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

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 9)

**American Equity Investment Life Holding Company**  
(Name of Issuer)

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

**025676206**  
(CUSIP Number)

**Anna Knapman-Scott**  
**Ideation House, 1st Floor**  
**94 Pitts Bay Road**  
**Pembroke HM08**  
**Bermuda**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**June 26, 2023**  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.  
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\* 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	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS BROOKFIELD REINSURANCE LTD.		
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) AF		
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E) <input type="checkbox"/>		
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION BERMUDA		
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 15,886,163(1)	
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0	
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 15,886,163(1)	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 15,886,163		
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>		
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 20.38%(2)		
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO		

(1) This amount consists of the common shares of the Issuer directly held by North End RE (Cayman) SPC and 3,857,184 common shares of the Issuer directly held by Freestone Re Ltd., in each case for which the reporting person may be deemed an indirect beneficial owner.

(2) Percentage ownership is based on an aggregate number of 77,941,257 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer outstanding as of May 4, 2023, as set forth in the Issuer’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending March 31, 2023, filed on May 10, 2023 (the “First Quarter 2023 Form 10-Q”).

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS BAM RE PARTNERS TRUST		
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) AF		
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14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO		

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(2) Percentage ownership is based on an aggregate number of 77,941,257 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer outstanding as of May 4, 2023, as set forth in the First Quarter 2023 Form 10-Q.

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS NORTH END RE (CAYMAN) SPC		
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>		
3	SEC USE ONLY		
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
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13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 15.43% <sup>(1)</sup>		
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO		

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This Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13D (this “Amendment No. 9”) amends the statement on Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on June 28, 2021 (the “Original Schedule 13D”), as amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on January 14, 2022 (“Amendment No. 1”), Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on May 11, 2022 (“Amendment No. 2”), Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on June 15, 2022 (“Amendment No. 3”), Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on November 8, 2022 (“Amendment No. 4”), Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on December 6, 2022 (“Amendment No. 5”), Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on December 21, 2022 (“Amendment No. 6”), Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on January 13, 2023 (“Amendment No. 7”) and Amendment No. 8 to Schedule 13D jointly filed by the Reporting Persons with the Commission on May 11, 2023 (“Amendment No. 8”) (as amended and supplemented, collectively, the “Amended Schedule 13D”), with respect to beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “Common Stock”), of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Iowa (the “Issuer”), with principal executive offices at 6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266.

This Amendment No. 9 amends the Original Schedule 13D, as amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6, Amendment No. 7 and Amendment No. 8, on behalf of the Reporting Persons to furnish the information set forth herein. Except as set forth below, all Items of the Amended Schedule 13D remain unchanged. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Original Schedule 13D.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction:**

Item 4 of the Amended Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented as follows:

On June 25, 2023, the Reporting Persons informed the Issuer that they wished to propose the terms of a potential transaction whereby the Reporting Persons would acquire the Issuer, and requested a waiver of certain of the standstill provisions in the Investment Agreement for purposes of submitting such proposal. On June 26, 2023, the Issuer granted a limited waiver of those standstill provisions. On June 26, 2023, as permitted by such waiver, the Reporting Persons delivered a non-binding offer (the “Offer Letter”) to the Board to acquire all of the shares of common stock of the Issuer (the “Issuer Shares”) not owned by the Reporting Persons at a price of \$55.00 per Issuer Share. The consideration for the Issuer Shares will be a combination of cash and class A limited voting shares of Brookfield Asset Management Ltd. (NYSE/TSX: BAM), as described in the Offer Letter.

The foregoing description of the Offer Letter does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Offer Letter, which is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto and is incorporated by reference into this Item 4.

There can be no assurance that any discussions that may occur between the Reporting Persons and the Issuer with respect to a potential transaction will result in the entry into a definitive agreement concerning a transaction or, if such a definitive agreement is reached, will result in the consummation of a transaction provided for in such definitive agreement. Discussions concerning a transaction may be terminated at any time and without prior notice. Entry into a definitive agreement concerning a transaction and the consummation of any such transaction will be subject to a number of contingencies that are beyond the control of the Reporting Persons, including the approval of the Board, and the satisfaction of any conditions to the consummation of a transaction set forth in any such definitive agreement, including receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

Except as may be required by law, the Reporting Persons do not intend to disclose developments with respect to the foregoing unless and until the Board and the Reporting Persons have approved a specific transaction, if any, and the Reporting Persons and the Issuer have then entered into a definitive agreement to effect such transaction or discussions concerning such transaction have been terminated.

If the transaction described in the Offer Letter is not consummated, the Reporting Persons and their affiliates will continue to regularly review and assess their investment in the Issuer and depending on market conditions and other factors may determine, from time to time, to engage in any of the events set forth in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer:**

Item 6 of the Amended Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The information set forth in Item 4 of the Amended Schedule 13D is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits:**

Exhibit 99.1      Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit 99.2      Offer Letter, dated June 26, 2023

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## SIGNATURE

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

Date: June 26, 2023

BROOKFIELD REINSURANCE LTD.

