

KROGER CO  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Wheatley Christine S		(Month/Day/Year)	KROGER CO [KR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/23/2014	
THE KROGER CO.,		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1014 VINE STREET				
(Street)				
CINCINNATI, OH				
45202				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

(Check all applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
(give title below) (specify below)		

Group Vice President

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,131	D	

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

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**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 Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (1)	03/13/2018	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 25	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	06/25/2019	Common Stock	750	\$ 22.34	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	06/24/2020	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 20.16	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	06/24/2020	Common Stock	750	\$ 20.16	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	06/23/2021	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 24.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	07/12/2022	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 21.96	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	12/06/2022	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 26.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	Â (2)	07/15/2023	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 37.76	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wheatley Christine S THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Â Group Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Christine S. Wheatley 05/27/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- These options were granted under an option plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole share amounts over a
- (1) three-year period, at the rate of one-third per year commencing one year after the date of grant, with the remainder vesting three years from the date of grant.
  - (2) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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