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

SCHEDULE 13G (Amendment No. 2)

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

(Title of Class of Securities)

2677606

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

_	Rule	13d-1(b)
_	Rule	13d-1(c)
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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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SCHEDULE 13G

Iss	suer: Axis Cap	oital H	Holdings Limited CI	JSIP No.	2677606
1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R.	-	PERSON ENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON		
	J.P. Morgan 13-3371826	Partne	ers (BHCA), L.P.		
2	CHECK THE AF	PROPRI	IATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instru	ctions)	(a)  _  (b)  _
3	SEC USE ONLY	 <u>/</u>			
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Delaware				
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
			0 shares of Common Stock		
	UMBER OF SHARES NEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	OWNED BY EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
F	REPORTING PERSON		5,792,820 shares of Common Stock		
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
9			BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON of Common Stock		
10	CHECK BOX IF Instructions		AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN	N SHARES	(See  _
11	PERCENT OF C	CLASS H	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		
	3.7%				
12	TYPE OF REPO	ORTING	PERSON*		
	PN				
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CUSIP No. 2677606

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON							
	J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P. 13-4197054							
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a)  _  (b)  _							
3	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION					
	Delaware							
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER					
			29,580 Shares of Common Stock					
N	IUMBER OF	6	SHARED VOTING POWER					
	SHARES ENEFICIALLY		29,580 Shares of Common Stock					
	OWNED BY EACH	 7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER					
R	REPORTING PERSON							
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER					
9	AGGREGATE AM 29,580 Share		BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON Common Stock					
10	CHECK BOX IF Instructions		AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	(See				
				_				
11	PERCENT OF C	LASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)					
	.02%							
12	TYPE OF REPO	RTING	PERSON*					
	PN							
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			SCHEDULE 13G					
Iss	uer: Axis Cap	ital	Holdings Limited CUSIP No.	2677606				
 1	NAME OF REPO	RTING	PERSON					
	S.S. OR I.R.	S. ID	ENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON					

	J.P. Morgan 26-0032493	Partr	ers Global Investors A, L.P.		
2	CHECK THE AP	PROPF	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		_   _
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PI	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Delaware				
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
			98,562 Shares of Common Stock		
	UMBER OF SHARES NEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
F	EPORTING PERSON		98,562 Shares of Common Stock		
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
10	CHECK BOX IF	THE	Common Stock AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		_
12	TYPE OF REPO	RTING	G PERSON*		
	PN				
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			SCHEDULE 13G		
Iss	uer: Axis Cap	ital	Holdings Limited CUSIP No.	267	7606
1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R.				
	J.P. Morgan 13-4197057	Partr	ers Global Investors (Cayman), L.P.		
2	CHECK THE AP	PROPF	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		

				(a) (b)	_   _
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP O	R PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Cayman Island	.S			
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
			495,407 Shares of Common Stock		
	UMBER OF SHARES NEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	OWNED BY EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
F	REPORTING PERSON		495,407 Shares of Common Stock		
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		THE 2 ASS F	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES' REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		I_I 
			Page 5 of 32		
			SCHEDULE 13G		
Iss	uer Axis Capit	al Ho	oldings Limited CUSIP No.	267	7606
1	NAME OF REPOR S.S. OR I.R.S		PERSON ENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON		
	J.P. Morgan P 26-0005546	artne	ers Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.		
2	CHECK THE APP	ROPR	IATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) (b)	_   _

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSE	HIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Cayman Is	slands	
	5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
	55,211 Shares of Common Stock	
NUMPED OF		
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
PERSON	55,211 Shares of Common Stock	
WITH	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	E AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON nares of Common Stock	
10 CHECK BOX	K IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
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11 PERCENT (	OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
.04%		
12 TYPE OF H	REPORTING PERSON*	
PN		
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	Capital Holdings Limited CUSIP No. 2	26//606
	REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
J.P. More 13-419706	gan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) III, L.P. 53	
2 CHECK THE	E APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a)  _  (b)  _
3 SEC USE (	DNLY	
	HIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Cayman Is	slands	

		5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
		563,192 Shares of Common Stock	
	IUMBER OF SHARES INEFICIALLY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
	OWNED BY EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
F	REPORTING PERSON	563,192 Shares of Common Stock	
	WITH	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
9		OUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON es of Common Stock	
10	CHECK BOX IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	*
			_
11	PERCENT OF CL	LASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	.4%		
12	TYPE OF REPOR	RTING PERSON*	
	PN		
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		SCHEDULE 13G	
Iss	suer: Axis Capi	ital Holdings Limited CUSIP No.	2677606
1	NAME OF REPOR S.S. OR I.R.S	RTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
	J.P. Morgan P 13-4197064	Partners Global Investors (Cayman IV), L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APP	PROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a)  _  (b)  _
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	CITIZENSHIP C	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Cayman Island	ds	
		5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
		417,789 Shares of Common Stock	

