

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO LTD

Form 6-K

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 March 2018

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO., LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

20, Sejong-daero 9-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul 04513, Korea
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Response to Inquiry Relating to Press Reports

In response to an official inquiry from the Korea Exchange on press reports regarding potential plans by Shinhan Financial Group (hereafter “SFG”) to acquire ING Life Insurance Korea, Ltd. (hereafter “ING Life Korea”), on March 9, 2018, SFG disclosed that, although it has been reviewing possible mergers and acquisitions as part of its business diversification strategy, no specific decisions have been made regarding a potential acquisition of ING Life Korea as of such date.

SFG expects to make further disclosures in the event specific decisions are made regarding the above.

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 CO., LTD.

Date: March 9, 2018

By: /s/ Woo Young-woong

Name: Woo Young-woong

Title: Chief Strategy Officer