UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2019

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

North Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-38854

(Commission file number)

83-2680248

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

400 N. Elm Street Greensboro, North Carolina 27401 (Address of principal executive offices)

(336) 332-3400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Title of Each Class Trading Symbol(s)		Name of Each Exchange on which Registered
Co	mmon Stock, No Par Value	KTB	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company □

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 7, 2019, Kontoor Brands, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2019. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

	Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1 Press release issued by Kontoor Brands, Inc., dated November 7, 2019, announcing financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2019.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC.

Date: November 7, 2019 By: /s/ Laurel Krueger

Name: Laurel Krueger

Title: Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary



KONTOOR BRANDS ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2019 RESULTS

Third Quarter 2019 GAAP EPS of \$0.25, Adjusted EPS of \$0.95

Restructuring and cost-savings initiatives on track, fueling gross margin gains

GREENSBORO, N.C. - **November 7, 2019** - Kontoor Brands, Inc. (NYSE: KTB), a global lifestyle apparel company, with a portfolio led by two of the world's most iconic consumer brands, *Wrangler*[®] and *Lee*[®], today reported financial results for its third quarter ended September 28, 2019.

"Third quarter 2019 results were in line with our expectations, as we continued to execute on our strategy of setting the foundation for long-term operational success," said Scott Baxter, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kontoor Brands. "We're beginning to realize the benefits of the previously announced restructuring and cost-savings initiatives, while we continue to stabilize and globalize our organization. And, we're improving the quality of our sales, including exiting unprofitable points of distribution, changing business models and rationalizing underperforming SKUs. These actions create the building blocks for healthy, sustainable future growth."

Third Quarter 2019 Income Statement Review

This release refers to "adjusted" amounts that exclude the impact of restructuring and separation costs, changes in our business model, a non-cash impairment charge related to our *Rock & Republic®* trademark and other adjustments. This release also refers to "constant currency" amounts. These adjustments are further described in the Non-GAAP Financial Measures paragraph below. All per share amounts are presented on a diluted basis.

Revenue decreased 9 percent year-over-year to \$638 million on a reported basis in the third quarter of 2019 and was down 8 percent in constant currency. Compared to third quarter 2018 adjusted revenue, revenue declined 6 percent in the quarter.

Revenue declines during the quarter, compared with third quarter 2018 adjusted revenues, were primarily driven by three factors:

- Proactive strategic quality-of-sales initiatives contributed 3 points to the decline, reflecting actions taken to exit an underperforming country and other global points of distribution, including select channels in India;
- Impacts of a major U.S. retailer bankruptcy in the fourth quarter of 2018, which represented about points of the decline;
 and,
- Foreign currency headwinds that impacted revenues by approximately 1 point.

During the third quarter, U.S. revenue was \$457 million, down 9 percent on a reported basis. U.S. revenue declined 6 percent compared with 2018 adjusted revenues, including the impact of a major U.S. retailer bankruptcy, which was approximately 3 points of the decline. Our strategic actions, including exiting less profitable points of distribution and select programs also weighed on U.S.

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revenues. International revenue was \$181 million, down 11 percent on a reported basis and down 8 percent in constant currency, driven primarily by exiting unprofitable points of distribution in India and other planned country exits and business model changes. These factors were partially offset by growth in China and favorable timing of shipments in Europe. International revenues declined 8 percent compared with third quarter 2018 adjusted revenues, sequentially improving from second quarter results.

Wrangler® brand global revenue decreased 7 percent to \$367 million on a reported basis and in constant currency. Global revenues declined 6 percent and U.S. revenue declined 4 percent compared with third quarter 2018 adjusted revenue, with approximately 2 points of the decline due to the customer bankruptcy. Of note, the Wrangler® brand's U.S. wholesale performance is down 2 percent year-to-date compared with 2018 adjusted revenue, driven by the customer bankruptcy. We anticipate global revenues of the brand to improve in the fourth quarter of 2019.

As expected, Lee® brand global revenues sequentially moderated in the third quarter, decreasing 8 percent to \$232 million on a reported basis, down 6 percent in constant currency. The customer bankruptcy impacted the results by 3 points, while quality-of-sales actions tempered revenues, as well. Of note, on a constant currency basis, Lee® brand revenue increased 8 percent in China during the third quarter, with broad-based strength across all channels of distribution, including a 10 percent comp store increase and 41 percent increase in our Digital business.

