

ADAMS ALBERT T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
ADAMS ALBERT T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3200 NATIONAL CITY  
CETNER, 1900 EAST 9TH  
STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (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 (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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

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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)
Deferred Share Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/09/2012		A	4,414	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Share	4,414

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS ALBERT T 3200 NATIONAL CITY CETNER 1900 EAST 9TH STREET CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X			

## Signatures

/s/Suzanne K. Hanselman, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/11/2012

         \*\*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) Deferred compensation units (DCUs) acquired pursuant to deferral of restricted share grant made under the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (2) DCUs are settled in common shares based upon the market value of the Company's common shares at the time of settlement. Each DCU represents the economic equivalent of one common share
- (3) DCUs are to be settled on the date elected by the reporting person at the time of deferral election.
- (4) Aggregate holdings adjusted to include DCUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.

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