

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 8-K

November 06, 2006

**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): November 1, 2006

**ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)*

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| Commonwealth of Puerto Rico                               | 001-12647                    | 66-0538893                                      |
| <i>(State or other Jurisdiction of<br/>Incorporation)</i> | <i>(Commission File No.)</i> | <i>(I.R.S. Employer<br/>Identification No.)</i> |

Oriental Center  
Professional Offices Park  
997 San Roberto Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

00926

*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 771-6800

*(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)*

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 1, 2006, José Enrique Fernández announced at the annual meeting of stockholders of Oriental Financial Group Inc. (the Company) that he will not be available for re-election as Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors (the Board). Mr. Fernández, however, was re-elected as a director and will continue to be a member of the Board. There were no disagreements between the Company and Mr. Fernández leading to his decision to step down as Chairman of the Board.

On said date, the Board elected José J. Gil de Lamadrid, CPA, as its new Chairman. Mr. Gil de Lamadrid has been a member of the Board since December 28, 2004 and was the Chairman of its Audit Committee from February 22, 2005 through November 1, 2006. The Board also elected Nelson García, CPA, as the new Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. García has been a director and member of the Board's Audit Committee since May 18, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.**

Date: November 6, 2006

By: /s/ Carlos O. Souffront  
Carlos O. Souffront  
Secretary of the Board of Directors