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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Goldsmith Ashley</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 400 N. ELM STREET _____ (Street) GREENSBORO NC 27401 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Kontoor Brands, Inc. [KTB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2026	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2026		A		2,236	A	\$0	14,869.672 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Phantom Stock-d ⁽²⁾	(3)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3,083.3199	3,083.3199 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 81,951 shares received as dividend equivalents on restricted stock units since the last statement. Common stock includes restricted stock units.
- Represents phantom stock units ("PSUs") accrued under the Kontoor Brands Deferred Savings Plan For Non-Employee Directors Plan ("Plan"), to be settled 100% in cash upon the reporting person's retirement. The number of PSUs acquired equals the amount of Directors' fees deferred by the reporting person divided by the fair market value (average of the high and low selling prices) per share on the date of deferral. The number of PSUs beneficially owned may vary over time due to deemed reinvestment of dividends.
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- There is no date that should appear in these columns. These columns are not applicable to this particular filing.
- Includes 20,374 shares received as dividend equivalents on PSUs since the last statement.

/s/ Thomas L. Doerr, Jr. for Ashley Goldsmith (Pursuant to Signing Authority on File) 05/05/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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