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FORM D

NOTICE OF SALE OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO REGULATION D,
SECTION 4(6), AND/OR
UNIFORM LIMITED OFFERING EXEMPTION

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DATE RECEIVED

Name of Offering (☐ check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

AXIS Capital Holdings Limited - Exchange Offer

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply): ☐ Rule 504 ☐ Rule 505 ☒ Rule 506 ☐ Section 4(6) ☐ ULOEType of Filing: ☒ New Filing ☐ Amendment

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer (☐ check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

AXIS Capital Holdings Limited

Address of Executive Offices (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

106 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM08

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

441-296-2600

Address of Principal Business Operations (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)
(if different from Executive Offices)

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

Brief Description of Business

Insurance holding company.

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Type of Business Organization

☒ corporation
☐ business trust☐ limited partnership, already formed
☐ limited partnership, to be formed☐ other (please specify):

Actual or Estimated Date of Incorporation or Organization:

Month

Year

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☒ Actual ☐ Estimated

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization:

(Enter two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation for State;
CN for Canada; FN for other foreign jurisdiction)

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Federal:

Who Must File: All issuers making an offering of securities in reliance on an exemption under Regulation D or Section 4(6), 17 CFR 230.501 et seq. or 15 U.S.C. 77d(6).*When To File:* A notice must be filed no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in the offering. A notice is deemed filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the earlier of the date it is received by the SEC at the address given below or, if received at that address after the date on which it is due, on the date it was mailed by United States registered or certified mail to that address.*Where To File:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.*Copies Required:* Five (5) copies of this notice must be filed with the SEC, one of which must be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed must be photocopies of the manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.*Information Required:* A new filing must contain all information requested. Amendments need only report the name of the issuer and offering, any changes thereto, the information requested in Part C, and any material changes from the information previously supplied in Parts A and B. Part E and the Appendix need not be filed with the SEC.*Filing Fee:* There is no federal filing fee.

State:

This notice shall be used to indicate reliance on the Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (ULOE) for sales of securities in those states that have adopted ULOE and that have adopted this form. Issuers relying on ULOE must file a separate notice with the Securities Administrator in each state where sales are to be, or have been made. If a state requires the payment of a fee as a precondition to the claim for the exemption, a fee in the proper amount shall accompany this form. This notice shall be filed in the appropriate states in accordance with state law. The Appendix to the notice constitutes a part of this notice and must be completed.

ATTENTION

Failure to file notice in the appropriate states will not result in a loss of the federal exemption. Conversely, failure to file the appropriate federal notice will not result in a loss of an available state exemption unless such exemption is predicated on the filing of a federal notice.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

2. Enter the information requested for the following:

- Each promoter of the issuer, if the issuer has been organized within the past five years;
- Each beneficial owner having the power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition of, 10% or more of a class of equity securities of the issuer;
- Each executive officer and director of corporate issuers and of corporate general and managing partners of partnership issuers; and
- Each general and managing partner of partnership issuers.

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☒ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Butt, Michael

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

106 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM08

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Newhouse, Jr., Robert J.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

106 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM08

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Charman, John

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Gressier, John

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Fischer, William

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Cook, Andrew

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Davis, Charles A.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

MMC Capital, Inc., 20 Horseneck Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Friedman, Robert L.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

The Blackstone Group, 345 Park Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10154

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Greene, Donald J.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, 125 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Kelly, III, Edward J.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, MD 21203

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Keane, Maurice

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

6 Manor Green, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, Ireland

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Rush, Andrew H.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Credit Suisse First Boston, 11 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10010

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Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Schoen, Scott A.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P., 75 State Street, Suite 26, Boston, MA 02109

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Tasco, Frank J.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10036

Check Box(es) that Apply: ☐ Promoter ☐ Beneficial Owner ☐ Executive Officer ☒ Director ☐ General and/or Managing Partner

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Walker, Jeffrey C.

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

JP Morgan Partners, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor, New York, NY 10020

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B. INFORMATION ABOUT OFFERING

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| | Yes | No |
| 1. Has the issuer sold, or does the issuer intend to sell, to non-accredited investors in this offering? | ☐ | ☒ |
| Answer also in Appendix, Column 2, if filing under ULOE. | | |
| 2. What is the minimum investment that will be accepted from any individual? | \$ None | |
| | Yes | No |
| 3. Does the offering permit joint ownership of a single unit? | ☒ | ☐ |
| 4. Enter the information requested for each person who has been or will be paid or given, directly or indirectly, any commission or similar remuneration for solicitation of purchasers in connection with sales of securities in the offering. If a person to be listed is an associated person or agent of a broker or dealer registered with the SEC and/or with a state or states, list the name of the broker or dealer. If more than five (5) persons to be listed are associated persons of such a broker or dealer, you may set forth the information for that broker or dealer only. | | |

Full Name (Last name first, if individual)

Business or Residence Address (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Associated Broker or Dealer

States in Which Person Listed Has Solicited or Intends to Solicit Purchasers

(Check "All States" or check individual States) ☐ All States

[AL]	[AK]	[AZ]	[AR]	[CA]	[CO]	[CT]	[DE]	[DC]	[FL]	[GA]	[HI]	[ID]
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C. OFFERING PRICE, NUMBER OF INVESTORS, EXPENSES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

1. Enter the aggregate offering price of securities included in this offering and the total amount already sold. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero." If the transaction is an exchange offering, check this box ☒ and indicate in the columns below the amounts of the securities offered for exchange and already exchanged.