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
PERSON WITH	417,789 Shares of Common Stock	
W ± ± ± ±	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON res of Common Stock	
10 CHECK BOX I	F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	I_	.
11 PERCENT OF	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
.3%		
12 TYPE OF REP	ORTING PERSON*	
PN		
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Issuer: Axis Ca	pital Holdings Limited CUSIP No. 26776	06
	ORTING PERSON .S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
J.P. Morgan 98-0440874	Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) III, L.P.	
2 CHECK THE A	PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	
	(a)   (b)	_  _
3 SEC USE ONL	Υ	
4 CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Cayman Isla	nds	
	5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
	213,967 Shares of Common Stock	
NUMBER OF SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		

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D	EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
RI	EPORTING PERSON	213,967 Shares of Common Stock	
	WITH	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
9		MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON tes of Common Stock	
10	CHECK BOX IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARE	'S*
			_
11	PERCENT OF C	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	.1%		
12	TYPE OF REPC	DRTING PERSON*	
	PN		
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		SCHEDULE 13G	
Iss:		Dital Holdings Limited CUSIP No	<b>2677606</b>
1		ORTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
	J.P. Morgan 98-0440873	Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) IV, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE AP	PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	
			(a)  _  (b)  _
3	SEC USE ONLY	 	
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Cayman Islar	nds	
		5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
		152,834 Shares of Common Stock	
NU	UMBER OF	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
	SHARES NEFICIALLY		
(	OWNED BY EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
RI	EPORTING PERSON	152,834 Shares of Common Stock	
	WITH	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

9			BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON Common Stock	
10	CHECK BOX IF	THE A	GGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	;*
11	PERCENT OF C	CLASS H	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	.1%			
12	TYPE OF REPO	RTING	PERSON*	
	PN			
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Iss	uer: Axis Cap	oital H	Holdings Limited CUSIP No.	2677606
1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R.		PERSON NTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
	J.P. Morgan	Capita	al, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE AF	PROPRI	ATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a)  _  (b)  _
3	SEC USE ONLY	 _		
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	ACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware			
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			0 Shares of Common Stock	
BEI	UMBER OF SHARES NEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
K.	EPORTING PERSON		0 Shares of Common Stock	
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
9			BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON of Common Stock	

10	CHECK BOX IE	THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CE	RTAIN SHARES*			
11	_  PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)						
	2.4%						
12	TYPE OF REPO	RTING	PERSON*				
	PN						
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			SCHEDULE 13G				
Iss	uer: Axis Cap	oital	Holdings Limited	CUSIP No. 2677606			
1	NAME OF REPO S.S. OR I.R.						
	J.P. Morgan 980339267	Corsa	ir II Offshore Capital Partners, L.P.				
2			IATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a)  _  (b)  _			
3	SEC USE ONLY						
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	Cayman Islar	nds					
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER				
			3,763,524 Shares of Common Stock				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY			SHARED VOTING POWER				
	OWNED BY EACH EPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
Г	PERSON		3,763,524 Shares of Common Stock				
	WITH	8					
9	9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,763,524 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) 2.4% \_\_\_\_\_ 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\* ΡN \_\_\_\_\_ Page 12 of 32 SCHEDULE 13G CUSIP No. 2677606 Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited Preliminary Note: This Amendment is being filed to reflect a sale of the Issuer's shares by each of the Reporting Persons and to reflect typographical errors in the previous filing. Item 1. Name of Issuer: (a) Axis Capital Holdings Limited Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: (b) 106 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke, HM 08 Bermuda Item 2. Name of Person Filing: (a) 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. Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: (b) 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 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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Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited

CUSIP No. 2677606

(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 <b>,</b> 562
JPMP	Cayman:	495,407
JPMP	Cayman II:	55,211
JPMP	Cayman III:	563 <b>,</b> 192
JPMP	Cayman IV:	417,789
JPMP	Selldown III:	213,967
JPMP	Selldown IV:	152,834
Morgan Capital: 3,763,524		
Corsa	air:	3,763,524

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Under a Co-investment Agreement between Morgan Capital and Corsair (the "Co-Investment Agreement"), Morgan Capital co-invests side by side 23% of every investment made by Corsair. The Co-Investment Agreement provides that Morgan Capital has the same economic rights and obligations as a limited partner in Corsair. Morgan Capital is the record owner of 865,611 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock. Corsair is the record owner of 2,897,913 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock. Thus, Corsair has voting and investment power over the Issuer's Common Stock. As a result of the Co-Investment Agreement, pursuant to Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Corsair and Morgan Capital may be deemed to be members of a group and each member of a group is a beneficial owner of all shares owned by each member of the group. Thus, Morgan Capital may be deemed to beneficially own 3,763,524 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

(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)
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)
Morga	an Capital:	2.4%	(as	of	December	31,	2004)
Corsa	air:	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 <b>,</b> 192
	JPMP	Cayman IV:	417,789
	JPMP	Selldown III:	213,967
	JPMP	Selldown IV:	152,834
	Morga	an Capital:	0
	Corsa	air:	3,763,524

