

**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 17, 2018

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-14428

(Commission File Number)

98-014-1974

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Renaissance House
12 Crow Lane, Pembroke
Bermuda**

(Address of principal executive offices)

HM 19

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-4513

Not Applicable

(Former name or former 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:

- ☐ 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 17, 2018, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its initial estimated net negative impact from third quarter 2018 catastrophe events. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Items 2.02 and 7.01 of this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information contained in Item 2.02 is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 [Press release dated October 17, 2018](#)

SIGNATURES

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

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date:
October 17, 2018

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein
Stephen H. Weinstein
Senior Vice President, Group General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary



RenaissanceRe Announces Estimated Net Negative Impact from Third Quarter 2018 Catastrophe Events; Expects to Report Modest Profit for the Quarter

PEMBROKE, Bermuda, October 17, 2018 -- RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) (the "Company" or "RenaissanceRe") today announced it currently estimates that losses from third quarter 2018 catastrophe events will have a net negative impact of approximately \$155 million on its third quarter 2018 results of operations. The estimated losses for these events are primarily driven by Typhoon Jebi and Hurricane Florence, which will have an estimated net negative impact of approximately \$70 million and \$55 million, respectively. Losses from the other third quarter 2018 catastrophe events, including Typhoons Mangkhut and Trami, and the California wildfires, will have an estimated net negative impact of approximately \$30 million. The Company expects to report modest net income available to common shareholders for the third quarter of 2018.

Kevin J. O'Donnell, CEO of RenaissanceRe, commented: "It was an active quarter for catastrophic events around the world, most notably in Japan and the United States, and we extend our sympathies to all those affected. Consistent with our 25-year track record as a global reinsurer, we stand ready to support all of our cedents by rapidly paying their claims and continuing to deliver on our promise to provide superior customer relationships."

Net negative impact includes the sum of estimates of net claims and claim expenses incurred, earned reinstatement premiums assumed and ceded, lost profit commissions and redeemable noncontrolling interest. The Company's estimates of net negative impact are based on a review of its potential exposures, preliminary discussions with certain counterparties and catastrophe modeling techniques.

Meaningful uncertainty regarding the estimates and the nature and extent of the losses from the catastrophe events in the third quarter of 2018 remains, driven by the magnitude and recent occurrence of each event, relatively limited claims data received to date, the contingent nature of business interruption and other exposures, potential uncertainties relating to reinsurance recoveries and other factors inherent in loss estimation, among other things. Accordingly, the Company's actual net negative impact from the catastrophe events in the third quarter of 2018 may vary from these preliminary estimates, perhaps materially. Updated estimates related to these events will be reflected in RenaissanceRe's third quarter 2018 results, when reported, and changes in these estimates will be recorded in the period in which they occur.

About RenaissanceRe

RenaissanceRe is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance that specializes in matching well-structured risks with efficient sources of capital. The Company provides property, casualty and specialty reinsurance and certain insurance solutions to customers, principally through intermediaries. Established in 1993, the Company has offices in Bermuda, Ireland, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Any forward-looking statements made in this Press Release reflect RenaissanceRe's current views with respect to future events and financial performance and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are subject to numerous factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements, including the following: the frequency and severity of catastrophic and other events that the Company covers; the effectiveness of the Company's claims and claim expense reserving process; the Company's ability to maintain its financial strength ratings; the effect of climate change on the Company's business; collection on claimed retrocessional coverage, and new retrocessional reinsurance being available on acceptable terms and providing the coverage that we intended to obtain; the effects of U.S. tax reform legislation and possible future tax reform legislation and regulations, including changes to the tax treatment of the Company's shareholders or investors in the Company's joint ventures or other entities the Company manages; the effect of emerging claims and coverage issues; continued soft reinsurance underwriting market conditions; the Company's reliance on a small and decreasing

number of reinsurance brokers and other distribution services for the preponderance of its revenue; the Company's exposure to credit loss from counterparties in the normal course of business; the effect of continued challenging economic conditions throughout the world; a contention by the Internal Revenue Service that Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd., or any of the Company's other Bermuda subsidiaries, is subject to taxation in the U.S.; the success of any of the Company's strategic investments or acquisitions, including the Company's ability to manage its operations as its product and geographical diversity increases; the Company's ability to retain key senior officers and to attract or retain the executives and employees necessary to manage its business; the performance of the Company's investment portfolio; losses that the Company could face from terrorism, political unrest or war; the effect of cybersecurity risks, including technology breaches or failure on the Company's business; the Company's ability to successfully implement its business strategies and initiatives; the Company's ability to determine the impairments taken on investments; the effect of inflation; the ability of the Company's ceding companies and delegated authority counterparties to accurately assess the risks they underwrite; the effect of operational risks, including system or human failures; the Company's ability to effectively manage capital on behalf of investors in joint ventures or other entities it manages; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; the Company's ability to raise capital if necessary; the Company's ability to comply with covenants in its debt agreements; changes to the regulatory systems under which the Company operates, including as a result of increased global regulation of the insurance and reinsurance industry; changes in Bermuda laws and regulations and the political environment in Bermuda; the Company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; aspects of the Company's corporate structure that may discourage third-party takeovers or other transactions; the cyclical nature of the reinsurance and insurance industries; adverse legislative developments that reduce the size of the private markets the Company serves or impede their future growth; consolidation of competitors, customers and insurance and reinsurance brokers; the effect on the Company's business of the highly competitive nature of its industry, including the effect of new entrants to, competing products for and consolidation in the (re)insurance industry; other political, regulatory or industry initiatives adversely impacting the Company; increasing barriers to free trade and the free flow of capital; international restrictions on the writing of reinsurance by foreign companies and government intervention in the natural catastrophe market; the effect of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or European Union ("EU") measures to increase the Company's taxes and reporting requirements; the effect of the vote by the U.K. to leave the EU; changes in regulatory regimes and accounting rules that may impact financial results irrespective of business operations; the Company's need to make many estimates and judgments in the preparation of its financial statements; and other factors affecting future results disclosed in RenaissanceRe's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

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