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### **Stockholder Meeting Notice**

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# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Alliance Data Systems Corporation Annual Stockholders Meeting to be Held on June 7, 2017

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication is <u>not</u> a form for voting and presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 are available at:

### www.envisionreports.com/ads



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Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 22, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

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### **Stockholder Meeting Notice**

The Alliance Data Systems Corporation Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on June 7, 2017 at 7500 Dallas Parkway, Suite 700, Plano, Texas 75024 at 10:00 a.m. (local time).

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each nominee listed in Proposal 1, FOR Proposals 2 and 4 and in favor of "1 YEAR" on Proposal 3:

1. Election of directors

Bruce K. Anderson

Roger H. Ballou

Kelly J. Barlow

D. Keith Cobb

E. Linn Draper, Jr.

Edward J. Heffernan

Kenneth R. Jensen

Robert A. Minicucci

Timothy J. Theriault

Laurie A. Tucker

- 2. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation.
- 3. Advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation.
- Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Alliance Data Systems Corporation for 2017

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to vote your shares in person at the meeting and a broker or other nominee holds your shares of record, you must obtain from that registered holder a proxy card issued in your name.

Important Notice Regarding Admission to the 2017 Annual Meeting: Stockholders or their legal proxy holders who wish to attend the annual meeting must preregister. Requests for preregistration must be received by Alliance Data Systems Corporation no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, June 1, 2017. For complete instructions for preregistering, see page 51 of the proxy statement.



#### Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference:

Paper copies: Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below.

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- → Internet Go to www.envisionreports.com/ads. Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials. Follow the instructions to log in and order a copy of the current meeting materials and submit your preference for email or paper delivery of future meeting materials.
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- → Email Send email to investorvote@computershare.com with "Proxy Materials Alliance Data Systems Corporation" in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by May 22, 2017.