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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. [AB] van Brugge Robert P (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN (Check all applicable) L.P., Â 1345 AVENUE OF THE **AMERICAS** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Chairman and CEO, SCB LLC _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK. NYÂ 10105 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of D Â lp interests (1) by rabbi trust under employee Holding Units (1) 78,313 Ι deferred incentive compensation plans Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 5. 6. Nature of Indirect **Expiration Date** (Instr. 4) Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Security:

Date Expiration Derivative Security:

Exercisable Date Amount or

Title Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

van Brugge Robert P C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NYÂ 10105

Â Chairman and CEO, SCB LLC Â

Signatures

/s/ Robert P. van
Brugge

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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").

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