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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2000

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Relational Investors LLC  
Address: 11975 El Camino Real, Suite 300  
San Diego, CA 92130

Form 13F File Number: 28- 6854

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Jay Sitlani  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Phone: 858-704-3333 858-704-3336

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

J. Sitlani San Diego, CALIFORNIA  
[Signature] [City, State]

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- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:  
[If there are no entries in this list, omit this section.]

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COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5			COLUMN 6	COLUMN 7	COLUMN 8		
NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE (X\$1000)	SHRS OR PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	INVESTMENT DISCRETION	OTHER MANAGERS	VOTING AUTHORITY		
									SOLE	SHARED	NONE
Fortune Brands, Inc.	COM	349631101	\$ 31,800	1,200,000	SH		SOLE		1,200,000		