

KEMET CORP  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 11-K

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ý ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file no. 001-15491

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A: Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

KEMET Employees' Savings Plan

B: Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

KEMET Corporation  
101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 1700  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Financial Statements and Schedules. The financial statements and schedules included herewith relating to the KEMET Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan") were prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are provided pursuant to Instruction 4 of Form 11-K.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

SIGNATURE

The Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, the Administrative Committee of the KEMET Employees' Savings Plan has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KEMET EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

June 28, 2018 By/s/ WILLIAM M. LOWE, JR.  
William M. Lowe, Jr.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Administrative Committee



Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants of the KEMET Employees' Savings Plan and  
The Board of Directors of KEMET Corp.  
Simpsonville, South Carolina

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of KEMET Employees' Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Report on Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental information in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2017 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ Elliott Davis, LLC

Greenville, South Carolina  
June 28, 2018



KEMET EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN  
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2017 and 2016  
(amounts in thousands)

|   | 2017       | 2016       |
|---|------------|------------|
| Investments at fair value (Note 3)      | \$ 126,157 | \$ 114,669 |
| Receivables:                            |            |            |
| Employer contributions                  | 176        | —          |
| Participant contributions               | 264        | —          |
| Notes receivable from plan participants | 1,231      | 1,193      |
| Total net assets available for benefits | \$ 127,828 | \$ 115,862 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## KEMET EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 Years Ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016  
 (amounts in thousands)

|  | 2017      | 2016      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Additions to net assets available for benefits attributed to:  |           |           |
| Investment income:   |           |           |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments                  | \$16,288  | \$5,985   |
| Interest and dividends   | 5,739     | 3,336     |
| Total investment income  | 22,027    | 9,321     |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants          | 55        | 58        |
| Contributions:   |           |           |
| Participants   | 3,872     | 3,638     |
| Employer   | 2,329     | 2,237     |
| Rollovers  | 437       | 118       |
| Total contributions  | 6,638     | 5,993     |
| Total additions  | 28,720    | 15,372    |
| Deductions to net assets available for benefits attributed to: |           |           |
| Benefits paid to participants                                  | 16,632    | 6,358     |
| Administrative expenses  | 122       | 81        |
| Total deductions   | 16,754    | 6,439     |
| Net increase in net assets available for benefit               | 11,966    | 8,933     |
| Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year         | 115,862   | 106,929   |
| Net assets available for benefits at end of year               | \$127,828 | \$115,862 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## KEMET EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

### Note 1: Description of Plan

The following description of the KEMET Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by KEMET Electronics Corporation (the "Company" or "KEMET") covering all full-time employees of the Company, its parent and its subsidiaries. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Effective January 1, 2007, the Plan was amended to allow participants to make contributions on an after-tax basis, "Roth-type". In December of 2010, the Plan was amended to comply with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 ("HEART ACT") and the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 ("WRERA").

#### Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the plan document, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. After a participant contributes the maximum allowed contribution, \$18,000 for each calendar year 2017 and 2016, a catch-up contribution may be made on a pre-tax or after-tax basis subject to Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations, \$6,000 for each calendar year 2017 and 2016. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit and defined contribution plans. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at three percent of their eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until it is changed by the participants. The Company contributes 100% of the first 6% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan.

In addition, the Company, at its discretion, may make certain additional contributions as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. No discretionary contributions were made in calendar years 2017 or 2016.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited (charged) with (a) the participant's contribution, (b) the Company's matching contribution, (c) allocations of the Company's additional contribution, and (d) investment earnings (losses). Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, the Company's matching contributions, and any discretionary contributions made by the Company, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon.

#### Investment Options



Participants may direct their investments in one or more of 24 investment options, which include 23 mutual funds (registered investment companies and retirement funds) and a common trust fund. The Plan's administrative committee froze the option to purchase KEMET Corporation common stock effective December 31, 2008. As such, participants may no longer direct their investments into the KEMET Corporation Stock fund.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 less the participant's highest outstanding loan balance from the preceding 12 months, or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan transactions are treated as deductions from participants' accounts and accounted for separately. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or up to 15 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's

account and bear interest at the prime lending rate plus 1% as of the date of the loan. As of December 31, 2017, interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 5.25% on participant loans. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

#### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the vested interest in their account, or annual installments over a ten year period. For termination of service due to other reasons, participants may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution.

#### Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

##### Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued, but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged to the participants' account balance. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2017 or 2016. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

##### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Under the terms of a trust agreement between T. Rowe Price and the Plan, T. Rowe Price manages a trust fund on behalf of the Plan which includes all Plan investments. Transactions with T. Rowe Price represent party-in-interest transactions with the Plan.

Plan investments are reported at fair value. As described in Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") 946, Subtopic 210, investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3, "Fair Value Measurements" for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates and assumptions.

#### Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments.

## Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date but before the financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits but arose after that date. Management has reviewed events occurring through the date the financial statements were available to be issued and no subsequent events occurred requiring accrual or disclosure.

