

ADAMS EXPRESS CO  
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**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANIES**

**Investment Company Act file number: 811-00248**

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**THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1140, Baltimore, Maryland 21202**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**Lawrence L. Hooper, Jr.  
The Adams Express Company  
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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 752-5900**

**Date of fiscal year end: December 31**

**Date of reporting period: June 30, 2013**

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

We submit herewith the financial statements of The Adams Express Company (the Fund) for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Also provided are a schedule of investments and other financial information.

Net assets of the Fund at June 30, 2013 were \$13.73 per share on 92,687,368 shares outstanding, compared with \$12.43 per share at December 31, 2012 on 93,029,724 shares outstanding. On March 1, 2013, a distribution of \$0.05 per share was paid, consisting of \$0.03 of net investment income, \$0.01 short-term capital gain, and \$0.01 long-term capital gain, all realized in 2012 and taxable in 2013. A 2013 net investment income dividend of \$0.05 per share was paid June 3, 2013, and another \$0.05 per share net investment income dividend has been declared to shareholders of record August 15, 2013, payable September 3, 2013. These constitute the first three payments toward our annual 6% minimum distribution rate commitment.

Net investment income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 amounted to \$7,432,226, compared with \$7,210,547 for the same six month period in 2012. These earnings are equal to \$0.08 per share in each period.

Net capital gain realized on investments for the six months ended June 30, 2013 amounted to \$26,817,557, or \$0.29 per share.

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, the total return on the net asset value (with dividends and capital gains reinvested) of the Fund's shares was 11.4%. The total return on the market value of the Fund's shares for the period was 14.0%. These compare to a 13.8% total return for the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Index (S&P 500) and a 13.2% total return for the Lipper Large-Cap Core Mutual Funds Average over the same time period.

For the twelve months ended June 30, 2013, the Fund's total return on net asset value was 18.2% and on market value was 20.7%. Comparable figures for the S&P 500 and the Lipper Large-Cap Core Mutual Funds Average were 20.6% and 20.4%, respectively.

The Fund resumed its share repurchases in the first half of 2013 and purchased 389,822 shares of the Fund's common stock during the period. The shares were repurchased at an average price of \$12.12 and a weighted average discount to net asset value (NAV) of 13.1%, resulting in a \$0.01 increase to NAV per share.

Investors can find the daily NAV per share, the market price, and the discount/premium to the NAV per share of the Fund on our website at [www.adamsexpress.com](http://www.adamsexpress.com). Also available there are a history of the Fund, historical financial information, quarterly changes in portfolio securities, links for electronic delivery of shareholder reports, and other useful content.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Mark E. Stoeckle

*Chief Executive Officer*

David D. Weaver

*President*

July 10, 2013

## PORTFOLIO REVIEW

June 30, 2013

(unaudited)

## Ten Largest Equity Portfolio Holdings

|                                    | <i>Market Value</i> | <i>% of Net Assets</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Petroleum & Resources Corporation* | \$ 56,156,356       | 4.4%                   |
| SPDR S&P ETF Trust                 | 39,202,450          | 3.1                    |
| Apple Inc.                         | 36,835,440          | 2.9                    |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.               | 31,674,000          | 2.4                    |
| Pfizer Inc.                        | 30,530,900          | 2.4                    |
| iShares US Real Estate ETF         | 30,207,450          | 2.4                    |
| Chevron Corp.                      | 27,809,900          | 2.2                    |
| General Electric Co.               | 25,393,050          | 2.0                    |
| QUALCOMM Inc.                      | 24,432,000          | 1.9                    |
| Microsoft Corp.                    | 24,171,000          | 1.9                    |
| Total                              | \$ 326,412,546      | 25.6%                  |

\*Non-controlled affiliate

## Sector Weightings

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2013

(unaudited)

| <b>Assets</b>  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Investments* at value:   |                  |                  |
| Common stocks (cost \$985,416,541)   | \$ 1,202,207,357 |                  |
| Non-controlled affiliate, Petroleum & Resources Corporation<br>(cost \$34,735,404)   | 56,156,356       |                  |
| Short-term investments (cost \$12,186,322)   | 12,186,322       | \$ 1,270,550,035 |
| Cash   |                  | 240,007          |
| Dividends and interest receivable  |                  | 1,401,825        |
| Prepaid pension cost   |                  | 2,028,934        |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  |                  | 3,362,024        |
| <i>Total Assets</i>  |                  | 1,277,582,825    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                  |                  |
| Open written option contracts* at value (proceeds \$298,257)   |                  | 204,670          |
| Accrued pension liabilities  |                  | 3,355,489        |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities   |                  | 1,325,107        |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i>   |                  | 4,885,266        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |                  | \$ 1,272,697,559 |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |                  |                  |
| Common Stock at par value \$0.001 per share, authorized 150,000,000 shares; issued and<br>outstanding 92,687,368 shares (includes 161,645 restricted shares, 18,000 nonvested or deferred<br>restricted stock units, and 14,598 deferred stock units) (note 6) |                  | \$ 92,687        |
| Additional capital surplus   |                  | 1,009,290,175    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)  |                  | (1,634,806)      |
| Undistributed net investment income  |                  | 2,832,212        |
| Undistributed net realized gain on investments   |                  | 23,811,936       |
| Unrealized appreciation on investments   |                  | 238,305,355      |
| <b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock</b>   |                  | \$ 1,272,697,559 |
| <b>Net Asset Value Per Share of Common Stock</b>   |                  | \$13.73          |

\* See Schedule of Investments on page 11 and Schedule of Outstanding Written Option Contracts on page 13.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2013

(unaudited)

