

**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

August 3, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-8993**  
(Commission file number)

**94-2708455**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 5, Jersey City, New Jersey 07311-1114**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(201) 631-3300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 5.02 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.**

(d) White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. issued a press release announcing the election of Raymond Barrette on August 3, 2006 to the Board of Directors. The press release furnished herewith is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Mr. Barrette served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company until his retirement in October 2005. In connection with rejoining the Board, Mr. Barrette will receive a \$3 million payment covering severance from his prior executive position, his execution of a standard release with non-compete and non-solicitation provisions and his agreement to rejoin the Board. He also will be entitled to customary director's compensation for non-employee directors.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. dated August 3, 2006.

**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.

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

DATED: August 4, 2006

By: /s/ J. BRIAN PALMER  
J. Brian Palmer  
Chief Accounting Officer



## RAY BARRETTE ELECTED TO WHITE MOUNTAINS' BOARD

HAMILTON, Bermuda, August 3, 2006 — The Board of Directors of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (NYSE: WTM) today elected Ray Barrette as a Director of the Company.

Mr. Barrette was formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, a position he held from January 2003 until his retirement in October 2005. In addition, Mr. Barrette previously served on the Company's Board from February 2000 to October 2005.

Chairman Jack Byrne said, "I am pleased that Ray is rejoining the Board. He will provide us with his valuable insights into our businesses. His judgment and extensive experience in our industry will benefit our owners."

### Additional Information

White Mountains is a Bermuda-domiciled financial services holding company traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Bermuda Stock Exchange under the symbol WTM. Additional financial information and other items of interest are available at the Company's web site located at <http://www.whitemountains.com>.

### Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

*This earnings release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or referenced in this release which address activities, events or developments which we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. The words "will," "believe," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "estimate," "predict" and similar expressions are also intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements with respect to White Mountains':*

- *growth in book value per share or return on equity;*
- *business strategy;*
- *financial and operating targets or plans;*
- *incurred losses and the adequacy of its loss and loss adjustment expense reserves and related reinsurance;*
- *projections of revenues, income (or loss), earnings (or loss) per share, dividends, market share or other financial forecasts;*
- *expansion and growth of our business and operations; and*
- *future capital expenditures.*

*These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by White Mountains in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors believed to be appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform to our expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations, including:*

- *the risks associated with Item 1A of White Mountains' 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K and second quarter 2006 Form 10-Q;*
- *claims arising from catastrophic events, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or terrorist attacks;*
- *the continued availability of capital and financing;*
- *general economic, market or business conditions;*
- *business opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to it and pursued;*
- *competitive forces, including the conduct of other property and casualty insurers and reinsurers;*
- *changes in domestic or foreign laws or regulations, or their interpretation, applicable to White Mountains, its competitors or its clients;*
- *an economic downturn or other economic conditions adversely affecting its financial position;*
- *recorded loss reserves subsequently proving to have been inadequate;*
- *other factors, most of which are beyond White Mountains' control.*

*Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this earnings release are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by White Mountains will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the*

*expected consequences to, or effects on, White Mountains or its business or operations. White Mountains assumes no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

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