

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.
Form SC 13G/A
February 13, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3) *

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

(Name of Issuer)

Limited Partnership Units

(Title of Class of Securities)

01881G106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

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Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No.01881G106

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Manulife Financial Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)
N/A (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Canada

5

SOLE VOTING
POWER

-0-

6

SHARED VOTING
POWER

-0-

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

7

SOLE DISPOSITIVE
POWER

-0-

8

SHARED
DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

None, except through its indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, Manulife Asset Management (North America).

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

See line 9 above.

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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CUSIP No.01881G106

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Manulife Asset Management (North America) Limited

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)
N/A (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Canada

5 SOLE VOTING
POWER

2,920

6 SHARED VOTING
POWER

-0-

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE
POWER

2,920

8 SHARED
DISPOSITIVE
POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

2,920

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
1345 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY, 10105
- Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:
This filing is made on behalf of Manulife Financial Corporation ("MFC") and MFC's indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, Manulife Asset Management (North America) Limited ("MAM (NA)").
- Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:
The principal business offices of MFC and MAM (NA) are located at 200 Bloor Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4W 1E5.
- Item 2(c) Citizenship:
MFC and MAM (NA) are organized and exist under the laws of Canada.
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Limited Partnership Units
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
01881G106
- Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
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|-----------|---------|--|
| MFC: | (g) (X) | a parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). |
| MAM (NA): | (e) (X) | an investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). |
- Item 4 Ownership:
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: MAM (NA) has beneficial ownership of 2,920 units of Limited Partnership Units. Through its parent-subsidiary relationship to MAM (NA), MFC may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these same units.
- (b) Percent of Class: Of the 93,626,313 limited partnership units outstanding as of September 30, 2017 according to the Form 10-Q filed by the issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 25, 2017, MAM (NA) held 0.00%.
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
MAM (NA) has sole power to vote or to direct the voting of the shares of Limited Partnership Units beneficially owned by each of them.
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
MAM (NA) has sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Limited Partnership Units beneficially owned by each of them.
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: -0-

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Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

See Items 3 and 4 above.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable.

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Manulife Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Tiffany Palmer
Name: Tiffany Palmer
Title: Agent*

Dated: February 7, 2018

Manulife Asset Management (North America) Limited

By: /s/ Warren Rudick
Name: Warren Rudick
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 8, 2018

* Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 17, 2018 included as Exhibit A to Schedule 13F-NT filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Manulife Financial Corporation on January 29, 2018.

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Manulife Financial Corporation, Manulife Asset Management (North America) Limited and Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC agree that the Schedule 13G (Amendment No.3) to which this Agreement is attached, relating to the Limited Partnership Units of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P., is filed on behalf of each of them.

Manulife Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Tiffany Palmer

Name: Tiffany Palmer

Title: Agent*

Dated: February 7, 2018

Manulife Asset Management (North America) Limited

By: /s/ Warren Rudick

Name: Warren Rudick

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 8, 2018

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