DOLLAR TREE STORES INC Form SC 13G/A February 13, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Amendment No. 1

	Dollar Tree	Stores, Inc.		
	(Name of	Issuer)		
	Common Stock,	\$0.01 par value		
	(Title of Class	s of Securities)		
	2567	747106		
	(CUSIP	Number)		
	December	31, 2003		
(Date of	Event Which Requir	es Filing of this	Statement)	
Check the appropriat is filed:	e box to designate	the rule pursuant	to which this	Schedule
[] Rule 13d-1(b)				
[X] Rule 13d-1(c)				
[] Rule 13d-1(d)				
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CUSIP No. 256747106		13G		
1. Name of Reporti	 ng Person			

I.R.S. Identification No. of above Person

Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

2. Check the App	 ropriat	e Box if a Member of a Group	(a) [_] (b) [_]
3. SEC Use Only			
4. Citizenship o		of Organization	
Number of	5.	Sole Voting Power 8,026,384	
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.	Shared Voting Power	
Each Reporting	7.	Sole Dispositive Power 8,966,338	
Person With:	8.	Shared Dispositive Power	
9. Aggregate Amor		eficially Owned by Each Repor	ting Person
10. Check if the	 Aggrega	te Amount in Row (9) Excludes	Certain Shares
11. Percent of Cla	 ass Rep	presented by Amount in Row (9)	
12. Type of Report	 ting Pe	rson	

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Item 4. Ownership.(1)(2)

- (a). Amount beneficially owned:
 See the response(s) to Item 9 on the attached cover page(s).
- (b). Percent of Class:
 See the response(s) to Item 11 on the attached cover page(s).
- (c). Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).
 - (ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).
 - (iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached cover page(s).
 - (iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition
 of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached
 cover page(s).

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above 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.

(1) In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned by Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. ("GSAM LP"). GSAM LP, an investment advisor, disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities managed, on GSAM LP's behalf, by third parties.

(2) Beginning on or about April 26, 2003, GSAM LP assumed all, or substantially all of the rights and responsibilities of Goldman Sachs Asset Management ("GSAM"), a separate business unit of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. under the terms of its advisory agreements. The full assumption is expected to be completed by the close of the first quarter of 2004.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in

this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 2004

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Roger S. Begelman

Name: Roger S. Begelman Title: Attorney-in-fact

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Power of Attorney, dated November 19, 2003, relating to Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.

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Exhibit (99.1)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P. (the "Company") does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Roger S. Begelman, Edward T. Joel, Saskia Brookfield Martin and Ted Chang, (and any other employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in-fact), acting individually, its true and lawful attorney, to execute and deliver in its name and on its behalf whether the Company is acting individually or as representative of others, any and all filings required to be made by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (as amended, the "Act"), with respect to securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Company under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the Company might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned or until such time as the person or

persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of November 19th, 2003.

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By:/s/ Howard Surloff

Name: Howard Surloff Title: Managing Director

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