

CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON/  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 14, 2002

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CUSIP No. 85254C107  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\*

Stage Stores, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock (\$0.01 par value)

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(Title of Class of Securities)

85254C107

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2001

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Michael B. Radest  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

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)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's  
initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
Credit Suisse First Boston, on behalf of the investment banking  
business of the Credit Suisse First Boston business unit

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
SWITZERLAND

	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		-0-
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER (see Item 4(a))
		187,236
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		-0-
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER (see Item 4(a))
		187,236

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
187,236

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
  
0.7%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
BK, HC

\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1.

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(a) Name of Issuer:

Stage Stores, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77025

Item 2.

(a) Name of Persons Filing:

Credit Suisse First Boston, on behalf of the investment banking business of the Credit Suisse First Boston business unit. See Schedule I.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

Uetlibergstrasse 231, P.O. Box 900, CH-8070 Zurich, Switzerland

(c) Citizenship:

Switzerland

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a(n):

(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 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8)

(e)  Person registered as an investment adviser under Section 203 of the  
Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-3) or under  
the laws of any state.

(f)  Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)

(g)  Parent Holding Company or Control Person in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G)

(h)  Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal  
Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)

(i)  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)

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(j) |\_ | Group in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (J)

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

See response to Item 9 on page 2.

(b) Percent of Class:

See response to Item 11 on page 2.

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

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

See response to Item 5 on page 2.

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

See response to Item 6 on page 2.

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

See response to Item 7 on page 2.

(iv) Shared power to direct the disposition of:

See response to Item 8 on page 2.

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

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: |X|

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five 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

See Schedule I.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

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.

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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.

February 13, 2002

CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON,  
acting solely on behalf of  
the investment banking  
business of the Credit  
Suisse First Boston  
business unit

By: /s/ Michael B. Radest

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Name: Michael B. Radest  
Title: Director

Schedule I

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998), this Schedule 13G is being filed by Credit Suisse First Boston (the "Bank"), a Swiss bank, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, to the extent that they constitute part of the investment banking business (the "Reporting Person") of the Credit Suisse First Boston business unit (the "CSFB business unit"). The CSFB business unit is also comprised of an asset management business ("Asset Management"). The Reporting Person provides financial advisory and capital raising services, sales and trading for users and suppliers of capital around the world and invests in and manages private equity and venture capital funds. Asset Management provides asset management and investment advisory services to institutional, mutual fund and private investors worldwide. The address of the Bank's principal business and office is Uetlibergstrasse 231, P.O. Box 900, CH 8070 Zurich, Switzerland. The address of the Reporting Person's principal business and office in the United States is Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010.

The ultimate parent company of the Bank is Credit Suisse Group ("CSG"), a corporation formed under the laws of Switzerland. CSG is a global financial services company with two distinct business units. In addition to the CSFB business unit, CSG and its consolidated subsidiaries are comprised of the Credit Suisse Financial Services business unit (the "Credit Suisse Financial Services business unit"). CSG's business address is Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH 8070 Zurich, Switzerland.

CSG, for purposes of the federal securities laws, may be deemed ultimately to control the Bank and the Reporting Person. CSG, its executive officers and directors, and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including Asset Management and the Credit Suisse Financial Services business unit) may beneficially own shares of the securities of the issuer to which this schedule relates (the "Shares") and such Shares are not reported in this statement. CSG disclaims beneficial ownership of Shares beneficially owned by its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of Shares beneficially owned by CSG, Asset Management and the Credit Suisse Financial Services business unit.