By: /s/ Anna Knapman-Scott

Name: Anna Knapman-Scott

Title: Corporate Secretary

BAM RE TRUSTEE LTD.,

for and on behalf of

BAM RE PARTNERS TRUST

By: /s/ Kathy Sarpash

Name: Kathy Sarpash

Title: Vice President

BAM RE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Anna Knapman-Scott

Name: Anna Knapman-Scott

Title: Secretary

NORTH END RE (CAYMAN) SPC

By: /s/ Gregory McConnie

Name: Gregory McConnie

Title: Director and Chief Executive Officer

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree that they are jointly filing this statement on Schedule 13D, including all amendments thereto. Each of them is responsible for the timely filing of such statement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

This agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Joint Filing Agreement as of the 26th day of June, 2023.

BROOKFIELD REINSURANCE LTD.

By: /s/ Anna Knapman-Scott  
 Name: Anna Knapman-Scott  
 Title: Corporate Secretary

BAM RE TRUSTEE LTD.,  
 for and on behalf of  
 BAM RE PARTNERS TRUST

By: /s/ Kathy Sarpash  
 Name: Kathy Sarpash  
 Title: Vice President

BAM RE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Anna Knapman-Scott  
 Name: Anna Knapman-Scott  
 Title: Secretary

NORTH END RE (CAYMAN) SPC

By: /s/ Gregory McConnie  
 Name: Gregory McConnie  
 Title: Director and Chief Executive Officer

June 26, 2023

Dave Mulcahy, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors  
American Equity Investment Life Holding Company  
6000 Westown Parkway  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Dear Dave:

Brookfield Reinsurance Ltd. (NYSE/TSX: BNRE) ("BNRe" or "we") is pleased to submit this non-binding proposal to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company ("AEL" or the "Company") not already owned by BNRe for aggregate consideration of \$55.00 per AEL share to be paid in the form of cash and stock of Brookfield Asset Management Ltd. (NYSE/TSX: BAM) ("Brookfield"), as described in more detail below (the "Proposal").

We believe that our Proposal reflects an extremely attractive value for the Company's public shareholders. Specifically, \$55.00 per AEL share represents a premium of 35% to the closing price as of June 23, 2023, the last trading day prior to delivery of this Proposal, and a 42% premium to the 90-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") as of the same date, in each case, for the AEL common shares (the "AEL Shares").

As consideration for each AEL Share, shareholders will receive \$38.85 in cash and a number of BAM class A limited voting shares ("BAM Shares") having a value equal to \$16.15 based on the unaffected 90-day VWAP as of June 23, 2023, resulting in total consideration of \$55.00 per AEL Share. In the event that the 10-day VWAP of BAM Shares (measured five business days prior to closing of the transaction) (the "BAM Final Stock Price") would result in the aggregate consideration per AEL Share being less than \$54.00, the number of BAM Shares delivered for each AEL Share will be increased such that the value of the aggregate consideration delivered for each AEL Share will be equal to \$54.00. In such circumstance, BNRe may elect, in its sole discretion, to substitute cash consideration in lieu of all or any portion of the BAM Share consideration; provided that in the event that BNRe elects to substitute cash for less than all of the BAM Share consideration, the BAM Share consideration must have an aggregate value of not less than \$200 million. In the event that the BAM Final Stock Price would result in the aggregate consideration per AEL Share being greater than \$56.50, the number of BAM Shares delivered for each AEL Share will be decreased such that the value of the aggregate consideration delivered for each AEL Share will equal \$56.50.

BNRe is well capitalized and committed to meeting the needs of its policyholders and clients while delivering high quality customer service. Given the complementary nature of AEL's annuity business to BNRe's existing re/insurance platform, we also expect our Proposal will deliver significant value to the Company's policyholders, employees, distribution partners, and other stakeholders. We are committed to continuing AEL's leading position in the annuity market and strong operating platform in Iowa, and expect that growth in the AEL platform over time should increase net jobs in Iowa. Additionally, we look forward to supporting the greater Des Moines area, including through maintaining AEL's existing charitable contributions and Brookfield's broader charitable foundation and other charitable initiatives.

Brookfield is a leading global alternative asset manager with over \$825 billion of assets under management across renewable power and transition, infrastructure, private equity, real estate, and credit. Brookfield's objective is to generate attractive, long-term risk-adjusted returns for the benefit of its clients and shareholders. BNRe is proposing to acquire AEL due to AEL's successful transformation into an asset manager and an asset-light insurer under the AEL 2.0 strategy. Through the BAM Shares offered as partial consideration for this transaction, AEL shareholders will continue to have the opportunity, through BAM, to invest in a market leading asset manager.

The BAM Share consideration to be delivered in this transaction is being contributed to BNRe by Brookfield Corporation (NYSE: BN) ("BN") from its existing ownership interest. If the full number of BAM Shares is delivered in the transaction, BN's ownership interest in BAM will be reduced from 75% to approximately 73%. As such, this transaction is non-dilutive to BAM shareholders.

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BNRe is prepared and intends to negotiate in good faith the terms of a definitive agreement in respect of the Proposal such that the parties may announce a transaction on or prior to June 30, 2023.

We are required to publicly disclose this Proposal promptly in an amendment to our current Schedule 13D, which we expect to do following close of markets today.

This Proposal is a non-binding expression of interest only and does not impose any legal obligation on any person. BNRe reserves the right to withdraw or modify our Proposal in any respect at any time. BNRe, Brookfield, and their respective affiliates will be bound only in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in executed definitive agreements, if any.

We are available at your convenience to discuss any aspects of our Proposal.

Sincerely,

**BROOKFIELD REINSURANCE LTD.**

/s/ Sachin Shah

Sachin Shah

Chief Executive Officer