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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)
 09/17/2018

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

NEW YORK, NY 10019

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--|------------------|---|------------|
| Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Date Exercisable | Date | Expiration Date | Title |
| Amount or Number of Shares | Amount | Amount | Amount |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 09/17/2018 | |
| A | 23 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> |
| | | Common Stock | 23 |
| | | | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|-----------------------|
| Director | 10% Owner |
| Officer | Other |
| Plotkin Ben A 787 7TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019 | Vice Chairman and SVP |

Signatures

/s/ Ben A.
Plotkin

09/17/2018

**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) Phantom stock units acquired pursuant to dividend equivalent rights in respect of previously reported phantom stock units (the "Dividend Equivalent PSUs"). The Dividend Equivalent PSUs accrued in connection with a cash dividend paid by the issuer on the issuer's common stock. The Dividend Equivalent PSUs will vest proportionately with the phantom stock units to which they relate. The Dividend Equivalent PSUs convert to the issuer's common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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