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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Rule 13d-102)

Information to be Included in Statements Filed  
Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(c), and (d) and Amendments thereto  
Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-2(b)

Axis Capital Holdings Limited

-----  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

2677606

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited

CUSIP No. 2677606

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P.  
13-3371826

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

5,792,820 shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

5,792,820 shares of Common Stock

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
5,792,820 shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See  
Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

3.7%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
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J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P.  
13-4197054

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(a)

(b)

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Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

29,580 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

29,580 Shares of Common Stock

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
29,580 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.02%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors A, L.P.  
26-0032493

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)

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Delaware

	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
		98,562 Shares of Common Stock	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		98,562 Shares of Common Stock	
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
98,562 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman), L.P.  
13-4197057

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(b) |\_ |

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

495,407 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

495,407 Shares of Common Stock

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
495,407 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.  
26-0005546

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(a) |\_ |

(b) |\_ |

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

55,211 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

55,211 Shares of Common Stock

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
55,211 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.04%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) III, L.P.  
13-4197063

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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Cayman Islands

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
563,192 Shares of Common Stock  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH  
6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
563,192 Shares of Common Stock  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
563,192 Shares of Common Stock  
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*   
11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
.4%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
PN  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman IV), L.P.  
13-4197064  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)   
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Cayman Islands  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
417,789 Shares of Common Stock  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
417,789 Shares of Common Stock  
-----  
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
417,789 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) III, L.P.  
98-0440874

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

213,967 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER



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REPORTING PERSON WITH 213,967 Shares of Common Stock  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
213,967 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.1%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) IV, L.P.  
98-0440873

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER

152,834 Shares of Common Stock  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

152,834 Shares of Common Stock  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
152,834 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Capital, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

865,611 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

865,611 Shares of Common Stock

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
865,611 Shares of Common Stock

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

.6%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J.P. Morgan Corsair II Offshore Capital Partners, L.P.  
980339267

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

3,706,111 Shares of Common Stock

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,706,111 Shares of Common Stock

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,706,111 Shares of Common Stock

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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2.4%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN  
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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Axis Capital Holdings Limited

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

106 Pitts Bay Road  
Pembroke, HM 08  
Bermuda

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing:

J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P. ("JPMP (BHCA)")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P. ("JPMP Global")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors A, L.P. ("JPMP Global A")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman), L.P. ("JPMP Cayman")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.  
("JPMP Cayman II")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) III, L.P.  
("JPMP Cayman III")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) IV, L.P.  
("JPMP Cayman IV")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) III, L.P.  
("JPMP Selldown III")  
J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) IV, L.P.  
("JPMP Selldown IV")  
J.P. Morgan Capital, L.P. ("Morgan Capital")  
J.P. Morgan Corsair II Offshore Capital Partners, L.P. ("Corsair")

Supplemental information relating to the ownership and control of the person filing this statement is included in Exhibit 2(a) attached hereto.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

All Reportings Persons (other than Corsair):

c/o J.P. Morgan Partners, LLC  
1221 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10020

Corsair:  
277 Park Avenue

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New York, NY 10172

See also supplemental information relating to principal business office is included in Exhibit 2(a) attached hereto.

(c) Citizenship:

JPMP (BHCA)	:	Delaware
JPMP Global	:	Delaware
JPMP Global A	:	Delaware
JPMP Cayman	:	Cayman Islands
JPMP Cayman II	:	Cayman Islands
JPMP Cayman III	:	Cayman Islands
JPMP Cayman IV	:	Cayman Islands
JPMP Selldown III	:	Cayman Islands
JPMP Selldown IV	:	Delaware
Morgan Capitl	:	Delaware
Corsair	:	Delaware

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(d) Title of Class of Securities (of Issuer):

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

2677606

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss. 240. 13d-1(b) or 240. 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

#### Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

JPMP (BHCA):	5,792,820
JPMP Global:	29,580
JPMP Global A:	98,562
JPMP Cayman:	495,407
JPMP Cayman II:	55,211
JPMP Cayman III:	563,192
JPMP Cayman IV:	417,789
JPMP Selldown III:	213,967
JPMP Selldown IV:	152,834
Morgan Capital:	865,611
Corsair:	3,706,111

(b) Percent of Class:

JPMP (BHCA):	3.7% (as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Global:	.02% (as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Global A:	.1% (as of December 31, 2004)

