

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
 Form 4  
 September 27, 2001  
**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  <b>Parks, J. Michael</b>  _____ (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS</b>  _____	4. Statement for (Month/Year)  <b>September 2001</b>  _____	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other  Officer/Other Description <b>Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer</b> _____
17655 Waterview Parkway  _____ (Street)  Dallas, TX 75252-8012  _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
<b>Common</b>	<b>9/25/2001</b>	<b>J  </b>	<b>3,500(1)   A   \$14.00</b>	<b>124,500 (2)</b>	<b>D</b>	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
 \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

**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 Deivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or isposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)
	<b>\$9.00</b>				

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<b>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</b>		<b>Varies (3) (4) (5) 03/09/2007</b>
<b>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>\$9.90</b>	<b>Varies (6) 05/06/2009</b>
<b>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>Varies (7) 08/31/2010</b>
<b>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>Varies (8) 06/08/2011</b>

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 at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common 333,332		333,332	D	
Common 83,333		83,333	D	
Common 230,000		230,000	D	
Common 109,388		109,388	D	

Explanation of Responses:  
See attached statement

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. /s/ Kellie J. Watts  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person  
**Attorney-in-Fact for  
J. Michael Parks**

9/26/2001  
Date

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Purchase pursuant to SEC Release No. 44791 dated September 14, 2001, and extended with Release No. 44827 dated September 21, 2001.
- (2) Total beneficial ownership includes 96,000 unvested shares of common stock pursuant to a restricted stock grant.
- (3) The 44,444 option is exercisable for 11,111 shares on each of 1/31/98, 1/31/99, 1/31/00 and 1/31/01.

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- (4) The 177,777 option is exercisable for 16,666 shares on 1/31/98, 58,333 shares on 1/31/99, 58,333 shares on 1/31/00, and 44,445 shares on 1/31/01.
- (5) The 111,111 option is exercisable on 1/31/99.
- (6) This option is exercisable for 20,833 shares on each of 1/31/00, and 1/31/01, and 1/31/02, and for 20,834 shares on 1/31/03.
- (7) This option is exercisable for 75,900 shares on each of 8/31/01, and 8/31/02, and for 78,200 shares on 8/31/03.
- (8) The option is exercisable for 33% of the underlying shares on each of 6/7/02 and 6/7/03, and for 34% on 6/7/04.