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(ii) Not applicable

(iii)	JPMP	(BHCA):	5,792,820
	JPMP	Global:	29,580
	JPMP	Global A:	98 <b>,</b> 562
	JPMP	Cayman:	495,407
	JPMP	Cayman II:	55,211
	JPMP	Cayman III:	563 <b>,</b> 192
	JPMP	Cayman IV:	417,789
	JPMP	Selldown III:	213,967
	JPMP	Selldown IV:	152,834

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Morgan Capital: 0 Corsair: 3,763,524

(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.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not applicable

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CUSIP No. 2677606

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief,  ${\rm I}$  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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President J.P, MORGAN PARTNERS GLOBAL INVESTORS A, L.P. By: JPMP Global Investors, L.P., its General Partner By: JPMP Capital Corp., its General Partner By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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., its General Partner By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President Page 17 of 32 SCHEDULE 13G Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited CUSIP No. 2677606 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

Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President

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Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited

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

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

By: JPMP Capital Corp., its General Partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker

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/ Amy M. Soeda Name: Amy M. Soeda Title: Chief Financial Officer Page 19 of 32

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Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited

CUSIP No. 2677606

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

This statement is also being filed by J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("JPMP Global"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA); J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("JPMP Global A"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA); J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman), L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("JPMP Cayman"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA); J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("JPMP Cayman II"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA); J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) III, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("JPMP Cayman III"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA); and J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) IV, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("JPMP Cayman IV"; J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) III, L.P. ("JPMP Selldown") and J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman/Selldown) IV,L.P. ("JPMP Selldown IV") and collectively with JPMP Global, JPMP Global A, JPMP Cayman, JPMP Cayman II and JPMP Cayman III, JPMP Selldown the "Global Fund Entities"), whose principal place of business is located at the same  $% \left( A^{\prime}\right) =0$  address as JPMP (BHCA) ). Each of the Global Fund Entities is also engaged in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout business. The general partner of each of the Global Fund Entities is J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("JPMP Investors"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA). JPMP Investors is engaged indirectly in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout business as general partner of each of the Global Fund Entities. As general partner of each of the Global Fund Entities. JPMP Investors may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by the Global Fund Entities.

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 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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The general partner of Morgan Capital and JPM Investment is JPMP Capital, L.L.C. (formerly known as J.P. Morgan Capital Corporation), a Delaware limited liability company ("JPMP Capital"), whose principal place of business is located at the same address as JPMP (BHCA). JPMP Capital is also engaged directly and indirectly (through affiliates) in the venture capital, private equity and leveraged buyout business. Set forth in Schedule C hereto and incorporated herein by reference are the names, business addresses, principal occupations and employments of each executive officer and director of JPMP Capital. As general partner of Morgan Capital, JPMP Capital may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Morgan Capital.

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.

#### 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., its General Partner
- By: JPMP Capital Corp., its General Partner
- By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker 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

Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President

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

By: JPMP Capital Corp., its General Partner By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President Page 23 of 32 SCHEDULE 13G CUSIP No. 2677606 Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited 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

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J.P. MORGAN CAPITAL, L.P. By: JPMP Capital LLC, its General Partner By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Jeffrey C. Walker Title: President Page 25 of 32 SCHEDULE 13G Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited CUSIP No. 2677606 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/ Amy M. Soeda \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Amy M. Soeda Title: Chief Financial Officer Page 26 of 32 SCHEDULE 13G CUSIP No. 2677606 Issuer: Axis Capital Holdings Limited SCHEDULE A JPMP CAPITAL CORP. Executive Officers(1) William B. Harrison\*\* Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey C. Walker\* President Chief Investment Officer Arnold L. Chavkin\* Managing Director Srinivas Akkaraju\* Managing Director Christopher Albinson\* Dr. Dana Beth Ardi\* Managing Director Managing Director Richard Aube\* Christopher C. Behrens\* Managing Director

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#### Directors(1)

William B. Harrison\*\* Jeffrey C. Walker\*

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- (1) Each of whom is a United States citizen.
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Directors(1)

Nicholas Paumgarten\* Jeffrey C. Walker\*\* David A. Coutler\*

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JPMP CAPITAL, LLC

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Estate/Facilities, General Services, Security	John J. Farrell*		
Co-General Counsel	Joan Guggenheimer*		
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Head, Strategy and Business Development	Jay Mandelbaum*		
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Securities Services	Heidi Miller*		
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Ellen V. Futter	President and Trustee American Museum of Natural H c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017	istory
William H. Gray, III	Retired President and Chief H The College Fund/UNCF c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017	Executive Officer
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Lee R. Raymond	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Exxon Mobil Corporation c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
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Robert I. Lipp	Chairman The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
Richard A. Monoogian	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Masco Corporation c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
David C. Novak	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Yum! Brands, Inc. c/o JPMorgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017
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