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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | pe Responses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carucci Richard | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Kontoor Brands, Inc. [KTB] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 400 N. ELM STREET | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2020 | | | | | : | Officer (give | title below) | Other | specify below |) | | |
| (Street) GREENSBORO, NC 27401 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (Cit | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | | ties Acqui | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
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Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Carucci Richard 400 N. ELM STREET GREENSBORO, NC 27401 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Laurel Krueger for Richard T. Carucci (Pursuant to Signing Authority on File) | 09/28/2020 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- Represents phantom stock units ("PSUs") accrued under the Kontoor Brands Deferred Savings Plan For Non-Employee Directors ("Plan"), to be settled 100% in cash upon the reporting (1) 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.
- (3) There is no date that should appear in these columns. These columns are not applicable to this particular filing.
- (4) Each PSU was acquired at the election of the Director by deferring \$22.7800 of fees per PSU.

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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