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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003.

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Commission File Number: 0-5813

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:  
Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan
- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and address of its principal executive office:

Herman Miller, Inc.  
855 East Main Avenue  
PO Box 302  
Zeeland, Michigan 49464-0302

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements are filed as part of this report:

- Report of Independent Auditors
- Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
- Notes to Financial Statements
- Schedule H, line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at end of year)

Note: The instructions to this Form 11-K provide plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ( ERISA ) may file plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA. As the Plan is subject to the filing requirements of ERISA, the aforementioned financial statements and schedule of the Plan have been prepared in accordance with such requirements.

EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

- 23 Consent of Independent Auditors
- 32 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrative Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

November 25, 2003

HERMAN MILLER, INC. PROFIT  
SHARING AND 401(K) PLAN

By: /s/ James E. Christenson

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James E. Christenson  
Executive Vice President, Legal Services,  
and Secretary, on behalf of The Plan  
Administrative Committee, the Plan's Named  
Administrator and Fiduciary

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE  
Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan  
Years ended May 31, 2003 and June 1, 2002  
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Report of Independent Auditors

Plan Administrator  
Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan (the Plan) as of May 31, 2003 and June 1, 2002, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at May 31, 2003 and June 1, 2002, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of May 31, 2003 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

August 29, 2003

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

## Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<b>May 31 2003</b>	<b>June 1 2002</b>
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<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value	<b>\$259,564,244</b>	\$292,349,953
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	<b>952,562</b>	223,125
Employee contributions	<b>556,597</b>	579,482
Investment income	<b>210,907</b>	220,525
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Total receivables	<b>1,720,066</b>	1,023,132
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Net assets available for benefits	<b>\$261,284,310</b>	\$293,373,085
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*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

## Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended	
	May 31 2003	June 1 2002
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<b>Contributions</b>		
Employer	\$ 6,133,067	\$ 6,875,616
Employee	15,796,444	19,314,031
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Total contributions	21,929,511	26,189,647
<b>Investment (loss) income</b>		
Dividends	3,609,886	6,300,636
Interest	520,337	746,311
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(35,694,309)	(50,883,308)
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Total investment loss	(31,564,086)	(43,836,361)
Benefit payments	(22,381,285)	(54,945,755)
Administrative expenses	(72,915)	(86,372)
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Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(32,088,775)	(72,678,841)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	293,373,085	366,051,926
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End of year	\$ 261,284,310	\$ 293,373,085
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*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

May 31, 2003 and June 1, 2002

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting and Reporting Policies**

The financial statements of the Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan (the Plan) are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Investments are stated at their fair value, which is the quoted market price as reported by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company, the Plan's Trustee.

The Plan provides for investments in common stock and various mutual funds. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term; such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the Plan's financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**2. Plan Description**

The Plan, a defined contribution plan, is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The following description of the major provisions of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Reference should be made to the Plan document for more complete information.



Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Plan Description (continued)**

**Company**

The Company means Herman Miller, Inc. and its participating affiliates, also referred to herein as the Employer. The Company is the Administrator of the Plan.

**Participating Affiliates**

Participating affiliates refers to any member of the controlled group, the principal operations of which are located in the United States, which has adopted this Plan for the benefit of any or all of its employees.

**Participation Requirements**

All employees of participating affiliates are eligible on the first day of the next plan quarter after the employee has completed 30 days of employment and attained age 18.

**Vesting**

Participants are fully vested at all times. They have a nonforfeitable right to their salary deferral account and to the Employer contributions and the earnings thereon.

**Employer Profit Sharing Contribution**

The Plan provides for an annual discretionary nonelective employer profit sharing contribution into the Company stock fund for each participant. The contribution for the plan year will not exceed 6% of the compensation of eligible participants for the plan year. The profit sharing contribution is allocated to the accounts of eligible participants based on the ratio of each participant's compensation for the plan year to the total of all eligible participants' compensation for the plan year, limited to the maximum contribution allocation under the Internal Revenue Code or 25% of participant compensation, whichever is less.

Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Plan Description (continued)**

**Salary Deferral Contributions**

A participant may make salary deferral contributions to the Plan. Such deferral is limited to a maximum amount or percentage of the participant's base compensation as determined by the Plan. The salary deferral contributions are invested, as specified by the participant, in the Company's common stock, the funds and accounts offered under the Plan, or a combination thereof.

**Employer Matching Contributions**

The Company will contribute to the Plan as matching contributions up to 50% of the participant's salary deferral contribution not to exceed 3% of the participant's compensation.

**Participant Accounts**

Individual accounts are maintained for each participant to reflect the participant's contributions, employer contributions and investment earnings. Investment earnings are allocated daily based on each participant's relative account balance within the respective fund.

**Voting Rights**

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to Herman Miller, Inc. common stock allocated to his or her account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. If a participant fails to provide direction as to voting their shares on any issue, the trustee will vote the shares as directed by the plan administrator.

**Benefit Payments**

For substantially all Plan participants upon retirement, termination, death or disability, a benefit payment shall be made in the form of a single lump sum payment of a participant's entire account balance via distribution of the Company's stock, cash or a combination of both as directed by the participant and defined in the Plan document.

Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Plan Description (continued)**

**Participant Loans**

Upon approval, a participant may receive a loan from their salary deferral account. The loan amount shall not exceed the lesser of: (1) 50% of the sum of all of the participant's account balances as of the end of the plan year preceding the date on which the loan is approved or \$50,000, whichever amount is smaller; or (2) 100% of the participant's salary deferral account balance as of the end of the plan year preceding the date on which the loan is approved. The period of the loan will not exceed five years unless the proceeds are used to acquire the participant's principal dwelling unit. The loans shall bear interest at a rate representative of rates charged by commercial lending institutions for comparable loans. All loans must be repaid in monthly installments of principal and interest through payroll deduction arrangements with the Company or repaid directly to the trustee.

