

HICKS WESTON M  
Form 4  
May 17, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HICKS WESTON M**

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)  
**05/15/2012**

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

**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)  
☒ 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. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests <sup>(1)</sup>	05/15/2012		A	4,116 (2)	A \$ 14.58	15,842	D

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Holding Unit Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.58	05/15/2012		A		16,349		05/15/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/15/2022	Holding Units <sup>(1)</sup>	16,349

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HICKS WESTON M C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	X

## Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by power of attorney

05/17/2012

\_\_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").
- (2) Reporting Person was awarded 4,116 restricted Holding Units under the AllianceBernstein 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended. Restrictions lapse on all 4,116 Holding Units on May 15, 2015.
- (3) The option vests in equal increments on each of May 15, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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