

STAGE STORES INC  
Form SC 13D  
March 02, 2017

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

STAGE STORES, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

85254C305  
(CUSIP Number)

Joshua Schamel  
HMA Acquisition, Inc.  
500 Montgomery Street, Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
(415) - 391-6700

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 20, 2017  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on  
Schedule 13G to report  
the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D,  
and is filing this schedule  
because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or Rule 13d-1(g),  
check the following box.

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed  
original and five  
copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7(b)  
for other parties to  
whom copies are to be sent.

\* 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 disclosures provided  
in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page  
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to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

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("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).

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS/I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

HMA ACQUISITION, INC.  
I.R.S. Tax I.D. No. 81-4850038

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
(A)

(B)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
BK, OO

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
CALIFORNIA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
1,366,415

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,366,415

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,366,415

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.03%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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HM AVENUE INVESTMENT PARTNERS II L.P.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

The class of equity securities to which this statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") relates is the common stock, \$0.01 par value, of Stage Stores, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas, 77027.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) - (c) This Schedule 13D is being filed by HMA Acquisition, Inc., a

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California corporation ("Parent"), and HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership ("Sponsor"), pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

The principal address of each of Parent and Sponsor is 500 Montgomery Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A Commitment Letter, dated as of January 18, 2017, between HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P.

and HMA Acquisition, Inc.\*

Exhibit B Commitment Letter, dated as of February 14, 2017, between HMA Acquisition, Inc. and The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.\*

\*To be filed by amendment.  
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### SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: March 2, 2017

HMA Acquisition, Inc.

By: /s/ Eric Choy  
Name: Eric Choy  
Title: President

HM AVENUE INVESTMENT PARTNERS II L.P.

By: HM Avenue Investment Partners II, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Eric Choy  
Name: Eric Choy  
Title: Vice President

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SCHEDULE A

Directors and Executive Officers of HMA Acquisition, Inc.  
Principal Business or Occupation  
Business Address

Eric Choy  
Director and President of HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P.

500 Montgomery Street, Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Hans Christianson  
Director and CFO of HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P.

500 Montgomery Street, Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Joshua Schamel  
Vice President and General Counsel of HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P.

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SCHEDULE A-2

Directors and Executive Officers of HM Avenue Investment Partners II L.P.  
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