

THOMPSON MATTHEW  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THOMPSON MATTHEW

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADOBE SYSTEMS  
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK  
AVENUE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP WW Field Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              | 68,800  | A \$ 0  | 118,800  | I Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/24/2018                           |  | F                              | 33,372 <sub>(2)</sub>   | D \$ 197.78   | 85,428   | I Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              | 11,466  | A \$ 0  | 96,894   | I Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/24/2018                           |  | F                              | 5,684 <sub>(2)</sub>  | D \$ 197.78   | 91,210   | I Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock                    | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              | 9,525   | A \$ 0  | 100,735  | I Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                                |

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|              |            |   |              |   |           |         |   |           |
|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---|-----------|---------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | F | 4,722<br>(2) | D | \$ 197.78 | 96,013  | I | Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | M | 9,444        | A | \$ 0      | 105,457 | I | Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2018 | F | 4,682<br>(2) | D | \$ 197.78 | 100,775 | I | Trust (1) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |               | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)  | (D)           | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |                            |
| Performance Shares                         | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              |  | 68,800        | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 68,800                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              |  | 11,466        | (4)  | (4)             | Common Stock  | 11,466                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              |  | 9,525         | (5)  | (5)             | Common Stock  | 9,525                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | M                              |  | 9,444         | (6)  | (6)             | Common Stock  | 9,444                      |
| Performance Shares                         | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | A                              | V  | 30,680<br>(7) | (8)  | (8)             | Common Stock  | 30,680                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 01/24/2018                           |  | A                              |  | 15,340        | (9)  | (9)             | Common Stock  | 15,340                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| THOMPSON MATTHEW<br>ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED<br>345 PARK AVENUE |               |           | EVP WW Field Operations |       |

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Vaas, as  
attorney-in-fact

01/26/2018

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares held by The Thompson Living Trust u/a dtd 08/28/1997 of which the reporting person is a trustee.
- (2) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due at vesting.
- (3) The Performance Shares vested in full upon the certification of performance goal achievement at 200% following the three-year anniversary of the January 24, 2015 grant date.
- (4) Vests at a rate of 1/3 annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the January 24, 2015 vesting commencement date.
- (5) Vests at a rate of 1/3 annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the January 24, 2016 vesting commencement date.
- (6) Vests at a rate of 1/3 annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the January 24, 2017 vesting commencement date.
- (7) Represents 200% of the target payout (the maximum number of Performance Shares that will be earned, if at all) following the three-year performance period.
- (8) The Performance Shares will vest in full upon the certification of performance goal achievement following the three-year anniversary of the January 24, 2018 vesting commencement date, if the performance goal is achieved.
- (9) Vests at a rate of 1/3 annually on the first, second and third anniversaries of the January 24, 2018 vesting commencement date.

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