

Cranch Laurence E
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FORM 4

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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 *
Cranch Laurence E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. [AB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
General Counsel

C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests ⁽¹⁾ | 01/20/2012 ⁽²⁾ | | A | V 37,930 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ | \$ 14.896 ⁽²⁾ | 132,670 ⁽⁴⁾ | I by rabbi trust under incentive compensation award program |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cranch Laurence E C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by pwr.
of att'y

01/24/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding Units").
The price set forth in the table is the average of the closing prices of a Holding Unit as reported for New York Stock Exchange composite transactions for the five business day period that commenced on January 13, 2012 and concluded on January 20, 2012. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors granted the award at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 9, 2011. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because the Holding Unit value was not calculated until January 20, 2012.
- (3) Reporting Person's 2011 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 37,930 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's incentive compensation award program until they vest and are distributed to the Reporting Person. The award vests, subject to various agreements and restrictive covenants set forth in the applicable award agreement, in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (4) Total includes 692 Holding Units acquired through quarterly distribution reinvestment.

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