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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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Schedule 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 14(d) (4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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CONVERIUM HOLDING AG
(Name of Subject Company)

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Registered Shares, Nominal Value CHF 5 Per Share
American Depositary Shares, each representing one half of one Registered Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

Registered Shares*
American Depositary Shares (CUSIP: 21248N107)
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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*There is no CUSIP Number assigned to the Registered Shares.

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Converium Holding AG released the following financial highlights on February 28, 2007.

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Financial highlights:	Three months ended		T
	December 31		
	2006	2005	
In USD million, unless noted	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(u
Gross premiums written	428.1	386.7	
Net premiums written	390.5	326.5	
Net premiums earned	468.7	448.4	
Non-life loss ratio(1)	57.8%	68.8%	
Non-life acquisition costs ratio(2)	28.9%	33.9%	
Non-life administration expense ratio(3)	6.8%	8.0%	
Non-life combined ratio(4)	93.5%	110.7%	
Life & Health technical result(5)	0.8	1.3	
Total investment results(6)	83.6	99.5	
Total investment income yield(7)	5.4%	6.6%	
Total investment return (pre-tax)(8)	104.7	47.1	
Average total invested assets (including cash and cash equivalents)	6'246.8	5'985.8	
Income from continuing operations	70.6	18.0	
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	-191.9	16.2	
Net (loss) income	-121.3	34.2	
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations (USD)	0.48	0.12	
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations (USD)	0.48	0.12	
Basic (loss) earnings per share from net income (USD)	-0.83	0.23	
Diluted (loss) earnings per share from net income (USD)	-0.81	0.23	
Return on shareholders' equity from continuing operations(9)	14.9%	4.2%	

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Financial highlights: Balance sheet	December 31	December
	2006	2005
In USD million, unless noted	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Total invested assets plus cash and cash equivalents	6'398.4	7'
Claims supporting capital(10)	2'040.1	2'
Shareholders' equity	1'846.0	1'
Book value per share (USD)	12.63	
Book value per share (CHF)	15.39	

- 1 Non-life loss ratio is defined as losses and loss expenses divided by net premiums earned.
 - 2 Non-life acquisition costs ratio is defined as acquisition costs divided by net premiums earned
 - 3 Non-life administration expense ratio is defined as other operating and administration expenses divided by net premiums written.
 - 4 Non-life combined ratio is defined as ongoing non-life loss ratio (to net premiums earned) plus ongoing non-life acquisition costs ratio (to net premiums earned) plus ongoing non-life administration expense ratio (to net premiums written).
 - 5 Life & Health technical result is defined as net premiums earned minus losses, loss expenses and life benefits minus acquisition costs plus other technical income, mainly interest on deposits.
 - 6 Total investment results are defined as net investment income plus net realized capital gains (losses).
 - 7 Total investment income yield is defined as net investment income plus net realized capital gains (losses) divided by average total invested assets (including cash and cash equivalents), pre-tax and annualized.
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- 8 Total investment return is defined as net investment income plus net realized capital gains (losses) plus change in net unrealized capital gains (losses).
 - 9 Return on shareholders' equity is defined as net income or loss (after-tax) divided by shareholders' equity at the beginning of the period, annualized.

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- 10 Claims supporting capital is defined as total shareholders' equity plus debt.

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Consolidated statements of income	Three months ended December 31	
	2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)
In USD million, unless noted		
Total revenues from continuing operations	547.8	533.7
Total benefits, losses and expenses from continuing operations	-461.4	-511.0
Income before taxes from continuing operations	86.4	22.7
Income tax expense	-15.8	-4.7
Income from continuing operations	70.6	18.0
(Loss) Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	-191.9	16.2
Net (loss) income	-121.3	34.2
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations (USD)	0.48	0.12
Basic (loss) earnings per share from discontinued operations (USD)	-1.31	0.11
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations (USD)	0.48	0.12
Diluted (loss) earnings per share from discontinued operations (USD)	-1.29	0.11

Consolidated balance sheets	Dec. 31, 2006	Dec. 31, 2005
In USD million, unless noted	unaudited	
Invested assets		
Held-to-maturity securities:		

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Fixed maturities	718.3	793.6

Available-for-sale securities:		

