

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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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 \*  
**HORN CHARLES L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/17/2015

PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)				
				(A) or (D)	Price						
				Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,095	A	①	33,079	D		
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(2)</sup>		4,384	A	②	37,463	D		
Common Stock	02/18/2015		A <sup>(3)</sup>		1,516	A	③	38,979	D		
Common Stock	02/18/2015		F <sup>(4)</sup>		813	D	\$	283.85	38,166	⑤	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. 6)
				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
HORN CHARLES L 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 02/19/2015

\*\*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) The new grant is for 1,095 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 361 units on each of 2/17/16 and 2/17/17 and on 373 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
  - (2) The new grant is for 4,384 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/17/16 and 2/17/17 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/20/18 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2015 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
  - (3) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2014, 135.5% of the original award of 4,270 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14 were earned, resulting in an additional 1,516 units, for a total of 5,786 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 1,909 units on 2/18/16 and with respect to 1,968 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the

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remaining vesting dates.

- (4) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 16,210 unrestricted shares; (b) 712 unvested units from an award of 2,092 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 4,269 unvested units from an award of 12,554 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 1,049 unvested units from an award of 1,565 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 5,855

- (5) unvested units from an award of 8,737 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 715 unvested units from an award of 1,067 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (g) 3,877 unvested units from an award of 5,786 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (h) the new grant for 1,095 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 4,384 performance-based restricted stock units.

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