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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Ziegler Kent W

(Last)

1211 AVE. OF THE

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/15/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Principal Acct Off, Controller

AMERICAS, 24TH FLOOR (Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

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, NYÂ 10036

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership Form:

(I)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

1

(Instr. 5)

Restricted Stock Units $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} Shares 4,472 \$ \stackrel{(2)}{=} D \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ziegler Kent W

1211 AVE. OF THE AMERICAS 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Principal Acct Off, Controller \hat{A}

Signatures

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

11/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 1, 2019.
- (2) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be equal in value to one common share (50% of the restricted stock units will be settled in common shares and 50% will be settled in cash).

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