



W. R. Berkley Corporation, located in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WRB. Member companies of W. R. Berkley Corporation have offices across the USA and in the United Kingdom, South America, Continental Europe, Australia and Hong Kong.

#### Key Financials as at 31 December 2007

- Total revenues of US\$5.6 billion
- Net premiums written of US\$4.6 billion
- Reserves for claims and claim expenses of US\$8.7 billion
- Total assets of US\$16.8 billion
- Shareholders' equity of US\$3.6 billion
- Return on equity 22.3% (after tax) in 2007 - exceeded 20% for the 5th consecutive year

#### FORTUNE 500<sup>1</sup>

W. R. Berkley Corporation is ranked 433 among the Fortune 500 and:

- 1st within the Insurance Property and Casualty (stock) Industry for Total Return to Investors 1997 – 2007 Annual Rate %
- 1st within the Insurance Property and Casualty (stock) Industry for Earnings Per Share 1997-2007 Annual Growth Rate %
- 4th within the Insurance Property and Casualty (stock) Industry for Profit as a % of both Revenue and Shareholders' Equity
- 16th largest in revenue within the Insurance Property and Casualty (stock) Industry
- 57th among the Fortune 500 for Earnings Per Share 1997 – 2007 Annual Growth Rate %
- 78th among the Fortune 500 for Total Return to Investors 1997 – 2007 Annual Rate %

#### W. R. Berkley Corporation History

W. R. Berkley Corporation was founded by William R. Berkley. Some of the more significant dates in the time line are as follows:

- 1967 Berkley Dean & Company, Inc founded with US\$2,500
- 1973 W. R. Berkley Corporation initial public offering
- 1987 total assets surpasses the US\$1 billion mark, total revenues exceeds the half-billion US dollar level and net worth rises above the one-quarter billion US dollar mark
- 2004 joins the ranks of Fortune 500 with US\$3.6 billion in revenue and US\$1.7 billion in stockholders' equity at year end 2003
- 2007 named Best Managed Insurance Company by Forbes Magazine

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<sup>1</sup> FORTUNE 500 is FORTUNE Magazine's list of the largest companies in America ranked by revenue.



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