

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Form 8-K

November 28, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 28, 2016

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-09818

13-3434400

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-969-1000

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

During the first quarter of 2012, AllianceBernstein L.P. (“AB”) received a legal letter of claim (“Letter of Claim”) sent on behalf of Philips Pension Trustees Limited and Philips Electronics U.K. Limited (“Philips”), a former pension fund client, alleging that AllianceBernstein Limited (one of AB’s subsidiaries organized in the U.K.) was negligent and failed to meet certain applicable standards of care with respect to the initial investment in, and management of, a £500 million portfolio of U.S. mortgage-backed securities. Philips alleged damages ranging between \$177 million and \$234 million, plus compound interest on an alleged \$125 million of realized losses in the portfolio. On January 2, 2014, Philips filed a claim form in the High Court of Justice in London, England, which formally commenced litigation with respect to the allegations in the Letter of Claim.

By agreement dated November 28, 2016, the terms of which are confidential, this matter was settled. We expect that AB will recover its contribution to the settlement amount from its relevant insurance carriers.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Dated: November 28, 2016 By:

/s/ David M. Lesser
David M. Lesser
Corporate Secretary

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