SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 3)*

KADANT INC

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

(CUSIP Number)

09/30/2026

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- ☑ Rule 13d-1(b)
- ☐ Rule 13d-1(c)
- ☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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1	Names of Reporting Persons Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (see instructions) ☐ (a) ☐ (b)
3	Sec Use Only
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization CALIFORNIA

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	5	Sole Voting Power 706,079.00
	6	Shared Voting Power 182,291.00
	7	Sole Dispositive Power 839,273.00
	8	Shared Dispositive Power 182,291.00
9		Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,021,564.00
10		Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares (See Instructions) ☐
11		Percent of class represented by amount in row (9) 8.7 %
12		Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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Item 1.

(a) Name of issuer:
KADANT INC

(b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices:
ONE TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE, WESTFORD, MA, 01886

Item 2.

(a) Name of person filing:
Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC

(b) Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:
Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC - 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1110, Los Angeles, CA 90067, United States

(c) Citizenship:
Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC - CALIFORNIA

(d) Title of class of securities:
Common Stock

(e) CUSIP No.:

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
(b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
(c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
(d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
(e) ☑ An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
(f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
(g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(h) ☐ A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

(i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) ☐ A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J),
please specify the type of institution:

(k) ☐ Group, in accordance with Rule 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

1,021,564

(b) Percent of class:

8.7 %

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

706,079

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

182,291

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

839,273

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

182,291

Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class.

Item 6. Ownership of more than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certifications:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC

Signature: /s/Michael Shoemaker
Name/Title: Chief Compliance Officer
Date: 11/12/2026