

Aitken Stuart
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Aitken Stuart

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE
STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

KROGER CO [KR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/14/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ 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 or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/14/2019		A	27,556 (1)	A \$ 0 116,228.1788	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2019		A	9,091 (2)	A \$ 0 125,319.1788	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2019		A	2,214	A \$ 0 127,533.1788	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2019		F	988 (3)	D \$ 24.75 126,545.1788	D	
Common Stock					3,017.9124	I	by Spouse

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.75	03/14/2019		A		75,291		<u>(4)</u>	03/14/2029	Common Stock	75,291
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.75	03/14/2019		A		16,584		<u>(5)</u>	03/14/2029	Common Stock	16,584

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Aitken Stuart THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Stuart Aitken, by Stacey M. Heiser,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/18/2019

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions on these shares lapse in equal annual installments over a four-year period, at the rate of 25% per year commencing one year from the date of the award.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions on these shares lapse in equal annual installments over a three-year period, at the rate of 33% per year commencing one year from the date of the award.
- (3) Payment of tax liability associated with share award.

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- (4) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments over a four-year period, at the rate of 25% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.
- (5) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period, at the rate of 33% per year commencing one year after the date of the grant.

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