004, these stockholders owned approximately 42% of the voting power of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock. Accordingly, they may influence decisions concerning business opportunities, declaring dividends, issuing additional shares of Class A common stock or other securities and the approval of any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. They may make decisions that are adverse to your interests.

If our stockholders sell a substantial number of shares of our Class A common stock in the public market, the market price of our Class A common stock could fall.

Several of our principal stockholders hold a large number of shares of the outstanding Class A common stock. Any decision by any of our principal stockholders to aggressively sell their shares could depress the market price of our Class A common stock.

As of June 30, 2004, we had 72,073,135 shares of Class A common stock outstanding. All of these shares are freely tradable, except for approximately 28 million shares held by certain stockholders who participated in our October 2003 recapitalization transaction wherein we repurchased approximately 10.8 million of our shares from our original stockholders and their affiliates and facilitated their resale of approximately 6.2 million additional shares to a group of private equity investors. Under the terms of our repurchase, our original stockholders agreed that they will not sell or

otherwise dispose of any shares of Class A common stock on the open market or without the prior written consent of a majority of our independent directors prior to October 22, 2005. This agreement is subject to the following exceptions:

certain charitable donations to religious organizations;

transfers to us;

transfers of common stock to immediate family members or related persons who or estate planning entities that agree to be bound by similar restrictions;

Table of Contents

transfers pursuant to an existing call option for 2 million shares granted by one of our original stockholders, Sandra Tillotson, or an existing put option for up to 3.5 million shares obtained by Ms. Tillotson in a recent transaction with the selling stockholders named in this prospectus; and

the pledge of shares as security for loans up to \$10 million, provided certain conditions are met, including our right to purchase any shares upon the occurrence of an event of default at a price equal to 50% of the average closing price for the 15 days immediately prior to the event of default.

These stockholders also agreed that, after the expiration of the two-year lock-up agreement in October 2005, they will be subject to certain volume limitations with respect to open market transactions. In the event these lock-up restrictions were removed, the resulting sales could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline.

Table of Contents

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The statements contained in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including statements regarding our expectations, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. The words anticipate, believe, could, should, propose, continue, estimate, expect, intend, project, will and other similar terms and phrases are used to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements are made based on our management's expectations and beliefs concerning future events affecting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These uncertainties and factors, including those discussed in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those matters expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements. All of the forward-looking statements should be considered in light of these factors.

We urge you not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Except as required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to update our forward-looking statements or the risk factors contained in this prospectus to reflect new information or future events or otherwise.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the resale of all or any portion of the 750,000 shares of our Class A common stock by the selling stockholders or their pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors in interest pursuant to this prospectus.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

As of the date of this prospectus, our authorized capital stock consists of 500,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, 100,000,000 shares of Class B common stock and 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock. As of June 30, 2004, we had 72,073,135 shares of Class A common stock issued and outstanding and no shares of Class B common stock issued and outstanding. Of the authorized shares of preferred stock, no shares of preferred stock were outstanding as of June 30, 2004. All of the shares of our Class B common stock that had been outstanding immediately prior to March 29, 2004 were automatically converted into shares of Class A common stock on March 29, 2004, the record date for our annual meeting of stockholders in 2004, in accordance with the provisions of our certificate of incorporation.

The following description of our capital stock is a summary and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of our certificate of incorporation.

Common Stock

We effected a recapitalization transaction in October 2003, pursuant to which substantially all of our issued and outstanding shares of Class B common stock were converted, on a one-to-one basis, into shares of our Class A common stock, and we repurchased approximately 10.8 million of the converted shares from members of our original stockholder group and their affiliated entities. In a separate private placement transaction that took place concurrently with our repurchase, a group of third-party private equity investors purchased approximately 6.2 million of the converted shares from the same stockholder group. As of June 30, 2004, there were approximately 746 holders of record of our Class A common stock and no holders of record of our Class B common stock.

