# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

# **FORM 11-K**

(Mark One)

x Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

o Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from

Commission file number 1-8993

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

ESURANCE INC. 401(K) PLAN
Esurance Inc.
650 Davis Street
San Francisco, CA 94111

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

# WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

80 South Main Street Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

### REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following Financial Statements and Schedule for the Plan and a Written Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm are filed with, and included in, this Report as Exhibits 23 and 99(a) hereto, respectively, as detailed below:

- 23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 99(a) Financial Statements and Schedule for the Plan consisting of:
  - 1. Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm;
  - 2. Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2008 and 2007;
  - 3. Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007;
  - 4. Notes to Financial Statements;
  - 5. Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2008;
  - 6. Schedule of Nonexempt Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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### **SIGNATURES**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan

By: /s/ Gary Tolman

Gary Tolman

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 17, 2009

# EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
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### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-132388) of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. of our report dated June 16, 2009 with respect to the statements of net assets available for benefits of the Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related supplemental schedules as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which report appears in the December 31, 2008 annual report on Form 11-K of the Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan.

/s/ Mohler, Nixon & Williams
MOHLER, NIXON & WILLIAMS
Accountancy Corporation

Campbell, California June 16, 2009

# Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements
<u>December 31, 2008 and 2007</u>

ESURANCE INC. 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules December 31, 2008 and 2007

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan

We have audited the financial statements of the Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and for the years then ended, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan's management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules, as listed in the accompanying table of contents, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Mohler, Nixon & Williams

MOHLER, NIXON & WILLIAMS

**Accountancy Corporation** 

Campbell, California

### ESURANCE INC. 401(k) PLAN

# STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,			
		2008		2007
Assets:				
Investments, at fair value	\$	17,667,722	\$	19,282,678
Participant loans		823,313		565,988
Assets held for investment purposes		18,491,035		19,848,666
Employer's contribution receivable		2,566		_
Participants' contributions receivable		885		_
Earnings receivable		26		
Total assets		18,494,512		19,848,666
Liabilities:				
Excess contributions refundable		70.010		
Excess contributions refundable		76,919		
Net assets available for benefits at fair value		18,417,593		19,848,666
The assets available for benefits at fair value		10,417,555		15,040,000
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts		243,799		8,926
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Net assets available for benefits	\$	18,661,392	\$	19,857,592
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See notes to financial statements.				

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# ESURANCE INC. 401(k) PLAN

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

		Year ended December 31,			
	2008		2007		
Additions to net assets attributed to:					
Investment income:					
Dividends and interest	\$ 454,	,598 \$	1,141,469		
Net realized and unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments	(7,846,	639)	(41,818)		
	(7,392,	041)	1,099,651		
Contributions:					
Employer's	1,762.	127	1,631,189		
Participants'	5,570,		5,633,761		
1 drucipants		443	3,033,701		
	7,332,	580	7,264,950		
Total additions	(59,	461)	8,364,601		
Deductions from net assets attributed to:					
Withdrawals and distributions	1,110,	.563	1,256,704		
Administrative expenses		176	22,223		
Total deductions	1,136,	739	1,278,927		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(1,196,	.200)	7,085,674		
	(1,100,	- *)	.,,.		
Net assets available for benefits:					
Beginning of year	19,857,	592	12,771,918		

End of year \$ 18,661,392 \$ 19,857,592

See notes to financial statements.

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ESURANCE INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

### NOTE 1 - THE PLAN AND ITS SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

*General* - The following description of the Esurance Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that was established in 2000 by Esurance Inc. (the Company) to provide benefits to eligible employees, as defined in the Plan document. The Plan is currently designed to be qualified under the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (the Parent).

During 2007, certain employees of New Jersey Skylands Insurance Company (NJS), which is partially owned by the Parent, transferred to Esurance. Effective July, 1, 2007, all eligible transferred NJS employees were allowed to participate in the Plan.

**Administration** - The Company has appointed an Administrative Committee (the Committee) to manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Company has contracted with MG Trust Company (MG Trust), also known as Matrix Capital Bank, to act as custodian and with Digital Retirement Solutions, Inc. (DRS) to act as the third-party administrator to process and maintain the records of participant data. Substantially all expenses incurred for administering the Plan are paid by the Company.

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Basis of accounting** - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Forfeited accounts - Forfeited nonvested accounts will be used to pay Plan expenses or to reduce future employer contributions.