## Note 3: Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASU 2015-07, Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820) are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, such as:

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or
- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual security is traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market prices of shares held by the Plan at year end. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common Trust Fund: Valued at NAV. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its

liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017 (amounts in thousands):

|  | Level 1   | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total      |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|------------|
| Mutual funds   | \$104,662 | \$ —    | —\$     | —\$104,662 |
| Common stock of KEMET Corporation                      | 3,189     | —       | —       | 3,189      |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy               | 107,851   | —       | —       | 107,851    |
| Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(1)</sup> |           |         |         | 18,306     |
| Total investments                                      |           |         |         | \$126,157  |

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2016 (amounts in thousands):

|  | Level 1  | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total     |
|--|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Mutual funds   | \$91,680 | \$ —    | —\$     | —\$91,680 |
| Common stock of KEMET Corporation                      | 2,008    | —       | —       | 2,008     |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy               | 93,688   | —       | —       | 93,688    |
| Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(1)</sup> |          |         |         | 20,981    |
| Total investments                                      |          |         |         | \$114,669 |

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following table for December 31, 2017 and 2016 sets forth a summary of the Plan's investments reported at NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value (amounts in thousands):

| Investment                                  | December 31, 2017 |                     |                      |                          |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Fair Value        | Unfunded commitment | Redemption frequency | Redemption notice period |
| Common collective trust fund <sup>(1)</sup> | \$18,306          | \$ —                | Daily                | See <sup>(1)</sup>       |
| Investment                                  | December 31, 2016 |                     |                      |                          |
|   | Fair Value        | Unfunded commitment | Redemption frequency | Redemption notice period |
| Common collective trust fund <sup>(1)</sup> | \$20,981          | \$ —                | Daily                | See <sup>(1)</sup>       |

<sup>(1)</sup> Investments in this category can be redeemed daily at the current net asset value per share based on the fair value of the underlying assets. Retirement plans invested in the trust are required to provide either twelve or thirty months' advance written notice prior to redemption of trust units; this required notice period may be shortened or waived.

Note 4: Related Party Transactions

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds and a common collective trust fund managed by T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price is the trustee as defined by the Plan; and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan to T. Rowe Price for loan administration services were \$24,085 and \$4,592 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company pays for the annual audit and all legal and fiduciary related services related to the Plan. The Plan also has investments in common stock of KEMET Corporation. As described in Note 2, the Plan made direct payments to the third party administrator of approximately \$75,000 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 which were not covered by revenue sharing. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

Note 5: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to amend it from time to time, to discontinue its contributions at any time, and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will remain 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 6: Tax Status

The Company applied for and received a determination letter dated July 7, 2010, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan's administrative committee believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7: Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.



## Schedule 1

## KEMET EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

EIN #06-1198308 Plan #001

## Schedule H, Line 4i — Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2017

(amounts in thousands)

| (a)         | (b)                               | (c)            | (d)   | (e)     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| Party-      | Identifier of                     | Description    |       |         |
| in-interest | issue,                            | of investment  |       |         |
|             | borrower,                         | including      |       | Current |
|             | lessor,                           | maturity date, |       | value   |
|             | or similar                        | rate of        | Cost  |         |
|             | party                             | interest,      | value |         |
|             |                                   | collateral,    |       |         |
|             |                                   | par or         |       |         |
|             |                                   | maturity       |       |         |
|             |                                   | value          |       |         |
| *           | Loomis<br>Sayles Bond<br>Retail   | Mutual Fund    | **    | \$2,831 |
| *           | Balanced<br>Fund                  | Mutual Fund    | **    | 11,448  |
| *           | Blue Chip<br>Growth<br>Fund       | Mutual Fund    | **    | 9,538   |
| *           | MFS Value<br>A                    | Mutual Fund    | **    | 11,814  |
| *           | International<br>Stock Fund       | Mutual Fund    | **    | 3,560   |
| *           | Mid-Cap<br>Growth<br>Fund         | Mutual Fund    | **    | 16,785  |
| *           | T Rowe<br>Price Retire<br>Bal Inv | Mutual Fund    | **    | 714     |
| *           | Retirement<br>2005 Fund           | Mutual Fund    | **    | 36      |
| *           | Retirement<br>2010 Fund           | Mutual Fund    | **    | 217     |
| *           | Retirement<br>2015 Fund           | Mutual Fund    | **    | 1,871   |
| *           | Retirement<br>2020 Fund           | Mutual Fund    | **    | 4,745   |
| *           | Retirement<br>2025 Fund           | Mutual Fund    | **    | 6,295   |

|   |  |  |    |           |
|---|--|--|----|-----------|
| * | Retirement<br>2030 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 6,682     |
| * | Retirement<br>2035 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 4,529     |
| * | Retirement<br>2040 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 3,912     |
| * | Retirement<br>2045 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 1,829     |
| * | Retirement<br>2050 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 1,310     |
| * | Retirement<br>2055 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 834       |
| * | Retirement<br>2060 Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 44        |
| * | Science &<br>Technology<br>Fund              | Mutual Fund  | ** | 5,604     |
| * | Small Cap<br>Value Fund                      | Mutual Fund  | ** | 7,491     |
| * | Prudential<br>Total Return<br>Bond Z<br>U.S. | Mutual Fund  | ** | 2,267     |
| * | Treasury<br>Money Fund<br>Stable Value       | Mutual Fund  | ** | 306       |
| * | Common<br>Trust Fund                         | Stable Value   | ** | 18,306    |
| * | Kemet<br>Corporation<br>Stock                | Common<br>stock  | ** | 3,189     |
| * | Notes<br>receivable<br>from<br>participants  | Interest rates<br>ranging from<br><br>4.25% to<br>5.25%*** | —  | 1,231     |
|   |  |  |    | \$127,388 |

\* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

\*\* Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.

\*\*\* The accompanying financial statements classify participant loans as notes receivable from participants.

Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number Description

23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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