FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 2. Date of Event 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Requiring Statement **CARTERS INC** [CRI] Berkshire Partners LLC (Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2010 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Last) (First) (Middle) (Check all applicable) (Month/Day/Year) 200 CLARENDON STREET Director 10% Owner 35TH FLOOR Officer (give title Other (specify 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check below) below) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person (Street) Form filed by More than One **BOSTON** 02116 MA Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) 2. Amount of Securities 3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) $D^{(1)}$ Common Stock 22,682 Common Stock 5,406,930 Ι See Footnote(2) 88,363 $D^{(3)}$ Common Stock **D**⁽⁴⁾ Common Stock 39.124 **D**(5) Common Stock 184,835 Common Stock $D^{(6)}$ 5,746 Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities 6. Nature of Indirect Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conversion Ownership **Beneficial Ownership** or Exercise Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) Price of Amount Derivative or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Security Number Expiration Date of Exercisable Date Title Shares 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Berkshire Pa	artners LLC						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
200 CLARENDON STREET							
35TH FLOOR							
(0)							
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
1. Name and Addr	ess of Reporting Perso	on [*]					
Seventh Ber	kshire Associat	es LLC					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
C/O BERKSH	IRE PARTNERS L	LC					
200 CLARENI	DON STREET, 35T	'H FLOOR					
(Street)							
BOSTON	MA	02116					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Stockbridge Partners LLC

(Last)	(First) HIRE PARTNERS LI	(Middle)	
	IDON STREET, 35T		
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
	dress of Reporting Perso		
(Last)	(First) HIRE PARTNERS LI	(Middle)	
	IDON STREET, 35T		
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02108	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
	dress of Reporting Perso		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	
	HIRE PARTNERS LI IDON STREET, 35T		
(Street) BOSTON	MA	02116	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
Berkshire I	nvestors IV LLC		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Stockbridge Absolute Return Fund, L.P.						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)				
C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC						
200 CLARENDON STREET, 35TH FLOOR						
(Street)						
BOSTON	MA	02116				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire Partners").
- 2. Represents shares held indirectly by Berkshire Partners, Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC ("7BA") and Stockbridge Partners LLC ("Stockbridge Partners"). Berkshire Fund VII, L.P. ("Fund VII") owns 4,414,319 shares through a wholly owned subsidiary. Stockbridge Partners holds 167,310 shares on behalf of a managed account. 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.
- 3. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors IV LLC. Berkshire Investors IV LLC 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.
- 4. Represents shares held directly by Berkshire Investors III LLC. Berkshire Investors III LLC 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

Remarks:

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

/s/ Michael C. Ascione, Managing Director Berkshire 11/08/2010 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 5 (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 Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

SEVENTH BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione 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

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

Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE PARTNERS LLC

By: Berkshire Partners LLC,

its sole Managing Member

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione Title: Managing Director

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 Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE FUND VII, L.P.

By: Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione 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

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): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE FUND VII-A, L.P.

By: Seventh Berkshire Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV 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): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE INVESTORS IV LLC

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: BERKSHIRE INVESTORS III 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

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Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

BERKSHIRE INVESTORS III LLC

By: /s/ Michael C. Ascione

Name: Michael C. Ascione Title: Managing Director

Name of Joint Filer: STOCKBRIDGE 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 Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE ASSOCIATES LLC

By: <u>/s/ Robert J. Small</u>
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

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): 11/4/10

Designated Filer: BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC

Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: <u>/s/ Robert J. Small</u>
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

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Signature:

STOCKBRIDGE ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND, L.P.

By: Stockbridge Associates LLC,

its general partner

By: <u>/s/ Robert J. Small</u>

Name: Robert J. Small Title: Managing Director