*Investments* - Investments of the Plan are held by MG Trust and invested based solely upon instructions received from participants. The Plan investments include the following:

- · Various mutual funds that are actively traded on public stock exchanges at quoted market prices;
- The White Mountains Insurance Unitized Stock Fund (Parent company stock) which comprises common shares of the Parent that are also traded on a public stock exchange at quoted market prices, plus small amounts of non-interest-bearing cash. The value of this Fund is exactly equal to the sum of the market value of the shares held plus the face value of the cash.
- · Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund (a Common/collective trust) that is traded over-the-counter at quoted market prices. This fund invests 100% in a Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund, which in turn holds (a) investment contracts issued by a financial institution to provide a stated rate of return for a specified period of time, and (b) security-backed contracts comprised of fixed-income securities and contract value guarantees (wrappers) provided by an outside party. Wrappers provide contract value payments for certain participant-initiated withdrawals and transfers, a floor crediting rate, and return of fully accrued contract value at maturity.

There are several risks specific to investment contracts. One of the primary risks involved is credit risk of the contract issuer. Credit risk for security-backed contracts includes risks arising from potential inability of the issuer to meet the terms of the contract wrapper and the potential default of the underlying fixed-income securities. Secondly, liquidity is limited because of the unique characteristics of investment contracts and the absence of an actively traded secondary market. Interest rate risk is also present because rates may be fixed with these products.

The Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund is considered a fully-benefit-responsive contract. Although all investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, an adjustment from fair value to contract value is presented for fully-benefit-responsive contracts because contract value reflects the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The statements of changes in net assets available reflect changes in fully-benefit-responsive contracts at contract value.

· Plan participant loans, reported at remaining principle and accrued interest as of the reporting date, which approximates fair value.

Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) reflects the Plan's gains and losses on investments held and investments sold during the year.

*Income taxes* - The Plan has adopted a prototype plan that has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service. The Company believes that the Plan is operated in accordance with, and qualifies under, the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and related state statutes, and that the trust, which forms a part of the Plan, is exempt from federal income and state franchise taxes.

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**Risks and uncertainties** - The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of investment securities offered by the Plan. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market fluctuations and credit risks. Due to the risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in market values, interest rates or other factors in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

### **NOTE 2 - - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

On January 1, 2008, the Plan adopted SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the standard are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - · Quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - · Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
  - · Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - · Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The White Mountains Insurance Unitized Stock Fund, and other mutual funds are valued based on the closing quoted stock exchange price, and the Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund is valued based on the closing quoted over-the-counter price as of the reporting date. The participant loans are valued based on the remaining principle and accrued interest as of the reporting date. The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2008:

	 Level 1	 Level 2	 Level 3	 Total
Mutual funds	\$ 13,200,689	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 13,200,689
Parent company stock	124,334	_	_	124,334
Common/collective trust	_	4,342,699	_	4,342,699
Participant loans	 <u> </u>	 	 823,313	 823,313
Total assets	\$ 13,325,023	\$ 4,342,699	\$ 823,313	\$ 18,491,035

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The following is a reconciliation of beginning and ending balances for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2008:

	_	Participant loans
January 1, 2008	\$	565,988
Purchases, issuances and settlements (net)		257,325
December 31, 2008	\$	823,313

### NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Aggregate investment in Parent company common stock at December 31, 2008 and 2007 was as follows:

Date	Number of shares	Fair value
2008	465.48	\$ 124,334
2007	338.57	\$ 174,042

### **NOTE 4 - - PARTICIPATION AND BENEFITS**

**Participant contributions** - Participants may elect to have the Company contribute their eligible pre-tax or Roth after-tax compensation to the Plan up to the amount allowable under the Plan document and current income tax regulations. Participants who elect to have the Company contribute a portion of their compensation to the Plan agree to accept an equivalent reduction in taxable compensation. Contributions withheld are invested in accordance with the participant's direction. If a participant does not make an election to contribute pre-tax compensation or waive contribution, there is a Plan provision for automatic enrollment at a 3% contribution level.

Participants are also allowed to make rollover contributions of amounts received from other tax-qualified employer-sponsored retirement plans. Such contributions are deposited in the appropriate investment funds in accordance with the participant's direction and the Plan's provisions.

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*Employer contributions* - The Company is allowed to make discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions as defined in the Plan and as approved by the Board of Directors. During 2008 and 2007, the Company matched 50% of participant's deferrals up to 6% of eligible compensation. No discretionary profit sharing contribution has been made for the years ended December 31, 2008 or 2007.

**Vesting** - - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions. Participants are fully vested in the employer's discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions allocated to their account after three years of credited service.

