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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cranch Laurence E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN

(Check all applicable)

HOLDING L.P. [AB] (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2018

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

General Counsel

C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE

(Street)

AMERICAS

(Last)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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)	
AB Holding Units (1)	03/01/2018		M	21,062	A	\$ 17.05	134,269	D		
AB Holding Units (1)	03/01/2018		S	21,062	D	\$ 26.2519 (2)	113,207	D		
AB Holding Units (1)	03/02/2018		M	19,786	A	\$ 17.05	132,993	D		

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AB \$ \$ \$ Holding 03/02/2018 \$ \$ 19,786 D 26.2642 113,207 D Units $\frac{(1)}{}$

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 or 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
AB Holding Unit option (right to buy)	\$ 17.05	03/01/2018		M	21,062	01/23/2010(4)	01/23/2019	AB Holding Units	21,062
AB Holding Unit option (right to buy)	\$ 17.05	03/02/2018		M	19,786	01/23/2010(4)	01/23/2019	AB Holding Units	19,786

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cranch Laurence E C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

General Counsel

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Signatures

/s/ David M. Lesser, by pwr. 03/02/2018 of att'y

**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. ("AB Holding Units").
- (2) Reporting Person sold 21,062 AB Holding Units at prices ranging from \$26.25 to \$26.30 per Unit. The price set forth in the table is the weighted average of his sales at these prices.
- (3) Reporting Person sold 19,786 AB Holding Units at prices ranging from \$26.25 to \$26.35 per Unit. The price set forth in the table is the weighted average of his sales at these prices.
- (4) The option vested in equal annual increments on each of January 23, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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