

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>SHEARER ROBERT K</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>400 N. ELM STREET</b>  (Street) <b>GREENSBORO, NC 27401</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/07/2019</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Kontoor Brands, Inc. [KTB]</b>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHEARER ROBERT K 400 N. ELM STREET GREENSBORO, NC 27401	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Laurel Krueger, Attorney-in-Fact	05/07/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

**No securities are beneficially owned**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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**Signing Authority**

The undersigned hereby authorizes Laurel Krueger or Miranda Stephani to sign any Form 3, Form 4, or Form 5 relating to beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership of equity securities of Kontoor Brands, Inc. (the "Company"), and any amendment thereto, and to file the Form (with exhibits and related documents) with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and submit a copy to any securities exchange or automated quotation system and to the Company. This signing authority will expire two years after the date at which the undersigned ceases to be subject to filing requirements under Section 16(a) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to the Company.

/s/ Robert K. Shearer

Robert K. Shearer

Date: April 30, 2019