

Plotkin Ben A
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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 *
Plotkin Ben A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
787 7TH AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman and SVP

NEW YORK, NY 33477

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/27/2017		M	911 ⁽¹⁾	A \$ 0	97,137	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		F	382	D \$ 60.13	96,755	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		M	911 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0	97,666	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		F	382	D \$ 60.13	97,284	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		M	911 ⁽³⁾	A \$ 0	98,195	D

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Common Stock	12/27/2017	F	382	D	\$ 60.13	97,813	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017	M	<u>6,745</u> (4)	A	\$ 0	104,558	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017	F	2,830	D	\$ 60.13	101,728	D

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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/27/2017		M		911		(5)	(6)	Common Stock	911	\$
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/27/2017		M		911		(7)	(6)	Common Stock	911	\$
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/27/2017		M		911		(8)	(6)	Common Stock	911	\$
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/27/2017		M		6,745		(9)	(6)	Common Stock	6,745	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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787 7TH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 33477

Vice Chairman and SVP

Signatures

Ben A. Plotkin

12/29/2017

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 represent a grant of restricted stock which vest 100% ten years from the original grant date of the phantom stock unit.
- (2) Shares represent a grant of restricted stock which vest 100% eight years from the original grant date of the phantom stock unit.
- (3) Shares represent a grant of restricted stock which vest 100% nine years from the original grant date of the phantom stock unit.
- (4) Shares represent a grant of restricted stock which vest in 20% increments over a 5 year period from original grant date of the phantom stock unit.
- (5) Currently convertible. Units vest 100% ten years from the original grant date.
- (6) No expiration date for these Units.
- (7) Currently convertible. Units vest 100% eight years from the original grant date.
- (8) Currently convertible. Units vest 100% nine years from the original grant date.
- (9) Currently convertible. Units vest in 20% increments over a five year period from original grant date.

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