

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Baxter Scott H</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.</u> [KTB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2026 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	08/13/2026		M		184,403	A	\$22.044	446,189.301 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2026		S		116,872	D	\$82.9925 ⁽²⁾	329,317.301 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2026		S		67,531	D	\$84.0922 ⁽³⁾	261,786.301 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2026		G		56,160	D	\$0	210	I	By 2025 GRAT #1
Common Stock	08/14/2026		A		56,160	A	\$0	317,946.301	D	
Common Stock								90,680	I	By 2026 GRAT #1
Common Stock								380	I	By Son
Common Stock								172,130.214	I	By Trust

**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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.044	08/13/2026		M			184,403	(4)	02/21/2027	Common Stock	184,403	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 694,173 shares received as dividend equivalents on restricted stock units since the last statement. Common stock includes restricted stock units.

2. The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$82.50 to \$83.49. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Kontoor Brands, Inc., any security holder of Kontoor Brands, Inc., or staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

3. The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$83.57 to \$84.14. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Kontoor Brands, Inc., any security holder of Kontoor Brands, Inc., or staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

4. This option vested as follows: 61,468 shares vested on 2/22/2018; 61,468 shares vested on 2/22/2019; and 61,467 shares vested on 2/22/2020.

/s/ Thomas L. Doerr, Jr. for Scott

H. Baxter (Pursuant to Signing Authority on File) 08/17/2026

** 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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