Voting Rights

Each share of our Class A common stock entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of our stockholders, including the election of directors. There is no cumulative voting. With respect to corporate changes, including liquidations, reorganizations, recapitalizations, mergers, consolidations and sales of substantially all of our assets, the approval of 66²/₃% of the outstanding voting power is required to authorize or approve the transactions.

Dividends

The holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends if, as and when the dividends are declared by our board of directors out of assets legally available for the dividends after payment of dividends required to be paid on shares of preferred stock, if any.

Table of Contents

Liquidation Preference

In the event of liquidation, after payment of the debts and other liabilities of our company and after making provision for the holders of our preferred stock, if any, our remaining assets will be distributable ratably among holders of the Class A common stock.

Mergers and Other Business Combinations

Upon the merger or consolidation of our company, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive equal per-share payments or distributions. We may not dispose of all or any substantial part of our assets to, or merge or consolidate with, any person, entity or group (as the term "group" is defined in Rule 13d-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that beneficially owns, in the aggregate, 10% or more of our outstanding common stock without the affirmative vote of the holders, other than a related person, of not less than 66²/₃% of the voting power. For the sole purpose of determining the 66²/₃% vote, a related person will also include the seller or sellers from whom the related person acquired, during the preceding six months, at least 5% of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock in a single transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to one or more agreements or other arrangements and not through a brokers' transaction, but only if the seller or sellers have beneficial ownership of shares of common stock having a fair market value in excess of \$10 million in the aggregate following the disposition to a related person. This 66²/₃% voting requirement is not applicable, however, if:

the proposed transaction is approved by a vote of not less than a majority of our directors who are neither affiliated nor associated with the related person or the seller of shares to the related person as described above; or

in the case of a transaction pursuant to which the holders of common stock are entitled to receive cash, property, securities or other consideration, the cash or fair market value of the property, securities or other consideration to be received per share in the transaction is not less than the higher of:

the highest price per share paid by the related person for any of its holdings of common stock within the two-year period immediately prior to the announcement of the proposed transaction or

the highest closing sale price during the 30-day period immediately preceding that date or during the 30-day period immediately preceding the date on which the related person became a related person, whichever is higher.

Registration Rights

Shelf Registration

On September 22, 2003, Sandra Tillotson, who is a member of our board of directors and also serves as one of our senior vice presidents, together with The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust, sold 750,000 shares of the Class A common stock in a private placement transaction. For ease of reference, throughout this prospectus, we refer to the purchasers of those 750,000 shares as the initial purchasers. In connection with the private placement transaction, we, Ms. Tillotson, her family trust and the initial purchasers entered into an amended and restated

Table of Contents

registration rights agreement, pursuant to which we agreed to file a registration statement (of which this prospectus forms a part) under the Securities Act of 1933 for the registration and resale of the 750,000 shares under Rule 415 of the Securities Act and to use our commercially reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act as soon as possible but, in any event, no later than January 20, 2004.

On October 27, 2003, members of our original stockholders group and their affiliated entities, including Blake Roney, who is the chairman of our board of directors, Brooke Roney, who serves as one of our senior vice presidents, and Ms. Tillotson, among others, sold 6,178,800 shares of our Class A common stock in a private placement transaction to third-party private equity investors. For ease of reference, throughout this prospectus, we refer to the purchasers of those 6,178,800 shares as the private equity investors. In connection with this private placement transaction, we and the private equity investors entered into a registration rights agreement, pursuant to which we agreed to file a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for the registration and resale of the 6,178,800 shares under Rule 415 of the Securities Act and to use our commercially reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act as soon as possible but, in any event, no later than April 23, 2004.

