

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Gingrich James 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)
 02/13/2017

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2017		A		883,653 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	A	\$ 23.765 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>
					1,337,685	I	by rabbi trust under employee incentive compensation award program

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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 Owned Following Transaction (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
Gingrich James A C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ David M. Lesser,
attorney-in-fact

02/22/2017

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("AB Holding Units").

As described in AB's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 ("2016 10-K"), as filed February 14, 2017, on February 13, 2017 ("grant date"), the Compensation Committee ("Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors of AllianceBernstein Corporation approved a grant to Mr. Gingrich of restricted AB Holding Units with a value of \$21 million (based on the average closing price on the

(2) NYSE of an AB Holding Unit for the period covering the four trading days immediately preceding the grant date, the grant date and the five trading days immediately following the grant date), in lieu of cash bonus and long-term incentive compensation awards for 2017, 2018 and 2019 for which he otherwise would have been eligible; provided he will be eligible to receive at the end of each such year an additional cash bonus, to the extent approved by the Compensation Committee.

(3) Mr. Gingrich's restricted AB Holding Units will vest (after which they are no longer subject to forfeiture) ratably on each of December 1, 2017, 2018 and 2019, provided, with respect to each installment, Mr. Gingrich continues to be employed by our firm.

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- (4) For additional information relating to Mr. Gingrich's award, please refer to the letter agreement memorializing the award, which was filed as Exhibit 10.01 to the 2016 10-K.

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