

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
February 10, 2009

**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): February 9, 2009**

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)*

**Bermuda**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-31721**  
(Commission File No.)

**98-0395986**  
(I.R.S. Employer

**92 Pitts Bay Road**

Identification No.)

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**Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**(441) 405-2600**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or 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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 9, 2009, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company, issued a press release reporting its fourth quarter and year end 2008 results and the availability of its fourth quarter and year end 2008 financial supplement. The press release and the financial supplement are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively. An Investment Portfolio Supplemental Information and Data presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.3.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release dated February 9, 2009.
- 99.2 Fourth quarter and year end 2008 Financial Supplement.
- 99.3 Investment Portfolio Supplemental Information and Data presentation.

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.

Dated: February 9, 2009

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

By: /s/ Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.  
Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.  
General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description of Document</b>                                      |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Press release dated February 9, 2009.                               |
| 99.2                      | Fourth quarter and year end 2008 Financial Supplement.              |
| 99.3                      | Investment Portfolio Supplemental Information and Data presentation |