

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Berkshire Partners LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 CLARENDON STREET 35TH FLOOR (Street) BOSTON MA 02116 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARTERS INC [CRI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/20/2011 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/20/2011 | | P | | 12,600 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$34.1942 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 104,100 | D ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 7,791,380 | I | See Footnotes ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 180,712 | D ⁽⁶⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 77,440 | D ⁽⁷⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 992,540 | D ⁽⁸⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 144,296 | D ⁽⁹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,944 | D ⁽¹⁰⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 22,682 | D ⁽¹¹⁾ | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Berkshire Partners LLC
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 CLARENDON STREET
 35TH FLOOR
 (Street)
 BOSTON MA 02116
 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
 200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

(Street)
BOSTON MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[Stockbridge Partners LLC](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[BERKSHIRE FUND VII L.P.](#)

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C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
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[BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A L.P.](#)

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200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[Berkshire Investors IV LLC](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR

(Street)
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC](#)

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[Stockbridge Fund, L.P.](#)

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Stockbridge Fund M, L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CLARENDON STREET
35TH FLOOR

(Street)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CLARENDON STREET
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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 \$34.145 to \$34.20 per share, inclusive.
3. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Master Fund (OS), L.P. ("Master Fund"). Stockbridge Associates LLC ("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.
4. 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 has a total ownership of 322,484 shares on behalf of a managed account.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Represents shares held directly by Stockbridge Fund, L.P. ("Stockbridge Fund"). 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners.

Remarks:

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

/s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam,
Managing Director Berkshire 10/24/2011
Partners 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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Joint Filer Information

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): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
Signature:
SEVENTH BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

Joint Filer Information

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): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:
STOCKBRIDGE PARTNERS LLC

By: Berkshire Partners LLC,
its sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

Joint Filer Information

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE FUND VII, L.P.
Address of Joint Filer: C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
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BOSTON, MA 02116
Relationship of Joint Filer to Issuer: 10% Owner
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Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:
BERKSHIRE FUND VII, L.P.

By: Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC,
its general partner

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

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Signature:
BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A, L.P.

By: Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC,
its general partner
By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

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Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV LLC
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Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
Signature:
BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV LLC

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

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(Month/Day/Year): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
Signature:
BERKSHIRE INVESTORS III LLC

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

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Signature:
STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

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Signature:
STOCKBRIDGE FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,
its general partner

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

Joint Filer Information

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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): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:
STOCKBRIDGE FUND M, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,
its general partner

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam
Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

Joint Filer Information

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
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): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,
its general partner

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam

Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam

Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011

Joint Filer Information

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
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Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CARTER'S, INC. [CRI]
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Required to be Reported
(Month/Day/Year): 10/20/2011
Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC
Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE MASTER FUND (OS), L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,
its general partner

By: /s/ Sharlyn C. Heslam

Name: Sharlyn C. Heslam
Title: Managing Director

Dated: October 24, 2011