

Birkans Aldis  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Birkans Aldis (Last) (First) (Middle)  5570 DTC PARKWAY (Street)  GREENWOOD VILLAGE,Â COÂ 80111 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Bank Holdings Corp [NBHC]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Treasurer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title      Amount or Number of Shares	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	08/02/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 20	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	10/11/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 20	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Birkans Aldis 5570 DTC PARKWAY GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	Â	Â	Â Treasurer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Mark W. Yonkman, as  
attorney-in-fact

09/19/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Granted under the 2009 National Bank Holdings Corporation Equity Incentive Plan. Stock award is time-vested with half vesting on August 2, 2013 and half on August 2, 2014.

- (2) Granted under the 2009 National Bank Holdings Corporation Equity Incentive Plan. Subject to the issuer's common stock being listed on a public exchange, the stock option award is time vested and is scheduled to vest in equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant, which grant occurred on October, 11, 2011.

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