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JPMP Cayman:	.3%	(as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Cayman II:	.04%	(as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Cayman III:	.4%	(as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Cayman IV:	.3%	(as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Selldown III:	.1%	(as of December 31, 2004)
JPMP Selldown IV:	.1%	(as of December 31, 2004)
Morgan Capital:	.6%	(as of December 31, 2004)
Corsair:	2.4%	(as of December 31, 2004)

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i)	JPMP (BHCA):	5,792,820
	JPMP Global:	29,580
	JPMP Global A:	98,562
	JPMP Cayman:	495,407
	JPMP Cayman II:	55,211
	JPMP Cayman III:	563,192
	JPMP Cayman IV:	417,789
	JPMP Selldown III:	213,967
	JPMP Selldown IV:	152,834
	Morgan Capital:	865,611
	Corsair:	3,706,111

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(ii) Not applicable

(iii)	JPMP (BHCA):	5,792,820
	JPMP Global:	29,580
	JPMP Global A:	98,562
	JPMP Cayman:	495,407
	JPMP Cayman II:	55,211
	JPMP Cayman III:	563,192
	JPMP Cayman IV:	417,789
	JPMP Selldown III:	213,967
	JPMP Selldown IV:	152,834
	Morgan Capital:	865,611
	Corsair:	3,706,111

(iv) Not applicable

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not applicable

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2005

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS (BHCA), L.P.

By: JPMP Masterfund Manager, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS A, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

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By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

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J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN), L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN/SELLDOWN) III, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN/SELLDOWN) IV, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
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By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN) II, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

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J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN) III, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

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J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS (CAYMAN) IV, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,

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its General Partner

By:

-----  
Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN CAPITAL, L.P.

By: JPMP Capital LLC,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

-----  
Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN CORSAIR II OFFSHORE  
CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Corsair II Offshore, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

By: Corsair II, L.P.,  
its Managing Member

By: Corsair II, L.L.C.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Amy Knapp  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT 2(a)

Item 2. Identity and Background.

This statement is being filed by J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (hereinafter referred to as "JPMP (BHCA)"), whose principal business office is located 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. JPMP (BHCA) is engaged in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout business. The general partner of JPMP (BHCA) is JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (hereinafter referred to as "JPMP Master Fund"), whose principal business office is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA), and is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout

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business. As general partner of JPMP (BHCA), JPMP Master Fund may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by JPMP (BHCA).

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The general partner of each of JPMP Master Fund and JPMP Investors, L.P. is JPMP Capital Corp., a New York corporation (hereinafter referred to as "JPMP Capital Corp."), whose principal business office is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA), and is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout business. Set forth in Schedule A hereto and incorporated herein by reference are the names, business addresses, principal occupations and employments of each executive officer and director of JPMP Capital Corp. As the general partner of each of JPMP Master Fund and JPMP Investors, JPMP Capital Corp. may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by JPMP (BHCA) and the Global Fund Entities.

This statement is also being filed by J.P. Morgan Capital, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Morgan Capital"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA) and J.P. Morgan Corsair II Offshore Capital Partners, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Corsair"), whose principal place of business is located at 277 Park Avenue New York, New York 10172. Each of Morgan Capital and Corsair is engaged in the private equity and leveraged buyout business. The general partner of Corsair is Corsair II Offshore, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Corsair LLC"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as Corsair. Corsair LLC is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the private equity and leveraged buyout business. The Managing Member of Corsair LLC is Corsair II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Corsair LP"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as Corsair. Corsair LP is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the private equity and leveraged buyout business. The general partner of Corsair LP is Corsair II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Corsair II"), whose principal place of business is

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located at the same address as Corsair. Corsair II is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the private equity and leveraged buyout business. Set forth in Schedule B hereto and incorporated herein by reference are the names, business addresses, principal occupations and employments of each executive officer and director of Corsair II. The Managing Member of Corsair II is J.P. Morgan Investment Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("JPM Investment"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA). JPM Investment is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the private equity and leveraged buyout business.

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Each of JPMP Capital Corp. and JPMP Capital is a wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as "JPMorgan Chase") which is engaged (primarily through subsidiaries) in the commercial banking business with its principal office located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Set forth in Schedule D hereto and incorporated herein by reference are the names, business addresses, principal occupations and employments of each executive officer and director of JPMorgan Chase.

