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 15, 2021



ATHENE HOLDING LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

001-37963 (Commission file number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Second Floor, Washington House 16 Church Street Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda (441) 279-8400 **98-0630022** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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:

x 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common shares, par value \$0.001 per share	ATH	New York Stock Exchange
Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/1,000 th interest in a 6.35% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Share, Series A	ATHPrA	New York Stock Exchange
Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/1,000 th interest in a 5.625% Fixed Rate Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Share, Series B	ATHPrB	New York Stock Exchange
Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/1,000 th interest in a 6.375% Fixed Rate Reset Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Share, Series C	ATHPrC	New York Stock Exchange
Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/1,000 th interest in a 4.875% Fixed-Rate Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Share, Series D	ATHPrD	New York Stock Exchange

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. \Box

Item 5.08 Shareholder Director Nominations

The annual general meeting of the holders of Class A common shares (the "Shareholders") of Athene Holding Ltd. (the "Company," "our," or "we") will be held on August 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. In light of public health concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we will be hosting a completely virtual annual general meeting, which will be conducted solely online via live webcast. There is no physical location for the annual general meeting. Only Shareholders of record, as shown by the Register of Shareholders and the records of Computershare and the Company at the close of business on July 14, 2021 (the "Record Date") are entitled to receive notice, and only those Shareholders as of the Record Date are entitled to vote at the annual general meeting.

Under our Bye-laws, because the date of the 2021 annual general meeting is more than 30 days after the one-year anniversary of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, in order to be timely, a Shareholder's notice of a proposal not intended for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2021 annual general meeting must be received by the secretary at the registered office of the Company not later than the later of (x) the close of business 90 days prior to the date of such annual general meeting and (y) if the first public announcement of the date of such advanced or delayed annual general meeting is less than 100 days prior to such date, 10 days following the date of the first public announcement of the date. Because the annual general meeting will be held on August 31, 2021, the deadline for receipt of any such proposal is the close of business on June 25, 2021. In no event shall the public announcement of an annual general meeting, or such adjournment or postponement of an annual general meeting, or such adjournment or postponement, commence a new time period or otherwise extend any time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described herein.

We expect to hold our special general meeting of Shareholders to consider the merger transaction announced on March 8, 2021 with Apollo Global Management, Inc. ("Apollo") and Tango Holdings, Inc. (the "Merger") and related matters during the fourth quarter of 2021 following Apollo's special meeting of stockholders. The Company believes the parties have been making good progress on integration planning and structuring for post-closing financial efficiencies and that the Merger remains on track to close in early January 2022 after satisfaction of customary conditions including regulatory and shareholder approvals.

Additional Information Regarding the Transaction and Where to Find It

This document is being made in respect of the proposed transaction involving Tango Holdings, Inc. ("HoldCo"), Apollo, and the Company. The proposed transaction will be submitted to the stockholders of Apollo and the shareholders of the Company for their respective consideration. In connection therewith, the parties intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including a definitive proxy statement, which will be mailed to the stockholders of Apollo and the shareholders of the Company. However, such documents are not currently available. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR ANY INVESTMENT DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF APOLLO AND THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, any amendments or supplements thereto and obtem documents containing important information about Apollo and the Company, once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Apollo will be available free of charge under the "Stockholders" section of Apollo's website located at http://www.apollo.com or by contacting Apollo's Investor Relations Department at (212) 822-0528 or APOInvestorRelations@apollo.com. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by the Company will be available free of charge under the "Investors" section of the Company's website located at http://www.athene.com or by contacting the Company's Investor Relations Department at (441) 279-8531 or ir@athene.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

Apollo, the Company, and HoldCo and their respective directors, executive officers, members of management and employees may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction.

Information about the directors and executive officers of Apollo and HoldCo is set forth in Apollo's proxy statement for its 2020 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on August 20, 2020, its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the SEC on February 19, 2021, and in subsequent documents filed with the SEC, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company is set forth in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the SEC on February 19, 2021, its amendment to its annual report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the SEC on April 20, 2021, and in subsequent documents filed with the SEC, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations of the stockholders of Apollo and the shareholders of the Company, and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the preliminary and definitive proxy statements and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

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 15, 2021

/s/ John L. Golden

John L. Golden Executive Vice President and General Counsel