

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): June 13, 2018

**ATHENE HOLDING LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-37963**  
(Commission  
file number)

**98-0630022**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**96 Pitts Bay Road**  
**Pembroke, HM08, Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(441) 279-8400**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

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 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 13, 2018, Athene Holding Ltd. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that a subsidiary of the Company had received notice of a regulatory matter from the California Department of Insurance. The matter involves previously disclosed administration issues relating to certain life insurance policies that were reinsured to affiliates of Global Atlantic Financial Group Limited (“Global Atlantic”) in connection with the Company's acquisition of Aviva USA Corporation. Under the terms of the relevant reinsurance agreements, the applicable affiliates of Global Atlantic have financial responsibility for the life insurance policies ceded and are subject to significant administrative service requirements, including compliance with applicable law. The agreements also provide for indemnification to the Company, including for administration issues. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference to this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 [Press Release of Athene Holding Ltd. dated June 13, 2018](#)

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**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.

**ATHENE HOLDING LTD.**

Date: June 13, 2018

/s/ John L. Golden

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John L. Golden

Executive Vice President, Legal

# News Release

**ATHENE COMMENTS ON RECENT NOTICE FROM  
CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

**PEMBROKE, Bermuda – June 13, 2018** – On June 11, a subsidiary of Athene Holding Ltd. (NYSE: ATH) (“Athene”) received notice of a regulatory matter from the California Department of Insurance regarding Accordia Life and Annuity Company (a subsidiary of Global Atlantic, “Accordia”) and Athene. The matter involves administration issues relating to certain California life insurance policies that were reinsured to Accordia and administered by a third party sub-contractor that was retained by Accordia, Alliance-One Services (an affiliate of DXC Technology, “Alliance-One”).

In 2013, in connection with the acquisition of Aviva USA, Athene reinsured a block of life insurance policies to Accordia. As previously described in our public disclosures, including our most recently filed Form 10-Q on May 4, 2018, the administration issues described above resulted from the conversion by Accordia and Alliance-One of these policies from legacy Aviva systems to Alliance-One systems.

Under the terms of the agreements, Accordia and its affiliates have financial responsibility for the block and are subject to significant administrative service requirements including compliance with applicable law. The agreements also provide for indemnification to Athene, including for administration issues.

The activity at issue does not involve Athene’s new business, which is administered under separate administration systems and procedures.

Athene has a strong commitment and track record of providing high quality service to its policyholders. Athene fully intends to work with the California Department of Insurance and Accordia to resolve the matter appropriately.

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**About Athene Holding Ltd.**

Athene, through its subsidiaries, is a leading retirement services company that issues, reinsures and acquires retirement savings products designed for the increasing number of individuals and institutions seeking to fund retirement needs. The products offered by Athene include:

- Retail fixed and fixed indexed annuity products;
- Reinsurance arrangements with third-party annuity providers; and
- Institutional products, such as funding agreements and group annuity contracts related to pension risk transfers.

Proforma for the Voya transaction, as of March 31, 2018, Athene had total assets of approximately \$113 billion. Athene's principal subsidiaries include Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company, a Delaware-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity and Life Company, an Iowa-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company of New York, a New York-domiciled insurance company and Athene Life Re Ltd., a Bermuda-domiciled reinsurer.

Further information about our companies can be found at [www.athene.com](http://www.athene.com).

**Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains, and certain oral statements made by our representatives from time to time may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ materially from those set forth in, or implied by, such statements. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of AHL's management and the management of AHL's subsidiaries. Generally, forward-looking statements include actions, events, results, strategies and expectations and are often identifiable by use of the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "may," "will," "could," "might," or "continues" or similar expressions. Factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ include, without limitation: the accuracy of our assumptions and estimates; our ability to maintain or improve financial strength ratings; our ability to manage our business in a highly regulated industry; regulatory changes or actions; the impact of our reinsurers failing to meet their assumed obligations; the impact of interest rate fluctuations; changes in the federal income tax laws and regulations; the implementation and the accuracy of our interpretation of the Tax Act; litigation (including class action litigation), enforcement investigations or regulatory scrutiny; the performance of third parties; the loss of key personnel; telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems failures; the continued availability

of capital; new accounting rules or changes to existing accounting rules; general economic conditions; our ability to protect our intellectual property; the ability to maintain or obtain approval of the Delaware Department of Insurance, the Iowa Insurance Division and other regulatory authorities as required for our operations; and other factors discussed from time to time in AHL's filings with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, which can be found at the SEC's website [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

All forward-looking statements described herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results, events or developments referenced herein will occur or be realized. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results.

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