Other global revenue (including non-branded VF Outlet™ and Rock & Republic®) decreased to \$39 million.

Gross margin increased 30 basis points to 40.1 percent on a reported basis. On an adjusted basis, gross margin was up 20 basis points to 40.9 percent. Increases were primarily due to the impacts of restructuring and quality-of-sales initiatives, as well as favorable channel mix, which more than offset the negative impact of strategic actions taken in India and the pressure from foreign currency. As anticipated, we've seen year-over-year comparison improvements in gross margin in each of the past three quarters.

Selling, General & Administrative (SG&A) expenses were \$192 million on a reported basis. On an adjusted basis, SG&A was \$178 million, up 80 basis points to 27.9 percent of revenues, driven primarily by higher demand creation, higher bad debt expense in India and fixed cost de-leverage due to revenue declines. These increases were partially offset by tight expense control and restructuring benefits.

Non-cash impairment of intangible asset represents a \$33 million charge related to the Rock & Republic® trademark.

Operating income on a reported basis was \$31 million. On an adjusted basis, operating income was \$83 million, down 11 percent. **Operating margin** on a reported basis declined to 4.9 percent of revenues. Adjusted operating margin decreased 60 basis points to 13.0 percent.

Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)on a reported basis was \$37 million. **Adjusted EBITDA** was \$90 million, down 10 percent. EBITDA margin on a reported basis declined to 5.7 percent of revenues. Adjusted EBITDA margin decreased 50 basis points to 14.1 percent. Actions taken in India drove an approximate \$8 million unfavorable adjusted EBITDA impact in the guarter.

Earnings per share was \$0.25 on a reported basis. **Adjusted earnings per share** was \$0.95. Actions taken in India drove an approximate \$0.09 unfavorable adjusted earnings per share impact in the quarter.

Balance Sheet

The Company ended third guarter 2019 with \$41 million in cash and equivalents, and approximately \$1 billion in total debt.

Consistent with our capital allocation strategy, during the third quarter of 2019, we paid our first regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.56 per share. Additionally, on October 23, 2019, the Company announced that the Kontoor Brands' Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.56 per share payable on December 20, 2019, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 10, 2019.

Inventory at the end of third quarter 2019 was \$545 million, up 1 percent compared to the prior year period, primarily due to inventory built in anticipation of plants closed during the quarter. At year-end, inventory levels are expected to improve and be relatively flat-to-below prior year levels, reflecting an estimated \$75 million inventory reduction from the third quarter to the fourth quarter.

Full-Year 2019 Outlook

"We've made great progress and our strategic actions are on track," Baxter said. "We remain confident that we will continue to drive improved profitability and generate significant cash flow in support of achieving our long-term annualized total shareholder return goal of 8 to 10 percent."

In the back half of the year, actions in India are expected to drive an adverse adjusted EBITDA impact of approximately \$16 million, which includes \$8 million in the fourth quarter. Despite the magnitude of actions in India, the Company anticipates delivering on the lower half of the previously announced adjusted EBITDA outlook for fiscal 2019 of \$340 million to \$360 million. While favorable mix from restructuring and strategic quality-of-sales actions will benefit gross margin in the fourth quarter, unfavorable mix in India will temper the underlying strength.

Kontoor Brands' outlook for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, is as follows:

- Adjusted EBITDA is now expected to be in the lower half of our previously announced range of \$340 million to \$360 million, reflecting a high-single digit to low-double digit decline compared with full-year 2018 adjusted EBITDA.
- Revenue is still expected to exceed \$2.5 billion, reflecting a mid-single digit decline compared with full-year 2018 adjusted revenue. Excluding the negative impact of foreign currency exchange rates, impacts of a prior year U.S. retailer bankruptcy and strategic business exits, full-year 2019 revenue is expected to be relatively consistent with full-year 2018 adjusted revenue. The Company continues to expect second half revenue to improve relative to the first half of 2019, with the fourth quarter benefiting the most from strategic actions and the fourth quarter 2018 customer bankruptcy comparison.
- Capital Expenditures are still expected to range between \$55 million and \$65 million, including approximately \$30 million to \$40 million to support the design and implementation of a global enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. As previously announced, the global ERP

system implementation is expected to require approximately \$80 million to \$90 million of capital investment during a two-to-three-year period and is expected to result in significant efficiencies and cost savings, once fully implemented.

