

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Friedman Robert L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
 [AXS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/24/2006

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

345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)				
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		200	A	\$ 26.6	200	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		300	A	\$ 26.6	500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		200	A	\$ 26.61	700	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		100	A	\$ 26.6	800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		100	A	\$ 26.57	900	D

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Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	1,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	1,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.61	1,300	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	1,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.56	1,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	1,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	2,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	2,200	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	300	A	\$ 26.56	2,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	300	A	\$ 26.56	2,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	3,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.56	3,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	3,300	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,700	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.48	3,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.51	4,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.53	4,200	D
	05/24/2006	P	100	A		4,300	D

Common Shares					\$ 26.53		
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.53	4,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.57	4,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.58	4,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.58	4,800	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)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Friedman Robert L. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154		X		

## Signatures

John Charman                      05/25/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

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