STAGE STORES INC Form 10-Q December 09, 2010

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

ÞQUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended October 30, 2010

or

"TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to

Commission File Number 1-14035

Stage Stores, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA

91-1826900

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77025

(Zip Code)

(800) 579-2302

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or

a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No þ

As of December 1, 2010, there were 36,619,008 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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#### PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Stage Stores, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except par value)

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(Unaudited)	0	. 1 20 2016		т.	20, 2010
A GOETTO	October 30, 2010		)	January 30, 2010	
ASSETS	\$	45.456		ф	00.714
Cash and cash equivalents		45,476		\$	93,714
Merchandise inventories, net		420,078			306,360
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		29,647			27,095
Total current assets		495,201			427,169
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements,					
net		326,056			342,001
Intangible asset		14,910			14,910
Other non-current assets, net		17,965			16,351
Total assets	\$	854,132		\$	800,431
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Accounts payable	\$	184,171		\$	100,602
Current portion of debt obligations		13,295			12,726
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		67,523			69,688
Total current liabilities		264,989			183,016
Long-term debt obligations		28,449			38,492
Other long-term liabilities		101,885			102,877
Total liabilities		395,323			324,385
Commitments and contingencies					
Common stock, par value \$0.01, 100,000 shares					
authorized,					
56,832 and 56,080 shares issued, respectively		568			561
Additional paid-in capital		512,756			501,800
Less treasury stock - at cost, 20,230 and 18,071					
shares, respectively		(315,453	)		(288,079)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(5,698	)		(5,897)
Retained earnings		266,636			267,661
Total stockholders' equity		458,809			476,046

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$ 854,132 \$ 800,431

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# Stage Stores, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

		eeks Ended	Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		
	October 30, 2010	October 31, 2009	October 30, 2010	October 31, 2009	
Net sales	\$331,850	\$324,944	\$1,016,911	\$1,000,247	
Cost of sales and related buying, occupancy					
and distribution expenses	255,260	251,396	746,276	742,019	
Gross profit	76,590	73,548	270,635	258,228	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	86,827	83,222	257,031	250,682	
Store opening costs	1,189	1,174	3,024	2,825	
Interest expense, net of income of \$21 and \$1					
for the thirteen weeks and \$71 and \$77					
for the thirty-nine weeks, respectively	937	1,079			