

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                         |  |
| <b>Nair Balan</b>                         |  | <b>ADTRAN INC [ ADTN ]</b>                        |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                    |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| <b>901 EXPLORER BOULEVARD</b>             |  | <b>9/2/2021</b>                                   |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| <b>HUNTSVILLE, AL 35806</b>               |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person                             |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |  |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                              |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
|                                    |                |   | Code                         | V | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price |   |   |   |

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 4. Trans.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|--|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                   |   | Code                            | V | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                        | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Dividend<br/>Equivalent Rights</b>          | <u>(1)</u>   | 9/2/2021          |   | A                               |   | 26.47  |     | <u>(1)</u>                                 | <u>(1)</u>         | <b>Common<br/>Stock</b>  | 26.47                            | \$0   | 87.564   | D   |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Dividend equivalent rights accrue when and as dividends are paid on the Company's common stock. The rights are paid in whole shares of common stock with the remainder paid in cash upon vesting of restricted stock units. Each dividend equivalent right is the equivalent of one share of the Company's common stock.

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>Nair Balan</b><br><b>901 EXPLORER BOULEVARD</b><br><b>HUNTSVILLE, AL 35806</b> | X             |           |         |       |

#### Signatures

Michael Foliano, by power of attorney

9/7/2021

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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