SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO LTD Form 6-K December 28, 2011

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, 2011

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)

| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: [x] Form 20-F [] Form 40-F |
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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 28, 2011 By: /s/ Jung Kee Min

Name: Jung Kee Min

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Shinhan Hope Co., Ltd. joins Shinhan Financial Group as a Direct Subsidiary |
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