

Great American Insurance Named to Ward's 50® Top Performing Insurance Companies

Cincinnati, Ohio – July 20, 2009 – Great American Insurance Group is pleased to announce that it has been identified as one of the 2009 Ward's 50® Top Performing Insurance Companies.

Annually, Ward Group analyzes the financial performance of over 3,100 property and casualty insurance companies domiciled in the United States and identifies the top performers in each segment to identify the Ward's 50 for the year. Each Ward's 50 company has passed all safety and consistency screens and achieved superior performance over the five years analyzed.

Carl H. Lindner III, President of Great American Insurance Company, stated, "We are pleased that our excellent operating performance is being recognized, and we are honored to be selected to the Ward's 50® group of top performing property and casualty insurance companies. Ward Group's benchmarks of consistency, performance and safety are important aspects of delivering superior services and products to our insureds and agents."

Information about the comparisons and benchmarks set by the Ward's 50 group of companies are included in the Ward's Results books, an insurance industry financial reference series. Ward's Ward's 50 benchmark group comparisons for individual companies are also available online at www.wardinc.com.

About Great American Insurance Group

Great American Insurance Group's roots go back to 1872 with the founding of its flagship company, Great American Insurance Company. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, the operations of Great American Insurance Group are engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialty commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of traditional fixed, indexed and variable annuities and a variety of supplemental insurance products. Great American Insurance Company has received an "A" (Excellent) or higher rating from the A.M. Best Company for over 100 years (most recent rating evaluation effective on March 27, 2009). The members of the Great American Insurance Group are subsidiaries of American Financial Group, Inc. (AFG), also based in Cincinnati, Ohio. AFG's common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol ("AFG").

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