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Investment Income</b>   |                |
| Income:  |                |
| Dividends:   |                |
| From unaffiliated issuers (net of \$46,048 in foreign taxes)                             | \$ 11,657,603  |
| From non-controlled affiliate  | 349,884        |
| Interest and other income  | 382,108        |
| <i>Total income</i>  | 12,389,595     |
| Expenses:  |                |
| Investment research  | 2,634,378      |
| Administration and operations  | 1,127,933      |
| Travel, training, and other office expenses  | 279,684        |
| Directors' fees  | 188,052        |
| Transfer agent, registrar, and custodian   | 158,428        |
| Investment data services   | 140,612        |
| Reports and shareholder communications   | 125,600        |
| Legal services   | 99,179         |
| Occupancy  | 72,167         |
| Insurance  | 55,370         |
| Audit and accounting services  | 53,283         |
| Other  | 22,683         |
| <i>Total expenses</i>  | 4,957,369      |
| <b>Net Investment Income</b>   | 7,432,226      |
| <b>Realized Gain and Change in Unrealized Appreciation on Investments</b>                |                |
| Net realized gain on security transactions   | 26,251,197     |
| Net realized gain distributed by regulated investment company (non-controlled affiliate) | 87,471         |
| Net realized gain on written option contracts  | 478,889        |
| Change in unrealized appreciation on securities  | 95,398,545     |
| Change in unrealized appreciation on written option contracts                            | (154,560)      |
| <b>Net Gain on Investments</b>   | 122,061,542    |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income (note 5)</b>   |                |
| Defined benefit pension plans:   |                |
| Net actuarial gain arising during period   | 213,331        |
| Amortization of net loss   | 130,034        |
| Effect of settlement (non-recurring)   | 903,700        |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>  | 1,247,065      |
| <b>Change in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>                                    | \$ 130,740,833 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|  | (unaudited)<br>Six Months<br>Ended<br>June 30, 2013 | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2012 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>From Operations:</b>  |   |                                 |
| Net investment income  | \$ 7,432,226  | \$ 17,547,510                   |
| Net realized gain on investments   | 26,817,557  | 47,997,411                      |
| Change in unrealized appreciation on investments   | 95,243,985  | 80,550,174                      |
| Change in accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)  | 1,247,065   | (243,338)                       |
| <i>Increase in net assets resulting from operations</i>  | 130,740,833   | 145,851,757                     |
| <b>Distributions to Shareholders from:</b>   |   |                                 |
| Net investment income  | (7,436,332)   | (16,392,876)                    |
| Net realized gain from investment transactions   | (1,838,155)   | (44,625,641)                    |
| <i>Decrease in net assets from distributions</i>   | (9,274,487)   | (61,018,517)                    |
| <b>From Capital Share Transactions:</b>  |   |                                 |
| Value of shares issued in payment of distributions (note 4)  | 6,557   | 20,118,651                      |
| Cost of shares purchased (note 4)  | (4,724,925)   |                                 |
| Deferred compensation (notes 4, 6)   | (47,456)  | 311,468                         |
| <i>Change in net assets from capital share transactions</i>  | (4,765,824)   | 20,430,119                      |
| <b>Total Increase in Net Assets</b>  | <b>116,700,522</b>                                  | <b>105,263,359</b>              |
| <b>Net Assets:</b>   |   |                                 |
| Beginning of period  | 1,155,997,037                                       | 1,050,733,678                   |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$2,832,212 and \$2,836,318, respectively) | \$ 1,272,697,559                                    | \$ 1,155,997,037                |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## 1. Significant Accounting Policies

The Adams Express Company (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified investment company. The Fund is an internally-managed closed-end fund whose investment objectives are preservation of capital, the attainment of reasonable income from investments, and an opportunity for capital appreciation.

The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require the use of estimates made by Fund management. Management believes that estimates and security valuations are appropriate; however, actual results may differ from those estimates, and the security valuations reflected in the financial statements may differ from the value the Fund ultimately realizes upon sale of the securities.

**Affiliated Companies** Investments in companies 5% or more of whose outstanding voting securities are held by the Company are defined as Affiliated Companies in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

**Expenses** The Fund shares certain costs for investment research and data services, administration and operations, travel, training, office expenses, occupancy, accounting and legal services, insurance, and other miscellaneous items with its non-controlled affiliate, Petroleum & Resources Corporation. Shared expenses that are not solely attributable to one fund are allocated to each fund based on relative net asset values or, in the case of investment research staff and related costs, relative market values of portfolio securities in the particular sector of coverage. Expense allocations are updated quarterly, as appropriate, except those related to payroll, which are updated annually.

**Security Transactions and Investment Income** Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gain or loss on sales of securities and options is determined on the basis of specific identification. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recognized on the ex-dividend date, and interest income is recognized on the accrual basis.

**Security Valuation** The Fund's investments are reported at fair value as defined under accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America. Investments in securities traded on national security exchanges are valued at the last reported sale price on the day of valuation. Over-the-counter and listed securities for which a sale price is not available are valued at the last quoted bid price. Short-term investments (excluding purchased options and money market funds) are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Purchased and written options are valued at the last quoted bid and asked price, respectively. Money market funds are valued at net asset value on the day of valuation.

Various inputs are used to determine the fair value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the following three levels:

- Level 1 fair value is determined based on market data obtained from independent sources; for example, quoted prices in active markets for identical investments,
- Level 2 fair value is determined using other assumptions obtained from independent sources; for example, quoted prices for similar investments,



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Level 3 fair value is determined using the Fund's own assumptions, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The Fund's investments at June 30, 2013 were classified as follows:

|                        | Level 1          | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total            |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Common stocks          | \$ 1,258,363,713 | \$      | \$      | \$ 1,258,363,713 |
| Short-term investments | 12,186,322       |         |         | 12,186,322       |
| Total investments      | \$ 1,270,550,035 | \$      | \$      | \$ 1,270,550,035 |
| Written options        | \$ (204,670)     | \$      | \$      | \$ (204,670)     |

There were no transfers into or from Level 1 or Level 2 during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

**New Accounting Pronouncements** In February 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued new guidance, effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2012, requiring disclosure of items reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income. Adoption had no effect on Fund net assets or results of operations and no material impact on the financial statements.

