### 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): **December 5, 2016** 

#### 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.)

#### 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TEXAS 75024

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(214) 494-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

#### NOT APPLICABLE

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

Ch	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							
]	]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act							
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[	]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under 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.

*Note:* 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: December 5, 2016

By: /s/ Charles L. Horn

Charles L. Horn

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Investor Presentation Materials.

# Company Overview NYSE: ADS

Investor Presentation Fourth Quarter 2016









# Alliance Data

- Who Are We and What Do We Do?
- Historical Results
- Common Investor Questions









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- 1. Build Customer Loyalty Platforms
- 2. Use Unique Data: SKU (requires client permission)
- 3. Link SKU with Consumer
- 4. Add Demographic/Psychographic Data













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## Example:

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Mary Smith spent \$60 at Ann Taylor Loft, Store #128





- She bought a blue dress, size 10 (SKU)
- · Dress was 20 percent off
- Mary is upper middle income
  - Tends to buy complete wardrobes
  - Looks for value (i.e. sales)
  - Mom who works > busy



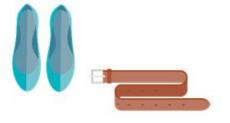






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Use Data/Insights to Create Specialized Offers



On September 15th Mobile offer to Mary

Shoes & belt would work nicely with dress Click & buy now > 20 percent off sale

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"Rinse and repeat" millions of times

We use data to gain insights which drive sales & loyalty for our clients







Loyalty Inc.

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#### Different Platforms/Same Model





# **BrandLoyalty®**

Grocer loyalty specialist (Int'l)







## **Epsilon®**

Single client programs







#### **Card Services**

Loyalty program with credit component

> POTTERY BARN



Victoria's SECRET

ANN TAYLOR









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## **Historical Results**

• IPO 2001: \$12 per share

	(\$MM)	2001	2016e	CAGR
	Revenue	\$770	\$7,200*	16%
	Core EPS	\$0.52	\$16.90*	26%
	Stock Price	\$12	\$230	22% (1,800% total)

- Model:
  - Growth (3x GDP revenue growth)
  - Double-digit core eps growth (varies between 10-20%)
  - ADS grew through 'Great Recession' due to business model diversification (segment balance), use of cash and modest leverage

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers have not been adjusted to reflect the matters disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 1, 2016







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## **Common Investor Questions**

#### 1. Are you a MktingTech, FinTech or Specialty Finance Company?

- Yes
- 50 percent of revenue from purely technology/marketing and loyalty platforms
- 50 percent card related (data, analytics, marketing, credit)
  - Use data/tech heavily to drive 1/1 marketing programs (~ 500 people within Cards - mini Epsilon)
  - Vast overlap with Epsilon
    - All card clients use Epsilon's loyalty platform
    - All use Epsilon's industry leading e-mail platform
    - Most are members of Epsilon's Abacus co-op
    - Most use Epsilon's demo/psycho data
    - Some have an additional Epsilon multi-tender database
    - Some utilize Conversant's CRM direct display ad technology







Loyalry Inc

### **Investor Questions**

- 2. What is your Free Cash Flow?
  - FCF = adjusted EBITDA cash taxes cash interest capital expenditures + non-cash items = \$1.3 billion
  - Uses:
    - \$500 million to support 20 percent plus card receivables growth
    - Remainder for share repurchases, dividends and/or M&A (established a 1% dividend for first time last quarter)
  - Corporate leverage ratio is modest <3.0x</li>
    - Calculated consistent with credit facility and debt indenture covenants
    - Held at Parent level







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## Forward Looking Statements

This presentation 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 our expected operational and financial performance and anticipated future foreign exchange rates, credit card loss rates and macro-economic conditions.

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 presentation, 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 our Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 1, 2016, the Risk Factors section of 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.







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#### **Financial Measures**

In addition to the results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the Company may present financial measures that are non-GAAP measures, such as constant currency financial measures, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs and non-controlling interest, core earnings and core earnings per diluted share (core EPS). The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, viewed in addition to and not in lieu of the Company's reported GAAP results, provide useful information to investors regarding the Company's performance and overall results of operations. These metrics are an integral part of the Company's internal reporting to measure the performance of reportable segments and the overall effectiveness of senior management. Reconciliations to comparable GAAP financial measures are available in the accompanying schedules and on the Company's website. The financial measures presented are consistent with the Company's historical financial reporting practices. Core earnings and core earnings per diluted share represent performance measures and are not intended to represent liquidity measures. The non-GAAP financial measures presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies, and are not identical to corresponding measures used in other various agreements or public filings.









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