- Other full-year assumptions include an effective tax rate of approximately 24 percent. Interest expense should be approximately \$40 million in 2019, or \$60 million on an annualized basis.
- We anticipate the total reduction inlong-term debt for fiscal 2019 will be approximately \$100 million

Reaffirmed 2020 to 2021 Financial Roadmap

- Revenue is expected to increase at a low-single digit compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the
 period.
- Adjusted EBITDA is expected to increase at a mid-single digit CAGR over the period.
- Capital Expenditures are expected to range between \$105 million and \$110 million in aggregate over the two-year period.

Webcast Information

Kontoor Brands will host its third quarter 2019 conference call beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time today, November 7,2019. The conference will be broadcast live via the Internet, accessible at https://www.kontoorbrands.com/investors. For those unable to listen to the live broadcast, an archived version will be available at the same location for three months.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Amounts - This release refers to "adjusted" amounts that exclude the impact of restructuring and separation costs, changes in our business model, a non-cash impairment charge related to our Rock & Republic® trademark and other adjustments.

<u>Constant Currency</u> - This release refers to "reported" amounts in accordance with GAAP, which include translation and transactional impacts from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. This release also refers to "constant currency" amounts, which exclude the translation impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to the most comparable GAAP measures are presented in the supplemental financial information included with this release that identifies and quantifies all reconciling adjustments and provides management's view of why this non-GAAP information is useful to investors. While management believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful in evaluating the business, this information should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternate for, reported results under GAAP. The non-GAAP measures used by the Company in this release may be different from similarly titled measures used by other companies.

About Kontoor Brands

Kontoor Brands, Inc. (NYSE: KTB) is a global lifestyle apparel company, with a portfolio led by two of the world's most iconic consumer brands: *Wrangler*® and *Lee*®. Kontoor designs, manufactures and distributes superior high-quality products that look good and fit right, giving people around the world the freedom and confidence to express themselves. Kontoor Brands is a purpose-led organization focused on leveraging its global platform, strategic sourcing model and best-in-class supply chain to drive brand growth and deliver long-term value for its stakeholders. For more information about Kontoor Brands, please visit www.KontoorBrands.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this release and attachments are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are made based on our expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting Kontoor Brands and therefore involve several risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by the fact that they use words such as "will," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "should," "may" and other words and terms of similar meaning or use of future dates. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update any of these forward-looking statements or publicly announce the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements, other than as required under the U.S. federal securities laws. Potential risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results of operations or financial condition of Kontoor to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements in this release include, but are not limited to: risks associated with Kontoor Brands' spin-off from VF Corporation, including the risk of disruption to Kontoor's business in connection with the spin-off and that Kontoor could lose revenue as a result of such disruption; the risk that Kontoor does not realize all of the expected benefits of the spin-off; the risk that the spin-off will not be tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes; and the risk that there will be a loss of synergies from separating the businesses that could negatively impact the balance sheet, profit margins or earnings of Kontoor. Other risks for Kontoor include foreign currency fluctuations; the level of consumer demand for apparel: disruption to distribution systems; reliance on a small number of large customers; the financial strength of customers; fluctuations in the price, availability and quality of raw materials and contracted products; disruption and volatility in the global capital and credit markets; response to changing fashion trends, evolving consumer preferences and changing patterns of consumer behavior, intense competition from online retailers, manufacturing and product innovation; increasing pressure on margins; ability to implement its business strategy; ability to grow its international and direct-to-consumer businesses; Kontoor's and its vendors' ability to maintain the strength and security of information technology systems; the risk that Kontoor's facilities and systems and those of third-party service providers may be vulnerable to and unable to anticipate or detect data security breaches and data or financial loss; ability to properly collect, use, manage and secure consumer and employee data; stability of manufacturing facilities and foreign suppliers; continued use by suppliers of ethical business practices; ability to accurately forecast demand for products; continuity of members of management; ability to protect trademarks and other intellectual property rights; possible goodwill and other asset impairment; maintenance by licensees and distributors of the value of Kontoor's brands; ability to execute and integrate acquisitions; changes in tax laws and liabilities; legal, regulatory, political and economic risks; the risk of economic uncertainty associated with the pending exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union ("Brexit") or any other similar

referendums that may be held; and adverse or unexpected weather conditions. More information on potential factors that could affect Kontoor's financial results is included from time to time in Kontoor's public reports filed with the SEC and Kontoor Brands' Registration Statement on Form 10 also filed with the SEC.

