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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SONIC CORP [SONC] **SOUTHEASTERN ASSET** (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2017 MANAGEMENT INC/TN/ (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6410 POPLAR (Check all applicable) **AVENUE. SUITE 900** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group __X__ 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MEMPHIS. TNÂ 38119 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Voting and/or investment Common Stock 6,436,879 Ι discretion per investment advisory contracts Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying
Conversion
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(Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise (Instr. 5) Form of (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Direct (D) Security Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOUTHEASTERN ASSET MANAGEMENT INC/TN/
6410 POPLAR AVENUE
SUITE 900

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Signatures

MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38119

/s/ Andrew R. McCarroll, General Counsel, Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.

12/19/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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Remarks:

Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. ("Southeastern") does not have a pecuniary interest in the securion Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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