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

SCHEDULE 13G

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

Sotheby's Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock - Class A

(Title of Class of Securities)

835898107 -----(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement []. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

\*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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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NAMES OF REPO 1 I.R.S. IDENTI ARIEL CAPITAL # 36-3219058	FICATI	ON NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).
CHECK THE APP 2 Not Applica	ıble	TE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  (a) [_]  (b) [_]
SEC USE ONLY		
CITIZENSHIP C 4 Illinois Corp		CE OF ORGANIZATION
NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER  Ariel - 4,489,795
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY  EACH  REPORTING	7	Ariel - 0  SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  Ariel - 4,947,650
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  Ariel - 0
AGGREGATE AMC	UNT BE	ENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  Ariel - 4,948,995
0	THE AG	GGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*  Not Applicable
		EPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  Ariel - 4,948,995 / 44,901,564 = 11.022%
TYPE OF REPOR	TING P	PERSON * (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
		Ariel - IA

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILING OUT!

<sup>\*</sup> This report is being made on behalf of John W. Rogers, Jr., Chairman and

Chief Executive Officer of Ariel Capital Management, Inc., who may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the securities of the issuer. Mr. Rogers disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by Ariel Capital Management, Inc.

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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer
	Sotheby's Holdings, Inc.
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
	38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 100; Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
Item 2(a)	Name of Person Filing
	Ariel Capital Management, Inc.
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:
	200 E. Randolph Drive, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:
	an Illinois corporation
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Stock - Class A
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number
	835898107
Item 3.	This statement is filed pursuant to 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the person filing is an investment adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
Item 4.	Ownership.
	(a) Amount beneficially owned:
	(See Page 2, No. 9)

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(b) Percent of class:

(See Page 2, No. 11)

- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote (See Page 2, No. 5)
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote (See Page 2, No. 6)
  - (ii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of (See Page 2, No. 7)
  - (iii) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of (See Page 2, No. 8)
- 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: [\_]

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

All securities reported upon this Schedule are owned by investment advisory clients of Ariel Capital Management, Inc., no one of which to the knowledge of Ariel Capital Management, Inc. owns more

than 5% of the class.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of a Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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#### SIGNATURE

The undersigned hereby agree that this statement is being filed on behalf of each of them and hereby certify, after reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

ARIEL CAPITAL MANGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Eric T. McKissack

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Eric T. McKissack Co-Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice President

JOHN W. ROGERS, JR.\*

JOHN W. ROGERS, JR.

\*By: /s/ Eric T. McKissack
----Eric T. McKissack

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<sup>\*</sup> Eric T. McKissack signs this document on behalf of John W. Rogers, Jr. pursuant to the power of attorney attached as Exhibit 1 to the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about January 10, 1994, on behalf of Ariel Capital Management, Inc. and John W. Rogers, Jr. with respect to Oshkosk B'Gosh, Incorporated, which said power of attorney is hereby incorporated by reference.