

KROGER CO  
Form 3/A  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
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	
Â Ellis Michael L		(Month/Day/Year)	KROGER CO [KR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/06/2012	
1014 VINE STREET		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		
CINCINNATI, OH 45202		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Senior Vice President		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
			12/10/2012	
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	114,206.8184 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â	

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

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ellis Michael L 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Ellis, by Bruce M. Gack,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/02/2013

\_\_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).
- (1) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.
  - (2) This amount includes 750 shares that were inadvertently omitted from the reporting person's original Form 3, and also omitted from a Form 4 filed on December 10, 2012 by the reporting person after his original Form 3 was filed.

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