

Santillan Laura
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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 *
Santillan Laura

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Chief Acctg. Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 557 A <u>(1)</u> | 20,934 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 2,231 A <u>(2)</u> | 23,165 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 139 D \$ 243.99 | 22,474 <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u> | 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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Santillan Laura 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024 | | | SVP, Chief Acctg. Officer | |

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney
in Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person
Date
02/20/2018

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 557 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 183 units on 2/15/19, on 184 units on 2/18/20 and on 190 units on 2/16/21, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (2) The new grant is for 2,231 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 2/15/19 and 2/18/20 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/16/21 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2018 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 16,308 unrestricted shares; (b) 400 shares held in an IRA account; (c) 113 unvested units from an award of 331 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (d) 452 unvested units from an award of 1,327 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (e) 274 unvested units from an award of 410 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (f) 981 unvested units from an award of 1,464 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (g) 305 unvested units from an award of 455 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 853 unvested units from an award of 1,272

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performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (i) the new grant for 557 time-based restricted stock units; and (j) the new grant for 2,231 performance-based restricted stock units.

Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2017, 69.7% of the original award of 1,824 performance-based restricted stock units (5) granted 2/15/17, or 1,272 units, were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 420 units on 2/15/19 and with respect to 433 units on 2/18/20, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

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