

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.  
Form 8-A12B  
March 15, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-A  
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or incorporation or organization)

04-3106389  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

59 Maiden Lane, 43rd Floor, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10038  
(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered	Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered
AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. Depositary Shares, each Representing 1/40 <sup>th</sup> of a Share of 7.75% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E	New York Stock Exchange, LLC

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.  x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.  o

Securities Act registration file number to which this form relates: 333-204870

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None  
(Title of Class)

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Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The securities to be registered hereby are the Depositary Shares, each representing 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a share of 7.75% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, par value \$0.01 per share and liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (the "Depositary Shares") of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company"). For a description of the Depositary Shares, reference is made to the information set forth under the heading "Description of the Depositary Shares" in the Company's Prospectus Supplement, dated March 8, 2016, to the Prospectus, dated June 11, 2015, which constitutes a part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-204870), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 29, 2016).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 29, 2016).
3.3	Amended and Restated By-Laws of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (No. 001-33143) filed on August 9, 2013).
3.4	Certificate of Designations of 7.75% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2016).
4.1	Form of stock certificate evidencing 7.75% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2016).
4.2	Form of depositary receipt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2016).
4.3	Deposit Agreement, dated March 15, 2016, among AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC and the holders from time to time of the depositary receipts described therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 15, 2016).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date March 15, 2016

/s/ Stephen Ungar

Stephen Ungar

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary