

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
October 14, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 14, 2009

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-31721**  
(Commission File No.)

**98-0395986**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**92 Pitts Bay Road**

**Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(441) 405-2600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 14, 2009, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company (the Company ) issued a press release announcing preliminary information regarding third quarter 2009 financial results. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

*(d) Exhibits*

99.1 Press release dated October 14, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 14, 2009

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

By: /s/ **RICHARD T. GIERYN, JR.**  
**Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.**  
**General Counsel**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
99.1	Press release dated October 14, 2009.