

# ACE LTD

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Sector	Financial
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**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) – October 3, 2005**

**ACE LIMITED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Cayman Islands**  
(State or other jurisdiction)

**1-11778**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-0091805**  
(I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation  
Identification No.)

**ACE Global Headquarters  
17 Woodbourne Avenue  
Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**Not applicable**

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

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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 3, 2005, ACE Limited issued a press release announcing its intention, subject to market and other conditions, to commence a public offering of \$1.25 billion of its ordinary shares, plus up to an additional \$187.5 million of ordinary shares subject to a 30-day option granted to the underwriters of the offering. ACE expects to use the net proceeds of the offering of the ordinary shares for growth opportunities in the global insurance and reinsurance markets. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 3, 2005

The information under Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information under Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference. The furnishing of the information under Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that the information under such Item in this Current Report on Form 8-K is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

## 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.

ACE LIMITED

By: /s/ Paul B. Medini  
Paul B. Medini  
Chief Accounting Officer

DATE: October 3, 2005



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**ACE LIMITED ANNOUNCES PLANS TO ISSUE ORDINARY SHARES**

HAMILTON, Bermuda – October 3, 2005 — ACE Limited (NYSE: ACE) announced today that it intends, subject to market and other conditions, to commence a public offering of \$1.25 billion of its ordinary shares, plus up to an additional \$187.5 million of ordinary shares which are subject to a 30-day option granted to the underwriters of the offering. Citigroup Global markets Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. will act as joint book-runners of the offering.

ACE expects to use the net proceeds of the offering of the ordinary shares for growth opportunities in the global insurance and reinsurance markets.

Copies of the prospectus related to the offering may be obtained from Goldman, Sachs & Co., 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004 (212) 902-1171 or Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Brooklyn Army Terminal, 140 58<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11220.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state. A shelf registration statement relating to the ordinary shares that ACE intends to offer, has previously been filed with, and declared effective by, the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any offer, if at all, will be made only by means of a prospectus, including a prospectus supplement, forming a part of the effective registration statement.

*One of the ACE Group of Insurance & Reinsurance Companies*

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The ACE Group of Companies is a global leader in insurance and reinsurance serving a diverse group of clients. Headed by ACE Limited, a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, the ACE Group conducts its business on a worldwide basis with operating subsidiaries in more than 50 countries. Additional information can be found at: [www.ancelimited.com](http://www.ancelimited.com).

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