Demand Registration

In addition to the private placement of the 750,000 shares of our Class A common stock, Ms. Tillotson and her family trust provided the initial purchasers with an option to purchase, or call, in one or more transactions up to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of the Class A common stock held by either Ms. Tillotson or her family trust, and the initial purchasers provided Ms. Tillotson with an option to sell, or put, in one or more transactions (not to exceed 500,000 shares in any one transaction) up to an aggregate of 3,500,000 shares of the Class A common stock held by either Ms. Tillotson or her family trust to the initial purchasers. For shorthand purposes, we refer to the shares of our Class A common stock that may be purchased pursuant to the call option as the call shares and the shares of our Class A common stock that may be sold pursuant to the put option as the put shares. The put option and the call option may be exercised by Ms. Tillotson and the initial purchasers, respectively, in one or more transactions at any time prior to July 5, 2005. The price to be paid for the call shares will be \$13.70 per share. The per share price to be paid for any given block of put shares will be 94% of the volume weighted average price of our stock for the 12 trading days following the date Ms. Tillotson exercises a put option.

Under the terms of the amended and restated registration rights agreement, upon the written request from the holders of at least a majority of the then outstanding call shares and the put shares, we will be obligated to file a registration statement under the Securities Act to cover the resale of the call shares and the put shares then outstanding. Under this agreement, we are not required to file more than two such registration statements in any consecutive 12-month period.

Table of Contents

The foregoing description of the amended and restated registration rights agreement that we entered into with the initial purchasers and the registration rights agreement that we entered into with the private equity investors is only a brief summary and is not complete. We urge you to refer to these agreements (copies of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part) for a full description of the terms, conditions and other provisions of the registration rights that apply to our Class A common stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock is American Stock Transfer and Trust Company.

Listing

Our Class A common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol NUS .

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to the limitations prescribed by the Delaware General Corporation Law or the rules of the New York Stock Exchange or other organizations on whose systems our stock may be quoted or listed, to:

provide for the issuance of shares of preferred stock in one or more series;

establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each series;

fix the rights, powers, preferences and privileges of the shares of each wholly unissued series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions on such shares; and

increase or decrease the number of shares of each series, without any further vote or action by the stockholders.

The approval of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the combined voting power of the outstanding shares of common stock, however, is required for the issuance of shares of preferred stock that have the right to vote for the election of directors under ordinary circumstances or to elect 50% or more of the directors under any circumstances.

Depending upon the terms of the preferred stock established by our board of directors, any or all series of preferred stock could have preference over the common stock with respect to dividends and other distributions and upon liquidation of our company or could have voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the holders of the outstanding common stock. In addition, the preferred stock could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our company. We have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Table of Contents

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Special Stockholder Meetings

Special meetings of stockholders may be called only by the board of directors, the president, the secretary or at least a majority of the stockholders of our company. Except as otherwise required by law, stockholders are not entitled to request or call a special meeting of the stockholders.

Director Nominations and Business Proposals

Our stockholders are required to provide advance notice of nominations of directors to be made at, and of business proposed to be brought before, a meeting of the stockholders. The failure to deliver proper notice within the periods specified in our amended and restated bylaws will result in the denial of the stockholder of the right to make any nominations or propose any action at the meeting.

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law

We are a Delaware corporation and are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. This law prevents many Delaware corporations, including those whose securities are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, from engaging, under specific circumstances, in a business combination with an interested stockholder for three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination or interested stockholder is approved in a prescribed manner. An interested stockholder is a stockholder who, together with affiliates and associates, within the prior three years did own 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock.

A Delaware corporation may opt out of the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an express provision in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting from a stockholders' amendment approved by at least a majority of the outstanding voting shares. We have not opted out of the provisions of Section 203.

Table of Contents**SELLING STOCKHOLDERS**

In a private placement transaction that occurred in September 2003, Sandra Tillotson, who is a member of our board of directors and also serves as one of our senior vice presidents, together with The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust, sold 750,000 shares of the Class A common stock to Mainfield Enterprises Inc., Cranshire Capital, L.P. and Smithfield Fiduciary LLC. We refer to these three purchasers as the initial purchasers. In connection with the private placement transaction, we, Ms. Tillotson, her family trust and the initial purchasers entered into an amended and restated registration rights agreement, pursuant to which we agreed to file a registration statement (of which this prospectus forms a part) under the Securities Act of 1933 for the registration and resale of the 750,000 shares under Rule 415 of the Securities Act and to use our commercially reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act as soon as possible but, in any event, no later than January 20, 2004.

