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# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Belardi James Richard			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Athene Holding Ltd [ ATH ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATHENE HOLDING LTD., CHESNEY HOUSE,		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2017	X	Officer (give title below)  Chairman, CEO an	Other (specify below)		
(Street) PEMBROKE (City)	D0 (State)	HM08 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Ir 8)		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount (A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (In 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$51.25	03/21/2017		A		66,278		(1)	03/21/2027	Class A Common Shares	66,278	\$0	66,278	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/21/2017		A		12,196		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Shares	12,196	\$0	12,196	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(3)	(3)	Class A Common Shares	14,728		14,728	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option vests ratably on each of the first three anniversaries of the January 1, 2017 vesting start date.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one Class A common share of the Issuer. The RSUs reported herein vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the January 1, 2017 vesting start date. An additional 24,391 RSUs not reported herein vest only if the Issuer satisfies certain performance criteria over the three fiscal year period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. Vested RSUs are settled in Class A common
- 3. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one Class A common share of the Issuer. The RSUs reported herein vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the January 1, 2016 vesting start date. An additional 44,183 RSUs not reported herein vest only if the Issuer satisfies certain performance criteria over the three fiscal year period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Vested RSUs are settled in Class A common

Mr. Belardi also serves as Chief Executive Officer of Athene Asset Management, L.P. ("AAM"), a subsidiary of Apollo Global Management, LLC ("Apollo"). Certain of Apollo's affiliates manage investment funds (the "Apollo Funds") that hold Class B common shares of the Issuer and may be deemed to beneficially own the common shares of the Issuer held by the Apollo Funds. This report does not include any securities of the Issuer held by AAM or any of the Apollo Funds or that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by AAM or any Apollo investment managers or investment advisors affiliated with the Apollo Funds, and Mr. Belardi disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities. This report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Belardi is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose. Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the Power of Attorney filed as Exhibit 24.1 to the Form 3 filed by the Reporting Person on December 9, 2016)

/s/ Ira Rosenblatt, attorney-in-fact 03/23/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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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