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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.1) *

Sonic Automotive Inc. Class A Common Stock

83545G102

December 31, 2018

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CUSIP No. 83545G102 1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC for Ceredex Value Advisors LLC. 58-1604573 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) (b) 3. SEC Use Only 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware Number of 5. Sole Voting Power 383,141. Shares Beneficially 6. Shared Voting Power Ο. Owned by Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power 560,131. Reporting Person With 8. Shared Dispositive Power 0. 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 560,131. 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 1.82% 12. Type of Reporting Person* HC / IA UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Sonic Automotive Inc. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 4401 Colwick Road, Charlotte, NC 28211 Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing: Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC for Ceredex Value Advisors LLC. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: 3333 Piedmont Road NE Suite 1500 Atlanta, GA 30305 (c) Citizenship: Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company; Ceredex Value Advisors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company. (d) Title of Class of Securities: Class A Common Stock (e) CUSIP Number: 83545G102 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to SS240.13d-1(b) or 240.13-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a: (a) [] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o); (b) [] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); (c) [] Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); (d) [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8); (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with SS240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with SS240.13d- 1(b)(1)(ii)(F); (g) [X] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with SS240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); (h) [] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); (j) [] Group, in accordance with SS240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). Item 4. Ownership Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Ttem 1. (a) Amount beneficially owned: 560,131. (b) Percent of class: 1.82% (c) Number of shares as to which the person has: (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 383,141. (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 0. (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 560,131. (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0. 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 [X]. Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person Not Applicable. Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company See Item 2. Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group Not Applicable Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of 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.

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.

February 5, 2019 Date

/s/ Josie Rosson Signature

Josie Rosson/Managing Director Name / Title