ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Form 10-O

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF $^{\rm x}$ 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF $^{\rm o}$ $^{\rm 1934}$

For the transition period from to

Commission File No. 001-09818

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 13-3434400

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 969-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yesx Noo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yesx Noo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company o

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yeso Nox

The number of units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests outstanding as of September 30, 2017 was 93,626,313.*

*includes 100,000 units of general partnership interest having economic interests equivalent to the economic interests of the units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests.

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Part I

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition (in thousands, except unit amounts) (unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016				
ASSETS						
Investment in AB	\$ 1,441,672	\$ 1,540,508				
Total assets	\$ 1,441,672	\$ 1,540,508				
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL						
Liabilities:						
Other liabilities	\$ 224	\$619				
Total liabilities	224	619				
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 8)						
Partners' capital:						
General Partner: 100,000 general partnership units issued and outstanding		1,405				
Limited partners: 93,526,313 and 96,552,190 limited partnership units issued and outstanding	1,489,933	1,592,240				
AB Holding Units held by AB to fund long-term incentive compensation plans	(17,011)	(11,731)				
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(32,853)	(42,025)				
Total partners' capital	1,441,448	1,539,889				
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 1,441,672	\$ 1,540,508				

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

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ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Condensed Statements of Income (in thousands, except per unit amounts) (unaudited)

(unadated)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Equity in net income attributable to AB Unitholders	\$49,055	\$55,925	\$146,668	\$160,759
Income taxes	5,877	5,667	17,839	16,837
Net income	\$43,178	\$50,258	\$128,829	\$143,922
Net income per unit:				
Basic	\$0.46	\$0.52	\$1.35	\$1.47
Diluted	\$0.46	\$0.52	\$1.35	\$1.47

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

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Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income (in thousands) (unaudited)

Three Months Nine Months

Ended Ended

September 30, September 30, 2017 2016 2017 2016