

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):
September 9, 2021

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.)

3075 LOYALTY CIRCLE
COLUMBUS, OH 43219
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(614) 729-4000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Trading symbol
ADS

Name of each exchange on which registered
The New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a presentation to be given to investors and others by senior officers of Alliance Data Systems Corporation.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. **Document Description**

[99.1](#) Investor Presentation Materials.

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

Date: September 9, 2021

By: /s/ Joseph L. Motes III
Joseph L. Motes III
Executive Vice President, Chief
Administrative Officer, General
Counsel and Secretary

Alliance Data

Deutsche Bank Virtual Technology Conference

Ralph Andretta
President & CEO

September 9, 2021



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Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our expectations or forecasts of future events and can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "likely," "may," "should" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, outlook, objectives, plans, intentions or goals also are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding, and the guidance we give with respect to, our anticipated operating or financial results, initiation or completion of strategic initiatives including the proposed spinoff of our LoyaltyOne segment, future dividend declarations, and future economic conditions, including, but not limited to, fluctuation in currency exchange rates, market conditions and COVID-19 impacts related to relief measures for impacted borrowers and depositors, labor shortages due to quarantine, reduction in demand from clients, supply chain disruption for our reward suppliers and disruptions in the airline or travel industries.

We believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. Forward-looking statements, however, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this release, and no assurances can be given that our expectations will prove to have been correct. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, factors set forth in the Risk Factors section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year, which may be updated in Item 1A of, or elsewhere in, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for periods subsequent to such Form 10-K. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we undertake no obligation, other than as required by applicable law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, subsequent events, anticipated or unanticipated circumstances or otherwise.

3Q21 Business Update

Business Development, Pipeline, & Product

- Strong business development activities and pipeline
- Balance and diversification of portfolio and products
- Continued investment in Bread to scale for growth in 2022

Card Performance

- Credit sales improvement offset by impact of non-renewal
- Credit metrics remain strong
- Payment rates remain elevated, but expected to move lower over time

LoyaltyOne® Performance

- Modest sequential improvement as Delta variant delays further recovery
- Good visibility on 4Q21 recovery (majority of program contracts signed)
- Business activity continues to gain momentum
- Spin remains on track for 4Q21

2021 Financial Outlook

Full Year 2020 Actuals	Full Year 2021 Outlook	Commentary
Average receivables \$16,367 million	Down mid-single-digits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat year-over-year in 2H21 Expect year-end receivables to be in line with year-end 2020 Credit sales up double-digits in 2021
Total revenue \$4,521 million	Down low-single-digits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LoyaltyOne full year revenue growth in 2021 1Q21 Card Services revenue suppressed with receivable balances rebuilding from pandemic-related reductions Card Services gross revenue yield remains steady
Total expenses* (Excludes provision for loan loss) \$2,861 million	Flat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes accelerated digital investment and an increase in marketing spend from depressed levels in 2020 Impacted by Bread® & Fiserv investment transition expenses
Net loss rate 2020 = 6.6%	Net loss rate in the low 5% range	

* Total expenses represent total operating expenses excluding provision for loan loss plus total interest expense, net