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KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Condensed Consolidated and Combined Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Th	ree Months E	nded	September	%	N	%		
(dollars in thousands)	-	2019		2018	Change		2019	2018	Change
Net revenues	\$	638,138	\$	704,246	(9)%	\$	1,896,228	\$ 2,037,765	(7)%
Costs and operating expenses									
Cost of goods sold		382,181		424,053	(10)%		1,157,383	1,203,259	(4)%
Selling, general and administrative expenses		192,293		184,909	4%		596,466	571,080	4%
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset		32,636		_	*		32,636	_	*
Total costs and operating expenses		607,110		608,962	0%		1,786,485	1,774,339	1%
Operating income		31,028		95,284	(67)%		109,743	263,426	(58)%
Interest income from former parent, net		_		2,104	(100)%		3,762	5,415	(31)%
Interest expense		(14,140)		(200)	*		(21,876)	(981)	*
Interest income		712		1,508	(53)%		3,543	4,176	(15)%
Other expense, net		(1,456)		(2,084)	(30)%		(3,797)	(4,522)	(16)%
Income before income taxes	-	16,144		96,612	(83)%		91,375	267,514	(66)%
Income taxes		1,642		25,594	(94)%		23,474	56,342	(58)%
Net income	\$	14,502	\$	71,018	(80)%	\$	67,901	\$ 211,172	(68)%
Earnings per common share									
Basic	\$	0.26	\$	1.25		\$	1.20	\$ 3.73	
Diluted	\$	0.25	\$	1.25		\$	1.19	\$ 3.73	
Weighted average shares outstanding									
Basic		56,694		56,648			56,663	56,648	
Diluted		57,401		56,648			56,989	56,648	

Basis of presentation: The Company operates and reports using a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to December 31 each year. For presentation purposes herein, all references to periods ended September 2019 and September 2018 relate to the 13-week and 39-week fiscal periods ended September 28, 2019 and September 29, 2018, respectively. References to December 2018 relate to the balance sheet as of December 29, 2018.

^{*} Calculation not meaningful

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Condensed Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	Sep	tember 2019	De	cember 2018	Sep	tember 2018
ASSETS	<u></u>		-		· 	
Current assets						
Cash and equivalents	\$	40,804	\$	96,776	\$	93,135
Accounts receivable, net		302,582		252,966		318,071
Due from former parent, current		_		547,690		267,605
Notes receivable from former parent		_		517,940		546,740
Inventories		545,426		473,812		540,936
Other current assets		73,162		52,014		48,906
Total current assets		961,974	-	1,941,198		1,815,393
Due from former parent, noncurrent		_		611		1,100
Property, plant and equipment, net		126,963		138,449		141,346
Operating lease assets		96,590		_		_
Intangible assets, net		17,530		53,059		54,186
Goodwill		212,834		214,516		214,587
Other assets		169,874		110,632		116,698
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,585,765	\$	2,458,465	\$	2,343,310
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Current liabilities						
Short-term borrowings	\$	6,028	\$	3,215	\$	5,617
Current portion of long-term debt		7,500		_		_
Accounts payable		149,685		134,129		163,375
Due to former parent, current		_		16,140		69,542
Notes payable to former parent		_		269,112		269,112
Accrued liabilities		190,353		194,228		178,109
Operating lease liabilities, current		35,992		_		_
Total current liabilities		389,558	-	616,824		685,755
Operating lease liabilities, noncurrent		64,328		_		_
Other liabilities		95,701		118,189		112,393
Long-term debt		980,607		_		_
Commitments and contingencies						
Total liabilities		1,530,194	-	735,013		798,148
Total equity		55,571		1,723,452		1,545,162
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	1,585,765	\$	2,458,465	\$	2,343,310

