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FORM 11-K

For Annual Reports of Employee Stock Purchase, Savings and Similar Plans
Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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- Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Or

- Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
for the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number: 0-16255 (Johnson Outdoors Inc.)

- A. Full title of the plan and address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer
named below:

JOHNSON OUTDOORS RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its
principal executive office:

Johnson Outdoors Inc.
555 Main Street
Racine, WI 53403

REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following financial statements and schedules of the Johnson Outdoors Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan"), prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974, as amended, are filed herewith. McGladrey LLP, the current independent auditors for the Plan, audited the financial statements and schedules as of and for the Plan fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Financial Statements and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Johnson Outdoors Retirement and Savings Plan

December 31, 2014 and 2013

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Plan Administrator

Johnson Outdoors Retirement and Savings Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Johnson Outdoors Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information in the accompanying schedule of Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2014, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but includes supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental information including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

McGladrey LLP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 14, 2015

JOHNSON OUTDOORS RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
 STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
 As of December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 79,475,145	\$ 76,176,149
Notes receivable from participants	1,594,792	1,523,779
Contributions receivable		
Participant	-	-
Company	1,309,338	1,258,507
Total receivables	2,904,130	2,782,286
Total Assets	82,379,275	78,958,435
Liabilities		
Fees Payable	41,611	-
Net assets available for benefits at fair value	82,337,664	78,958,435
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(239,103)	(171,601)
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 82,098,561	\$ 78,786,834

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
 Years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013

	2014	2013
Investment income		
Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 542,481	\$ 9,906,577
Interest	3,487	3,598
Dividends	3,262,267	1,889,114
Total investment income	3,808,235	11,799,289
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	64,127	58,225
Contributions		
Participant	2,844,307	2,511,801
Company	2,383,165	2,211,219
Rollover	283,597	271,122
Total contributions	5,511,069	4,994,142
Total additions	9,383,431	16,851,656
Distributions to participants or beneficiaries	(5,887,715)	(5,607,866)
Administrative expenses and investment management fees	(183,989)	(166,640)
Total disbursements	(6,071,704)	(5,774,506)
Net increase	3,311,727	11,077,150
Transfer from other plan	-	562,003
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	78,786,834	67,147,681
End of year	\$82,098,561	\$78,786,834

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Johnson Outdoors Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

1. General

The Plan is a tax qualified defined contribution plan sponsored by Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer") and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC").

Effective January 1, 2010 the Company amended and restated the Plan document into the framework of a prototype defined contribution plan, thereby amending the Plan in conformance with various legislative and regulatory changes required under the IRC and ERISA and to incorporate certain plan design changes as noted throughout the notes.

2. Participation

The following participating employers participate in the Plan:

- Johnson Outdoors Inc.
- Johnson Outdoors Watercraft Inc.
- Johnson Outdoors Marine Electronics, Inc.
- Johnson Outdoors Gear Inc.
- Johnson Outdoors Diving LLC

The Plan allows all employees in covered employment to participate in the Plan on the first day of employment with one of the above named participating employers.

3. Contributions

Eligible participants may make voluntary pre-tax and after-tax contributions of their base compensation (as defined by the Plan), subject to certain statutory limits. Participant contributions made with tax-deferred dollars under Section 401(k) of the IRC are excluded from the participant's current taxable income for federal income tax purposes. No federal income tax is paid on the tax-deferred contributions and growth thereon until the participant makes a withdrawal from the Plan. An employee is automatically enrolled in the Plan at 3% of eligible compensation with 1% increases each plan year until a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation is reached unless the participant elects a different amount or elects not to participate. Effective March 1, 2014, participants first enrolling in the Plan on or after January 1, 2013 were automatically enrolled in the Plan at 6% of eligible compensation unless the participant elected a different amount or elected not to participate.

Participants may also choose to make contributions on an after-tax basis through a Roth 401(k) option. Contributions and earnings for the Roth 401(k) option are not subject to taxation at the time of distribution, as long as the distribution is a "qualified distribution" made no earlier than five years after the first Roth 401(k) contribution to the Plan. A qualified distribution is a distribution after separation of service and due to death, disability or after age

59½. The participant's contribution rate may be adjusted

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at the discretion of the Plan administrator if a reduced rate is necessary to maintain Section 401(k) benefits.

Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans.

