

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
ADVISORSHARES ATHENA HIGH DIVIDEND ETF		46-5588876	
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8 Date of action		9 Classification and description	
03/10/2017		COMMON STOCK	
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
00768Y628		DIVI	

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ The above-named issuer was completely liquidated on April 07, 2017, wherein all of the shares of the Fund were redeemed in exchange for liquidating distribution(s) pursuant to a plan of liquidation and termination.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ As a result of the above -described organizational action, each shareholder generally will recognize gain or loss on the disposition of the shares being redeemed. The shareholder's gain or loss will generally be measured as the difference between gross proceeds received in the liquidating distributions and the tax basis in these shares. After the transaction and the recognition event, the shareholder will no longer own any shares or have any tax basis in the shares. Gain or loss realized on shares may be treated as a taxable event. Shareholders should contact their tax advisors regarding the specific circumstances surrounding their shares subject to this organizational action.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ Amounts received by a shareholder in a distribution in complete liquidation of the Fund is treated as full payment in exchange for the stock. This sale or exchange treatment results in the offsetting of a shareholder's basis against the liquidation distribution proceeds, resulting in realized gain or loss. After this gain or loss recognition event the shareholder will no longer own any shares or have any tax basis in the redeemed shares.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ► _____
 I.R.C. Section 334(a), General Rule - If property is received in a distribution in complete liquidation, and if gain or loss is recognized on receipt of such property, then the basis of the property in the hands of the distributee shall be the fair market value of such property at the time of the distribution.

I.R.C. Section 346(a) Complete Liquidation - For purposes of this subchapter, a distribution shall be treated as in complete liquidation of a corporation if the distribution is one of a series of distributions in redemption of all of the stock of the corporation pursuant to a plan.

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ► A recognized loss can occur on the shares redeemed in the liquidation. Some recognized losses may not be part of taxable transactions. Please consult your tax advisor to determine the tax consequences of the shares redeemed in your account.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ► 2016

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
 Signature ► _____ Date ► _____
 Print your name ► _____ Title ► _____

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