

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)
  - 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))
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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*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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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