Type of Security	Aggregate Offering Price*	Amount Already Sold
Debt	\$	\$
Equity	\$1,837,652,180.36	\$1,837,652,180.36
☒ Common ☐ Preferred		
Convertible Securities (including warrants)	\$ 15,970,537.02	\$ 15,970,537.02
Partnership Interests	\$	\$
Other (Specify	\$	\$
Total	\$1,853,622,717.38	\$1,853,622,717.38

Answer also in Appendix, Column 3, if filing under ULOE.

* See Schedule A

2. Enter the number of accredited and non-accredited investors who have purchased securities in this offering and the aggregate dollar amounts of their purchases. For offerings under Rule 504, indicate the number of persons who have purchased securities and the aggregate dollar amount of their purchases on the total lines. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero."

	Number Investors	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Purchase
Accredited Investors	149	\$1,853,622,717.38
Non-accredited Investors	0	\$0
Total (for filings under Rule 504 only)		\$

Answer also in Appendix, Column 4, if filing under ULOE.

3. If this filing is for an offering under Rule 504 or 505, enter the information requested for all securities sold by the issuer, to date, in offerings of the types indicated, in the twelve (12) months prior to the first sale of securities in this offering. Classify securities by type listed in Part C - Question 1.

Type of Offering	Type of Security	Dollar Amount Sold
Rule 505		\$
Regulation A		\$
Rule 504		\$
Total		\$

4. a. Furnish a statement of all expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities in this offering. Exclude amounts relating solely to organization expenses of the issuer. The information may be given as subject to future contingencies. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate.

Transfer Agent's Fees	☐	\$0
Printing and Engraving Costs	☐	\$0
Legal Fees	☐	\$0
Accounting Fees	☐	\$0
Engineering Fees	☐	\$0
Sales Commissions (specify finders' fees separately)	☐	\$0
Other Expenses (identify)	☐	\$0
Total	☐	\$0

Schedule A to Form D

As a result of the exchange offer to which this Form D relates, each share of AXIS Specialty Limited ("AXIS Specialty") was exchanged for one share of AXIS Capital Holdings Limited ("AXIS Holdings") in a transaction intended to qualify as a tax free transaction described by sections 351 and 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. 100% of the shareholders of AXIS Specialty participated in the exchange, as a result of which the shareholders of AXIS Specialty became the shareholders of AXIS Holdings and AXIS Holdings became the owner of all issued and outstanding shares of AXIS Specialty Limited. AXIS Holdings was formed in connection with the exchange offer and held no assets and carried on no business prior to effecting the exchange.

The aggregate offering prices listed in this Form D are based upon the estimated fair value of the AXIS Specialty stock. Such estimated fair value was made on the basis of the current book value of the AXIS Specialty stock without an appraisal. As a result of the exchange of one share of AXIS Specialty stock for one share of AXIS Holdings, the respective estimated fair value (and the respective offering price) of the AXIS Holdings stock issued in the exchange offer equals the fair value of the AXIS Specialty stock surrendered in the exchange offer. Similarly, the respective estimated fair value (and the respective offering price) of the AXIS Holdings warrants issued in the exchange offer equals the estimated fair value of the AXIS Specialty warrants surrendered in the exchange offer. For this purpose, the estimated fair value (and the respective offering price) of the AXIS Holdings warrants represents the difference between the strike price of the warrants and the estimated fair value of AXIS Holdings stock.

C. OFFERING PRICE, NUMBER OF INVESTORS, EXPENSES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

b. Enter the difference between the aggregate offering price given in response to Part C - Question 1 and total expenses furnished in response to Part C - Question 4.a. This difference is the "adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer."

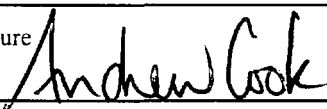
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5. Indicate below the amount of the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer used or proposed to be used for each of the purposes shown. If the amount for any purpose is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate. The total of the payments listed must equal the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer set forth in response to Part C - Question 4.b above.

	Payments to Officers, Directors, & Affiliates	Payments to Others
Salaries and Fees	☐ \$	☐ \$
Purchase of real estate	☐ \$	☐ \$
Purchase, rental or leasing and installation of machinery and equipment	☐ \$	☐ \$
Construction or leasing of plant buildings and facilities	☐ \$	☐ \$
Acquisition of other businesses (including the value of securities involved in this offering that may be used in exchange for the assets or securities of another issuer pursuant to a merger)	☐ \$	☐ \$
Repayment of indebtedness	☐ \$	☐ \$
Working capital	☐ \$	☐ \$
Other (specify): <u>Represents exchange of shares and warrants to purchase shares of</u>	☐ \$	☐ \$1,853,622,717.38
<u>AXIS Specialty Limited for shares and warrants to purchase shares of AXIS Capital</u>	☐ \$	☐ \$
<u>Holders</u>	☐ \$	☐ \$
Column Totals	☐ \$	☐ \$1,853,622,717.38
Total Payments Listed (column totals added)	☐ \$ 1,853,622,717.38	

D. FEDERAL SIGNATURE

The issuer has duly caused this notice to be signed by the undersigned duly authorized person. If this notice is filed under Rule 505, the following signature constitutes an undertaking by the issuer to furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request of its staff, the information furnished by the issuer to any non-accredited investor pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 502.

Issuer (Print or Type) AXIS Capital Holdings Limited	Signature 	Date January 7, 2003
Name of Signer (Print or Type) Andrew Cook	Title of Signer (Print or Type) Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001.)