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Condensed Consolidated and Combined Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September						
(in thousands)		2019		2018			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Net income	\$	67,901	\$	211,172			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:							
Depreciation and amortization		23,020		23,669			
Stock-based compensation		19,192		14,012			
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset		32,636		_			
Due from former parent		548,301		(47,090)			
Due to former parent		(16,065)		31,525			
Other, net		(95,210)		(188,119)			
Cash provided by operating activities		579,775		45,169			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Capital expenditures		(11,750)		(17,627)			
Collection of notes receivable from former parent		517,940		1,000			
Other, net		729		3,647			
Cash provided (used) by investing activities		506,919		(12,980)			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		1,050,000		_			
Payment of debt issuance costs		(12,993)		_			
Principal payments of long-term debt		(50,000)		_			
Repayment of notes payable to former parent		(269,112)		_			
Net transfers to former parent		(1,814,682)		(19,373)			
Dividends paid		(31,763)		_			
Proceeds from issuance of Common Stock, net of shares withheld for taxes		(1,908)		_			
Other, net		(10,868)		1,733			
Cash used by financing activities		(1,141,326)		(17,640)			
Effect of foreign currency rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(1,340)		(2,225)			
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(55,972)		12,324			
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period		96,776		80,811			
Cash and cash equivalents – end of period	\$	40,804	\$	93,135			

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Reportable Segment Information (Unaudited)

		Three Months E	nded Se	eptember		% Change Constant
(dollars in thousands)		2019		2018	% Change	Currency (a)
Segment revenues:						
Wrangler	\$	367,206	\$	395,613	(7)%	(7)%
Lee		232,221		251,510	(8)%	(6)%
Other (b)		38,711		57,123	(32)%	(32)%
Total segment revenues	\$	638,138	\$	704,246	(9)%	(8)%
Segment profit:						
Wrangler	\$	61,070	\$	65,104	(6)%	(6)%
Lee		30,156		36,107	(16)%	(13)%
Other (b)		843		(1,339)	163%	163%
Total segment profit	\$	92,069	\$	99,872	(8)%	(6)%
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset (c)		(32,636)		_	*	*
Corporate and other expenses		(29,861)		(6,672)	348%	348%
Interest income from former parent, net		_		2,104	(100)%	(100)%
Interest expense		(14,140)		(200)	*	*
Interest income		712		1,508	(53)%	(53)%
Income before income taxes	\$	16,144	\$	96,612	(83)%	(82)%
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		2010		2019	% Change	
Source of the control		2019		2018	% Change	Currency (a)
Segment revenues:	<u> </u>		•	_	<u>-</u>	Currency (a)
Wrangler	\$	1,101,133	\$	1,158,341	(5)%	(4)%
Wrangler Lee	\$	1,101,133 680,660	\$	1,158,341 731,244	(5)% (7)%	(4)% (4)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b)		1,101,133 680,660 114,435		1,158,341 731,244 148,180	(5)% (7)% (23)%	(4)% (4)% (23)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues	\$ \$	1,101,133 680,660	\$ \$	1,158,341 731,244	(5)% (7)%	(4)% (4)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit:	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)%	(4)% (4)% (23)% (5)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler		1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228		1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)%	(4)% (4)% (4)% (23)% (5)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)%	(4)% (4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee Other (b)	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536 (437)	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161 (1,725)	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)%	(4)% (4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)% *
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Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment profit Non-cash impairment of intangible asset (c)	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536 (437) 202,814 (32,636)	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161 (1,725) 284,156	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)% * (29)%	(4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)% * (33)% *
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment profit Non-cash impairment of intangible asset (c) Corporate and other expenses	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536 (437) 202,814 (32,636) (64,232)	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161 (1,725) 284,156 — (25,252)	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)% * (29)% *	(4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)% * (33)% * 155%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment profit Non-cash impairment of intangible asset (c) Corporate and other expenses Interest income from former parent, net	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536 (437) 202,814 (32,636) (64,232) 3,762	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161 (1,725) 284,156 — (25,252) 5,415	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)% * (29)% * 154% (31)%	(4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)% * (33)% * 155% (31)%
Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment revenues Segment profit: Wrangler Lee Other (b) Total segment profit Non-cash impairment of intangible asset (c) Corporate and other expenses Interest income from former parent, net Interest expense	\$	1,101,133 680,660 114,435 1,896,228 141,715 61,536 (437) 202,814 (32,636) (64,232) 3,762 (21,876)	\$	1,158,341 731,244 148,180 2,037,765 195,720 90,161 (1,725) 284,156 — (25,252) 5,415 (981)	(5)% (7)% (23)% (7)% (28)% (32)% * (29)% * 154% (31)%	(4)% (4)% (23)% (5)% (34)% (30)% * (33)% * 155% (31)% *
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⁽a) Refer to constant currency definition on the following pages.

