

January 31, 1998

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, DC 20549

RE: Schedule 13G  
Genesco, Inc.  
As of December 31, 1997

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 13(d)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enclosed please find six copies of Schedule 13G for the above named company showing beneficial ownership of 5% or more as of December 31, 1997 filed on behalf of Eagle Asset Management, Inc.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth K. Koster  
Senior Vice President, Administration  
Chief Compliance Officer

KKK:jmw  
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Corporate Secretary  
Genesco, Inc.  
Genesco Park  
1415 Murfreesboro Road  
P. O. Box 731  
Nashville, TN 37202-0731

Securities Division  
New York Stock Exchange  
11 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

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

Genesco, Incorporated  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock par value \$1.00 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

371532102  
(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).

CUSIP NO. 371532102

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Eagle Asset Management, Inc. 59-2385219

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (A) \_\_\_\_\_  
(B) \_\_\_\_\_

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
State of Florida

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		2,245,920
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED		- - -
AS OF		
DECEMBER 31, 1997	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
BY EACH		2,245,920
REPORTING	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		- - -

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
2,245,920

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
8.71%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
IA

\*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Genesco, Incorporated

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executing Offices:

Genesco Park  
1415 Murfreesboro Road  
P. O. Box 731  
Nashville, TN 37202-0731

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Eagle Asset Management, Inc.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

880 Carillon Parkway  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33716

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Florida

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock par value \$1.00 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

371532102

Item 3 Type of Reporting Person:

(e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the  
Investment Advisors Act of 1940

Item 4 Ownership as of December 31, 1997:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

2,245,920 shares of common stock beneficially owned including:

Eagle Asset Management, Inc.	No. of Shares 2,245,920
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(b) Percent of Class: 8.71%

(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Deemed	Deemed	Deemed	Deemed
to have	to have	to have	to have
Sole Power	Shared Power	Sole Power	Shared Power
to Vote or	to Vote or	to Dispose	to Dispose
to Direct	to Direct	or to	or to
to Vote	to Vote	Direct	the Direct the
		Disposition	Disposition

Eagle Asset Management, Inc.      2,245,920      2,245,920

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:

N/A

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

N/A

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: N/A

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10 Certification:

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

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: January 31, 1998

EAGLE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.

Kenneth K. Koster
Senior Vice President, Administration
Chief Compliance Officer

