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to Section Form 4 of 5 obligation See Instru-	or Form <b>ANN</b> tions tinue.		ATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES					Estimated ar burden hour response	verage		
See Instruction 1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,Form 3 HoldingsSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or SectionReported Form 430(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940Transactions ReportedReported											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Stoeckle Mark E.			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			FUND, INC. [ADX]				(check an applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			<ul><li>3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li><li>12/31/2017</li></ul>				X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) CEO & President				
500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300											
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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× • •		State)       (Zip)       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 or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		red (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/31/2017	Â	J	1,570.673 (1)	А	\$0	45,673.268	D	Â		
Common Stock	12/31/2017	Â	J	1,362.236 (2)	A	\$ 0	15,807.086 (3)	Ι	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	of
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	D
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Se
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		В
	Security				Acquired						0
					(A) or						E
					Disposed						Is
					of (D)						Fi
					(Instr. 3,						(I
					4, and 5)						
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>		Relationships					
r of the test	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Stoeckle Mark E. 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	ÂX	Â	CEO & President	Â			
Signatures							
Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for Mark E Stoeckle	01/31/2018						
<u>**</u> 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) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.78 \$15.90 during 2017.

These shares are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that
(2) were acquired by the Trust in 2017 in exempt transactions as a result of periodic contributions made during 2017 and shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment in 2017. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.78 - \$15.90 during 2017.

The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of 12/31/2017. This number includes the shares acquired in exempt

(3) transactions through periodic contributions made during 2017, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust during 2017. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.78 - \$15.90 during 2017.

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