

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS LTD

Form 8-K

January 08, 2008

**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): January 8, 2008

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, LTD
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Bermuda

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32938

(Commission File Number)

98-0481737

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

27 Richmond Road

Pembroke HM 08, Bermuda

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 278-5400

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))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 8, 2008, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd (Allied World) issued a press release announcing that, effective as of January 1, 2008, Mr. Scott Carmilani, Allied World s Chief Executive Officer, President and a member of its Board of Directors (the Board), was appointed as Chairman of the Board, and that Mr. Bart Friedman, Deputy Chairman of the Board, was appointed as its Lead Independent Director. Mr. Michael Morrison, Allied World s former Chairman of the Board, will continue to serve as a member of the Board.

A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated January 8, 2008. |

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SIGNATURE

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.

**ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY
HOLDINGS, LTD**

Dated: January 8, 2008

By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont
Name: Wesley D. Dupont
Title: Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

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