

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-A12B  
November 07, 2016

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

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)**

**Bermuda 001-31721**  
**(State of Incorporation or Organization)**

**98-0395986**  
**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

**92 Pitts Bay Road**

**Pembroke HM 08, Bermuda**  
**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip**  
**code)**

**N/A**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of Each Class to be so Registered</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered</b>
<b>Depository Shares, each representing a 1/100<sup>th</sup> interest in a 5.50% Series E Preferred Share</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective upon filing pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective upon filing pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

**Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:**

**333-193384**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

**None**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered**

This registration statement on Form 8-A relates to up to 24,000,000 depositary shares (the *Depositary Shares*), each representing a 1/100<sup>th</sup> interest in a share of the 5.50% Series E Preferred Shares, par value \$0.0125 per share and a liquidation preference of \$2,500 per Series E Preferred Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share) (the *Series E Preferred Shares*) of AXIS Capital Holdings Limited (the *Company*). For a description of the Series E Preferred Shares and the Depositary Shares, reference is made to the information set forth under the headings *Description of the Series E Preferred Shares* and *Description of Depositary Shares* in the Company's Prospectus Supplement, dated October 31, 2016, to the Prospectus, dated January 16, 2014, which constitutes a part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-193384), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation and Memorandum of Association of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 5-1 (Amendment No. 1) (No. 333-103620) filed on April 16, 2003).
- 3.2 Certificate of Designations of the Series E Preferred Shares (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2016).
- 3.3 Amended and Restated Bye-laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on May 15, 2009).
- 4.1 Form of Stock Certificate evidencing the Series E Preferred Shares (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2016).
- 4.2 Deposit Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2016, by and among the Company, Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., jointly as depositary, and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts described therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2016).
- 4.3 Form of Depositary Receipt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2016).

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 7, 2016

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Jose Osset

Name: Jose Osset

Title: Sr. Vice President and Treasurer