⁽b) Other is included for purposes of reconciliation of revenues and profit, but the Other category is not considered a reportable segment. Other includes sales of (i) VF-branded products and third-party branded merchandise at VF Outlet™ stores, (ii) Rock & Republic® branded apparel, (iii) products manufactured in our plants sold to VF and VF's use of our transportation fleet and (iv) services in fulfilling a transition services agreement related to VF's sale of its Nautica® brand business in mid-2018. Sales of Wrangler® and Lee® branded products at VF Outlet™ stores are not included in Other and are reported in the respective segments above.

⁽c) Represents a \$32.6 million impairment charge related to the Rock & Republic® trademark recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2019. The impairment charge was excluded from segment profit as it is not considered a component of ongoing business operations.

^{*} Calculation not meaningful

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Reportable Segment Information – Constant Currency Basis (Non-GAAP) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended Septe	mber 2019
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	 As Reported	Adjus	t for Foreign			
(in thousands)	under GAAP	Currer	cy Exchange	Constant Currency		
Segment revenues:						
Wrangler	\$ 367,206	\$	2,089	\$	369,295	
Lee	232,221		4,261		236,482	
Other	38,711		3		38,714	
Total segment revenues	\$ 638,138	\$	6,353	\$	644,491	
Segment profit:						
Wrangler	\$ 61,070	\$	334	\$	61,404	
Lee	30,156		1,081		31,237	
Other	843		_		843	
Total segment profit	\$ 92,069	\$	1,415	\$	93,484	
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset	(32,636)		_		(32,636)	
Corporate and other expenses	(29,861)		(29)		(29,890)	
Interest expense	(14,140)		(15)		(14,155)	
Interest income	712		1		713	
Income before income taxes	\$ 16,144	\$	1,372	\$	17,516	

Nine Months Ended September 2019

	As Reported	Adjust for Foreign				
	under GAAP	Curre	ncy Exchange	Constant Currency		
Segment revenues:						
Wrangler	\$ 1,101,133	\$	16,513	\$	1,117,646	
Lee	680,660		18,234		698,894	
Other	114,435		21		114,456	
Total segment revenues	\$ 1,896,228	\$	34,768	\$	1,930,996	
Segment profit:						
Wrangler	\$ 141,715	\$	(12,413)	\$	129,302	
Lee	61,536		1,380		62,916	
Other	(437)		2		(435)	
Total segment profit	\$ 202,814	\$	(11,031)	\$	191,783	
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset	(32,636)		_		(32,636)	
Corporate and other expenses	(64,232)		(91)		(64,323)	
Interest income from former parent, net	3,762		_		3,762	
Interest expense	(21,876)		(340)		(22,216)	
Interest income	3,543		19		3,562	
Income before income taxes	\$ 91,375	\$	(11,443)	\$	79,932	

Constant Currency Financial Information

The Company is a global company that reports financial information in U.S. dollars in accordance with GAAP. Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations affect the amounts reported by the Company from translating its foreign revenues and expenses into U.S. dollars. These rate fluctuations can have a significant effect on reported operating results. As a supplement to our reported operating results, we present constant currency financial information, which is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes the impact of translating foreign currencies into U.S. dollars. We use constant currency information to provide a framework to assess how our business performed excluding the effects of changes in the rates used to calculate foreign currency translation. Management believes this information is useful to investors to facilitate comparison of operating results and better identify trends in our businesses.

To calculate foreign currency translation on a constant currency basis, operating results for the current year period for entities reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rates in effect during the comparable period of the prior year (rather than the actual exchange rates in effect during the current year period).

