

**ACE LTD**  
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**FORM 3**  
(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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## FORM 3

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

**SAMSON Pierre**

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(Last) (First) (Middle) c/o ACE Financial Solutions International, Ltd. The ACE Building, 30 Woodbourne Avenue

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(Street)

**Hamilton HM08 BERMUDA**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

2/23/01

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3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACE Limited (NYSE: ACL)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner

Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

President and Chief Executive Officer, ACE Financial Solutions International, Ltd.

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6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person

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### Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	28,807 (1)	D	

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print of Type Responses)

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**Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Options to acquire	(2)	6/8/2010	Ordinary Shares	10,000	\$28.9375	D	
Options to acquire	(3)	11/18/2009	Ordinary Shares	25,000	\$19.3125	D	
Options to acquire	(4)	11/12/2008	Ordinary Shares	15,000	\$29.6250	D	
Options to acquire	(5)	11/12/2007	Ordinary Shares	18,000	\$30.0000	D	
Options to acquire	(5)	11/14/2006	Ordinary Shares	15,000	\$19.5000	D	
Options to acquire	(5)	11/17/2005	Ordinary Shares	12,000	\$11.8750	D	
Options to acquire	(5)	3/1/2005	Ordinary Shares	15,000	\$8.0833	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Of these Ordinary Shares, 18,084 are shares of restricted stock, of which 1,250 will vest on 6/8/2001, 1,667 on 11/12/2001, 3,250 on 11/18/2001, 1,250 on 6/8/2002, 1,667 on 11/12/2002, 3,250 on 11/18/2002, 1,250 on 6/8/2003, 3,250 on 11/18/2003 and 1,250 on 6/8/2004.
- (2) Option vesting schedule: 1/3 on 6/8/2001, 1/3 on 6/8/2002 and 1/3 on 6/8/2003.
- (3) Option vesting schedule: 1/3 on 11/18/2000, 1/3 on 11/18/2001 and 1/3 on 11/18/2002.
- (4) Option vesting schedule: 1/3 on 11/12/1999, 1/3 on 11/12/2000 and 1/3 on 11/12/2001.
- (5) Options are fully vested.

Signed for Pierre Samson pursuant to a power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission

By: /s/ Peter Mear

2nd of March 2001

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\*\* 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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