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### EXHIBIT 2(b)

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is accurate.

Dated this 14 day of February, 2005.

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS (BHCA), L.P.

By: JPMP Masterfund Manager, L.P.,

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its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
INVESTORS, L.P.

By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P.,  
its General Partner

By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

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By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

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Title: President

J.P. MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL  
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By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
Title: President

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its General Partner

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INVESTORS (CAYMAN/SELLEDOWN) IV, L.P.

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By: JPMP Capital Corp.,  
its General Partner

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Name: Jeffrey C. Walker  
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By: Corsair II Offshore, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

By: Corsair II, L.P.,  
its Managing Member

By: Corsair II, L.L.C.,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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Name: Amy Knapp  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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SCHEDULE A

JPMP CAPITAL CORP.

Executive Officers(1)

Chief Executive Officer	William B. Harrison**
President	Jeffrey C. Walker*
Chief Investment Officer	Arnold L. Chavkin*
Managing Director	Srinivas Akkaraju*
Managing Director	Christopher Albinson*
Managing Director	Dr. Dana Beth Ardi*
Managing Director	Richard Aube*
Managing Director	Christopher C. Behrens*
Managing Director	John Breckenridge*
Managing Director	Julie Casella-Esposito*
Managing Director	Rodney A. Ferguson*
Managing Director	Cornell P. French*
Managing Director	Michael R. Hannon*
Managing Director	Matthew Lori*
Managing Director	Jonathan R. Lynch*
Managing Director	Bryan Martin*
Managing Director	Sunil Mishra*
Managing Director	Stephen P. Murray*
Managing Director	Timothy Purcell*
Managing Director	John Reardon*
Managing Director	Faith Rosenfeld*
Managing Director	Shahan D. Soghikian*
Managing Director	William Stuck*
Managing Director	Patrick J. Sullivan*
Managing Director	Timothy J. Walsh*
Managing Director	Richard D. Waters, Jr. *
Managing Director	Damion E. Wicker, M.D.*

Directors(1)



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William B. Harrison\*\*

Jeffrey C. Walker\*

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CORSAIR II, L.L.C.

Executive Officers(2)

Chairman	Nicholas Paumgarten*
President	Ignacio Jayanti*
Vice President	Kimbill Brooker*
Chief Financial Officer	Amy Knapp*

Directors(1)

Nicholas Paumgarten\*  
Jeffrey C. Walker\*\*  
Richard Herbst\*

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JPMP CAPITAL, LLC

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Chief Investment Officer	Arnold L. Chavkin*
Managing Director	Srinivas Akkaraju*

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Managing Director	Christopher Albinson*
Managing Director	Dr. Dana Beth Ardi*
Managing Director	Richard Aube*
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Managing Director	John Breckenridge*
Managing Director	Julie Casella-Esposito*
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JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

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Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	William B. Harrison Jr.*
President and Chief Operating Officer	James Dimon*
Chief Information Officer	Austin A. Adams*
Co-Chairman, Investment Bank	Steven D. Black*
Chief Executive Officer, Card Services	William I. Campbell*
Chief Financial Officer	Michael J. Cavanagh*
Chairman, West Coast Region	David A. Coulter*
Director of Human Resources, Head of Real Estate/Facilities, General Services, Security	John J. Farrell*
Co-General Counsel	Joan Guggenheimer*
Director of Corporate Marketing and Communications	Frederick W. Hill*

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Head, Commercial Banking	Samuel Todd Maclin*
Head, Strategy and Business Development	Jay Mandelbaum*
Co-General Counsel	William H. McDavid*
Chief Executive Officer, Treasury & Securities Services	Heidi Miller*
Head, Retail Financial Services	Charles W. Scharf*
Executive Vice President, Card Services	Richard J. Srednicki*
Head, Asset & Wealth Management	James E. Staley*
Chief Risk Officer	Don M. Wilson III*
Co-Chairman, Investment Bank	William T. Winters*

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John H. Biggs	Former Chairman and CEO TIAA - CREF c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
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Stephen B. Burke	President Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
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James Dimon	President and Chief Operating Officer

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William H. Gray, III                Retired President and Chief Executive Officer  
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John W. Kessler	Owner John W. Kessler Company c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
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John R. Stafford

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