Kontoor Brands, Inc.

KTB

NYSE; consumer nondurables; SIC 2320, Men's & Boys' Furnishgs, Work Clothg, & Allied Garments; CIK 0001760965

A

strongest fifth of 124 graded peers in consumer nondurables

rank 17 of 124; percentile 13.0; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger



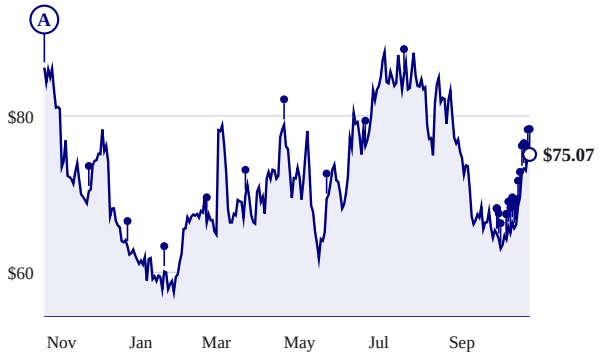
A, the bull



Scoreboard

Profitability	A/B	percentile 20.6
Solvency	C	percentile 48.8
Growth and financing	B	percentile 30.3
Reliability	0.91 AUC	filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year	Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets	total assets $2.6B
Standard universe	inside	revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered	not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 14	
Graded from	filings received through Mar 4, 2026	232 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 12, 2026
Last close	$75.14	2026-10-21; market equity $4.1B; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Mar 4, 2026

Kontoor Brands, Inc. (collectively with its subsidiaries, "Kontoor," the "Company," "we," "us" or "our") is a global lifestyle apparel company, with a portfolio led by three of the world's most iconic consumer brands: Wrangler®, Lee® and Helly Hansen®. The Company designs, manufactures, procures, sells and licenses apparel, footwear and accessories, primarily under the brand names Wrangler®, Lee® and Helly Hansen®. Our products are sold through wholesale and direct-to-consumer channels in the United States ("U.S.") and internationally, primarily in the Europe, Middle East and Africa ("EMEA"), Asia-Pacific ("APAC") and Non-U.S. Americas regions.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 20.6						
Gross profitability	55.1%	29.8%		17.0	142	2026-01-03
Return on invested capital	21.2%	5.6%		12.5	49	2026-01-03

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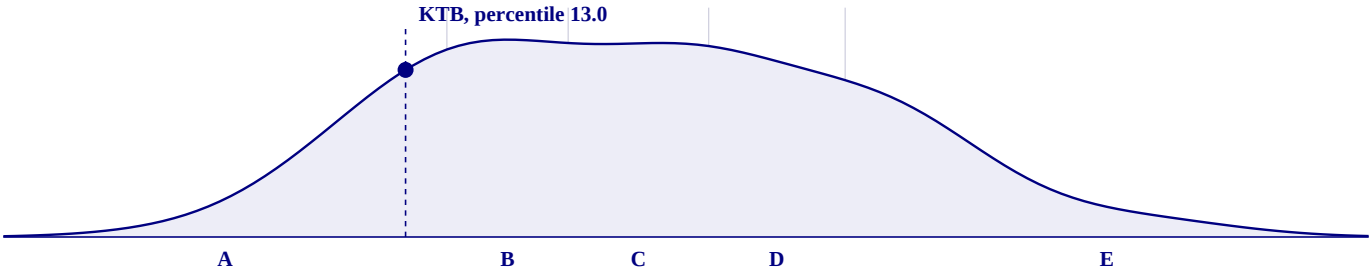
Accruals ratio	(10.8%)	(5.0%)	22.3	149	2026-01-03
Gross margin stability, five years	1.3 pts	1.9 pts	30.4	116	2026-01-03
Solvency, sleeve percentile 48.8					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.03%			
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required					
Altman Z double-prime	2.75	3.11	47.5	119	2026-01-03
Net debt to EBITDA	2.69x	2.54x	55.6	55	2026-01-03
Interest coverage	not computable	2.51x			
latest aligned inputs end 2023-12-30; latest annual assets end 2026-01-03					
Current ratio	1.82x	1.81x	43.4	153	2026-01-03
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 30.3					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	6.2%	0.2%	22.0	133	2026-01-03
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	88.2%	14.9%	6.2	66	2026-01-03
Reinvestment rate	(82.2%)	10.7%	79.7	70	2026-01-03
Asset growth, three years	17.7%	0.5%	6.0	134	2026-01-03
Net share issuance, one year	(0.1%)	0.05%	37.9	104	2026-02-27

Among 124 peers

consumer nondurables; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
12	Jerash Holdings (Us), Inc. (JRSH)	8.9	A	fortress balance sheet
13	Columbia Sportswear Co. (COLM)	9.8	A	
14	Steven Madden, Ltd. (SHOO)	10.6	A	
15	Vita Coco Company, Inc. (COCO)	11.4	A	
16	G III Apparel Group Ltd. (GIII)	12.2	A	fortress balance sheet
17	Kontoor Brands, Inc. (KTB)	13.0	A	
18	Yeti Holdings, Inc. (YETI)	13.8	A	
19	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. (TR)	14.6	A	
20	American Outdoor Brands, Inc. (AOUT)	15.4	A	
21	Escalade Inc. (ESCA)	16.3	A/B	fortress balance sheet
22	Interface Inc. (TILE)	17.1	A/B	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-21 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(4.1%)	(0.2%)	43
Distance from 52-week high	(14.9%)	(23.1%)	69
EBIT to enterprise value	6.5%	4.0%	68
Free cash flow yield	10.6%	4.5%	77
Book value to price	0.15	0.57	19
Sales to price	0.77	1.26	32
Composite equity issuance, five years	(23.9%)	(16.3%)	25

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Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.14)	(0.10)	43

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 6 of 9, period end 2026-01-03	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$58.5M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$446.1M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	71 (10-Q received Aug 12, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$49.2M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$3.2B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$1.7B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.6B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$336.8M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$293.3M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$71.2M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$1.1B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$564.9M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$108.4M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$740.3M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$400.1M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$334.1M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$227.5M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$455.8M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$1.7B	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
16	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.6B	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
17	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$1.4B	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
18	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.6B	2023-12-30	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
19	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$1.5B	2023-12-30	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.6B	2022-12-31	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011
21	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$1.5B	2022-12-31	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.5B	2022-01-01	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000013
23	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$1.4B	2022-01-01	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000013
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.1B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$593.6M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$274.3M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$2.0B	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$47.8M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$319.3M	2023-12-30	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$40.4M	2023-12-30	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000013

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31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$21.0M	2026-01-03	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$368.2M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$18.8M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$356.5M	2023-12-30	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$27.4M	2023-12-30	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$83.6M	2022-12-31	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$18.4M	2022-12-31	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.1B	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$393.9M	2024-12-28	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$1.6B	2023-12-30	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$1.6B	2022-12-31	2024-02-28	10-K	24-000013
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	55,254,141	2026-02-27	2026-03-04	10-K	26-000014
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	55,326,048	2025-02-21	2025-02-25	10-K	25-000011

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