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June 27, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-11846

A. Full title of the Plan:

APTARGROUP, INC. PROFIT SHARING AND SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the  
address of its principal executive office:

APTARGROUP, INC.  
475 West Terra Cotta Avenue, Suite E  
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014  
Telephone: (815) 477-0424

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Note: Certain supplementary schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS  
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To the Participants and the  
Administrative Committee of the  
AptarGroup, Inc.  
Profit Sharing and Savings Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the AptarGroup, Inc. Profit Sharing and Savings Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which 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, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic 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 the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chicago, Illinois

June 25, 2001

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE  
 FOR BENEFITS,  
 AT DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
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	2000	1999
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Assets:		
Investments, at market value		
Fidelity mutual funds		
Money Market Fund	\$ 7,093,061	\$ 7,325,805
Magellan Fund	23,280,124	24,870,474
Growth and Income Fund	12,576,503	12,879,284
Managed Income Fund	1,798,812	1,958,298
Overseas Fund	1,260,308	1,033,146
Fidelity Asset Manager	756,643	809,725
Fidelity Small Cap Selector	121,207	--
AptarGroup Stock Fund	5,860,831	5,214,009
Participant loans	1,662,612	1,354,002
Contributions Receivable:		
Participant	385,274	--
Employer	119,877	--
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$54,915,252	\$55,444,743
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE  
 FOR BENEFITS  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
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	2000	1999
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Income from Investments:		
Dividends	\$ 2,959,860	\$ 3,474,543
Interest	113,461	121,339

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Net (depreciation)/appreciation in market value of assets	(4,303,332)	2,735,020
Contributions:		
Participant	4,059,795	3,140,511
Employer	1,378,827	1,036,233
Transfer from other plan	--	635,259
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Total additions	4,208,611	11,142,905
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Benefits paid to participants	(4,721,424)	(2,826,947)
Administrative expenses	(16,678)	(5,293)
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Total deductions	(4,738,102)	(2,832,240)
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Net (decrease)/increase in net assets available for benefits for the period	(529,491)	8,310,665
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of the period	55,444,743	47,134,078
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Net assets available for benefits, end of the period	\$54,915,252	\$55,444,743
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN  
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The AptarGroup, Inc., Profit Sharing and Savings Plan (the "Plan"), established on April 22, 1993, is a participant-directed defined contribution plan which covers eligible full-time employees of AptarGroup, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries (the "Company" or the "Employer"). The Plan is administered by a committee appointed by the Company, consisting of Company employees.

An employee becomes eligible to participate at the beginning of each quarter after the completion of six months of service. Participation is elective and is exercised by means of authorizing contributions of salary to the Plan of not less than 1 percent and not more than 16 percent of earnings (subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations). Participants' earnings are generally

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defined as total compensation for services rendered to the Employer. Participants may elect to suspend their contributions at any time. Eligible employees will not share in any Employer contributions for any period in which they voluntarily suspend their contributions or do not participate in the Plan. Active participation can be elected again on the next regular enrollment date.

The amount of Employer contributions is determined annually by the Employer. Such contributions are computed as a matching percentage of each participant's contribution within specified limits. The Company matched 50% of participant contributions up to the first 6% for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999.

Investment funds available to participants include the Money Market Fund, Magellan Fund, Managed Income Fund, Growth and Income Fund, Overseas Fund, Asset Manager, Small Cap Selector Fund and the AptarGroup Stock Fund. A participant may elect to transfer certain portions of his or her account in the Plan from one fund to another up to twelve times per year subject to certain restrictions between the Money Market Fund and Managed Income Fund.

Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee for the AptarGroup, Inc. Profit Sharing and Savings Plan, which includes separately the Money Market Fund, Magellan Fund, Growth and Income Fund, Managed Income Fund, Overseas Fund, Asset Manager Fund, Small Cap Selector Fund and AptarGroup Stock Fund.

