FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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				or	Section	1 30(h)	of the	Invest	ment Co	ompany	Act o	of 1940								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>Berkshire Partners LLC</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARTERS INC [CRI]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 CLARENDON STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2011									Officer (give title Other (specify below)						
35TH FL	JOOR			4. 11	f Amen	dmen	t, Date o	of Orig	inal File	ed (Mont	th/Da	y/Year)		individual	or Joint/G	Froup Fil	ing (Che	ck App	licable	
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1. Title of \$	Security (Inst	r. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execut Day/Year) if any		ecution Date, any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquir Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and				Securitie Beneficia Owned F	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code	v	Amour		(A) or (D) Price)	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		(Instr.	4)	
Common	Stock		08/16/2011				P		16,98	86(1)	A	\$30	.2013(1)(2	²⁾ 7,749),211]	I	See Footr	notes(3)(4)	
Common	Stock													180,	712	D	(5)			
Common	Stock													77,4	440	D	(6)			
Common	Stock													828,	019	D	(7)			
Common	Stock													144,	296	D	(8)			
Common	Stock													6,9	44	D	(9)			
Common	ommon Stock											72,355		D ⁽¹⁰⁾						
Common Stock														22,0	582	D(11)			
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Derivative Conversion Date Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa	Transaction Code (Instr. 8) of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D		umber vative urities uired or osed) r. 3, 4	6. Da	e Exercisable and ation Date h/Day/Year)		_	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Num derivati Securit Benefic Owned Followi Report Transac (Instr. 4	ive ies cially ing ed ction(s)		(D) Beneficial Ownership irect (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Expirat Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						
Berkshire Partners LLC						
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35TH FLOOR						
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(Street)						
BOSTON	MA	02116				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)				
1. Name and Addr	ess of Reporting Pers	son [*]				
Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)				
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C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC						
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR						

(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
Name and Address of Reporting Person* Stockbridge Partners LLC							
(Last) C/O BERKSHIRE 200 CLARENDON	(First) PARTNERS LLC STREET, 35TH FL	(Middle)					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
1. Name and Address of BERKSHIRE F							
(Last) C/O BERKSHIRE	(First) PARTNERS LLC	(Middle)					
200 CLARENDON	STREET, 35TH FL	OOR					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
1. Name and Address of BERKSHIRE F	f Reporting Person* <u>UND VII-A L.P.</u>						
(Last) C/O BERKSHIRE 200 CLARENDON	(First) PARTNERS LLC STREET, 35TH FL	(Middle)					
(Street)							
BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
1. Name and Address of Berkshire Inves							
(Last) C/O BERKSHIRE	(First) PARTNERS LLC	(Middle)					
200 CLARENDON	STREET, 35TH FL	OOR					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
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Name and Address of Reporting Person* STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC							
(Last) 200 CLARENDON 35TH FLOOR	(First)	(Middle)					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
1. Name and Address of Stockbridge Fur							
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C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR							
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
Name and Address of Reporting Person* Stockbridge Fund M, L.P.							
(Last) 200 CLARENDON 35TH FLOOR	(First) N STREET	(Middle)					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
Name and Address of Reporting Person* Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P.							
(Last) 200 CLARENDON 35TH FLOOR	(First) N STREET	(Middle)					
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares purchased in multiple open market transactions over a range of purchase prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The applicable Reporting Person undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares purchased by such Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
- 2. Purchase prices range from \$30.13 to \$30.25 per share, inclusive.
- 3. Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners"), Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") has a total ownership of 6,292,496 shares. Berkshire Fund VII-A, L.P. ("Fund VII-A") has a total ownership of 1,176,400 shares. Stockbridge Partners acquired 16,986 shares for a total ownership of 280,315 shares on behalf of a managed account.
- 4. 7BA is the sole general partner of Fund VII and Fund VII-A. Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners are under common control and may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a group for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each of Berkshire Partners, 7BA and Stockbridge Partners disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 5. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC ("Investors IV"). Investors IV may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 6. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC ("Investors III"). Investors III may be deemed to be, but does not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 7. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("SA LLC") is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 8. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund M, L.P. ("Stockbridge M"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge M. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge M and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 9. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Absolute"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Stockbridge Absolute. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Stockbridge Absolute and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 10. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P. ("Master Fund"). SA LLC is the sole general partner of Master Fund. SA LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of common stock except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Master Fund and SA LLC may be deemed to be, but do not admit to being, a member of a group holding over 10% of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 11. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners.

Remarks:

Exhibit 99.1 (Joint Filer Information) incorporated herein by reference.

Robert J. Small, Managing
Director Berkshire Partners

08/18/2011
LLC

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: \ Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

- * 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).

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Name of Joint Filer: SEVENTH BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATES LLC

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year):

8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

SEVENTH BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE PARTNERS LLC

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year):

8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

STOCKBRIDGE PARTNERS LLC

By: Berkshire Partners LLC,

its sole Managing Member

/s/ Robert J. Small By:

Robert J. Small Name: Title: Managing Director

Dated: August 18, 2011

Signature:

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE FUND VII, L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year):

8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE FUND VII, L.P.

Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC, its general partner By:

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A, L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

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Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported

(Month/Day/Year): 8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A, L.P.

By: Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV LLC

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

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BOSTON, MA 02116

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8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV LLC

By: /s/ Robert J. Small Name: Robert J. Small

Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE INVESTORS III LLC

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

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BOSTON, MA 02116

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Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE INVESTORS III LLC

By: /s/ Robert J. Small
Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

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BOSTON, MA 02116

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8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: /s/ Robert J. Small
Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE FUND, L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

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8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE FUND M, L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year):

8/16/2011

BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Designated Filer:

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE FUND M, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND, L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

8/16/2011

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year):

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

/s/ Robert J. Small By:

Name: Robert J. Small Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE MASTER FUND (OS), L.P.

Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

BOSTON, MA 02116

Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]

Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year):

Signature:

(Month/Day/Year): 8/16/2011

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

STOCKBRIDGE MASTER FUND (OS), L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Robert J. Small

Name: Robert J. Small
Title: Managing Director