Fixed maturities	3'122.5	4'169.8

Equity securities	734.7	362.6

Short-term and other investments	249.1	288.2

Total investments	4'824.6	5'614.2

Funds Withheld Asset	940.7	1'020.1

Total invested assets	5'765.3	6'634.3

Other assets		

Cash and cash equivalents	633.1	647.3

Premiums receivables:	880.9	1'059.3

Reserves for unearned premiums, retro	31.1	37.8

Reinsurance assets:	681.3	842.7

Funds held by reinsureds	1'940.1	1'817.4

Other assets	591.1	787.1

Total assets	10'523.0	11'825.9

Liabilities		

Reinsurance liabilities	7'036.9	8'200.8

Reserves for unearned premiums, gross	682.3	610.8

Other reinsurance liabilities	103.7	127.8

Funds held under reinsurance contracts	167.3	332.9

Deposit liabilities	250.2	300.6

Deferred income taxes	46.5	8.1

Accrued expenses and other liabilities	196.0	200.3

Debt	194.1	391.2

Total liabilities	8'677.0	10'172.5

Total shareholders' equity	1'846.0	1'653.4

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	10'523.0	11'825.9

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Consolidated statements of cash flows	Year ended	Year ended
	Dec 31	Dec 31
	2006	2005
In USD million, unless noted	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Net income	57.1	
Total adjustments	284.3	
Total changes in operational assets and liabilities	-218.4	
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	123.0	
Cash flows from investing activities (fixed maturities)	259.3	
Cash flows from investing activities (equity securities)	-285.5	
Proceeds from disposal of investments in subsidiaries	-295.0	
Cash flows from investing activities (other)	234.6	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	-86.6	
Net cash used in financing activities	-91.6	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	41.0	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-14.2	
Cash and cash equivalents as of January 1	647.3	
Cash and cash equivalents as of December 31	633.1	

Basis of preparation

The unaudited financial information for Converium Holding AG and subsidiaries ("Converium" or "the Company") has been prepared on the basis of the United States generally accepted accounting principles. Such financial information does not reflect all the information required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. This financial information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of Converium for the year ended December 31, 2005.

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Segments	Three months ended		Tw
	December 31 2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)	

In USD million, unless noted			

Standard Property & Casualty Reinsurance			

Gross premiums written	164.3	92.2	
Net premiums written	149.0	77.8	
Net premiums earned	210.0	161.5	
Loss ratio(11)	46.4%	67.8%	
Acquisition costs ratio(12)	26.1%	35.5%	
Administration expense ratio(13)	8.5%	12.9%	
Combined ratio(14)	81.0%	116.2%	
Total investment results(15)	31.3	39.2	
Segment income (loss)	76.3	23.8	

Specialty Lines			

Gross premiums written	198.5	239.5	
Net premiums written	178.1	195.7	
Net premiums earned	183.9	215.3	
Loss ratio(11)	70.9%	69.5%	
Acquisition costs ratio(12)	32.1%	32.6%	
Administration expense ratio(13)	5.3%	6.0%	
Combined ratio(14)	108.3%	108.1%	
Total investment results(15)	43.6	49.2	
Segment income	28.8	32.8	

Life & Health Reinsurance			

Gross premiums written	65.3	55.0	
Net premiums written	63.4	53.0	
Net premiums earned	74.8	71.6	
Acquisition costs ratio(12)	28.9%	27.4%	
Administration expense ratio(13)	6.9%	7.7%	
Total investment results(15)	8.7	11.1	
Segment income	2.6	6.7	
Technical result	0.8	1.3	

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Operating and administration expenses	-12.5	-22.6	

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- 14 Combined ratio is defined as loss ratio (to net premiums earned) plus acquisition costs ratio (to net premiums earned) plus administration expense ratio (to net premiums written).

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- 15 Total investment results are defined as net investment income plus net realized capital gains (losses).

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Important Disclaimers

This document contains forward-looking statements as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. It contains forward-looking statements and information relating to the Company's financial condition, results of operations, business, strategy and plans, based on currently available information. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as 'seek to', 'expects', 'aims' 'should continue', 'believes', 'anticipates', 'estimates' and 'intends'. The specific forward-looking statements cover, among other matters, our combined ratio, return on equity and premium volume and expense reduction targets, our plans to use capital more efficiently and to return capital to shareholders, the reinsurance market, the Company's operating results, the Company's dividend policy, our ability to obtain an upgrade of our financial strength rating and the consequences of such an upgrade, the prospects for improving our results, investment yield and market share. Such statements are inherently subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and trends could differ materially from those set forth in such statements due to various factors. Such factors include whether we are able to secure an upgrade of our financial strength ratings; our ability to refinance our outstanding indebtedness and increase our use of hybrid capital; uncertainties of assumptions used in our reserving process; risk associated with implementing our business strategies and our capital improvement measures; cyclicity of the reinsurance industry; the occurrence of natural and man-made catastrophic events with a frequency or severity exceeding our estimates; acts of terrorism and acts of war; changes in economic conditions, including interest and currency rate conditions that could affect our investment portfolio; actions of competitors, including industry consolidation and development of competing financial products; a decrease in the level of demand for our reinsurance or increased competition in our industries or markets; our ability to expand into emerging markets; our ability to enter into strategic investment partnerships; a loss of our key employees or executive officers without suitable replacements being recruited within a suitable period of time; our ability to address material weaknesses we have identified in our internal control environment; political risks in the countries in which we operate or in which we reinsure risks; the passage of additional legislation or

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the promulgation of new regulation in a jurisdiction in which we or our clients operate or where our subsidiaries are organized; the effect on us and the insurance industry as a result of the investigations being carried out by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, New York's Attorney General and other governmental authorities; our ability to regain past customers following any rating upgrades and the resolution of the investigations being carried out by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, New York's Attorney General and other governmental authorities; changes in our investment results due to the changed composition of our invested assets or changes in our investment policy; failure of our retrocessional reinsurers to honor their obligations or changes in the credit worthiness of our reinsurers; our failure to prevail in any current or future arbitration or litigation; and extraordinary events affecting our clients, such as bankruptcies and liquidations, and other risks and uncertainties, including those detailed in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (including, but not limited to, our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) and the SWX Swiss Exchange. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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