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Each participant is fully vested in his or her contributions at all times. Vesting of the Employer contribution occurs at the rate of 20 percent per year on a cumulative basis for each year of service with a participating Employer. Upon withdrawal from the Plan, the participant will receive the amount of his or her contributions plus the vested portion of his or her Employer contributions. When a participant terminates employment for any reason other than retirement after age 65, death, or disability, the nonvested amounts of the Employer contributions will be used to reduce contributions of the Employer. The amounts of such forfeitures in each of the years ending December 31, 2000 and 1999 were immaterial. Nonvested amounts for participants who terminate employment for any reason other than retirement after age 65, death, or disability, will be reinstated if reemployment by the Employer occurs prior to incurring five consecutive one year breaks in services as defined by the Plan agreement.

Further information about the Plan and the vesting and benefit provisions is contained in the Summary Plan Description, which is available from the Plan Administrator.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
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Basis of Accounting  
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The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

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## Valuation of Investments

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All investments are stated at current market prices in actively traded markets. Participant loans are valued at cost, which approximates fair market value.

## Contributions

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Employer and employee contributions are invested directly in appropriate funds based upon employee elections made at the date of enrollment or through authorized changes in elections.

## Use of Estimates

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and changes thereto. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

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## Security Transactions and Investment Income

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Purchases and sales of securities, including related gains and losses, are recorded as of the trade date. Unsettled security investments represent transactions entered into prior to the end of the accounting period for which cash settlement is made in a subsequent period.

Interest income is recorded when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

In accordance with the policy of stating investments at current value, net appreciation or depreciation is reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. This net appreciation or depreciation consists of realized and unrealized gains and losses. Realized losses and gains are calculated as the difference between proceeds from a sales transaction and cost determined on an average basis. Unrealized losses and gains are calculated as the change in the fair value between the beginning of the year (or purchase date if later) and the end of the year.

## Amounts Allocated to Withdrawing Participants

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Net assets available for plan benefits include \$6,051,853 and 4,653,265 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, representing the vested account balances of participants, who are no longer employed by the Company and who have not received benefit payments.

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Trustee and Administrative Expenses  
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Expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan, except for loan service fees, which are paid by the participants, are paid by the Company.

NOTE 3 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS  
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Party-in-interest transactions consisted of loans made to participants and investments in the AptarGroup Stock Fund. These transactions are allowable party-in-interest transactions under ERISA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Plan provides that a participant may, for specified reasons, borrow from the Plan an amount not to exceed the lesser of 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. Each participant loan is evidenced by a note and is considered an investment to that participant's

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respective participant's account. Each participant note carries an interest rate equal to the prime rate plus one percent (at December 31, 2000 interest rates on outstanding notes ranged from 8.75% to 10.5%) charged by the Trustee on the date of the loan, and repayment occurs through payroll withholding over a period not to exceed 60 months.

NOTE 4 - FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS  
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The Internal Revenue Service has determined, and informed the Company by a letter dated March 27, 1995 that the Plan and related Trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC").

The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 5 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES  
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Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits.

NOTE 6 - AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF PLAN

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 The Plan may be amended at any time by the Company. However, no amendment may adversely affect the current rights of the participants in the Plan with respect to contributions made prior to the date of the amendment.

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to discontinue Employer contributions or to terminate its participation in the Plan at any time.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) applicable to defined contribution plans. Since the Plan provides for an individual account for each participant and for benefits based solely on the amount contributed to the participant's account and any income, expenses, gains and losses attributed thereto, its benefits are not insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation pursuant to Title IV of ERISA.

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NOTE 7 - INVESTMENTS:  
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The cost and market value of investments at December 31, 2000 and 1999 are as follows:

2000 Investments	Cost	Market Value
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Money Market Fund - Fidelity Money Market Fund, 7,093,061 shares	\$ 7,093,061	\$ 7,093,061
Magellan Fund - Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio, 195,139 shares	18,834,100	23,280,124
AptarGroup Stock Fund - AptarGroup, Inc. Stock, 199,518 shares	4,148,803	5,860,831
Growth and Income Fund - Fidelity Growth and Income Portfolio #027-0254927262, 298,729 shares	10,607,424	12,576,503
Managed Income Fund - Fidelity Managed Income, 1,798,812 shares	1,798,812	1,798,812
Overseas Fund - Fidelity Overseas Fund 36,669 shares	1,434,603	1,260,308
Asset Manager Fund - Fidelity Asset Manager 44,985 shares	813,955	756,643



