

HORN CHARLES L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HORN CHARLES L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) EVP & Chief Financial Officer
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A ⁽¹⁾		1,542	A	28,022	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A ⁽²⁾		3,085	A	31,107	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A ⁽³⁾		3,085	A	34,192	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A ⁽⁴⁾		851	A	35,043	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		F ⁽⁵⁾		706	D	\$ 243.99	33,372	D

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contingent on meeting a relative total shareholder return metric for 2018 and 2019 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(4) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2017, 150% of the original award of 1,702 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17 were earned, resulting in an additional 851 units, for a total of 2,553 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 1,276 units on 2/15/19, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

(5) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 14,107 unrestricted shares; (b) 373 unvested units from an award of 1,095 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (c) 1,491 unvested units from an award of 4,384 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (d) 960 unvested units from an award of 1,434 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (e) 1,711

(6) unvested units from an award of 2,553 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (f) 1,068 unvested units from an award of 1,593 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (g) 1,488 unvested units from an award of 2,221 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 3,186 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (i) 1,276 unvested units from an award of 2,553 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (j) the new grant for 1,542 time-based restricted stock units;

(7) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2017, 69.7% of the original award of 3,186 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17, or 2,221 units, were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 733 units on 2/15/19 and with respect to 755 units on 2/18/20, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

Remarks:

(6) Continued from above: (k) the new grant for 3,085 performance-based restricted stock units; and (l) the new grant for 3,085

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