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| SCHEDULE 13G  |
| Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934<br>(Amendment No. 2)                            |
| Carters, Inc. (Name of Issuer)  |
| Common Shares<br>(Title of Class of Securities)   |
| 146229109<br>(CUSIP Number)   |
| December 31, 2007<br>(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)              |
| Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: |
| /_X_/ Rule 13d-1(b)<br>// Rule 13d-1(c)<br>/ / Rule 13d-1(d)                              |

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| <br>1 | NAME OF REPORTING<br>IRS IDENTIFICATION |              | OVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)     |           |
|-------|---|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|       | The Guardian Life                       | Insurance C  | ompany of America               |           |
| 2     | (a)/ /<br>(b)/ /                        |              | A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Inst   | ructions) |
| 3     | SEC USE ONLY                            |              |                                 |           |
| 4     | CITIZENSHIP OR PLA                      | ACE OF ORGAN | IZATION                         |           |
|       | NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY     | 5            | SOLE VOTING POWER               |           |
|       | OWNED BY<br>EACH                        | 6            | SHARED VOTING POWER -6,061,758- |           |

|             | REPORTING<br>PERSON<br>WITH      | 7            | 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>-0-         |  |  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|
|             |                                  | 8            | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -6,061,758-    |  |  |
| 9           | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BE              | ENEFICIALLY  | OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON          |  |  |
| 10<br>Instr | CHECK IF THE AGGREC<br>ructions) | GATE AMOUNT  | IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See |  |  |
| 11          | PERCENT OF CLASS RE              | EPRESENTED E | BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9                      |  |  |
| 12          | TYPE OF REPORTING F              | PERSON (See  | Instructions)                           |  |  |
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| 1  | BOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  |   |   |  |
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|    | Guardian Investor Services LLC  |   |   |  |
| 2  | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a)/ / (b)/ / |   |   |  |
| 3  | SEC USE ONLY  |   |   |  |
| 4  | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE  |   | IIZATION                                |  |
|    | Delaware  |   |   |  |
|    | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY   | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>-0-                |  |
|    | OWNED BY<br>EACH  | 6 |   |  |
|    | REPORTING<br>PERSON<br>WITH   | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER                  |  |
|    |   | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>-6,061,758- |  |
| 9  | -6,061,758-   |   | OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON          |  |
|    |   |   | IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See |  |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 10.5%                             |   |   |  |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) IA, BD, HC                            |   |   |  |

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| 1              | NAME OF REPORTING PERSIDENTIFICATION NOS     |              | PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)                 |
|                | RS Investment Manageme                       | ent Co. LLC  |   |
| !              | (a)/ /<br>(b)/ /                             |              | EMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)     |
| 3              | SEC USE ONLY                                 |              |   |
|                | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE (                       | OF ORGANIZAT | TION                                    |
|                | Delaware                                     |              |   |
|                | NUMBER OF<br>SHARES                          | 5 5          | SOLE VOTING POWER                       |
|                | BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH             |              | SHARED VOTING POWER<br>-6,061,758-      |
|                | REPORTING<br>PERSON<br>WITH                  | 7 5          | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>-0-           |
|                |  |              | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>-6,061,758- |
|                | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEI<br>-6,061,758-        |              | NED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON            |
| 10<br>Instruct |  | E AMOUNT IN  | ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See    |
| <br>l1         | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRI                       |              |   |
| <br>L2         | TYPE OF REPORTING PERS                       | SON (See Ins | structions)                             |
|                | IA<br>                                       |              |   |
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| <br>L          | NAME OF REPORTING PERSIST IDENTIFICATION NOS |              | PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)                 |
|                | RS Partners Fund                             |              |   |

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)/ / (b)/ / 3 SEC USE ONLY

|             | Massachusetts  |             |   |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|
|             | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH        | 5           | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>-0-                |
|             |  | 6           | SHARED VOTING POWER -3,903,440-         |
|             |  | 7           | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER                  |
|             |  | 8           | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -3,903,440-    |
| 9           | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON -3,903,440- |             |   |
| 10<br>Instr | CHECK IF THE AGGREC  | GATE AMOUNT | IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See |
| 11          | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 6.7%                     |             |   |
| 12          | TYPE OF REPORTING F  | PERSON (See | Instructions)                           |

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ITEM 1.

- (a) The name of the issuer is Carters, Inc. (the "Issuer").
- (b) The principal executive office of the Issuer is located at: The Proscenium, 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900, Atlanta, GA 30309.

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- (a-c) See Annex I for information on the persons filing this statement (collectively, the "Filers")
- (d) This statement relates to shares of common stock of the Issuer (the "Stock").
  - (e) The CUSIP number of the Stock is 146229109.

ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to rules 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) \_X\*\_ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780). \*Guardian Investor Services LLC is a registered investment adviser, a registered broker-dealer, and the parent company of RS Investment Management Co. LLC.
- (b) \_\_\_ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) \_X\*\_ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). \*The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America is an insurance company and the parent company of Guardian Investor Services LLC and RS Investment Management Co. LLC.
- (d) \_X\*\_ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).

  \*RS Partners Fund is a registered investment company.
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) \_X\*\_ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).

\*The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America is an insurance company and the parent company of Guardian Investor Services LLC and RS Investment Management Co. LLC.

Guardian Investor Services LLC is a registered investment adviser, a registered broker-dealer, and the parent company of RS Investment Management Co. LLC.

- (h)  $\_$  A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) \_\_\_ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
  - (j) Group, in accordance with rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

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#### ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

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 five percent of the class of securities, check the following / /.

### ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

RS Investment Management Co. LLC is a registered investment adviser whose clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Stock. No individual client's holdings of the Stock, except for RS Partners Fund, are more than five percent of the outstanding Stock.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America is an insurance company and the parent company of Guardian Investor Services LLC and RS Investment Management Co. LLC. Guardian Investor Services LLC is a registered investment adviser, a registered broker-dealer, and the parent company of RS Investment Management Co. LLC.

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ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

## ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

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

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### SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: January 1, 2008

THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: /s/ Thomas G. Sorell Thomas G. Sorell

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

GUARDIAN INVESTOR SERVICES LLC

By: /s/ Thomas G. Sorell

Thomas G. Sorell

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC

/s/ Terry R. Otton By: Terry R. Otton

Chief Executive Officer

RS PARTNERS FUND

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC By:

Investment Adviser

By: /s/ Terry R. Otton

Terry R. Otton

Chief Executive Officer

#### EXHIBIT A

### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that they are filing this statement jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(1). Each of them is responsible for the timely filing of the Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated: January 1, 2008

THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: /s/ Thomas G. Sorell

Thomas G. Sorell

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

GUARDIAN INVESTOR SERVICES LLC

By: /s/ Thomas G. Sorell

Thomas G. Sorell

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC

By: /s/ Terry R. Otton Terry R. Otton

Chief Executive Officer

RS PARTNERS FUND

By: RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC

Investment Adviser

By: /s/ Terry R. Otton

Terry R. Otton

Chief Executive Officer

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# Annex I

The filers are:

I.

- (a) The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America is a New York mutual life insurance company.
- (b) insurance company and parent company

II. (a)

- Guardian Investor Services LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.
- (b) registered investment adviser, registered broker-dealer, and parent company

III.

- (a) RS Investment Management Co. LLC is a Delaware limited liability Company.
- (b) registered investment adviser

- IV.
  - $\ensuremath{\mathsf{RS}}$  Partners Fund is a series of a Massachusetts business trust. investment company
- (a) (b)