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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Henry Joseph

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

[AXS]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

12/06/2017

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

Expires:

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burden hours per

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

Other (specify

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below) EVP and CFO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City)

1211 AVE. OF THE

AMERICAS, 24TH FLOOR

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common 12/06/2017 **Shares**

8,185 \$0 A (1)

88,064

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Henry Joseph 1211 AVE. OF THE AMERICAS 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

EVP and CFO

Signatures

G. Christina Gray-Trefry, Attorney-in-Fact

12/08/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

On December 6, 2017, the Company's Compensation Committee determined satisfaction of performance criteria for performance-based restricted stock units granted on February 3, 2015. This amount represents additional performance-based restricted stock units that have been earned pursuant to the award in addition to the guaranteed minimum payout of 1,169 restricted stock units which were previously reported on February 5, 2015. The restricted stock units will vest in a single installment on March 1, 2018.

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