

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.)

KONTOOR BRANDS INC  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

50050N103  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2020  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule  
pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP 50050N103

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Names of Reporting Persons  
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person  
Northern Trust Corporation 36-2723087  
The Northern Trust Company 36-1561860

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Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

Not Applicable (a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

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S.E.C. use only

4

Citizenship or place of organization

Northern Trust Corporation - a Delaware corporation

Number of Shares Beneficially owned by Each Reporting Person with

5

Sole Voting Power

96,395

6

Shared Voting Power

4,133,460

7  
Sole Dispositive Power

512,707

8  
Shared Dispositive Power

3,634,679

9  
Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

4,230,230

10  
Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares.

11  
Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

7.4

12  
Type of reporting person

Northern Trust Corporation HC  
The Northern Trust Company BK

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Check the following box if a fee is being paid with statement [ ].

1. (a) KONTOOR BRANDS INC  
(Name of Issuer)

(b) 400 N. Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401  
(Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office)

2. (a) Northern Trust Corporation  
(Name of Person Filing)

(b) 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603  
(Address of Person Filing)

(c) Delaware Corporation  
(Citizenship)

(d) Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

(e) 50050N103  
(CUSIP Number)

3. This statement is being filed by Northern Trust Corporation as a  
Parent Holding Company in accordance with S240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (G).

4. (a) 4,230,230  
(Amount Beneficially Owned)

(b) 7.4  
(Percent of Class)

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) 96,395  
(Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)

- (ii) 4,133,460  
(Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)
- (iii) 512,707  
(Sole Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)
- (iv) 3,634,679  
(Shared Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)

5. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

6. Statement regarding ownership of 5 percent or more on behalf of another person:

The securities are beneficially owned by Northern Trust Corporation and its subsidiaries, such as The Northern Trust Company, in their various fiduciary capacities.

7. Parent Holding Company reporting on behalf of the following subsidiaries, all of which are banks as defined in Section 3(a) (6) of the Act:

The Northern Trust Company  
50 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

10. By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

By: Robert P Browne  
As its Executive Vice President

DATED: 02-09-2021

EXHIBIT TO SCHEDULE 13G  
FILED BY NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549-1004  
Attention: Filing Desk, Stop 1-4

RE: KONTOOR BRANDS INC

Pursuant to the requirement of 240.13d-1(k) (1) (iii), this exhibit shall constitute our written agreement that the Schedule 13G to which this exhibit is attached is filed on behalf of Northern Trust Corporation and of its subsidiary(ies), as stated below, regarding our respective beneficial ownership in the above-captioned equity security.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

By: Robert P Browne  
As its Executive Vice President

DATED: 02-09-2021

THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

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By: Robert P Browne  
As its Executive Vice President

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

The undersigned certifies that the undersigned is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary or Assistant Secretary of Northern Trust Corporation, as indicated below, and that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Northern Trust Corporation on April 21, 2020 and remains in full force and effect:

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the 'Executive Officers' of the Corporation, as that term is defined in Rule 3b-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 'Executive Officers'), and each of the following other officers of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Corporation, any Statements on Schedule 13G or Form 13F, and any amendments to such Statements, required to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the 'SEC') by the Corporation with respect to any securities beneficially owned by the Corporation, any of its subsidiaries, or any other entity beneficially owned or controlled by the Corporation:

Robert P. Browne  
James D. McDonald  
Christopher Shipley

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate on  
January 19, 2021.

Bradley R. Gabriel  
Assistant Secretary  
Northern Trust Corporation