### 2. Federal Income Taxes

No federal income tax provision is required since the Fund's policy is to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Additionally, management has analyzed and concluded that tax positions included in federal income tax returns from the previous three years that remain subject to examination do not require any provision. Any income tax-related interest or penalties would be recognized as income tax expense. As of June 30, 2013, the identified cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$1,034,854,760 and net unrealized appreciation aggregated \$235,695,275, consisting of gross unrealized appreciation of \$257,874,124 and gross unrealized depreciation of \$22,178,849.

Distributions are determined in accordance with our annual 6% minimum distribution rate commitment, based on the Fund's average market price, and income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Such differences are primarily related to the Fund's retirement plans, equity-based compensation, and loss deferrals for wash sales. Differences that are permanent are reclassified in the capital accounts of the Fund's financial statements and have no impact on net assets.

### 3. Investment Transactions

The Fund's investment decisions are made by a committee of management, and recommendations to that committee are made by the research staff. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities, other than options and short-term investments, during the six months ended June 30, 2013 were \$475,151,701 and \$492,059,231, respectively.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Fund is subject to changes in the value of equity securities held ( equity price risk ) in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund may purchase and write option contracts to increase or decrease its equity price risk exposure or may write option contracts to generate additional income. Option contracts generally entail risks associated with counterparty credit, liquidity, and unfavorable equity price movements. The Fund has mitigated counterparty credit and liquidity risks by trading its options through an exchange. The risk of unfavorable equity price movements is limited for purchased options to the premium paid and for written options by writing only covered call or collateralized put option contracts, which require the Fund to segregate certain securities or cash at its custodian when the option is written. A schedule of outstanding written option contracts as of June 30, 2013 can be found on page 13.

When the Fund writes (purchases) an option, an amount equal to the premium received (paid) by the Fund is recorded as a liability (asset) and is subsequently marked to market daily in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, with any related change recorded as an unrealized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. Premiums received (paid) from unexercised options are treated as realized gains (losses) on the expiration date and are separately identified in the Statement of Operations. Upon the exercise of written put (purchased call) option contracts, premiums received (paid) are deducted from (added to) the cost basis of the underlying securities purchased. Upon the exercise of written call (purchased put) option contracts, premiums received (paid) are added to (deducted from) the proceeds from the sale of underlying securities in determining whether there is a realized gain or loss.

Transactions in written covered call and collateralized put options during the six months ended June 30, 2013 were as follows:

|   | Covered Calls |            | Collateralized Puts |            |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|   | Contracts     | Premiums   | Contracts           | Premiums   |
| Options outstanding,<br>December 31, 2012           | 1,775         | \$ 212,261 | 1,946               | \$ 310,460 |
| Options written                                     | 3,592         | 300,405    | 3,480               | 452,570    |
| Options terminated in closing purchase transactions | (1,805)       | (148,840)  |                     |            |
| Options expired                                     | (2,263)       | (232,797)  | (4,158)             | (559,113)  |
| Options exercised                                   | (343)         | (25,239)   | (100)               | (11,450)   |
| Options outstanding,<br>June 30, 2013               | 956           | \$ 105,790 | 1,168               | \$ 192,467 |

#### 4. Capital Stock

The Fund has 10,000,000 authorized and unissued preferred shares, \$0.001 par value.

During 2013, the Fund issued 569 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price of \$11.41 per share as dividend equivalents to holders of deferred stock units and restricted stock units under the 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan.

On December 27, 2012, the Fund issued 1,923,171 shares of its Common Stock at a price of \$10.455 per share (the average market price on December 10, 2012) to shareholders of record on November 19, 2012, who elected to take stock in payment of the distribution from 2012 capital gain and investment income. During 2012, 1,125 shares were issued at a weighted average price of \$10.53 per share as dividend equivalents to holders of deferred stock units and restricted stock units under the 2005 Equity Income Compensation Plan.

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The Fund may purchase shares of its Common Stock from time to time at such prices and amounts as the Board of Directors may deem advisable. Transactions in Common Stock for 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

|  | Shares                                  |                                    | Amount                                  |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|  | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2013 | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2012 | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2013 | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2012 |
| Shares issued in payment of distributions  | 569                                     | 1,924,296                          | \$ 6,557                                | \$ 20,118,651                      |
| Shares purchased<br>(at an average<br>discount from net<br>asset value of 13.1%) | (389,822)                               |                                    | (4,724,925)                             |                                    |
| Net activity under the 2005 Equity Incentive<br>Compensation Plan                | 46,897                                  | 31,529                             | (47,456)                                | 311,468                            |
| Net change   | (342,356)                               | 1,955,825                          | \$ (4,765,824)                          | \$ 20,430,119                      |

### 5. Retirement Plans

**Defined Contribution Plans** The Fund sponsors a qualified defined contribution plan for all employees with at least six months of service and a nonqualified defined contribution plan for eligible employees to supplement the qualified plan. The Fund expensed contributions to the plans in the amount of \$134,193, a portion thereof based on company performance, for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The Fund does not provide postretirement medical benefits.

**Defined Benefit Plans** On October 1, 2009, the Fund froze its non-contributory qualified and nonqualified defined benefit pension plans. Benefits are based on length of service and compensation during the last five years of employment through September 30, 2009, with no additional benefits being accrued beyond that date.