These constant currency performance measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, reported results under GAAP. The constant currency information presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Reconciliation of Adjusted Financial Measures by Quarter (Non-GAAP) (Unaudited)

		Three Months E	nded Sept	ember
(in thousands, except for per share amounts)		2019		2018
Net revenues - as reported under GAAP	\$	638,138	\$	704,246
Business model changes ^(a)		_		(22,248)
Adjusted net revenues	\$	638,138	\$	681,998
Cost of goods sold - as reported under GAAP	\$	382,181	\$	424,053
Restructuring & separation costs ^(b)		(4,867)		(129)
Business model changes(a)		_		(20,207)
Other adjustments(c)		_		631
Adjusted cost of goods sold	\$	377,314	\$	404,348
Selling, general and administrative expenses - as reported under GAAP	\$	192,293	\$	184,909
Restructuring & separation costs ^(b)		(14,490)		(1,087)
Business model changes ^(a)		_		(4,460)
Other adjustments(c)				5,437
Adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	177,803	\$	184,799
Other expense, net - as reported under GAAP	\$	(1,456)	\$	(2,084)
Business model changes ^(a)		_		53
Other adjustments ^(c)		1,183		1,164
Adjusted other expense, net	\$	(273)	\$	(867)
Diluted earnings per share - as reported under GAAP	\$	0.25	\$	1.25
Restructuring & separation costs ^(b)		0.26		0.02
Business model changes ^(a)		_		0.05
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset ^{d)}		0.44		_
Other adjustments ^(c)				(0.09)
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$	0.95	\$	1.23
Net income - as reported under GAAP		14,502		71,018
Income taxes		1,642		25,594
Interest income from former parent, net		_		(2,104)
Interest expense		14,140		200
Interest income		(712)		(1,508)
EBIT	\$	29,572	\$	93,200
Depreciation and amortization	.	6,995		7,581
EBITDA	\$	36,567	\$	100,781
Restructuring & separation costs ^(b)		19,357		1,216
Business model changes ^(a)		_		2,472
Non-cash impairment of intangible asset ^(d)		32,636		(4.004)
Other adjustments ^(c)		1,183	•	(4,904)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	89,743	\$	99,565

Basis of presentation: The Company operates and reports using a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to December 31 of each year. For presentation purposes herein, all references to the September 2019 and September 2018 quarters relate to the 13-week fiscal periods ended September 28, 2019 and September 29, 2018, respectively.

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Reconciliation of Adjusted Financial Measures by Quarter (Non-GAAP) (Unaudited)

Non-GAAP Financial Information: The financial information above has been presented on a GAAP basis and on an adjusted basis. These adjusted presentations are non-GAAP measures.

Management uses the above financial measures internally in its budgeting and review process and, in some cases, as a factor in determining compensation. In addition, adjusted EBITDA is a key financial measure for the Company's shareholders and financial leaders, as the Company's current debt financing agreements require the measurement of adjusted EBITDA, along with other measures, in connection with the Company's compliance with debt covenants. While management believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful in evaluating the business, this information should be considered supplemental in nature and should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternate for, reported results under GAAP. In addition, these non-GAAP measures may be different from similarly titled measures used by other companies.

- (a) Business model changes relate to the exit of unprofitable markets in select European and South American countries, and the discontinuation of manufacturing for VF Corporation. The business model change costs resulted in a net tax benefit of \$0.129 million for September 2018.
- (b) Restructuring costs relate to strategic actions taken to achieve cost savings, and separation costs relate to the spin-off from VF Corporation and establishment of Kontoor as a separate public company. The restructuring and separation costs resulted in a net tax expense of \$4.470 million and \$0.236 million for September 2019 and September 2018, respectively.
- (c) Other adjustments have been made to revise historical corporate allocations, primarily attributable to the carve-out basis of accounting, so that adjusted EBITDA reflects the anticipated cost structure of a separate public company. Additionally, adjustments have been made to remove the funding fees related to the accounts receivable sale arrangement, as they are treated as interest expense for calculation of adjusted EBITDA for debt compliance purposes. The other adjustments resulted in a net tax benefit of \$1.292 million for September 2018.
- (d) Non-cash impairment of intangible asset relates to a write-down of the Rock & Republic® trademark intangible asset to reflect fair value. During the third quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company determined that the exclusive domestic wholesale distribution and licensing agreement of the Rock & Republic® brand would not be extended. This was considered a triggering event that required management to perform a quantitative impairment analysis of the related trademark intangible asset. The \$32.636 million impairment charge resulted in a tax benefit of \$7.442 million for September 2019.

