

STAGE STORES INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
December 17, 2004

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

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

Stage Stores, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

85254C305

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(CUSIP Number)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

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“ Rule 13d-1(c)

“ Rule 13d-1(d)

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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

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Wells Fargo & Company

Tax Identification No. 41-0449260

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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

Not applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

Five percent or less

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1 (a) Name of Issuer:  
Stage Stores, Inc.

Item 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
10201 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77025

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:  
Wells Fargo & Company

Item 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:  
420 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Item 2 (c) Citizenship:  
Delaware

Item 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Item 2 (e) CUSIP Number:  
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Item 3 The person filing is a Parent Holding Company in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)

Item 4 Ownership:

Not Applicable

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 Attachment A

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

Not Applicable

Date: December 17, 2004

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

By: /s/ Laurel A. Holschuh

Laurel A. Holschuh, Senior Vice President

and Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

The Schedule 13G to which this attachment is appended is filed by Wells Fargo & Company on behalf of the following subsidiaries:

Peregrine Capital Management Incorporated (1)

Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC (1)

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(1) Classified as a registered investment advisor in accordance with Regulation 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).