

Smith A W Pete Jr  
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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 \*  
 Smith A W Pete Jr

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)  
 05/11/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests <sup>(1)</sup>	05/11/2011		A	(A) or (D) V Amount Price 2,759 <u>(2)</u> A \$ 21.75	8,245	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)	
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Holding Unit option (right to buy)	\$ 21.75	05/11/2011		A	10,034	05/11/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/11/2021	Holding Units <sup>(1)</sup>	10,034

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith A W Pete Jr  
C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.  
1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK, NY 10105

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## Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by pwr.  
of att'y 12/27/2011

\*\*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").
- (2) Reporting Person was awarded 2,759 restricted Holding Units under the AllianceBernstein 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan. Restrictions lapse on all 2,759 Holding Units on May 11, 2014.
- (3) The option vests in thirds on each of May 11, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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