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

## SCHEDULE 13G

## (Rule 13d-102)

Information Statement Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. \_\_\_)\*

Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

03823U102

(CUSIP Number)

March 5, 2019

Date of Event Which Requires Filing of the Statement

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

□ Rule 13d-1(b)

- $\boxtimes$  Rule 13d-1(c)
- □ Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Citadel Advisors LLC						
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b) (b)						
3.	SEC USE ONLY						
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware						
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	5.     SOLE VOTING POWER       0     0       6.     SHARED VOTING POWER       1,054,150 shares					
	PERSON WITH	<ul> <li>7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER</li> <li>8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER</li> </ul>					
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON See Row 6 above						
10.							
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.0% <sup>1</sup>						
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA; OO; HC						

<sup>1</sup> The percentages reported in this Schedule 13G are based upon approximately 20,936,745 shares of common stock outstanding (composed of (1) 19,882,613 shares of common stock outstanding as of February 20, 2019 (according to the Form 10-K filed by the issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2019), and (ii) approximately 1,054,132 shares issuable upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by the Reporting Persons and certain of their affiliates).

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Citadel Advisors Holdings LP						
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)						
3.	SEC USE ONLY						
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware						
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		SOLE VOTING POWER 0				
			SHARED VOTING POWER 1,054,150 shares				
			SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0				
	_	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER See Row 6 above				
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON See Row 6 above						
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES						
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.0%						
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN; HC						

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2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b) (b) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c						
3.	SEC USE ONLY						
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware						
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		SOLE VOTING POWER				
			SHARED VOTING POWER 1,054,150 shares				
			7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0				
		8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER See Row 6 above.				
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON See Row 6 above.						
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES						
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.0%						
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO; HC						

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON							
	Kenneth Griffin							
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b) (b)							
3.	SEC USE ONLY							
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S. Citizen							
	NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER					
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		ICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER					
			1,657,740 shares					
			7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0					
			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER See Row 6 above					
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON See Row 6 above							
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES							
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)							
	7.9%							
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN; HC							

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# Item 1(a)Name of IssuerApplied Optoelectronics, Inc.

#### Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

13139 Jess Pirtle Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77478

#### Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing

This Schedule 13G is being jointly filed by Citadel Advisors LLC ("Citadel Advisors"), Citadel Advisors Holdings LP ("CAH"), Citadel GP LLC ("CGP") and Mr. Kenneth Griffin (collectively with Citadel Advisors, CAH and CGP, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to shares of common stock (and options to purchase and/or other securities convertible into common stock) of the above-named issuer owned by Citadel Global Equities Master Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CG"), Citadel Equity Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CRBH"), and Citadel Securities LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("CRBH"), and Citadel Securities LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Citadel Securities").

Citadel Advisors is the portfolio manager for CG and CEF. CAH is the sole member of Citadel Advisors. CGP is the general partner of CAH. CALC III LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("CALC3"), is the non-member manager of CRBH and Citadel Securities. Citadel Securities GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("CSGP"), is the general partner of CALC3. Mr. Griffin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of CGP, and owns a controlling interest in CGP and CSGP.

The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by the statement other than the securities actually owned by such person (if any).

#### Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office

The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

#### Item 2(c) Citizenship

Each of Citadel Advisors and CGP is organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware. CAH is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Griffin is a U.S. citizen.

#### Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common stock, \$0.001 par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number 03823U102

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Item 3	If this	state	ment is filed pur	suant to Rules 13d-1(b)	, or 13d-2(b) or (c), ch	eck whether th	e person filing is a:
	(a)		Broker or deale	r registered under Section	n 15 of the Exchange Ac	zt;	
	(b)		Bank as defined	l in Section 3(a)(6) of the	e Exchange Act;		
	(c)		Insurance comp	any as defined in Section	n 3(a)(19) of the Exchan	ge Act;	
	(d)		Investment com	pany registered under Se	ection 8 of the Investmer	nt Company Ac	ıt;
	(e)		An investment a	adviser in accordance wit	h Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E	E);	
	(f)		An employee be	enefit plan or endowment	t fund in accordance wit	h Rule 13d-1(b	)(1)(ii)(F);
	(g)		A parent holdin	g company or control per	rson in accordance with	Rule 13d-1(b)(	1)(ii)(G);
	(h)		A savings assoc	iation as defined in Secti	on 3(b) of the Federal D	eposit Insuranc	ce Act;
	(i)	□ Coi	A church plar mpany Act;	that is excluded from	the definition of an inv	vestment compa	any under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment
	(j)		A non-U.S. inst	itution in accordance with	h Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)	);	
	(k)		Group, in accord	lance with Rule 13d-1(b)	(1)(ii)(K).		
	If filin	g as a	non-U.S. institut	ion in accordance with R	ule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), pl	lease specify th	e type of institution:

## Item 4 Ownership

- A. Citadel Advisors LLC
  - (a) Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own 1,054,150 shares of common stock.
  - (b) The number of shares Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.0% of the common stock outstanding.
  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
    - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,054,150
    - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
    - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,054,150
- B. Citadel Advisors Holdings LP and Citadel GP LLC
  - (a) Each of CAH and CGP may be deemed to beneficially own 1,054,150 shares of common stock.
  - (b) The number of shares that each of CAH and CGP may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.0% of the common stock outstanding.
  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
    - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,054,150
    - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
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	C.	Kenneth	n Griffin				
		(a)	Mr. Griffin	may be deemed to beneficially own 1,657,740 shares of common stock.			
		(b)	The numbe stock outsta	r of shares that Mr. Griffin may be deemed to beneficially own anding.	constitutes approximately 7.9% of the common		
		(c)	Number of	shares as to which such person has:			
			(i) so	le power to vote or to direct the vote: 0			
			(ii) sh	ared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,657,740			
			(iii) so	le power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0			
			(iv) sh	ared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,657,740			
Item 5	If this st	<b>Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class</b> If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following [_].					
Item 6		<b>Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person</b> Not Applicable					
Item 7		Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company See Item 2 above					
Item 8	<b>Identifi</b> Not App		nd Classifica	ation of Members of the Group			
Item 9	<b>Notice</b> Not App		ution of Gro	սթ			
Item 10	By sign for the p	<b>Certification</b> By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.					

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

#### CITADEL ADVISORS LLC

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory

### CITADEL GP LLC

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory CITADEL ADVISORS HOLDINGS LP

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory

#### **KENNETH GRIFFIN**

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, attorney-in-fact<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> David Glockner is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Advisors LLC on Schedule 13G for Roku, Inc. on January 17, 2018.

### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13G filed herewith (and any amendments thereto), relating to the common stock of Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is being filed jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on behalf of each of the undersigned.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and each of such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

## CITADEL ADVISORS LLC

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory

#### CITADEL GP LLC

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory

#### CITADEL ADVISORS HOLDINGS LP

By: /s/ David Glockner David Glockner, Authorized Signatory

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