# UNITED STATES 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 25, 2008

# Alliance Data Systems Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-15749

(Commission

File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

17655 Waterview Parkway, Dallas, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

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 filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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31-1429215

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

75252

(Zip Code)

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### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 25, 2008, Alliance Data Systems Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has signed a multi-year agreement with AnnTaylor Stores Corporation to launch a new co-brand credit card program and to continue providing private label credit card services. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated September 25, 2008 announcing an agreement with AnnTaylor Stores Corporation.

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, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

September 25, 2008

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

By: Edward J. Heffernan

Name: Edward J. Heffernan Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Exhibit Index

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Description

99.1

Press release dated September 25, 2008 announcing an agreement with AnnTaylor Stores Corporation.

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# ALLIANCE DATA SIGNS NEW MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT TO LAUNCH CO-BRAND CREDIT CARD PROGRAM

# Also Signs Contract Extension for Private Label Credit Card Services

**DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 25, 2008** — Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS), a leading provider of loyalty and marketing solutions derived from transaction-rich data, today announced it has signed a multi-year agreement with AnnTaylor Stores Corporation (NYSE: ANN) to launch a new co-brand credit card program and to continue providing private label credit card services. The agreement terms include launching a new co-brand MasterCard<sup>®</sup> credit card program and an exclusive points-based rewards program for cardholders.

The services Alliance Data provides for both the co-brand and private label credit card programs include account acquisition and activation; receivables funding; card authorization; card issuance; statement generation; direct mail and email marketing services; remittance processing; customer service functions; and marketing services. Alliance Data will launch four all-new card-plastic designs for Ann Taylor, including private label and co-brand cards for both the company's Ann Taylor and Ann Taylor LOFT brands. As is consistent with the private label credit card program, the co-brand offering will be targeted to customers that meet Alliance Data's traditional credit quality standards.

Ivan Szeftel, president of Alliance Data's Retail Services, said, "We are excited about expanding our relationship with Ann Taylor by providing this fully integrated credit and marketing solution. Our programs are guided by analytics and results-oriented marketing principles, and we are leveraging our expertise and the strength of the Ann Taylor brands to deliver a truly special program to their clients."

#### About Alliance Data

Alliance Data (NYSE: ADS) is a leading provider of loyalty and marketing solutions derived from transaction-rich data. The Company manages more than 107 million consumer relationships for some of North America's most recognizable companies. Through the creation and deployment of customized solutions that change consumer behavior, Alliance Data enables its clients to create and enhance customer loyalty to build stronger, mutually beneficial relationships with their customers. Headquartered in Dallas, Alliance Data employs approximately 7,000 associates at more than 50 locations worldwide. Alliance Data is a leading provider of marketing-driven credit solutions, and is the parent company of Epsilon®, a leading provider of multi-channel, data-driven technologies and marketing services, and LoyaltyOne™, which owns and operates the AIR MILES® Reward Program, Canada's premier coalition loyalty program. For more information about the company, visit its web site, <u>www.AllianceData.com</u>.

#### Alliance Data's Safe Harbor Statement/Forward Looking Statements

This release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements may use words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "predict," "project" and similar expressions as they relate to us or our management. When we make forward-looking statements, we are basing them on our management's beliefs and assumptions, using information currently available to us. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from what we projected. Any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. These risks, uncertainties and assumptions include those made with respect to and any developments related to the termination of the proposed merger with an affiliate of The Blackstone Group, including risks and uncertainties arising from actions that the parties to the merger agreement or third parties may take in connection therewith. We have no intention, and disclaim any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future results or otherwise.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this presentation regarding Alliance Data Systems Corporation's business which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year. Risk factors may be updated in Item 1A in each of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for each quarterly period subsequent to the Company's most recent Form 10-K.