The following table sets forth information as of June 30, 2004 about the shares of our Class A common stock beneficially owned by each initial purchaser. We refer to the holders who are named in the table below as the selling stockholders.

As described in the Plan of Distribution section of this prospectus, the selling stockholders may offer all or some portion of their shares of the Class A common stock from time to time. As a result, we are not able to accurately estimate the amount or percentage of shares of the Class A common stock that will be held by the selling stockholders at any given time. In addition, the selling stockholders identified below may have sold, transferred or disposed of all or a portion of their shares of the Class A common stock since the date on which they provided the information regarding their holdings in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Unless otherwise described below, to our knowledge, no selling stockholder or any of its affiliates has held any position or office with, been employed by or otherwise had any material relationship with us or our affiliates during the three years prior to the date of this prospectus.

| Name of the Selling Stockholder | Number of Shares | Number of Shares | Percentage of Class A Common Stock Outstanding (1) |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| | of Class A | of Class A | |
| | Common Stock | Common Stock | |
| | Registered | Beneficially | |
| | for Resale | Owned | |
| Cranshire Capital, L.P.(2) | 150,075 | 550,275 (3) | 0.76% (3) |
| Mainfield Enterprises Inc.(4) | 399,975 | 1,791,575 (5) | 2.44% (5) |
| Smithfield Fiduciary LLC(6) | 199,950 | 933,150 (7) | 1.28% (7) |

-
- (1) Percentage of ownership is calculated based on Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, using 72,073,135 shares of the Class A common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2004.
 - (2) Mitchell P. Kopin is the president of Downsvew Capital, Inc., the general partner of Cranshire Capital, L.P., and has sole voting control and investment discretion over securities held by Cranshire Capital, L.P.

Table of Contents

- (3) Includes 400,200 shares of the Class A common stock that Cranshire Capital, L.P. may acquire from Sandra N. Tillotson and/or The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust pursuant to the call option described in the Description of Capital Stock Common Stock Registration Rights Demand Registration section of this prospectus.
- (4) Pursuant to an investment management agreement, Mor Sagi has voting discretion and investment control over the shares held by Mainfield Enterprises Inc. Mor Sagi disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (5) Includes (a) 1,066,600 shares of the Class A common stock that Mainfield Enterprises Inc. may acquire from Sandra N. Tillotson and/or The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust pursuant to the call option described in the Description of Capital Stock Common Stock Registration Rights Demand Registration section of this prospectus and (b) 325,000 shares of the Class A common stock that Mainfield Enterprises Inc. acquired in connection with the October 2003 private placement transaction described in the Description of Capital Stock Common Stock Registration Rights Shelf Registration section of this prospectus.
- (6) Highbridge Capital Management, LLC is the trading manager of Smithfield Fiduciary LLC and consequently has voting control and investment discretion over shares of the Class A common stock held by Smithfield. Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca control Highbridge. Each of Highbridge, Glenn Dubin and Henry Swieca disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Smithfield. The shares held by Smithfield were purchased in the ordinary course of its business for investment purposes. At the time of the purchase, there was no agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, between Smithfield and any person or entity to distribute such shares.
- (7) Includes (a) 533,200 shares of the Class A common stock that Smithfield Fiduciary LLC may acquire from Sandra N. Tillotson and/or The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust pursuant to the call option described in the Description of Capital Stock Common Stock Registration Rights Demand Registration section of this prospectus and (b) 200,000 shares of the Class A common stock that Smithfield Fiduciary LLC acquired in connection with the October 2003 private placement transaction described in the Description of Capital Stock Common Stock Registration Rights Shelf Registration section of this prospectus.

Table of Contents

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The shares of the Class A common stock listed in the table appearing in the Selling Stockholders section of this prospectus are being registered to permit public secondary trading of the shares by the holders of such shares from time to time after the date of this prospectus. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of the Class A common stock by the selling stockholders.

