

The Hanover—No. 1 in Shareholder Returns

In its annual Shareholder Scoreboard, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. generated the single best five-year shareholder return among all property and casualty companies for the period through year-end 2007.

The Hanover's shareholder return for the period was 35.6 percent—nearly three times higher than the average for all property and casualty companies and almost 25 percent higher than its closest competitor.

Performance of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies

Source: *Wall Street Journal Shareholder Scoreboard**, Monday, February 25, 2008

Rank	Company	Five-Year Avg Return (%)
1	The Hanover Insurance Group	35.6
2	Loews	28.8
3	Philadelphia Consolidated	27.2
4	W.R. Berkley	21.2
5	Alleghany	20.1
6	Markel	19.0
7	Chubb	18.3
8	Ace	18.2
9	Arch Capital Group	17.7
10	Commerce Group	17.3
11	American Financial Group	15.3
12	Unitrin	15.2
13	HCC Insurance	13.0
14	Travelers	12.3
15	Safeco	12.1
16	Progressive	11.2
17	First American	11.0
18	White Mountains Insurance	10.7
19	Erie Indemnity CI A	10.0
20	Allstate	9.7
21	Mercury General	9.1
22	Brown & Brown	8.6
23	Cincinnati Financial	5.8
24	Old Republic International	4.3
25	Arthur J. Gallagher	-0.4
26	XL Capital CI A	-6.0
27	Ambac Financial	-13.7
28	MBIA	-14.3
29	Assured Guaranty	NA
30	Allied World Assurance	NA
	Industry Group Average	12.1

* *The Wall Street Journal Shareholder Scoreboard* shows the performance of companies relative to others in their own industries. Companies listed were the 1,000 largest in the Dow Jones U.S. Total Market Index at year-end 2007 that had stock-market trading histories of at least 12 months. Size was measured by the total value of a company's publicly traded common stock. The returns are compound annualized total returns—including price changes and reinvestments from any dividends or other cash or noncash distributions—for periods through year-end 2007.