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

**FORM 11-K**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 0-18859**

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if  
different from that of the issuer named below:

**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the  
plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**Sonic Corp.  
300 Johnny Bench Drive  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104**

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**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule**

**As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and for the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Plan Administrator  
Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2005, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 16, 2006

**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan**

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Cash	\$ 1,173	\$ 4,081
Investments	19,700,652	16,849,450
Receivables:		
Contributions:		
Participants	46,691	39,527
Employer	26,670	24,179
Accrued interest:		
Participant loans	5,944	5,036
Investments	1,193	866
Total receivables	80,498	69,608
Total assets	19,782,323	16,923,139
Liabilities:		
Excess deferrals and other	1,070	4,081
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 19,781,253	\$ 16,919,058

*See accompanying notes.*

**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**Year Ended December 31, 2005**

<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 301,836
Interest and dividends	936,886
Investment income	1,238,722
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Participants	1,591,123
Employer	820,469
	2,411,592
Total additions	3,650,314
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Benefit payments	740,807
Administrative expenses	47,312
Total deductions	788,119
Increase in net assets available for benefits	2,862,195
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	16,919,058
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 19,781,253

*See accompanying notes.*

**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2005 and 2004**

**1. Description of the Plan**

**General**

The Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan), is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Sonic Corp. (the Employer), who have completed three consecutive months of service or at least 1,000 hours of service in any eligibility computation period, as defined in the Plan agreement. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). Reference should be made to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

**Contributions**

Participants may contribute up to 50% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan document. A salary deferral contribution will automatically be made for each newly eligible participant in the amount of 3% of the participant's plan year compensation, unless the participant elects to defer an amount other than 3%. Participants may also rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans, which totaled \$159,518 in 2005. Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company voluntarily matched up to 4.5% (100% of the first 3%, plus 50% of the next 3%) of participants' compensation for the year ended December 31, 2005. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's Board of Directors. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. No such contribution was made for 2005.

**Participants' Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings and charged with applicable administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant compensation or account balances, as defined. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts may be used to reduce Company contributions or pay plan expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Forfeitures used to reduce Company contributions for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$26,575 and \$19,017, respectively. Forfeitures used to pay plan expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$44,416 and \$12,804, respectively. Included in the Plan assets at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$4,588 and \$55,697, respectively, of unallocated forfeited nonvested accounts.

### **Vesting**

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company contributions is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

### **Participant Loans**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

### **Payment of Benefits**

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum payment in an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest or may elect to receive monthly, quarterly, or annual installments over a period of not more than the participant's assumed life expectancy.

### **Administration**

The Plan is administered by the Company. Certain administrative expenses incurred by the Plan are paid by the Company, which were not material in 2005.

### **Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination of the Plan, the rights of participants under the Plan shall become 100% vested and nonforfeitable and the net assets of the Plan would be distributed by the Plan Administrator.

## **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of registered investment companies are valued at published market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Company's common stock is valued at its quoted market price. Participant loans are valued at their outstanding balances which approximates fair value.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and market risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



### 3. Investments

The Plan's investments are held by Nationwide Trust Company. The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund/ A	\$ 2,965,721	\$ 2,244,866
American Funds Growth Fund of America/ A	2,902,101	2,295,202
BlackRock Aurora A *	1,391,416	1,251,893
Dreyfus Intermediate Term Income Fund	2,285,869	1,858,559
SEI Stable Asset	1,218,502	1,025,484
Van Kampen Growth and Income A	3,502,786	2,915,679
Sonic Corp. common stock	4,003,416	4,017,124

\* After BlackRock, Inc. acquired the holding company for State Street Research & Management Co. in January 2005, the name of this fund was changed from State Street Research Aurora A to BlackRock Aurora A.

The Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in fair value as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2005
Registered investment companies	\$ 456,485
Sonic Corp. common stock	(154,649)
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 301,836

#### **4. Income Tax Status**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated March 25, 2003 stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

#### **5. Related-Party Transactions**

A portion of the Plan's assets are invested in the Company's common stock. Because the Company is the Plan Sponsor, transactions involving the Company's common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. All of these transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

Supplemental Schedule

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**Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan****Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)****Plan Number 001****EIN: 73-1371046****December 31, 2005**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	AIM Small Cap Growth Fund	32,697 shares	\$ 899,496
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund/A	72,159 shares	2,965,721
	American Funds Growth Fund of America/A	94,041 shares	2,902,101
	BlackRock Aurora A	40,697 shares	1,391,416
	Cash Management Trust of America	147,562 shares	147,567
	Dreyfus Intermediate Term Income Fund	182,141 shares	2,285,869
	SEI Stable Asset	1,218,502 shares	1,218,502
	Van Kampen Growth and Income A	170,535 shares	3,502,786
*	Sonic Corp. common stock	135,709 shares	4,003,416
*	Participant Loans	Participant loans, interest rates from 5.75 % to 10.0%	383,778
	<b>Total assets held for investment</b>		<b>\$ 19,700,652</b>

\*Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

Column (d) is not applicable as investments are participant-directed.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Sonic Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan

By: /s/ Nancy L. Robertson

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Nancy L. Robertson, Chair of the Sonic  
Corp. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan  
Advisory Committee

Date: June 28, 2006

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.  
23.1

Description  
Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm