

# ACE LTD

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# 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): December 20, 2001

### ACE LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands	1-11778	98-0091805
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

The ACE Building  
ACE Global Headquarters  
17 Woodbourne Avenue  
Hamilton, Bermuda HM 08  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-5200

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**Item 5. Other Information**

ACE Limited (the "Company") has announced that it will change its transfer agent for Ordinary Shares from The Bank of New York to Mellon Investor Services LLC ("Mellon"), effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2001. Mellon will also serve as rights agent under the Company's shareholders' rights plan and will administer the dividend reinvestment plan, in each case effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2001.

The Company previously announced that Meryl Hartzband resigned from the Company's Board of Directors, effective October 5, 2001 and that Dominic Frederico was appointed to the Company's Board of Directors, effective November 16, 2001.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the letter to shareholders, dated December 13, 2001.

## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

*Dated: December 21, 2001*

*ACE LIMITED*

*By: /s/ Christopher Z. Marshall*

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*Christopher Z. Marshall*  
*Chief Financial Officer*

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Letter to shareholders, dated December 13, 2001

December 13, 2001

Dear Shareholder:

Effective December 31st, 2001, Mellon Investor Services LLC will become Transfer Agent, Registrar, Dividend Reinvestment Agent and Dividend Disbursing Agent for ACE Limited, as well as agent under our rights agreement. This business is being transferred from our current Transfer Agent, The Bank of New York ("BONY").

Mellon Investor Services LLC, a subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation, is a global leader of shareholder services providers. Their comprehensive automated telephone support services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. You can access your account and will be able to effect a wide variety of transactions over the telephone. In addition, Mellon Investor Services' experienced staff is available to you by Internet, email and mail.

Beginning December 31st, 2001, all inquiries and correspondence regarding your ACE common stock should be addressed to Mellon Investor Services LLC. These inquiries would include the following:

- o Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- o Lost Certificates
- o Changes in name, address or ownership
- o Consolidation of multiple accounts

Mellon Investor Services LLC may be reached as follows:

Internet: <http://www.mellon-investor.com>  
Email: [shrrelations@melloninvestor.com](mailto:shrrelations@melloninvestor.com)  
Telephone: 1-888-224-2732

Customer Service Representatives are available  
9:00am to 7:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

Regular Mail: Mellon Investor Services LLC  
P. O. Box 3315  
South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1915

Registered or  
Overnight Mail: Mellon Investor Services LLC  
85 Challenger Road  
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

Please note, however, that all 2001 tax inquiries, including replacement of 1099's, should be directed to our former Transfer Agent, the Bank of New York. Also, any checks issued prior to December 31st, 2001, will be handled by BONY through the end of June 2002.

As a result of this announcement, please be advised that BONY will no longer be responsible for the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. You will not be able to sell or withdraw your plan shares in accordance with the plan between December 21st, 2001 and December 28th, 2001. On December 31st, 2001, Mellon Investor Services LLC will assume the responsibility for the Plan and all activities pertaining to your account will resume.

We are confident that Mellon Investor Services' commitment to shareholder satisfaction will meet your high expectations for quality and timely service.

Sincerely,

Keith P. White  
Chief Administration Officer

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