**Participant accounts** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, Plan earnings or losses and an allocation of the Company's contributions, if any. Allocations of the Company's contributions are based on participant contributions or eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan.

**Payment of benefits** - Upon termination, the participants or beneficiaries may elect to leave their account balance in the Plan, or receive their total benefits in a lump sum. The Plan does not allow for automatic lump sum distribution nor automatic IRA rollover of participant vested account balances.

**Loans to participants** - The Plan allows participants to borrow not less than \$1,000 and up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the participant's vested balance. Such loans bear interest at the available market financing rates and must be repaid to the Plan within a five-year period, unless the loan is used for the purchase of a principal residence in which case the maximum repayment period is up to 30 years. The specific terms and conditions of such loans are established by the Committee. Outstanding loans at December 31, 2008 carry interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.25%.

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### **NOTE 5 - - INVESTMENTS**

The following table presents the fair values of the investment funds that include 5% or more of the Plan's net assets in either year as of December 31:

		2008		2007
Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund	\$	4,342,699	\$	2,958,164
Davis NY Venture Fund	Ψ	1,202,550	Ψ	1,515,011
MFS International New Discovery Fund		969,913		1,423,115
Janus Advisor Forty Fund		896,172		1,183,090
American Funds Growth Fund R4		1,235,058		1,500,214
American Funds Bond Fund Am R4		1,447,680		1,166,029
John Hancock Classic Value Fund				1,088,404
Munder Mid-Cap Core Growth A Fund		872,162		1,351,475
Oppenheimer Small & Mid Cap Value Fund		774,042		1,252,953
Thornburg International Value Fund		985,641		1,436,555
Black Rock S&P 500 Index Fund		1,013,021		1,162,621
American Funds EuroPacific R4 Fund		1,097,663		1,298,389
Other funds individually less than 5% of net assets		3,654,434		2,512,646

The Plan's investments appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows for the years ended December 31:	:		
		2008	 2007
Mutual funds	\$	(7,871,840)	\$ (120,303)
Common stock		(107,124)	(12,545)
Common/collective trust		132,325	91,030
	\$	(7,846,639)	\$ (41,818)

18,491,035

19,848,666

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### NOTE 6 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31:

	 2008	_	2007
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 18,661,392	\$	19,857,592
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	 (243,799)		(8,926)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$ 18,417,593	\$	19,848,666

The following is a reconciliation of the affected components of the changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the years ended December 31:

	Amount per the financial statements		 Adjustment	_	Amount per Form 5500
2008 Net investment income	\$	(7,392,041)	\$ (234,872)	\$	(7,626,913)
2007 Net investment income	\$	1,099,651	\$ (8,926)	\$	1,090,725

### NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION OR MODIFICATION

Assets held for investment purposes

The Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely for the benefit of its participants; however, it reserves the right to terminate or modify the Plan at any time by resolution of its Board of Directors and subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated in the future, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

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ESURANCE INC. 401(k) PLAN EIN: 26-0034575 PLAN #001

# SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2008

Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	 Current value
Cash	Non-interest Bearing	\$ 27,360
Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund	Common/Collective Trust	4,342,699
Davis NY Venture Fund	Mutual Fund	1,202,550
MFS International New Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	969,913
Janus Advisor Forty Fund	Mutual Fund	896,172
American Funds Growth Fund R4	Mutual Fund	1,235,058
American Funds New World Fund R4	Mutual Fund	49,558
Eaton Vance Large Cap Value A Fund	Mutual Fund	929,861
American Funds Bond Fund Am R4	Mutual Fund	1,447,680
Munder Mid-Cap Core Growth A Fund	Mutual Fund	872,162
Oppenheimer Small & Mid Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	774,042
Thornburg International Value Fund	Mutual Fund	985,641

Party	r-in-interest		
		Total	\$ 18,491,035
*	Participant loans	Interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.25%	823,313
	Davis Real Estate Fund	Mutual Fund	226,650
	DWS Dreman Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	237,808
<b>~</b>	White Mountains Insurance Unitized Stock Fund Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund	Company Stock Fund Mutual Fund	124,33 <sup>4</sup> 740,097
*	American Funds EuroPacific R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,097,663
	Black Rock Small Cap Growth Equity A Fund	Mutual Fund	495,453
	Black Rock S&P 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	1,013,02

Identity of party involved	Relationship	Description	Amount	
Esurance Inc.	Employer	Delinquent contributions	\$	895