FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Lynch Robert Kontoor Bra | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Kontoor Brands, Inc.</u> [KTB] | | tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director | n(s) to issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2025 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| NC (State) | 27401 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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 | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2025 | | Α | | 2,655 | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 15,997.286 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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

| (e.g., puts, calls, warrants | , options, convertible securities) |
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| 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) | Transaction 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) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Common stock includes restricted stock units.

Remarks:

/s/ Thomas L. Doerr, Jr. for Robert Lynch (Pursuant to Signing 05/05/2025

Authority on File) Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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