### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 18, 2002

### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-15749** (Commission File Number) **31-1429215** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TEXAS 75252

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(972) 348-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

The following financial statements, pro forma financial information and exhibits, if any, are being provided as part of this report in accordance with the instructions to this item.

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED.

None.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

None.

(c) EXHIBITS.

99.1 Web site investor presentation

#### ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation is furnishing this investor presentation that will be available via its web site, <u>http://www.alliancedatasystems.com</u>, beginning January 18, 2002. The presentation is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EXHIBIT INDEX

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DESCRIPTION Web site presentation

#### Alliance Data Systems NYSE : ADS

January 2002

#### Safe Harbor Statement/Forward Looking Statement

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•Outsourcing.

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(All Payment Types)	(Private Label)	(Both Regulated and Deregulated)
Network Services	Card Processing	
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•Private Label Credit Cards

•Underwriting and Risk Management

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•Receivables Financing

### •Canada — Coalition Loyalty (Air Miles) Program •U. S. — One- to- One Loyalty Programs

— Database Marketing Services



#### **Experienced Management Team**

Name	Responsibility	Years of Experience	Background
Mike Parks	Chairman, CEO and President	25	First Data
Ed Heffernan	EVP and CFO	16	First Data, Citigroup, CS First Boston
Mike Beltz	President, Transaction Services	19	First Data
Ivan Szeftel	President, Credit Services	19	Charming Shoppes
John Scullion	President, Loyalty Marketing	14	The Rider Group
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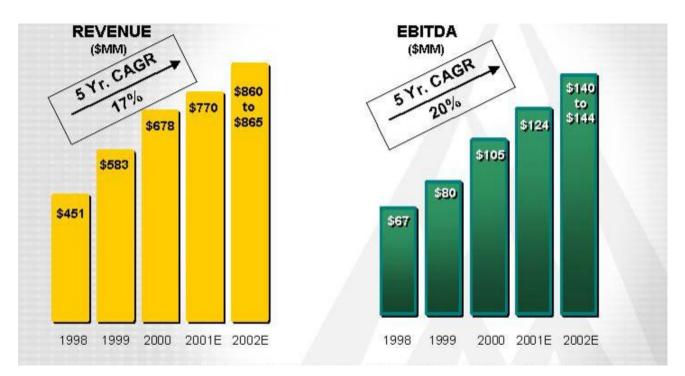
**Financial Themes** 

- Growth

- Visibility & Predictability

- Operating Leverage

- Liquidity



Organic Targets of "12%, 15%, 15%+" for Revenues, EBITDA and Cash Earnings per Share, respectively.

• <u>Tuck-in Acquisition Strategy</u> to further enhance growth

#### Visibility and Predictability

Strong Recurring Revenue Base
95% of Revenue Retained Each Year
·3 - 5 Year Average Contract Term
Transaction Services (50%)
•Primarily Non-Discretionary ("per click")
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•Full-Year plus of Stable Delinquencies
•Lower Funding Costs as Loss Mitigant
•Marketing Services (25%)
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#### **Operating Leverage**

Drivers Behind Margin Expansion
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Modest Capex (£ 5% of Revenues)
Deferred Revenue Model

### •EBITDA Margin

1999 13.8%2000 15.5%2001 16.1%

•Outlook - Targeting 50 bps Expansion Each Year

•<u>Focus on Investment Grade Profile</u> •Debt / Operating EBITDA of <u>2.0x - 2.5x</u> •Debt / Capital of <u>30% - 40%</u> Liquidity

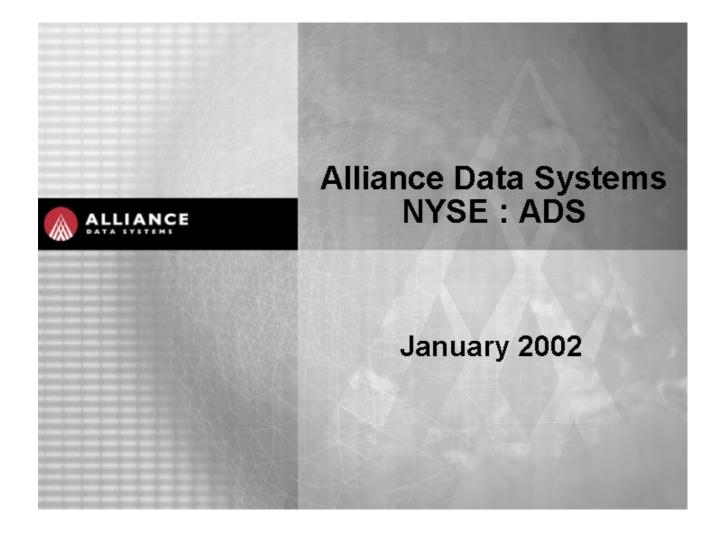
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•EBITDA	\$140-144
•Cash Flow Adjustment	20
•Operating EBITDA	\$160-164
•Less Capex	(40 - 44)
•Net Cash from Ops	\$120
•Less: Interest / Taxes	(50)
•Free Cash Flow	\$70
per Share	\$0.90

•Estimated Free Cash Flow per Share (\$0.90) Exceeds Estimated Reported Cash EPS (\$0.60) by 50%.

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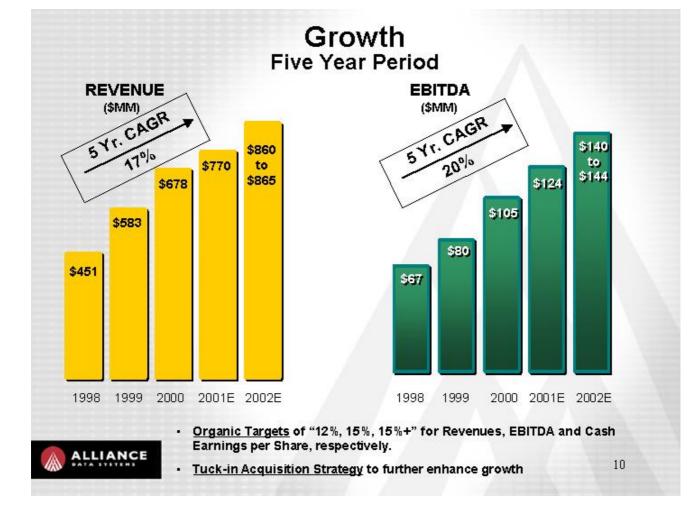


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