

SONOSITE INC
Form SC 13G
February 13, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)

Sonosite Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Par Value \$.01)
(Title of Class of Securities)

83568G104
(CUSIP Number)

12/31/03
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☒ Rule 13d-1(b)
☐ Rule 13d-1(c)
☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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 there to 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).

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS.
OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

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Brown Capital Holdings Incorporated ("BCHI")

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(a) ☐
(b) ☐

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

BCHI is a Maryland Corporation.

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5 SOLE VOTING POWER	1064401 shares
	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	0 shares
	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	1179090 shares
	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	9900 shares

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1190090 shares

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

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

8.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

BCHI - HC

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Sonosite Inc.

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

21919 30th Drive SE, 22100 Bothell Everett Hgwy, Bothell, WA 98021-3904

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

BCHI

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Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office:

901 South Bond Street, Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

BCHI is a Maryland Corporation.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock of (\$.01 par) of Sonosite Inc.

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 83568G104

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b),
check whether the person filing is a:

(g) ☒ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with section
240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)

Item 4. Ownership:

(a)	Amount of Beneficially Owned:	1190090 shares
(b)	Percent of Class:	8.2%
(c)	Number of shares as to which such person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	1064401 shares
(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	0 shares
(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	1179090 shares
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	9900 shares

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.

The securities as to which this Schedule is filed by BCHI, in its capacity as a parent holding company, are as follows: 244,415 shares, or 1.7% of the total shares outstanding of Sonosite Inc., owned by clients of Brown Investment Advisory and Trust Company ("BIATC"), a Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act; and 945,675, or 6.5% of the total shares outstanding of Sonosite Inc., owned by clients of Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated, an Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and a wholly-owned subsidiary of BIATC. Those clients have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of, dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

This Schedule is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
Refer to Exhibit A.

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 in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the 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 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.

Date: As of December 31, 2003

Signature: Brown Capital Holdings Incorporated

By: /S/ David M. Churchill

Title: Treasurer

Joint Filing Agreement

Each party signing below agrees that this statement is submitted as a joint filing on behalf of the undersigned.

Date: As of December 31, 2003

Signature: Brown Investment Advisory and Trust Company

By: /S/ Patrick Ventura

Title: Principal

Date: As of December 31, 2003

Signature: Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated

By: /S/ Patrick Ventura

Title: Principal

Exhibit A

Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of this Schedule 13G, the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiaries are: BIATC, a Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act; and Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated, an Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and a wholly-owned subsidiary of BIATC.