

FBL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 8-K

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**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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 22, 2008

FBL Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

1-11917

42-1411715

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines, Iowa

50266

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 225-5400

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is provided in response to inquiries by investors requesting detailed information about exposure to certain investments. The information is issued in a Form 8-K so that it is available to all investors. The following is an overview of FBL Financial Group, Inc.'s investment in commercial mortgage loans, residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, other asset-backed securities, collateralized debt obligations and municipal bonds. All values are as of December 31, 2007.

Commercial Mortgage Loans

At December 31, 2007, FBL had commercial mortgage loans totaling \$1.2 billion, which is 11.0% of total investments. These are diversified by geography, property type and loan size, and are collateralized by the related properties. We underwrite these loans conservatively, with either strong real estate and/or credit lease fundamentals. We have a long history of extremely low delinquency rates, with no loans currently in default. Our mortgage lending policies establish limits on the amount that can be loaned to one borrower and require diversification by geographic location and collateral type. Information regarding the collateral type and related geographic location within the United States follows:

Collateral Type	Mortgage Loan Carrying Value (Dollars in thousands)	Percent of Total
Office	\$ 426,005	34.9%
Retail	386,506	31.6
Industrial	373,449	30.6
Other	35,613	2.9
Total	\$ 1,221,573	100.0%

Region of the United States	Mortgage Loan Carrying Value (Dollars in thousands)	Percent of Total
South Atlantic	\$ 284,872	23.3%
East North Central	242,899	19.9
Pacific	228,366	18.7
West North Central	158,538	13.0
Mountain	127,055	10.4
West South Central	69,739	5.7
Other	110,104	9.0
Total	\$ 1,221,573	100.0%

Currently new loans are generally \$5 million to \$25 million in size, with an average loan size of \$3.7 million and an average loan term of 11 years. The average loan-to-value of the current outstanding principal balance to the appraised value at origination is 59%. The majority of these loans amortize principal, with only 7.2% that are interest only loans.

Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities, Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities and Other Asset-Backed Securities

At December 31, 2007, FBL had structured products (residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities) totaling \$2.7 billion, which is 24.1% of our total investments. They break down into residential mortgage-backed securities at 16.7%; commercial mortgage-backed securities at 5.1%; and asset-backed securities at 2.3%. We purchased these structured products when we felt they offered a very attractive risk return scenario. Our investment portfolio's allocation to structured products peaked in 2004 and has been declining since that time as we have invested most of our new money in corporate bonds.

The following table sets forth the amortized cost, par value and carrying value of our mortgage- and asset-backed securities summarized by type of security:

	Amortized Cost	Par Value (Dollars in thousands)	Carrying Value
Residential mortgage-backed securities:			
Sequential	\$ 1,277,207	\$ 1,303,336	\$ 1,244,758
Pass-through	199,854	200,024	200,900
Planned and targeted amortization classes	327,667	331,133	321,764
Other	101,040	102,019	96,648
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	1,905,768	1,936,512	1,864,070
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	578,510	578,416	570,057
Other asset-backed securities	288,274	289,173	251,846
Total mortgage and asset-backed securities	\$ 2,772,552	\$ 2,804,101	\$ 2,685,973

A summary of our mortgage and asset-backed portfolios by collateral type is as follows:

	Amortized Cost (Dollars in thousands)	Estimated Market Value
Government agency	\$ 423,831	\$ 427,097
Prime	925,225	901,041
Alt-A exposure		
Mortgage-backed securities	580,322	558,678
Asset-backed securities	204,336	170,184
Total Alt-A exposure	784,658	728,862
Subprime asset-backed securities	30,146	29,259
Commercial mortgage	578,510	570,057
Non-mortgage	30,182	29,657
Total	\$ 2,772,552	\$ 2,685,973

The following table sets forth our residential mortgage-backed securities by type and origination year:

Origination year	Government & Prime		Alt-A		Total	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value
	(Dollars in thousands)					
2007	\$ 223,245	\$ 225,086	\$ 60,236	\$ 58,313	\$ 283,481	\$ 283,399
2006	10,068	10,133	25,857	22,818	35,925	32,951
2005	9,920	9,913			9,920	9,913
2004 and prior	1,082,213	1,060,260	494,229	477,547	1,576,442	1,537,807
Total	\$ 1,325,446	\$ 1,305,392	\$ 580,322	\$ 558,678	\$ 1,905,768	\$ 1,864,070

Our residential mortgage-backed portfolio is seasoned with most securities in the 2003 and 2004 vintage years, with subordination that has increased since origination. Additionally, much of our residential mortgage-backed portfolio has collateral with lower loan-to-value ratios compared to issues in more recent vintage years due to principal paydowns and because the loans were originated before significant appreciation in real estate values in 2005 and 2006. These securities are fixed rate, AAA rated, and the majority are very simple structures either direct pass throughs, sequential payers or planned amortization class structures.

