

FARRELL EDWARD J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FARRELL EDWARD J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. [AB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Controller & CAO**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/31/2012**

(Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10105**

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests <sup>(1)</sup>	01/31/2012		F <sup>(2)</sup>	1,376 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 15.22	46,042 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by rabbi trust under employee incentive compensation award program
Holding Units <sup>(1)</sup>					8,716 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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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. 3 and 4)
				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

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1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK, NY 10105

SVP, Controller & CAO

## 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").  
On January 31, 2012, 3,971 Holding Units previously owned by Reporting Person through a rabbi trust under an employee incentive compensation award program were distributed to him. Of these Holding Units, 1,375 Holding Units were withheld for tax purposes and 2,596 Holding Units were delivered to him.
- (3) Total includes 46 Holding Units acquired through quarterly distribution reinvestment.

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