FORM 4

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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) 02/27/2018	X	Officer (give title below)  Chairman, CEO at	Other (specify below)		
FIRST FLOOR, 9 (Street) PEMBROKE (City)	D0 (State)	HM08 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Ch Form filed by One Reportin Form filed by More than Or	g 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)	cution Date, Transaction Code (Instr.			equired (A ) (Instr. 3,		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Shares	02/27/2018		A		22,977(1)	A	\$0.001	959,442	I	By James And Leslie Belardi Family Trust
Class A Common Shares	02/27/2018		A		39,023(2)	A	\$0.001	998,465	I	By James And Leslie Belardi Family Trust
Class A Common Shares								0	D	
Class A Common Shares								1,750	I	By Belardi Family Irrevocable Trust

# 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 (Ir 8)		Derivative		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)	\$48.05	02/27/2018		A		66,278		(3)	02/27/2028	Class A Common Shares	66,278	\$0	66,278	I	By James and Leslie Belardi Family Trust
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/27/2018		A		13,008		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Shares	13,008	\$0	13,008	I	By James and Leslie Belardi Family Trust
Restricted Stock Units	(5)							(5)	(5)	Class A Common Shares	7,364		7,364	I	By James And Leslie Belardi Family Trust
Restricted Stock Units	(6)							(6)	(6)	Class A Common Shares	8,131		8,131	I	By James And Leslie Belardi Family Trust

### Explanation of Responses:

<sup>1.</sup> This reported transaction represents an award of restricted shares which vest ratably on the first and second anniversaries of the vesting start date provided, however, in the event of death or disability, the award shall become immediately and fully vested; and provided, further, that in the event of a termination of relationship due to (i) an involuntary termination by the Issuer without cause or (ii) resignation by the reporting person for good reason and, in each case, such termination of relationship occurs within eighteen (18) months following a change in control, the award shall become immediately and fully vested as of the effective date of such termination of relationship.

- 2. This reported transaction represents an award of performance-based restricted shares issued at the maximum payout amount. The shares vest only if the Issuer satisfies certain performance criteria over the three fiscal year period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 and are subject to forfeiture in the event that maximum performance levels are not achieved. In certain circumstances involving termination of the reporting person after a change in control of the Issuer, the award shall become immediately and fully vested at the target level of performance as of the effective date of such termination of relationship.
- 3. This option vests ratably on each of the first three anniversaries of the January 1, 2018 vesting start date.
- 4. 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, 2018 vesting start date. Vested RSUs are settled in Class A common shares on a one-for-one basis. In certain circumstances involving termination of the reporting person after a change in control of the Issuer, the award shall become immediately and fully vested as of the effective date of such termination of relationship.
- 5. Each restricted stock unit 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 shares on a one-for-one basis. In certain circumstances involving termination of the reporting person after a change in control of the Issuer, the award shall become immediately and fully vested as of the effective date of such termination of relationship
- 6. Each restricted stock unit 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 shares on a one-for-one basis. In certain circumstances involving termination of the reporting person after a change in control of the Issuer, the award shall become immediately and fully vested as of the effective date of such termination of relationship.

#### Remarks

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 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 03/01/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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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