The funded status of the plans is recognized as an asset (overfunded plan) or a liability (underfunded plan) in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Changes in the prior service costs and accumulated actuarial gains and losses are recognized as accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of net assets, in the year in which the changes occur and are subsequently amortized into net periodic pension cost. Non-recurring settlement costs are recognized in net periodic pension cost when a plan participant receives a lump-sum benefit payment and includes any unamortized actuarial losses attributable to the portion of the projected benefit obligation being satisfied.

The Fund's policy is to contribute annually to the plans those amounts that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes, plus additional amounts as the Fund deems appropriate in order to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to plan participants. The Fund made no contributions to the qualified plan and contributed \$27,664 to the nonqualified plan during

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

the six months ended June 30, 2013, and anticipates making additional nonqualified contributions of \$57,503 in 2013.

Items impacting the Fund's net periodic pension cost included in investment research and administration expenses and accumulated other comprehensive income were:

|  | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2013 | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2012 |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Components of net periodic pension cost</b> |   |                                    |
| Interest cost                                  | \$ 159,901                              | \$ 359,366                         |
| Expected return on plan assets                 | (173,415)                               | (278,506)                          |
| Net loss component                             | 130,034                                 | 268,331                            |
| Effect of settlement (non-recurring)           | 903,700                                 | 187,740                            |
| Net periodic pension cost                      | \$ 1,020,220                            | \$ 536,931                         |

|   | Six months<br>ended<br>June 30,<br>2013 | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2012 |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Accumulated other comprehensive income</b>   |   |                                    |
| Defined benefit pension plans:                  |   |                                    |
| Balance at beginning of period                  | \$ (2,881,871)                          | \$ (2,638,533)                     |
| Net actuarial gain/(loss) arising during period | 213,331                                 | (699,409)                          |
| Reclassifications to net periodic pension cost: |   |                                    |
| Amortization of net loss                        | 130,034                                 | 268,331                            |
| Effect of settlement (non-recurring)            | 903,700                                 | 187,740                            |
| Balance at end of period                        | \$ (1,634,806)                          | \$ (2,881,871)                     |

## 6. Equity-Based Compensation

The 2005 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan (2005 Plan), adopted at the 2005 Annual Meeting and re-approved at the 2010 Annual Meeting, permits the grant of restricted stock awards (both performance and nonperformance-based), as well as stock option and other stock incentives to key employees and all non-employee directors. Performance-based restricted stock awards vest at the end of a specified three year period, with the ultimate number of shares earned contingent on achieving certain performance targets. If performance targets are not achieved, all or a portion of the performance-based restricted shares are forfeited and become available for future grants. Nonperformance-based restricted stock awards typically vest ratably over a three year period and nonperformance-based restricted stock units (granted to non-employee directors) vest over a one year period. Payment of awards may be deferred, if elected. It is the current intention that employee grants will be performance-based. The 2005 Plan provides for accelerated vesting in the event of death or retirement. Non-employee directors also may elect to defer a portion of their cash compensation, with such deferred amount to be paid by delivery of deferred stock units. Outstanding awards were granted at fair market value on grant date. The 2005 Plan provides for the issuance of up to 3,413,131 shares of the Fund's Common Stock, of which 3,061,443 shares remain available for future grants at June 30, 2013.

A summary of the status of the Fund's awards granted under the 2005 Plan as of June 30, 2013, and changes during the six month period then ended, is presented below:

|   | Shares/<br>Units | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant-Date<br>Fair Value |
|---|------------------|---|
| Awards  |                  |   |
| Balance at December 31, 2012  | 170,199          | \$ 10.57  |
| Granted:  |                  |   |
| Restricted stock  | 92,922           | 11.25   |
| Restricted stock units  | 5,250            | 11.67   |
| Deferred stock units  | 2,654            | 11.26   |
| Vested & issued   | (31,003)         | 10.02   |
| Forfeited   | (45,779)         | 10.51   |
| Balance at June 30, 2013 (includes<br>114,557 performance-based awards and<br>79,666 nonperformance-based awards) | 194,243          | \$ 10.96  |

Compensation costs resulting from awards granted under the 2005 Plan are based on the fair value of the award on grant date (determined by the average of the high and low price on grant date) and recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. For those awards with performance conditions, compensation costs are based on the most probable outcome and, if such goals are not met, compensation cost is not recognized and any previously recognized compensation cost is reversed. The total compensation costs/(credits) for restricted stock granted to employees for the period ended June 30, 2013 were \$(17,138). The total compensation costs for restricted stock units granted to non-employee directors for the period ended June 30, 2013 were \$31,552. As of June 30, 2013, there were total unrecognized compensation costs of \$1,152,371, a component of additional capital surplus, related to nonvested equity-based compensation arrangements granted under the 2005 Plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.73 years. The total fair value of shares and units vested and issued during the six month period ended June 30, 2013 was \$349,076.

## 7. Officer and Director Compensation

The aggregate remuneration paid during the six months ended June 30, 2013 to officers and directors amounted to \$2,669,415, of which \$206,252 was paid to directors who were not officers. These amounts represent the taxable income to the Fund's officers and directors and therefore differ from the amounts reported in the accompanying Statement of Operations that are recorded and expensed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

## 8. Portfolio Securities Loaned

The Fund makes loans of securities to approved brokers to earn additional income. It receives as collateral cash deposits, U.S. Government securities, or bank letters of credit valued at 102% of the value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is calculated based upon the most recent closing prices and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. Cash deposits are placed in a registered money market fund. The Fund accounts for securities lending transactions as secured financing and receives compensation in the form of fees or retains a portion of interest on the investment of any cash received as collateral. The Fund also continues to receive interest or dividends on the securities

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loaned. Gain or loss in the fair value of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Fund. At June 30, 2013, the Fund had no outstanding securities on loan. The Fund is indemnified by the Custodian, serving as lending agent, for the loss of loaned securities and has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand.

