

STEYN DAVID A  
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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 \*  
STEYN DAVID A

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)  
12/07/2009

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operating Officer

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. 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)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests <sup>(1)</sup>	12/07/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>		A	V A	Amount \$ 146,083 <u>(3)</u>	A	by rabbi trust under incentive compensation award program
Holding Units					9,579	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)	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
STEYN DAVID A C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by  
pwr. att'y 12/17/2009

\_\_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) The price set forth in the table is the closing price of a Holding Unit as reported for composite transactions on the New York Stock Exchange on December 7, 2009, the date the award was granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of AllianceBernstein Corporation. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because award amounts were not calculated and communicated to award recipients until the week of December 14, 2009.
  - (3) Reporting Person's 2009 incentive compensation award was notionally converted into Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 146,083 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under the incentive compensation award program until they are distributed to Reporting Person. The award vests (subject to various agreements and covenants set forth in the award agreement)

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in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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