The Company's matching contribution is equal to 50% of the first 6% of a participant's compensation contributed by the participant to the Plan. The Company made matching contributions of \$1,073,827 and \$958,027 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In addition, the Company may make a discretionary retirement contribution to the Plan to be allocated to the accounts of eligible participants. Effective October 3, 2009, participation in the Plan was extended to certain employees of Johnson Outdoors Marine Electronics, Inc. and Johnson Outdoors Watercraft Inc. previously excluded from the Plan's discretionary retirement contribution. The amount of such contributions, if any, is at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Company made discretionary retirement contributions of \$1,309,338 and \$1,258,507 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

4. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's matching contribution, an allocation of the Company's discretionary retirement contribution based on regular employee earnings for the period, if applicable, and an allocation of Plan investment earnings based upon the participant's net account balance. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

5. Vesting

Participant contributions, Company matching contributions, discretionary retirement contributions and investment earnings thereon are 100% vested at all times.

6. Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, termination, or permanent disability, participants may elect to receive the value of their account. Upon death, the account balance will be paid to the participant's beneficiary or estate. Prior to termination of service, participants may also elect to receive a hardship withdrawal distribution, as defined in the Plan. A participant who has attained age 59-1/2, but who has not terminated employment, is entitled to have the whole or any part of their accounts paid to him or her.

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7. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their account a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Participants may choose a repayment term of up to five years. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest rates based on the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions. The outstanding balance of any loan may be prepaid at any time without penalty.

8. Investment Options

During 2014 and 2013, participants in the Plan had the ability to self-direct their funds into the following investment options:

Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund
PIMCO Commodities Plus Strategy Fund
American Funds Balanced Fund
Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth Fund
American Capital World Growth and Income Fund
T. Rowe Price Institutional Small Cap Stock Fund
William Blair Institutional International Growth Fund*
Johnson Outdoors Common Stock
FMI Large Cap Fund
Harding Loevner Emerging Markets Fund
Putnam Stable Value Fund
Wasatch Frontier Emerging Small Countries Fund
MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund

*During 2014, participants in the Plan had the ability to self-direct their funds into the William Blair Institutional International Growth Fund. In 2013, participants had the ability to self-direct their funds into the William Blair International Growth Fund.

A participant may invest a maximum of 25% of their post-1994 contributions in Johnson Outdoors Inc. Common Stock.

9. Plan Termination

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it may do so at any time upon proper resolution by the Board of Directors. The Company may also terminate discretionary retirement contributions to the

Plan. In the event of Plan termination, the Plan Trustee shall continue to administer the trust until otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. Upon termination of the trust, participants or their beneficiaries will receive the value of their account.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

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Investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in investment contracts through the Putnam Stable Value Fund, a collective trust. The Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present the fair value of the investment in the collective trust as well as the adjustment of the investment in the collective trust from fair value to contract value relating to the investment contracts. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits are prepared on a contract value basis.

2. Investments

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's valuation policies are determined by the Company's pension committee. Securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the Plan year. The shares of mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded. The Plan's interest in the collective trust is valued based on the NAV of the units of the common collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the Plan Recordkeeper, is used as a practical expedient to estimating fair value. The NAV is based upon the fair value of the underlying investments comprising the trust less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

The Plan holds an investment in the Putnam Stable Value Fund ("Stable Value"), which is a common/collective trust fund managed by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company, as trustee of the fund. The investment objective of the Stable Value fund is to provide a competitive yield with minimal market-related risk. The Stable Value fund invests primarily in guaranteed investment contracts, or funding agreements, security-backed investment contracts, separate accounts issued or wrapped by insurance companies, banks or externally managed stable value commingled investment funds. The Stable Value fund may also invest in high-quality money market instruments or other similar short-term investments.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accounted for on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation/(depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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3. Administrative Expenses and Investment Management Fees

Certain expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan and expenses incurred in connection with the sale, investment and reinvestment of Plan assets are paid by the Plan. Participants are required to pay a quarterly administrative fee, which was approximately \$34 and \$28 per quarter for 2014 and 2013, respectively. Fees charged by the Plan's investment advisor are paid by participants on a pro-rata formula based on account balance as a proportion of total plan assets. Such fees totaled \$80,000 and \$72,500 in 2014 and 2013, respectively. Expenses incurred for attorney and audit fees related to the administration of the Plan are paid by the Company.

4. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

6. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

7. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-07, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent). The amendments in this update remove the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. However, sufficient information must be provided to permit reconciliation of the fair value of assets categorized within the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position. The amendments also remove the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The amendments in this update are effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. Upon adoption, the amendments shall be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. Plan management is currently calculating the impact this update will have the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy which prioritized the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Under this guidance, valuation techniques must maximize the

use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. This guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable.

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets (e.g. NYSE, NASDAQ, etc.) for identical assets or liabilities. These are typically obtained from real-time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets.

Level 2 - Inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, which are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These are typically obtained from readily-available pricing sources for comparable instruments and inputs derived from observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs, where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability. These inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions of the data that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, based on the best information available in the circumstances.

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Investments Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments:

As of December 31, 2014

Description:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
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