**9. Operating Lease Commitment**

The Fund leases office space and equipment under operating lease agreements expiring at various dates through the year 2016. The Fund recognized rental expense of \$74,951 in the first half of 2013, and its minimum rental commitments are as follows:

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| 2013  | \$ 78,436  |
| 2014  | 158,558    |
| 2015  | 158,836    |
| 2016  | 76,736     |
| Total | \$ 472,566 |

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

|   | (unaudited)<br>Six Months Ended |                  | Year Ended December 31 |                |                |                |               |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | June 30,<br>2013                | June 30,<br>2012 | 2012                   | 2011           | 2010           | 2009           | 2008          |
| <b>Per Share Operating Performance</b>                                |                                 |                  |                        |                |                |                |               |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                                  | \$12.43                         | \$11.54          | \$11.54                | \$12.65        | \$11.95        | \$9.61         | \$15.72       |
| Net investment income   | 0.08                            | 0.08             | 0.19                   | 0.16           | 0.15           | 0.13           | 0.25          |
| Net realized gains and increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation | 1.30                            | 0.83             | 1.41                   | (0.56)         | 1.10           | 2.64           | (5.68)        |
| Change in accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)             | 0.01                            |                  |                        | (0.01)         |                | 0.04           | (0.05)        |
| <b>Total from investment operations</b>                               | <b>1.39</b>                     | <b>0.91</b>      | <b>1.60</b>            | <b>(0.41)</b>  | <b>1.25</b>    | <b>2.81</b>    | <b>(5.48)</b> |
| Less distributions  |                                 |                  |                        |                |                |                |               |
| Dividends from net investment income                                  | (0.08)                          | (0.08)           | (0.18)                 | (0.15)         | (0.14)         | (0.15)         | (0.26)        |
| Distributions from net realized gains                                 | (0.02)                          | (0.02)           | (0.49)                 | (0.50)         | (0.37)         | (0.30)         | (0.38)        |
| <b>Total distributions</b>  | <b>(0.10)</b>                   | <b>(0.10)</b>    | <b>(0.67)</b>          | <b>(0.65)</b>  | <b>(0.51)</b>  | <b>(0.45)</b>  | <b>(0.64)</b> |
| Capital share repurchases (note 4)                                    | 0.01                            |                  |                        |                |                | 0.02           | 0.05          |
| Reinvestment of distributions   |                                 |                  | (0.04)                 | (0.05)         | (0.04)         | (0.04)         | (0.04)        |
| Total capital share transactions                                      | 0.01                            |                  | (0.04)                 | (0.05)         | (0.04)         | (0.02)         | 0.01          |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b>                                 | <b>\$13.73</b>                  | <b>\$12.35</b>   | <b>\$12.43</b>         | <b>\$11.54</b> | <b>\$12.65</b> | <b>\$11.95</b> | <b>\$9.61</b> |
| Market price, end of period   | \$11.97                         | \$10.55          | \$10.59                | \$9.64         | \$10.72        | \$10.10        | \$8.03        |
| <b>Total Investment Return</b>  |                                 |                  |                        |                |                |                |               |
| Based on market price   | 14.0%                           | 10.5%            | 16.9%                  | (4.2)%         | 11.5%          | 32.1%          | (38.9)%       |
| Based on net asset value  | 11.4%                           | 8.0%             | 14.7%                  | (2.8)%         | 11.2%          | 30.6%          | (34.4)%       |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                       |                                 |                  |                        |                |                |                |               |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                                  | \$1,272,698                     | \$1,125,291      | \$1,155,997            | \$1,050,734    | \$1,124,672    | \$1,045,027    | \$840,012     |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets*                              | 0.80%                           | 0.68%            | 0.65%                  | 0.55%          | 0.58%          | 0.90%          | 0.48%         |

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|  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets**   | 1.19%  | 1.28%  | 1.54%  | 1.25%  | 1.29%  | 1.30%  | 1.82%  |
| Portfolio turnover                                       | 76.99% | 27.72% | 27.40% | 21.50% | 16.15% | 15.05% | 18.09% |
| Number of shares outstanding at end of period (in 000 s) | 92,687 | 91,106 | 93,030 | 91,074 | 88,885 | 87,415 | 87,406 |

\* For the six months ended in 2013 and 2012, the annualized ratios of expenses to average net assets were 0.65% and 0.63%, respectively, after adjusting for non-recurring pension expenses as described in footnote 5. For calendar years 2012 and 2009, the adjusted ratios were 0.63% and 0.76%, respectively.

\*\* For the six months ended in 2013 and 2012, the annualized ratios of net investment income to average net assets were 1.34% and 1.33%, respectively, after adjusting for non-recurring pension expenses as described in footnote 5. For calendar years 2012 and 2009, the adjusted ratios were 1.56% and 1.44%, respectively.

Ratios presented on an annualized basis.



## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2013

(unaudited)

|                                       | Shares    | Value (A)    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Common Stocks 98.9%</b>            |           |              |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary 10.6%</b>   |           |              |
| Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. (B)            | 105,000   | \$ 7,449,750 |
| Coach, Inc.                           | 130,000   | 7,421,700    |
| Comcast Corp.                         | 400,000   | 16,752,000   |
| Dollar General Corp. (B)              | 250,000   | 12,607,500   |
| Lowe's Companies, Inc.                | 550,000   | 22,495,000   |
| Marriott International Inc. (Class A) | 300,000   | 12,111,000   |
| McDonald's Corp.                      | 180,000   | 17,820,000   |
| Ryland Group, Inc. (E)                | 180,500   | 7,238,050    |
| Target Corp.                          | 120,000   | 8,263,200    |
| Walt Disney Co.                       | 360,000   | 22,734,000   |
|                                       |           | 134,892,200  |
| <b>Consumer Staples 9.5%</b>          |           |              |
| Bunge Ltd.                            | 100,000   | 7,077,000    |
| Coca-Cola Co.                         | 300,000   | 12,033,000   |
| CVS/Caremark Corp.                    | 295,000   | 16,868,100   |
| Diageo plc ADR                        | 50,000    | 5,747,500    |
| General Mills Inc.                    | 230,000   | 11,161,900   |
| PepsiCo, Inc. (F)                     | 250,000   | 20,447,500   |
| Philip Morris International Inc.      | 250,000   | 21,655,000   |
| Procter & Gamble Co.                  | 175,000   | 13,473,250   |
| Unilever plc ADR                      | 325,000   | 13,146,250   |
|                                       |           | 121,609,500  |
| <b>Energy 10.0%</b>                   |           |              |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corp.              | 50,000    | 4,296,500    |
| Chevron Corp.                         | 235,000   | 27,809,900   |
| Exxon Mobil Corp. (F)                 | 105,000   | 9,486,750    |
| Halliburton Co.                       | 150,000   | 6,258,000    |
| Kinder Morgan Inc.                    | 170,000   | 6,485,500    |
| Petroleum & Resources Corp. (C)       | 2,186,774 | 56,156,356   |
| Phillips 66                           | 128,850   | 7,590,553    |
| Schlumberger Ltd.                     | 120,000   | 8,599,200    |
|                                       |           | 126,682,759  |
| <b>Financials 16.7%</b>               |           |              |
| ACE Ltd. (B)                          | 221,000   | 19,775,080   |
| Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (B)   | 51,700    | 8,475,698    |
| Allstate Corp.                        | 355,000   | 17,082,600   |
| AXIS Capital Holdings, Ltd.           | 278,000   | 12,726,840   |
| Bank of New York Mellon Corp.         | 323,775   | 9,081,889    |
| Capital One Financial Corp.           | 245,000   | 15,388,450   |

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|                            |         |            |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Citigroup Inc.             | 416,000 | 19,955,520 |
| Fifth Third Bancorp.       | 665,000 | 12,003,250 |
| iShares US Real Estate ETF | 455,000 | 30,207,450 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.       | 600,000 | 31,674,000 |
| MetLife Inc.               | 273,000 | 12,492,480 |
| Wells Fargo & Co.          | 560,000 | 23,111,200 |

211,974,457

**Health Care 13.4%**

|                                 |           |               |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Allergan, Inc.                  | 128,000   | \$ 10,782,720 |
| Biogen IDEC Inc. (B)            | 30,000    | 6,456,000     |
| Celgene Corp. (B)               | 120,000   | 14,029,200    |
| Covidien plc                    | 120,000   | 7,540,800     |
| Express Scripts Holding Co. (B) | 255,000   | 15,730,950    |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc. (B)       | 414,000   | 21,200,940    |
| McKesson Corp.                  | 116,000   | 13,282,000    |
| Merck & Co. Inc.                | 500,000   | 23,225,000    |
| Pfizer Inc.                     | 1,090,000 | 30,530,900    |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc.         | 287,500   | 18,825,500    |
| Zimmer Holdings, Inc.           | 115,000   | 8,618,100     |

170,222,110

**Industrials 10.5%**

|                              |           |            |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Boeing Co.                   | 210,000   | 21,512,400 |
| Caterpillar Inc.             | 120,000   | 9,898,800  |
| Eaton Corporation plc        | 205,000   | 13,491,050 |
| Emerson Electric Co.         | 160,000   | 8,726,400  |
| FedEx Corp.                  | 75,000    | 7,393,500  |
| General Electric Co.         | 1,095,000 | 25,393,050 |
| Honeywell International Inc. | 295,000   | 23,405,300 |
| Masco Corp.                  | 365,000   | 7,113,850  |
| United Technologies Corp.    | 184,500   | 17,147,430 |

134,081,780

**Information Technology 16.9%**

|                                       |         |            |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Apple Inc. (F)                        | 93,000  | 36,835,440 |
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc.       | 200,000 | 13,772,000 |
| Cisco Systems, Inc.                   | 700,000 | 17,017,000 |
| eBay Inc. (B)                         | 280,000 | 14,481,600 |
| Google Inc. (Class A) (B)             | 18,000  | 15,846,660 |
| Intel Corp.                           | 570,000 | 13,805,400 |
| International Business Machines Corp. | 105,000 | 20,066,550 |
| MasterCard, Inc.                      | 23,000  | 13,213,500 |
| Microsoft Corp.                       | 700,000 | 24,171,000 |
| Oracle Corp.                          | 691,000 | 21,227,520 |
| QUALCOMM Inc.                         | 400,000 | 24,432,000 |

214,868,670

**Materials 2.8%**

|  |         |            |
|--|---------|------------|
| CF Industries Holdings, Inc. (E)         | 38,531  | 6,608,067  |
| Eastman Chemical Co.                     | 85,000  | 5,950,850  |
| LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (Class A) | 238,000 | 15,769,880 |
| Praxair, Inc.                            | 67,500  | 7,773,300  |

36,102,097

**Telecom Services 2.9%**

|                             |         |            |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| AT&T Corp.                  | 584,000 | 20,673,600 |
| Verizon Communications Inc. | 315,000 | 15,857,100 |



## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2013

(unaudited)

|  | Principal/<br>Shares | Value (A)        |
|--|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Utilities 2.5%</b>  |                      |                  |
| NiSource Inc.  | 456,000              | \$ 13,059,840    |
| Pinnacle West Capital Corp.  | 345,000              | 19,137,150       |
|  |                      | 32,196,990       |
| <b>S&amp;P 500 Index 3.1%</b>  |                      |                  |
| SPDR S&P ETF Trust   | 245,000              | 39,202,450       |
| <b>Total Common Stocks</b><br>(Cost \$1,020,151,945)   |                      | 1,258,363,713    |
| <b>Short-Term Investments 0.9%</b>   |                      |                  |
| <b>Money Market Account 0.9%</b>   |                      |                  |
| M&T Bank, 0.15%  | \$ 12,056,322        | 12,056,322       |
| <b>Money Market Funds 0.0%</b>   |                      |                  |
| Fidelity Institutional Money Market - Money Market Portfolio (Institutional Class),<br>0.12% (D) | 100,000              | 100,000          |
| RBC U.S. Government Money Market (Institutional Class I), 0.01% (D)                              | 10,000               | 10,000           |
| Vanguard Federal Money Market, 0.02% (D)   | 10,000               | \$ 10,000        |
| Western Asset Institutional Government Reserves (Institutional Class), 0.04% (D)                 | 10,000               | 10,000           |
|  |                      | 130,000          |
| <b>Total Short-Term Investments</b><br>(Cost \$12,186,322)                                       |                      | 12,186,322       |
| <b>Total Investments 99.8%</b><br>(Cost \$1,032,338,267)   |                      | 1,270,550,035    |
| Cash, receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets, less<br>liabilities 0.2%                   |                      | 2,147,524        |
| <b>Net Assets 100.0%</b>   |                      | \$ 1,272,697,559 |

Notes:

- (A) Common stocks are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ and are valued at the last reported sale price on the day of valuation. See note 1 to financial statements.
- (B) Presently non-dividend paying.
- (C) Non-controlled affiliate, a closed-end sector fund, registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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- (D) Rate presented is as of period-end and represents the annualized yield earned over the previous seven days.
- (E) All or a portion of this security is pledged to cover open written call option contracts. Aggregate market value of such pledged securities is \$4,569,400.
- (F) All or a portion of this security is pledged to collateralize open written put option contracts with an aggregate market value to deliver upon exercise of \$9,922,000.

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**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING WRITTEN OPTION CONTRACTS**

*June 30, 2013*

*(unaudited)*

| Contracts<br>(100 shares<br>each)                    | Security                                 | Strike<br>Price | Contract<br>Expiration<br>Date | Value      |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>COVERED CALLS</b>                                 |  |                 |                                |            |
| 56   | CF Industries Holdings, Inc.             | \$225           | Aug 13                         | \$ 1,120   |
| 900  | Ryland Group, Inc.                       | 55              | Jul 13                         | 4,500      |
| 956  |  |                 |                                | 5,620      |
| <b>COLLATERALIZED PUTS</b>                           |  |                 |                                |            |
| 58   | Biogen IDEC Inc.                         | 190             | Jul 13                         | 4,640      |
| 58   | Biogen IDEC Inc.                         | 200             | Jul 13                         | 11,310     |
| 76   | CF Industries Holdings, Inc.             | 170             | Aug 13                         | 51,300     |
| 200  | Halliburton Co.                          | 36              | Jul 13                         | 1,200      |
| 316  | LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (Class A) | 55              | Sep 13                         | 50,560     |
| 460  | Occidental Petroleum Corp.               | 85              | Aug 13                         | 80,040     |
| 1,168  |  |                 |                                | 199,050    |
| Total Option Liability (Unrealized Gain of \$93,587) |  |                 |                                | \$ 204,670 |

## HISTORICAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS

(unaudited)

| Dec. 31       | Value Of<br>Net Assets | Shares<br>Outstanding | Net<br>Asset<br>Value Per<br>Share | Market<br>Value<br>Per Share | Income<br>Dividends<br>Per<br>Share | Capital<br>Gains<br>Distributions<br>Per<br>Share | Total<br>Dividends<br>and<br>Distributions<br>Per Share | Annual<br>Distribution<br>Rate* |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 2002          | \$ 1,024,810,092       | 84,536,250            | \$ 12.12                           | \$ 10.57                     | \$ .19                              | \$ .57  | \$ .76  | 6.2%                            |
| 2003          | 1,218,862,456          | 84,886,412            | 14.36                              | 12.41                        | .17                                 | .61   | .78   | 6.8                             |
| 2004          | 1,295,548,900          | 86,135,292            | 15.04                              | 13.12                        | .24                                 | .66   | .90   | 7.1                             |
| 2005          | 1,266,728,652          | 86,099,607            | 14.71                              | 12.55                        | .22                                 | .64   | .86   | 6.7                             |
| 2006          | 1,377,418,310          | 86,838,223            | 15.86                              | 13.87                        | .23                                 | .67   | .90   | 6.8                             |
| 2007          | 1,378,479,527          | 87,668,847            | 15.72                              | 14.12                        | .32                                 | .71   | 1.03  | 7.1                             |
| 2008          | 840,012,143            | 87,406,443            | 9.61                               | 8.03                         | .26                                 | .38   | .64   | 5.7                             |
| 2009          | 1,045,027,339          | 87,415,193            | 11.95                              | 10.10                        | .15                                 | .30   | .45   | 5.2                             |
| 2010          | 1,124,671,966          | 88,885,186            | 12.65                              | 10.72                        | .14                                 | .37   | .51   | 5.1                             |
| 2011          | 1,050,733,678          | 91,073,899            | 11.54                              | 9.64                         | .15                                 | .50   | .65   | 6.1                             |
| 2012          | 1,155,997,037          | 93,029,724            | 12.43                              | 10.59                        | .18                                 | .49   | .67   | 6.3                             |
| June 30, 2013 | 1,272,697,559          | 92,687,368            | 13.73                              | 11.97                        | .13                                 | .02   | .15   |                                 |

\*The annual distribution rate is the total dividends and capital gain distributions during the year divided by the average month-end market price of the Fund's Common Stock for the calendar year in years prior to 2011 and for the twelve months ended October 31 beginning in 2011, which is consistent with the calculation to determine the annual minimum 6% distribution rate commitment announced in September 2011.  
Paid or declared.