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Small Cap Selector Fund - Fidelity Small Cap Selector 7,468 shares	127,110	121,207
Participant Loans - Range of interest rates 8.75-10.5%	0	1,662,612
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	\$44,857,868	\$54,410,101
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1999 Investments	Cost	Market Value
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Money Market Fund - Fidelity Money Market Fund, 7,325,805 shares	\$ 7,325,805	\$ 7,325,805
Magellan Fund - Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio, 182,028 shares	16,537,399	24,870,474
AptarGroup Stock Fund - AptarGroup, Inc. Stock, 207,523 shares	4,151,291	5,214,009
Growth and Income Fund - Fidelity Growth and Income Portfolio #027-0254927262, 273,098 shares	9,172,066	12,879,284
Managed Income Fund - Fidelity Managed Income, 1,958,298 shares	1,958,298	1,958,298
Overseas Fund - Fidelity Overseas Fund 21,519 shares	787,389	1,033,146
Asset Manager Fund - Fidelity Asset Manager 44,055 shares	787,507	809,725
Participant Loans - Range of interest rates 8.75-10%	0	1,354,002
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	\$40,719,755	\$55,444,743
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Schedule I

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ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
AT DECEMBER 31, 2000  
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Party Involved	Description	Number of Shares
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Fidelity Money Market Trust Retirement Government Money Market Portfolio	Mutual Fund	7,093,061
Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio	Mutual Fund	195,139
AptarGroup, Inc. Stock*	Common Stock	199,518
Fidelity Growth and Income Portfolio #027-0254927262	Mutual Fund	298,729
Fidelity Managed Income Fund	Mutual Fund	1,798,812
Fidelity Overseas Fund	Mutual Fund	36,669
Fidelity Asset Manager	Mutual Fund	44,985
Fidelity Small Cap Selector	Mutual Fund	7,468
Participant Loans* Range of interest rates 8.75% - 10.5%	Loan	--

\* Party-in-interest

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ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
AT DECEMBER 31, 2000  
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Party Involved	Market Value
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Fidelity Money Market Trust Retirement Government Money Market Portfolio	\$ 7,093,061
Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio	23,280,124
AptarGroup, Inc. Stock*	5,860,831
Fidelity Growth and Income Portfolio #027-0254927262	12,576,503

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Fidelity Managed Income Fund	1,798,812
Fidelity Overseas Fund	1,260,308
Fidelity Asset Manager	756,643
Fidelity Small Cap Selector	121,207
Participant Loans*	1,662,612
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Range of interest rates 8.75% - 10%	
Total Assets Held for Investment	\$54,410,101
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\*Party-in-interest

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ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
AT DECEMBER 31, 1999

Party Involved	Description	Number of Shares
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Fidelity Money Market Trust Retirement Government Money Market Portfolio	Mutual Fund	7,325,805
Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio	Mutual Fund	182,028
AptarGroup, Inc. Stock*	Common Stock	207,523
Fidelity Growth and Income Portfolio #027-0254927262	Mutual Fund	273,098
Fidelity Managed Income Fund	Mutual Fund	1,958,298
Fidelity Overseas Fund	Mutual Fund	21,519
Fidelity Asset Manager	Mutual Fund	44,055
Participant Loans* Range of interest rates 8.75 % - 10%	Loan	--

\* Party-in-interest

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ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
AT DECEMBER 31, 1999  
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Party Involved -----	Market Value -----
Fidelity Money Market Trust Retirement Government Money Market Portfolio	\$ 7,325,805
Fidelity Magellan Fund Portfolio	24,870,474
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Fidelity Managed Income Fund	1,958,298
Fidelity Overseas Fund	1,033,146
Fidelity Asset Manager	809,725
Participant Loans*	1,354,002
Range of interest rates 8.75% - 10%	-----
Total Assets Held for Investment	\$55,444,743 =====

\*Party-in-interest

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SIGNATURES  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, AptarGroup, Inc., as plan administrator, has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AptarGroup, Inc.

By: AptarGroup, Inc., as Plan Administrator

By:

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Lawrence Lowrimore  
Vice President-Human Resources

June 25, 2001

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