

ADOBE SYSTEMS INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â TARKOFF ROBERT M		(Month/Day/Year)	ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/10/2008	
345 PARK AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN JOSE,Â CAÂ 95110			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			SVP	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares			

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/15/2014	Common Stock	250,000	\$ 41.37	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/24/2015	Common Stock	13,503	\$ 34.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/24/2015	Common Stock	80,497	\$ 34.64	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 0	D	Â
Performance Shares	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	60,000 (5)	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TARKOFF ROBERT M 345 PARK AVENUE SAN JOSE, CA 95110	Â	Â	Â SVP	Â

## Signatures

/s/Stuart Fagin, as attorney-in-fact 04/18/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Vests at a rate of 25% one year after grant date and 2.08% per month for the following 36 months.
- (2) Vests at a rate of 2.08% per month for 48 months.
- (3) Vesting of the Performance Share Units will be 25% on May 15, 2008, the initial vest date, with the remaining Units vesting 25% annually on the second, third, and fourth anniversary of the initial vest date.
- (4) Vesting of the Performance Share Units will be 25% upon the later of the (i) first anniversary of the grant date and (ii) the certification of performance goal achievement, with the remaining Units vesting 25% annually on the second, third, and fourth anniversary of the grant date if the initial performance goals are achieved.
- (5) Represents the maximum number of Performance Shares that will be earned, if at all, based on the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during the 2008 fiscal year. Each Performance Share Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of ADBE common stock. The maximum number represents 200% of the target payout of 30,000 shares.

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