

BENCHIMOL ALBERT  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BENCHIMOL ALBERT</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED,Â 92 PITTS BAY ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PEMBROKE,Â D0Â HM 08</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/17/2011</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>___ Director ___ 10% Owner _X_ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Financial Officer &amp; EVP</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of			

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENCHIMOL ALBERT C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer & EVP	Â

## Signatures

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/18/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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### Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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