

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BANK OF AMERICA  
CORPORATE CENTER, 100 N  
TRYON ST

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

12/17/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2009		S	25 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 26.7164	5,714,260 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4) (5) (6)</sub>	I By Subsidiary <u>(1) (8) (9)</u>
Common Stock	01/07/2010		S	25 <sup>(2)</sup>	A \$ 26.3	5,714,285 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4) (5) (7)</sub>	I By Subsidiary <u>(1) (8) (9)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1,428,571 shares are owned directly by Merrill Lynch Ventures L.P. 2001 ("ML Ventures LP"), a partnership whose general partner is Merrill Lynch Ventures, L.L.C. ("ML Ventures LLC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML Group.

(6) MLPFS is short 25 shares.

(7) No shares are directly owned by MLPFS.

Each of BAC, ML&Co., MLGPE, MLGPE Ltd., MLGPELP, ML GP, ML Group, ML Ventures LP, ML Ventures LLC and MLPFS

(8) (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(9) BAC may be deemed a director by virtue of the fact that an employee of an affiliate of BAC, Mandakini Puri, serves as a director of the Issuer. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims its possible status as director of the Issuer.

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