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OTHER INFORMATION

**Dividend Payment Schedule**

The Fund presently pays dividends four times a year, as follows: (a) three interim distributions on or about March 1, June 1, and September 1, and (b) a year-end distribution, payable in late December, consisting of the estimated balance of the net investment income for the year and the net realized capital gain earned through October 31 and, if applicable, a return of capital. Shareholders may elect to receive the year-end distribution in stock or cash. In connection with this distribution, all shareholders of record are sent a dividend announcement notice and an election card in mid-November. **Shareholders holding shares in street or brokerage accounts may make their election by notifying their brokerage house representative.**

**Statement on Quarterly Filing of Complete Portfolio Schedule**

In addition to publishing its complete schedule of portfolio holdings in the First and Third Quarter Reports to Shareholders, the Fund also files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the Commission's website: [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The Fund also posts a link to its Forms N-Q on its website: [www.adamsexpress.com](http://www.adamsexpress.com) under the headings Investment Information, Financial Reports and then SEC Filings.

**Proxy Voting Policies and Record**

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities owned by the Fund and the Fund's proxy voting record for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2013 are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's toll free number at (800) 638-2479; (ii) on the Fund's website: [www.adamsexpress.com](http://www.adamsexpress.com) under the headings About Adams Express and Corporate Information; and (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website: [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Privacy Policy**

In order to conduct its business, the Fund, through its transfer agent, currently American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, collects and maintains certain nonpublic personal information about our shareholders of record with respect to their transactions in shares of our securities. This information includes the shareholder's address, tax identification or Social Security number, share balances, and dividend elections. We do not collect or maintain personal information about shareholders whose shares of our securities are held in street name by a financial institution such as a bank or broker.

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We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you, our other shareholders or our former shareholders to third parties unless necessary to process a transaction, service an account or as otherwise permitted by law.

To protect your personal information internally, we restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our shareholders to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to our shareholders. We also maintain certain other safeguards to protect your nonpublic personal information.

This report, including the financial statements herein, is transmitted to the shareholders of The Adams Express Company for their information. It is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund s or of any securities mentioned in the report. The rates of return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. Shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future investment results.

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| Christine M. Sloan, CPA  | <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>     |

### Stock Data

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Market Price (6/30/13)    | \$ 11.97 |
| Net Asset Value (6/30/13) | \$ 13.73 |
| Discount:                 | 12.8%    |

New York Stock Exchange ticker symbol: ADX

NASDAQ Quotation Symbol for NAV: XADEX

### Distributions in 2013

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| From Investment Income (paid or declared) | \$ 0.13 |
| From Net Realized Gains                   | 0.02    |
| Total                                     | \$ 0.15 |

### 2013 Dividend Payment Dates

March 1, 2013

June 3, 2013

September 3, 2013

December 27, 2013\*

\*Anticipated

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## Item 2. Code of Ethics.

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.**

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

**Item 6. Investments.**

(a) This schedule is included as part of the Report to Stockholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

**Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

Item not applicable to semi-annual report.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

|         | Total Number of Shares<br>(or Units Purchased) | Average Price Paid<br>per Share (or Unit) | Total Number of Shares<br>(or Units) Purchased as<br>Part of Publicly<br>Announced Plans or<br>Programs | Maximum Number of<br>Shares (or Units) That<br>May Yet Be Purchased<br>Under the Plans or<br>Programs |
|---------|--|---|---|---|
|         | -----  | -----                                     | -----   | -----   |
| January | 0  | \$0.00                                    | 0   | 4,555,295   |
| 2013    | 0  | \$0.00                                    | 0   | 4,555,295   |

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|               |            |         |            |              |
|---------------|------------|---------|------------|--------------|
| February 2013 |            |         |            |              |
| March 2013    | 0          | \$0.00  | 0          | 4,555,295    |
| April 2013    | 0          | \$0.00  | 0          | 4,555,295    |
| May 2013      | 184,105    | \$12.26 | 184,105    | 4,371,190    |
| June 2013     | 205,717    | \$12.00 | 205,717    | 4,165,473(2) |
|               | -----      | -----   | -----      |              |
| Total         | 389,822(1) | \$12.12 | 389,822(2) |              |

(1) There were no shares purchased other than through a publicly announced plan or program.

(2.a) The Plan was announced on December 13, 2012.

(2.b) The share amount approved in 2012 was 5% of outstanding shares, or 4,555,295 shares.

(2.c) Unless reapproved, the Plan will expire on December 31, 2013.

(2.d) None.

(2.e) None.

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

There were no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board of Directors made or implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A), or this Item.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) are effective based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

(b) There have been no significant changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

- (a) (1) Not applicable. See registrant's response to Item 2 above.
- (2) Separate certifications by the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.
- (3) Written solicitation to purchases securities: not applicable.

(b) A certification by the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, is attached.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

The Adams Express Company

By: /s/ Mark E. Stoeckle  
Mark E. Stoeckle  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 29, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Mark E. Stoeckle  
Mark E. Stoeckle  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 29, 2013

By: /s/ Brian S. Hook

Brian S. Hook  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: July 29, 2013