The following table sets forth our mortgage related other asset-backed securities by type and origination year:

Origination year	Government & Prime		Alt-A		Subprime		Total	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value
	(Dollars in thousands)							
2007	\$ 9,995	\$ 9,172	\$ 30,979	\$ 27,501	\$	\$	\$ 40,974	\$ 36,673
2006	9,746	9,659	136,551	107,504			146,297	117,163
2005			25,961	24,749	30,146	29,259	56,107	54,008
2004 and prior	3,869	3,915	10,845	10,430			14,714	14,345
Total	\$ 23,610	\$ 22,746	\$ 204,336	\$ 170,184	\$ 30,146	\$ 29,259	\$ 258,092	\$ 222,189

Within our other asset-backed structured product category, we have minimal exposure to subprime securities. At year end, we had three subprime securities with a market value totaling \$29.3 million. This exposure is small and represents only 0.3% of our total investments. These subprime issues are all AAA rated, fixed rate and were originated in 2005.

We expect delinquency rates and loss rates will increase in the future; however, we continue to expect to receive payments in accordance with contractual terms of our securities, largely due to the seniority of our claims on the collateral, represented by AAA rated securities.

Our exposure to the Alt-A and subprime home equity loan sectors is limited to investments in structured securities collateralized by senior tranches of commercial or residential mortgage loans with this exposure. We do not own any direct investments in subprime lenders or adjustable rate mortgages. At December 31, 2007, all mortgage and asset-backed securities with subprime or Alt-A exposure, except for one, are AAA rated. We held one asset-backed security with an amortized cost of \$12.0 million and an estimated market value of \$8.9 million, which had a BBB+ rating at December 31, 2007.

The other asset-backed securities are primarily sequential securities. Our mortgage related other asset-backed securities are second lien, fixed rate home-equity loans. The following table sets forth the loan type of our Alt-A and subprime mortgage related other asset-backed securities.

	Alt-A		Subprime	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value (Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Estimated Market Value
High loan-to-value (1)	\$ 137,518	\$ 117,748	\$	\$
Piggyback second (2)	40,485	30,609		
Other home equity	26,333	21,827	30,146	29,259
Total	\$ 204,336	\$ 170,184	\$ 30,146	\$ 29,259

(1) Greater than combined 100% loan-to-value.

(2) A loan in which the buyer takes a first mortgage to finance part of the value of the property and a second mortgage to finance another part of the value.

Our other asset-backed portfolio includes \$115.7 million of securities that are wrapped by bond insurers, which provides additional credit enhancement for the investment. We believe these securities were underwritten at investment grade levels excluding any credit enhancing protection.

Our commercial mortgage-backed securities have cash flows that are less sensitive to interest rate changes than residential mortgage-backed securities because of the prepayment restrictions on many of the underlying commercial mortgage loans.

Collateralized Debt Obligations

At December 31, 2007, FBL had collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) with an amortized cost of \$65.3 million and a market value of \$46.7 million, which is 0.4% of total investments. These are included in the corporate securities portfolio. One CDO is partially backed by subprime mortgages and has an amortized cost of \$10.0 million and a market value of \$1.5 million at December 31, 2007. This security has been impacted by the loss of market liquidity

and spread widening. At December 31, 2007, this security is rated investment grade by two major rating agencies, remains adequately collateralized and is expected to continue its principal and interest payments. We have not recorded an other-than-temporary impairment loss on this security because we have the ability and intent to hold this investment until a recovery of fair value, which may be maturity. Our other investments in CDOs are backed by investment grade credit default swaps with no home equity exposure. These are all actively managed investments rated AA or above with a carrying value totaling \$45.2 million and unrealized loss (gross and net) of \$10.1 million at December 31, 2007.

approximately
 16% are general
 obligation
 bonds.
 Insurance on
 these bonds is
 provided by
 AMBAC
 Assurance
 Corporation
 (64%),
 Financial
 Security
 Assurance, Inc.
 (18%), MBIA
 Insurance
 Corporation
 (11%);
 Financial
 Guaranty
 Insurance Co.
 (6%) and other
 (1%).

We do not directly own any fixed income or equity investments in bond insurers. A summary of the primary insurers of the municipal bonds we hold follows:

Bond Insurer	Equivalent S&P Rating	Total (Dollars in thousands)
AMBAC Assurance Corporation	AAA	\$ 347,471
MBIA Insurance Corporation	AAA	201,409
Financial Security Assurance, Inc.	AAA	146,297
Financial Guaranty Insurance Co. (1)	AAA	143,275
All others (4 insurers in 2007 and 2006) (2)		159,090
		\$ 997,542

(1) Rating changed
 to AA on
 January 31,
 2008.

(2) Includes 98.1%
 in AAA rated
 insurers and
 1.9% non-rated
 insurers.

This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

FBL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: February 22, 2008

/s/ James P. Brannen

James P. Brannen

Chief Financial Officer