**Plan Termination**

The Plan may be discontinued at any time by the Company, but only upon the condition that such action shall render it impossible for any part of the trust to be used for purposes other than the exclusive benefit of participants. Upon complete or partial termination of the Plan, including complete discontinuance of contributions, the trust will continue to be administered as provided in the trust agreement. The Company currently has no intention to terminate the Plan.

**Administrative Expenses**

All expenses, other than the trustee fees paid by the Plan, are paid by the Company.

**3. Trust Agreement**

Under a trust agreement with the plan administrator, Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company (the Trustee) is Trustee of the Plan. In accordance with the responsibilities of the Trustee, as designated in the Trust Agreement, the Trustee administers and invests the Plan's assets and income for the benefit of the Plan's participants.

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Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**4. Investments**

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's total net assets is as follows:

	May 31, 2003	June 1, 2002
Common stock:		
Herman Miller, Inc. 5,818,112 and 6,083,454 shares, respectively	<b>\$112,813,184*</b>	\$142,717,839*
Mutual funds:		
Putnam Voyager Fund	<b>50,469,851</b>	46,249,201
Putnam Stable Value Fund	<b>20,464,333</b>	18,447,578
PIMCO Total Return Fund	<b>17,601,907</b>	
Putnam Investors Fund		15,065,440

\*Consists of participant-directed and nonparticipant-directed amounts

During 2003 and 2002, the Plan's investments (including investments purchased and sold, as well as those held during the year) depreciated in fair value as follows:

	Year ended	
	May 31, 2003	June 1, 2002
Common stock	<b>\$(24,943,367)</b>	\$(25,684,826)
Mutual funds	<b>(10,750,942)</b>	(25,198,482)
	<b>\$(35,694,309)</b>	\$(50,883,308)

## Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**5. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments**

Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets related to the nonparticipant-directed investment is as follows:

	<b>May 31, 2003</b>	<b>June 1, 2002</b>
Net assets:		
Common stock*	<b>\$112,813,184</b>	\$142,717,839
Dividend receivable	<b>210,907</b>	220,525
Employer contribution receivable	<b>757,508</b>	
	<b>\$113,781,599</b>	\$142,938,364
	<b>Year ended</b>	
	<b>May 31, 2003</b>	<b>June 1, 2002</b>
Changes in net assets:		
Contributions	<b>\$ 2,730,396</b>	\$ 2,595,915
Dividends	<b>858,430</b>	949,784
Net depreciation	<b>(24,943,367)</b>	(25,684,826)
Benefit payments	<b>(8,195,260)</b>	(27,292,278)
Transfers from (to) participant-directed investments	<b>408,828</b>	(4,410,145)
Administrative expenses	<b>(15,792)</b>	(25,907)
	<b>\$(29,156,765)</b>	\$(53,867,457)

\*Consists of participant-directed and nonparticipant-directed amounts

**6. Related Party Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Putnam Investment Management, Inc., an affiliate of Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company, the Trustee. Therefore, these transactions are considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. Fees paid by the Plan for Trustee services were \$72,915 and \$86,372 for the years ended May 31, 2003 and June 1, 2002, respectively.

Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**7. Tax Status**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated February 12, 2001, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this issuance of the determination letter, the Plan was amended and restated. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended and restated, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan  
Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
May 31, 2003

Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Fair Value
<b>Common stock</b>		
Herman Miller, Inc.*	Herman Miller, Inc. Common Stock Fund (5,818,112 Shares) Cost: \$75,140,535	\$112,813,184
<b>Mutual funds</b>		
Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company*	Voyager Fund	50,469,851
	Stable Value Fund	20,464,333
	S&P 500 Index Fund	8,903,011
	International Growth Fund	8,218,692
	Asset Allocation: Growth Portfolio	2,137,589
	Asset Allocation: Conservative Portfolio	2,070,422
	Asset Allocation: Balanced Portfolio	2,039,775
PIMCO	Total Return	17,601,907
Fidelity	Equity - Income	9,076,784
Vanguard	Wellington Fund	7,553,472
Neuberger & Berman	Genesis Trust	5,485,083
RS Investments	Diversified Growth Fund	5,340,401
Total Mutual Funds		139,361,320
Various plan participants*	Participant Loans (interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.50%)	7,389,740
Total assets held for investment purposes		\$259,564,244

\*Represents party-in-interest.

There were no investment assets reportable as acquired and disposed of during the year.





EXHIBIT 23

Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 2-84202) pertaining to the Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan of our report dated August 29, 2003, with respect to the financial statements and schedule of the Herman Miller, Inc. Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended May 31, 2003.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
November 25, 2003

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**EXHIBIT 32**  
**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO**  
**18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**  
**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2003**

In connection with the Annual Report of the Herman Miller Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan (the Plan) on Form 11-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, James E. Christenson, in my capacity as Executive Vice President, Legal Services, and Secretary, on behalf of The Plan Administrative Committee, the Plan's Named Administrator and Fiduciary, and I, Elizabeth A. Nickels, in my capacity as Chief Financial Officer of Herman Miller, Inc., each hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2003, that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Plan.

Date: November 24, 2003

/s/ James E. Christenson

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James E. Christenson  
Executive Vice President, Legal Services,  
and Secretary, on behalf of The Plan  
Administrative Committee, the Plan's Named  
Administrator and Fiduciary

Date: November 24, 2003

/s/ Elizabeth A. Nickels

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Elizabeth A. Nickels  
Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Plan and will be retained by the Plan and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.