

Kennedy Bryan J
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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 *
Kennedy Bryan J

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & President, Epsilon

PLANO, TX 75024

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

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(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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/16/2018		F ⁽¹⁾	640	D	\$ 243.5	124,884.177 D	
Common Stock	02/20/2018		F ⁽¹⁾	935	D	\$ 246.52	123,949.177 ⁽²⁾ D	
Common Stock						600	I	By Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust ⁽³⁾

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kennedy Bryan J 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			EVP & President, Epsilon	

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney
in Fact 02/21/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 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) 104,719.177 unrestricted shares; (b) 601 vested units from an award of 1,769 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (c) 1,071 unvested units from an award of 3,151 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (d) 1,291 unvested units from an award of 1,926 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (e) 1,800

(2) unvested units from an award of 2,687 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (f) 3,855 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (g) 1,576 unvested units from an award of 3,153 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 1,806 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (i) 3,615 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; and (j) 3,615 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18.

(3) The shares are held in the Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's mother. The Reporting Person serves as trustee.

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