FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address ALKIRE JOSE	1 0		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Kontoor Brands, Inc. [KTB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
				х	Director Officer (give title	10% Owner Other (specify			
(Last) 400 N. ELM STRI	(First) EET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2023		below) EVP & Chief Financi	below) al Officer			
(Street) GREENSBORO	NC	27401	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi X	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than On	g Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/15/2023		Α		13,814	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	13,814 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2023		Α		5,504	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	19,318 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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)	Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr.	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Common stock includes restricted stock units.

Thomas L. Doerr, Jr. for Joseph A.

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Authority on file)

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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