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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO) *
NetScout Systems, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock Par Value \$.01
(Title of Class of Securities)
64115T 10 4

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).

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*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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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	S.S. OR I.R.S	IDENTIFICATION NO.	OF ABOVE PERSON
	TA/Advent VIII L.P. Advent Atlantic & Pacific TA Executives Fund LLC TA Investors LLC TA Associates VIII LLC High Street Partners L.P. TA Associates, Inc.	III L.P.		04-3334380 04-3299318 04-3398534 04-3395404 04 3334378 04-3295365 04-3205751
2	CHECK THE BOX IF A MEMBER	OF A GROUP*		(a) /X/
				(b) / /
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF OF	RGANIZATION		
	TA/Advent VIII L.P. Advent Atlantic & Pacific TA Executives Fund LLC TA Investors LLC TA Associates VIII High Street Partners L.P. TA Associates, Inc.	III L.P.		Delaware Delaware Delaware Delaware Delaware Massachusetts Delaware

	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF SHARES		TA/Advent VIII L.P. Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P. TA Executives Fund LLC TA Investors LLC TA Associates VIII LLC High Street Partners L.P. TA Associates, Inc.	3,798,950 993,561 100,680 105,979 0 26,837 1,008
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER N/A	
OWNED BY			
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		TA/Advent VIII L.P.	3,798,950
REPORTING		Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P. TA Executives Fund LLC TA Investors LLC TA Associates VIII LLC High Street Partners L.P. TA Associates, Inc.	993,561 100,680 105,979 0 26,837 1,008
WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

TA/Advent VIII L.P.	3,798,950
Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P.	993,561
TA Executives Fund LLC	100,680
TA Investors LLC	105,979
TA Associates VIII LLC	0
High Street Partners L.P.	26,837
TA Associates, Inc.	1,008

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

TA/Advent VIII L.P.	12.68%
Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P.	3.32%
TA Executives Fund LLC	0.34%
TA Investors LLC	0.35%
TA Associates VIII LLC	0.00%
High Street Partners L.P.	0.09%
TA Associates, Inc.	0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

Three Limited Partnerships
Three Limited Liability Companies
One Corporation

SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

ATTACHMENT TO FORM 13G PAGE 3 ITEM 1 (a) NAME OF ISSUER: NetScout Systems, Inc. ITEM 1 (b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 4 Technology Park Drive Westford, MA 01886 ITEM 2 (a) NAME OF PERSON FILING: TA/Advent VIII L.P. Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P. TA Executives Fund LLC TA Investors LLC. TA Associates VIII LLC High Street Partners L.P. TA Associates, Inc. ITEM 2 (b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE: c/o TA Associates 125 High Street, Suite 2500 Boston, MA 02110 ITEM 2 (c) CITIZENSHIP: Not Applicable ITEM 2 (d) TITLE AND CLASS OF SECURITIES: Common ITEM 2 (e) CUSIP NUMBER: 64115T 10 4 IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 (b) OR 13d-2 (b), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A: Not Applicable ITEM 4 OWNERSHIP ITEM 4 (a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: COMMON STOCK _____ TA/Advent VIII L.P. 3,798,950 Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P. 993,561 TA Executives Fund LLC 100,680 TA Investors LLC 105,979 TA Associates VIII LLC High Street Partners L.P. 26,837 1,008 TA Associates, Inc. ITEM 4 (b) PERCENT OF CLASS PERCENTAGE _____ TA/Advent VIII L.P. 12.68% Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P 3.32% TA Executives Fund LLC 0.34% TA Investors LLC 0.35% TA Associates VIII LLC 0.00% High Street Partners L.P. 0.09% TA Associates, Inc. 0.00% ITEM 4 (c) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS: SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTE: COMMON STOCK (I) TA/Advent VIII L.P. 3,798,950 Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P 993,561 TA Executives Fund LLC 100,680

TA Investors LLC

105,979

TA Associates VIII LLC

High Street Partners L.P.

TA Associates, Inc.

High Street Partners L.P.	26,837
TA Associates, Inc.	1,008
(II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTE:	N/A
(III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR DIRECT THE DISPOSITION	: COMMON STOCK
TA/Advent VIII L.P.	3,798,950
Advent Atlantic & Pacific III L.P	993 , 561
TA Executives Fund LLC	100,680
TA Investors LLC	105,979
TA Associates VIII LLC	0

(IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR DIRECT THE DISPOSITION N/A

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ITEM 5	OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS: Not Applicable
ITEM 6	OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:
	Not Applicable
ITEM 7	IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY THAT ACQUIRED . THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:
	Not Applicable
ITEM 8	IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:
	This schedule 13G is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (c). For the agreement of group members to a joint filing, see below.
ITEM 9	NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP: Not Applicable
ITEM 10	CERTIFICATION: Not Applicable

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

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/s/ Thomas P. Alber
-----Signature

Chief Financial Officer
----Name/Title

AGREEMENT	FOR	JOINT	FILING

High Street Partners L.P.

By:

TA/Advent VIII L.P., Advent Atlantic and Pacific III L.P., TA
Associates VIII LLC, TA Executives Fund LLC, High Street Partners L.P., TA
Associates, Inc. and TA Investors LLC, hereby agree that TA Associates shall
file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a joint schedule 13G on behalf
of the above-named parties concerning their beneficial ownership of NetScout
Systems, Inc.

Systems, Inc. Dated: TA/ADVENT VIII L.P. By: TA Associates VIII LLC, its General Partner By: TA Associates, Inc. its Manager By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer ADVENT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC III L.P. By: TA Associates AAP III Partners L.P., its General Partner By: TA Associates, Inc. its General Partner By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer TA EXECUTIVES FUND LLC By: TA Associates, Inc., its Manager By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer TA INVESTORS LLC By: TA Associates, Inc., its Manager By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer TA Associates VIII LLC By: TA Associates, Inc., its Manager By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer TA Associates, Inc. By: Thomas P. Alber, Chief Financial Officer

Thomas P. Alber, General Partner