van Brugge Robert P Form 4 January 24, 2012

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading van Brugge Robert P Issuer Symbol ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN (Check all applicable) HOLDING L.P. [AB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN 01/20/2012 Chairman and CEO, SCB LLC

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

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(City)	(State) (Z	ip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative Se	ecuriti	ies Acquire	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (		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)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests (1)	01/20/2012 <u>(2)</u>		A	62,433 (2) (3)	A	\$ 14.896 (2)	140,746	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

van Brugge Robert P C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

Chairman and CEO, SCB LLC

## **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.
  - Reporting Person's 2011 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units and \$250,000 in deferred cash. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 62,433 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's
- (3) 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.

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