

Cranch Laurence E
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cranch Laurence E

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)
12/12/2017

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
General Counsel

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)
____X____ 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or (D)	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⁾	12/12/2017		A	26,453 (2)	A \$ 24.95	115,465	I by rabbi trust under employee 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 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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				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
Cranch Laurence E C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ David M. Lesser, by pwr.
of att'y 12/14/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("AB Holding Units").

- Reporting Person's 2017 long-term incentive compensation award, which was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board on December 12, 2017, was made in the form of AB Holding Units. Reporting Person therefore may be deemed to have acquired 26,453 AB Holding Units. These AB Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's incentive compensation award program until they vest and are delivered to the Reporting Person. The award vests, subject to various agreements and covenants set forth in the applicable award agreement, in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. The price set forth in the table is the closing price of an AB Holding Unit on December 12, 2017.
- (2)

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