

AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc.
Form 4
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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 *
AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc.

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)
1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2017

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

NEW YORK, NY 10104

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Units ⁽¹⁾ | 12/15/2017 | | P ⁽²⁾ | | 124,983 | A | \$ 24.95 |
| Units ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1,444,356 | I ⁽⁵⁾ | By affiliate |

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 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

AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc.
1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10104

See Remarks

Signatures

/s/ Anders Malmstrom, Senior Executive Vice President

12/15/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** 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 ("Holding Units") in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding").

On April 30, 2017, AXA Equitable Holdings Inc. ("Equitable Holdings"), entered into a unit purchase agreement (the "Unit Purchase Agreement") with Peter S. Kraus covering all of the Holding Units beneficially owned by Mr. Kraus. Pursuant to the Unit Purchase

(2) Agreement, Equitable Holdings and Mr. Kraus agreed to call and put options, respectively, covering certain restricted Holding Units delivered in accordance with the terms of Mr. Kraus's employment agreement or with respect to which he had deferred delivery, at specified future market prices if the Holding Units are trading at or between \$22.90 and \$32.90 per Holding Unit. On December 12, 2017, Equitable Holdings exercised its call option for all units owned by Mr. Kraus as of the close of business on such date.

(3) AXA indirectly owns (i) all of the common stock of Equitable Holdings, a holding company for a group of insurance and related financial services companies, AXA Financial, Inc. ("AXF") and its subsidiaries and AXA America Corporate Solutions, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Coliseum Reinsurance Company ("Coliseum Reinsurance") and (ii) 96.23% of the outstanding shares of common stock of AXA-IM Holding U.S. Inc. (AXA-IM Holding"), a holding company for a group of asset management companies. AXF is the sole member of AXA Equitable Financial Services, LLC ("AXFS") which wholly owns (i) AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company ("AXA Equitable") which in turn owns APMC, LLC ("APMC") and (ii) MONY Life Insurance Company of America ("MLOA").

(4) As of December 31, 2016, AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle and AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle (collectively, "Mutuelles AXA"), directly beneficially owned approximately 14.13% of the issued ordinary shares (representing approximately 23.93% of the voting power)

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of AXA. The Mutuelles AXA and AXA expressly declare that the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that either of them is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Form 4.

- (5) Equitable Holdings beneficially owns directly 2,312,163 Holding Units and beneficially owns indirectly 1,444,356 Holding Units beneficially owned directly by APMC.

In addition to the Holding Units reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person and its affiliates beneficially own units of limited partnership interests ("AB Capital Units") in AllianceBernstein L.P. ("AllianceBernstein") as follows. As of December 15, 2017, AXF beneficially owned directly 43,032,758 AB Capital Units; APMC beneficially owned directly 74,406,933 AB Capital Units; AXA-IM

- (6) Holding, 41,934,582 AB Capital Units; Coliseum Reinsurance, 8,160,000 AB Capital Units; MLOA, 2,587,472 AB Capital Units; and AllianceBernstein Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA Equitable, owned a 1% general partnership interest in AllianceBernstein and 100,000 units of general partnership interest in Holding. For more information on the Reporting Person and its affiliates' holdings of AB Capital Units, see their separate Form 4 filings with respect to AB Capital Units.

Remarks:

Affiliate of holder of general partnership units.

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