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Summary of Select GAAP and Non-GAAP Measures (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September

	2019					2018				
(dollars in thousands)		GAAP		Adjusted		GAAP		Adjusted		
Net revenues	\$	638,138	\$	638,138	\$	704,246	\$	681,998		
Gross profit	\$	255,957	\$	260,824	\$	280,193	\$	277,650		
As a percentage of total net revenues		40.1%		40.9%		39.8%		40.7%		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	192,293	\$	177,803	\$	184,909	\$	184,799		
As a percentage of total net revenues		30.1%		27.9%		26.3%		27.1%		
Earnings per common share - diluted	\$	0.25	\$	0.95	\$	1.25	\$	1.23		
EBIT	\$	29,572	\$	82,748	\$	93,200	\$	91,984		
EBITDA	\$	36,567	\$	89,743	\$	100,781	\$	99,565		

Non-GAAP Financial Information: The financial information above has been presented on a GAAP basis and on an adjusted basis. These adjusted presentations are non-GAAP measures.

Management uses the above financial measures internally in its budgeting and review process and, in some cases, as a factor in determining compensation. In addition, adjusted EBITDA is a key financial measure for the Company's shareholders and financial leaders, as the Company's current debt financing agreements require the measurement of adjusted EBITDA, along with other measures, in connection with the Company's compliance with debt covenants. While management believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful in evaluating the business, this information should be considered supplemental in nature and should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternate for, reported results under GAAP. In addition, these non-GAAP measures may be different from similarly titled measures used by other companies.

KONTOOR BRANDS, INC. Supplemental Financial Information Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Revenue (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 2019 Net Revenues - As Reported Under GAAP								
(in thousands)	V	Vrangler		Lee		Other		Total	
Channel revenues									
U.S. Wholesale	\$	283,616	\$	93,931	\$	5,970	\$	383,517	
Non-U.S. Wholesale		60,523		99,386		340		160,249	
Branded Direct-To-Consumer		23,067		38,904		9		61,980	
Other		_		_		32,392		32,392	
Total	\$	367,206	\$	232,221	\$	38,711	\$	638,138	
Geographic revenues									
U.S.	\$	302,819	\$	115,700	\$	38,263	\$	456,782	
International		64,387		116,521		448		181,356	
Total	\$	367,206	\$	232,221	\$	38,711	\$	638,138	

		Three Months Ended September 2018							
	Net Revenues - As Reported Under GAAP								
(in thousands)	,	Wrangler		Lee		Other		Total	
Channel revenues									
U.S. Wholesale	\$	298,747	\$	104,138	\$	6,551	\$	409,436	
Non-U.S. Wholesale		71,381		107,424		_		178,805	
Branded Direct-To-Consumer		25,485		39,948		45		65,478	
Other		_		_		50,527		50,527	
Total	\$	395,613	\$	251,510	\$	57,123	\$	704,246	
Geographic revenues									
U.S.	\$	316,910	\$	126,778	\$	57,123	\$	500,811	
International		78,703		124,732		_		203,435	
Total	\$	395,613	\$	251,510	\$	57,123	\$	704,246	
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		Wrangler		Lee		Other		Total	
Channel revenues									
Non-U.S. Wholesale	\$	(3,225)	\$	(533)	\$	_	\$	(3,758)	
Branded Direct-To-Consumer		(2,965)		(571)		_		(3,536)	
Other				_		(14,954)		(14,954)	
Total	\$	(6,190)	\$	(1,104)	\$	(14,954)	\$	(22,248)	
Geographic revenues									
U.S.	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(14,954)	\$	(14,954)	
International		(6,190)		(1,104)		_		(7,294)	
Total	\$	(6,190)	\$	(1,104)	\$	(14,954)	\$	(22,248)	
		Adjusted Net Revenues							
	,	Wrangler		Lee		Other		Total	
Channel revenues									
U.S. Wholesale	\$	298,747	\$	104,138	\$	6,551	\$	409,436	
Non-U.S. Wholesale		68,156		106,891		_		175,047	
Branded Direct-To-Consumer		22,520		39,377		45		61,942	
Other						35,573		35,573	
Total	\$	389,423	\$	250,406	\$	42,169	\$	681,998	
Geographic revenues									
U.S.	\$	316,910	\$	126,778	\$	42,169	\$	485,857	
International		72,513		123,628				196,141	
Total	\$	389,423	\$	250,406	\$	42,169	\$	681,998	

⁽a) Business model changes relate to the exit of unprofitable markets in select European and South American countries, and the discontinuation of manufacturing for VF Corporation.

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