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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

FORM 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2011

Check here if Amendment ; Amendment Number: _____

This Amendment (Check only one.): is a restatement.
 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: AXIS Capital Holdings Limited
Address: 92 Pitts Bay Road,
Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08

Form 13F File Number: 28-

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Dean Benner
Title: Chief Investment Officer
Phone: (441) 496-2600

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Dean Benner Pembroke, Bermuda February 9, 2012

[Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

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13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 4
 Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$218,884
 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

| Number | Form 13F File Number | Name |
|--------|----------------------|------|
| ----- | ----- | ---- |
| None | | |

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE
 AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
 FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

| Name of Issuer | Title of Class | CUSIP | Value (x \$1000) | Shrs or prn amt | SH/ Put/ PRN Call | Investment Discretion M |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR | TR UNIT | 78462F 103 | \$127,405 | 1,015,180 | SH | SOLE |
| ISHARES TR | MSCI EAFE INDEX | 464287 465 | \$ 62,993 | 1,271,809 | SH | SOLE |
| VANGUARD INTL EQUITY INDEX F | MSCI EMR MKT ETF | 922042 858 | \$ 23,583 | 617,194 | SH | SOLE |
| BLACKSTONE GROUP L P | COM UNIT LTD | 09253U 108 | \$ 4,904 | 350,000 | SH | SOLE |