

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PARKS J MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/17/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/17/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>		173,900	A	\$ 15 547,996
Common Stock	09/17/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		173,900	D	\$ 64.04 374,096
Common Stock	09/18/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>		56,100	A	\$ 15 430,196
Common Stock	09/18/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		56,100	D	\$ 63.98 374,096 <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	09/17/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	173,900	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock 173,900
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	09/18/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	56,100	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock 56,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARKS J MICHAEL 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact 09/18/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Cashless exercise of employee stock options due to expire on August 31, 2010, ten years after such options were granted.
  - (2) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 190,940 unrestricted shares; (b) 5,985 unvested shares from an original award of 17,601 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 68,844 unvested shares from an original award of 102,752

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performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; (d) 56,327 unvested shares from an original award of 84,070 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 52,000 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 3/27/09.

- (3) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 109,388 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 106,203 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 129,291 shares granted 2/2/04, which is

- (4) fully vested; (d) an option for 58,626 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 64,572 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; and (f) an option for 41,408 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 27,329 shares are fully vested and 14,079 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

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