

Gentner William E
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gentner William E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STAGE STORES INC [SSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/27/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77027
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or (D) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2018 Restricted Stock Unit - 3/27/2018	<u>(1)</u>	03/27/2018			A		75,000		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	75,000
2017 Restricted Stock Unit - 3/28/2017	<u>(1)</u>	03/28/2018			M		15,000		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	15,000 <u>(4)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gentner William E 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77027			EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

/s/ R. E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for William E. Gentner	03/29/2018
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
Each restricted stock unit (RSU) represents the right to receive, at settlement, cash equal to the fair market value of one share of the (1) Issuer's common stock on the vesting date. Upon vesting, each cash settlement shall not exceed five times the per share fair market value of the Issuer's common stock on the grant date multiplied by the number of RSUs vesting.
- (2) The RSUs vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the grant date of March 27, 2018.
- (3) The RSUs vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the grant date of March 28, 2017.
- (4) Represents the portion of the cash-settled RSUs granted on March 28, 2017 that vested on March 28, 2018. Vested RSUs are to be settled within 30 days after the vesting date.

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