STAGE STORES INC Form 10-Q December 07, 2017	
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549	
Form 10-Q	
(Mark One) QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 O 1934	R 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the quarterly period ended October 28, 2017	
or TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 1934	R 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the transition period from to	
Commission File Number 1-14035	
Stage Stores, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) NEVADA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	91-1826900 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77027 (Zip Code)
(800) 579-2302 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed al the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such	months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted eany, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or to submit and post such files). Yes b No o	posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer on the company, or an emerging growth company. Filer, "smaller reporting company,", and "emerging growth contains accelerated filer on the company of the co	See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerate ompany" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):  Accelerated filer b
	Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of November 29, 2017, there were 27,627,382 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)

(Unaudited)

(Unaudited)	October 28, 2017	January 28, 2017
ASSETS  Code and code agriculture	¢ 20 220	¢ 12 002
Cash and cash equivalents	\$30,330	\$13,803
Merchandise inventories, net	578,633	409,384
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	52,376	41,574
Total current assets	661,339	464,761
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation of \$734,626 and \$697,087, respectively	260,870	284,110
Intangible assets	17,135	15,235
Other non-current assets, net	28,237	22,883
Total assets	\$967,581	\$786,989
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Accounts payable	\$214,783	\$101,985
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	77,093	66,685
Total current liabilities	291,876	168,670
	260.060	162.740
Long-term debt obligations	268,969	163,749
Other long-term liabilities	70,052	74,410
Total liabilities	630,897	406,829
Commitments and contingencies		
Common stock, par value \$0.01, 100,000 shares authorized, 32,794 and 32,340 shares issued, respectively	328	323
Additional paid-in capital	416,422	410,504
Treasury stock, at cost, 5,175 shares, respectively	•	(43,286)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,021)	(5,648)
(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings		18,267
Total stockholders' equity	336,684	380,160
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$967,581	\$786,989

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

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Stage Stores, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 28, October 29,		October 28,	October 29,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net sales	\$357,236	\$317,140	\$1,042,924	\$988,275
Cost of sales and related buying, occupancy and distribution expenses	285,542	260,550	816,071	779,128
Gross profit	71,694	56,590	226,853	209,147
Selling, general and administrative expenses	100,036	84,564	289,188	260,076
Interest expense	2,001	1,395	5,505	3,616
Loss before income tax	(30,343)	(29,369)	(67,840 )	(54,545)
Income tax benefit	(12,621)	(13,735)	(24,873)	(23,492)
Net loss	\$(17,722)	\$(15,634)	\$(42,967)	\$(31,053)
Other comprehensive income:				
Amortization of employee benefit related costs, net of tax of \$81, \$86, \$242 and \$256, respectively	\$132	\$139	\$395	\$417
Pension settlement charge, net of tax of \$142	232		232	_
Total other comprehensive income	364	139	627	