

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO
Form SC 13G/A
February 16, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

Information Statement Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)*

American Equity Investment Life Holding Company
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

025676206
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2009
Date of Event Which Requires Filing of the Statement

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Citadel Advisors LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) o

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 5. | SOLE VOTING POWER 0 |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 6. | SHARED VOTING POWER 773,366 shares |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7. | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 8. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER See Row 6 above. |

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
See Row 6 above.

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.3%1

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IA;2 OO; HC

- 1 The percentages reported in this Schedule 13G/A are based upon 59,063,599 shares of Common Stock outstanding (composed of (i) 58,294,559 shares of Common Stock, outstanding as of October 30, 2009, as reported in the Form 10-Q filed by the issuer on November 9, 2009, plus (ii) 769,040 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of the 5.25% Contingent Convertible Senior Notes due 2029 held by the Reporting Persons).
 - 2 Citadel Advisors LLC became a registered investment adviser effective as of January 8, 2010.
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Citadel Holdings II LP

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PN; HC

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Citadel Derivatives Trading Ltd.

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(a) x
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Cayman Islands company

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Citadel Equity Fund Ltd.

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Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.

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(b) o

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Delaware

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Kenneth Griffin

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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(b) o

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
U.S. Citizen

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer
American Equity Investment Life Holding Company

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing
This Schedule 13G/A is being jointly filed by Citadel Advisors LLC ("Citadel Advisors"), Citadel Holdings II LP ("CH-II"), Citadel Derivatives Trading Ltd. ("CDT"), Citadel Equity Fund Ltd. ("CEF"), Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C. ("CIG-II") and Mr. Kenneth Griffin (collectively with Citadel Advisors, CH-II, CDT, CEF and CIG-II, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to shares of Common Stock of the above-named issuer (and/or securities convertible into such shares) owned by CDT, CEF and Citadel Securities LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Citadel Securities").³

Citadel Advisors is the investment manager for CEF, and the portfolio manager for CDT. CH-II is the managing member of Citadel Advisors. Citadel Holdings I LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("CH-I"), is the non-member manager of Citadel Securities. CIG-II is the general partner of CH-I and CH-II. Mr. Griffin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of, and owns a controlling interest in, CIG-II.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office
The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C., 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

Item 2(c) Citizenship
Each of Citadel Advisors and CIG-II is organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware. CH-II is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Each of CDT and CEF is organized as a limited company under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Mr. Griffin is a U.S. citizen.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number
025676206

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;

(b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;

³This Schedule 13G/A amends a Schedule 13G filed on May 29, 2009 by Citadel Limited Partnership and the Reporting Persons named above and certain other affiliated entities.

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- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:
_____.

Item 4 Ownership

- (a) The Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own 773,366 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) The number of shares the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 1.3% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such Reporting Persons have:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 773,366
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 773,366

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following x.

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person
Not Applicable

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Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

See Item 2 above

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group
Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group
Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2010.

CITADEL ADVISORS LLC

By: Citadel Holdings II LP,
its Managing Member

By: Citadel Investment Group II,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, Authorized
Signatory

CITADEL HOLDINGS II LP

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL DERIVATIVES TRADING LTD.

By: Citadel Advisors LLC,
its Portfolio Manager

By: Citadel Holdings II LP,
its Managing Member

By: Citadel Investment Group II,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, Authorized
Signatory

CITADEL EQUITY FUND LTD.

By: Citadel Advisors LLC,
its Investment Manager

By: Citadel Holdings II LP,
its Managing Member

By: Citadel Investment Group II, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, Authorized Signatory

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP II, L.L.C.

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, Authorized
Signatory

KENNETH GRIFFIN

By: /s/ John C. Nagel
John C. Nagel, attorney-in-fact*

* John C. Nagel is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2006, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Limited Partnership on Schedule 13G for Morgans Hotel Group Co.