The selling stockholders and their pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their shares of the Class A common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. The selling stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling their shares:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker dealer solicits purchasers;

block trades in which the broker dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker dealer as principal and resale by the broker dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

in satisfaction of positions created by short sales;

broker dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;

a combination of any such methods of sale; and

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholders may also sell their shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers dealers to participate in sales. Broker dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders (or, if any broker dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated. The selling stockholders do not expect these commissions and discounts to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved.

The selling stockholders may from time to time pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of the Class A common stock owned by them, and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of the Class A common stock from time to time under this prospectus, or under a supplement to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the

Table of Contents

Securities Act, by amending the list of the selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as a selling stockholder under this prospectus.

The selling stockholders and any broker dealers or agents that are involved in selling the shares may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. The selling stockholders have informed us that they do not have any agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the Class A common stock.

We have agreed to pay for the first \$125,000 of the expenses incident to the registration of the shares, Ms. Tillotson and her family trust will pay for the next \$75,000 of the expenses, and we will pay for any remaining expenses in excess of \$200,000. We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to the validity of the Class A common stock are being passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Palo Alto, California.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Table of Contents

750,000 Shares

Class A Common Stock

PROSPECTUS

, 2004

Table of Contents**PART II****Information Not Required in Prospectus****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table lists the expenses expected to be incurred in connection with the preparation and filing of the registration statement, including amendments thereto, and the printing and distribution of the prospectus contained therein, all of which will be paid by the registrant. All amounts listed below, other than the SEC registration fee, are estimates.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| SEC registration fee | \$ 837 |
| Printing and engraving expenses | 25,000 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 250,000 |
| Legal fees and expenses | 90,000 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 9,163 |
| Total | \$ 375,000 |

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers***Indemnification***

The registrant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify persons who were, are or are threatened to be made parties to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was illegal. The registrant's certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for the indemnification of the registrant's officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The registrant believes that such indemnification

is necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers. The registrant has also entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers.

Liability Insurance

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law also permits a Delaware corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of its directors and officers. The registrant's bylaws permit the registrant to purchase such insurance on behalf of its directors and officers.

II-1

Table of Contents

Limitation of Liability

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a Delaware corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duties as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve international misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) for improper payment of dividends or redemptions of shares; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit. The registrant's certificate of incorporation provides for, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, elimination or limitation of liability of its directors to the registrant or its stockholders for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

Item 16. Exhibits

See the attached exhibit index.

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii)

Edgar Filing: NU SKIN ENTERPRISES INC - Form S-3/A

To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the

II-2

Table of Contents

Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions set forth in response to Item 15, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Brooke B. Roney

*

Director

July 26, 2004

Daniel W. Campbell

II-4

Table of Contents

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| * | Director | July 26, 2004 |
| E.J. Jake Garn | | |
| * | Director | July 26, 2004 |
| Paula F. Hawkins | | |
| * | Director | July 26, 2004 |
| Andrew D. Lipman | | |
| * | Director | July 26, 2004 |
| Jose Ferreira, Jr. | | |

*By: /s/ M. TRUMAN HUNT

M. Truman Hunt
Attorney-in-Fact

Table of Contents**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4.1* | Specimen Form of Stock Certificate for Class A Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-90716)). |
| 4.2* | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-12073)). |
| 4.3* | Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1998). |
| 4.4* | Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Relative Participating, Optional, and Other Special Rights of Preferred Stock and Qualification, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998). |
| 4.5* | Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's Form S-1 (File No. 333-12073)). |
| 4.6* | Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2003, by and among Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Sandra N. Tillotson, The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust and the Purchasers signatory thereto. |
| 4.7* | Amended and Restated Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2003, by and among Sandra N. Tillotson, The Sandra N. Tillotson Family Trust and the Purchasers signatory thereto. |
| 4.8* | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2003, by and among Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. and the Purchasers signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 10, 2003). |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants. |
| 23.2* | Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto). |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney. |

* Previously filed.