

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO LTD

Form 6-K

December 15, 2008

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

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December, 2008

Shinhan Financial Group

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

120, 2-Ga, Taepyung-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea

(Address of principal executive office)

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Please refer to Exhibit 99.1.

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.

Shinhan Financial Group

Date: December 15, 2008

By: /s/ Buhmsoo Choi _____

Name: Buhmsoo Choi

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Incorporation of SH Asset Management as a direct subsidiary |
