

---

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):

August 2, 2017

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

001-14428

98-0141974

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Renaissance House, 12 Crow Lane, Pembroke, Bermuda

HM 19

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ 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))

[Top of the Form](#)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On August 2, 2017, Ralph B. Levy, a member of the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the “Company”) Board of Directors (the “Board”), announced his retirement from the Board effective August 2, 2017. Mr. Levy’s retirement did not involve any disagreement with the Company, the Company’s management or the Board.

(d) In order to fill the vacancies on the Board created by Mr. Levy’s retirement and the previously announced resignation of William F. Hagerty IV on July 20, 2017, the Board has appointed Duncan P. Hennes as a Class II director and Dr. Valerie Rahmani as a Class III director, effective August 2, 2017, each to serve until the Company’s 2018 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. The Board has determined that each of Mr. Hennes and Dr. Rahmani are independent in accordance with New York Stock Exchange rules and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Mr. Hennes has been appointed by the Board to its Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee (the “Compensation Committee”) and Dr. Rahmani has been appointed by the Board to its Audit Committee.

In connection with their appointments, Mr. Hennes and Dr. Rahmani will each enter into a director retention agreement with the Company pursuant to the Form of Director Retention Agreement, which was previously filed as Exhibit 10.38 to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, filed with the SEC on March 31, 2003, and which is incorporated herein by reference. The director retention agreement requires the Company to indemnify directors to the fullest extent permitted by Bermuda law, except in certain limited circumstances.

On August 2, 2017, the Compensation Committee determined that, in accordance with the Company’s previously disclosed compensation program for non-employee directors, Mr. Hennes and Dr. Rahmani will receive a prorated 2017 annual cash retainer of \$45,000 cash and a grant of restricted stock with a fair market value of \$140,000, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2018. The restricted stock grants were made on August 2, 2017 pursuant to the Company’s 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which was previously filed as Appendix A to the Company’s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 1, 2016 and the Form of Director Restricted Stock Agreement, which was previously filed as Exhibit 10.1(a) to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2016, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

There are no transactions with related persons involving either Mr. Hennes or Dr. Rahmani and the Company which would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. There is no arrangement or understanding between either Mr. Hennes or Dr. Rahmani and any other person pursuant to which he or she was selected as a director.

The Company’s press release, issued August 2, 2017, announcing the retirement of Mr. Levy and the appointment of Mr. Hennes and Dr. Rahmani is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Copy of the Company’s press release issued August 2, 2017

---

**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.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

*August 2, 2017*

By: */s/ Stephen H. Weinstein*

---

*Name: Stephen H. Weinstein*

*Title: SVP, Group General Counsel & Corporate Secretary*

---

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | <a href="#">Copy of Press release dated August 2, 2017</a> |



***Duncan Hennes and Val Rahmani to Join RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Board of Directors***

**PEMBROKE, Bermuda, August 2, 2017** — RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE:RNR) announced today that Duncan P. Hennes, 60, and Dr. Valerie Rahmani, 59, have been appointed to serve as independent directors effective August 2, 2017. Mr. Hennes is the Co-Founder and Partner of Atrevida Partners, LLC. Dr. Rahmani most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Damballa, Inc., a privately-held cyber-security company.

As previously announced, William F. Hagerty, IV, 57, who served as a member of the Board from 2015, resigned as a director effective July 20, 2017, following his confirmation by the U.S. Senate to the position of Ambassador to Japan and prior to his commencement of service as Ambassador. Ralph B. Levy, 71, who served as a member of the Board since 2007 and as non-Executive Chair from 2011 to 2016, retired as a director effective August 2, 2017.

Kevin J. O'Donnell, President and Chief Executive Officer of RenaissanceRe, said, "On behalf of my fellow directors and management team, I am pleased to recognize Ralph and Bill for their distinguished service. Ralph's leadership and advice during his 10 years as a director helped RenaissanceRe to navigate through market cycles, important regulatory developments and organizational changes. Bill's wise counsel during his tenure was invaluable during a pivotal period for the Company. We thank them for their service, and look forward to welcoming Duncan and Val."

James L. Gibbons, non-Executive Chair of RenaissanceRe added, "The entire RenaissanceRe Board is grateful for Bill and Ralph's service and leadership as directors. We congratulate Bill on his confirmation to the critical post of Ambassador to Japan. Bill made important contributions to the Board and the Company and we wish him all the best in this important new role. We also congratulate Ralph for his distinguished service on our Board, including his tenure as Non-Executive Chair during which he helped lead us through change and transitions, while ensuring the consistency of our approach and protecting the collegiality of our Board. Our Board continually reviews its composition in light of the Company's strategy and evolving operations, and seeks to identify potential candidates who may strengthen our Board's breadth of talent and background. With Duncan and Val we are delighted to have identified two such outstanding individuals. We welcome them to our Board."

Mr. Hennes co-founded Atrevida Partners, LLC in 2007. His previous experience includes a number of senior executive positions at Bankers Trust Company, including Executive Vice President in charge of Trading, Sales and Derivatives, and as the Chairman of the Board of Oversight Partners I, the consortium that took control of Long Term Capital Management. Following his time at Bankers Trust, he went on to become the Chief Executive Officer at Soros Fund Management. Mr. Hennes has served on the board of Citigroup (NYSE: C) since 2013, where he currently chairs the Personnel and Compensation Committee and serves on the Executive Committee and the Risk Management Committee.

Dr. Rahmani has more than 30 years of experience in the technology industry, including more than 25 years at IBM serving in roles of increasing seniority across multiple global business segments. Subsequent to her tenure at IBM, Dr. Rahmani was Chief Executive Officer at Damballa, an Internet security software company, from 2009 to 2012. Since 2015, she has served on the board of Computer Task Group, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CTG), an information technology solutions and software company, where she currently chairs the Compensation Committee and serves on the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Dr. Rahmani also serves on the board of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, a UK-based Financial Times Stock Exchange 250 global investment management group, where she is the Chair of the Innovation Committee.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance. The Company's business consists of two reportable segments: (1) Property, which is comprised of catastrophe and other property reinsurance and insurance written on behalf of the Company's operating subsidiaries and certain joint ventures managed by the Company's ventures unit, and (2) Casualty and Specialty, which is comprised of casualty and specialty reinsurance and insurance written on behalf of the Company's operating subsidiaries and certain joint ventures managed by the Company's ventures unit. Established in 1993, the Company has offices in Bermuda, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**Investors:**

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.  
Aditya Dutt, 441-239-4778  
Senior Vice President and Treasurer

or

**Media:**

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.  
Elizabeth Tillman, 212-238-9224  
Director – Communications

or

Kekst and Company  
Peter Hill or Dawn Dover, 212-521-4800