

CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

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FORM SC 13D/A (Amended Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.3)*

CNO Financial Group, Inc. (f/k/a Conseco, Inc.)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

208464883

(CUSIP Number)

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December 31, 2012

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS Paulson & Co. Inc.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)	(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions) AF	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 21,511,400
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 21,511,400
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 21,511,400	
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 9.5%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions) IA	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS Paulson Advantage Master Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)	(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions) WC	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Cayman Islands	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,785,190
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,785,190
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,785,190	
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 1.7%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions) CO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS Paulson Advantage Plus Master Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)	(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions) WC	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Cayman Islands	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 8,412,310
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8,412,310
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 8,412,310	
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 3.7%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions) CO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS Paulson Recovery Master Fund Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)	(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions) WC	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Cayman Islands	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 8,659,577
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8,659,577
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 8,659,577	
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 3.8%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions) CO	

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS John Paulson	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)	(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions) AF	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 21,511,400
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 21,511,400
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 21,511,400	
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 9.5%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions) IN	

This Amendment No. 3 is filed with respect to the shares of the common stock, \$0.01 par value (the “Common Stock”), of CNO Financial Group, Inc. (f/k/a Consec, Inc.) (“Issuer”), beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons (as defined below) as of January 4, 2013 and amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed originally on November 23, 2009, as previously amended (collectively, the “Schedule 13D”). Except as set forth herein, the Schedule 13D is unmodified.

The names of the persons filing this statement on Schedule 13D (collectively, the “Reporting Persons”) are:

- Paulson & Co. Inc. (“Paulson & Co.”);
- Paulson Advantage Master Ltd. (“Advantage Master”);
- Paulson Advantage Plus Master Ltd. (“Advantage Plus Master”);
- Paulson Recovery Master Fund Ltd. (“Recovery Master”); and
- John Paulson

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is supplemented by the following:

On December 31, 2012, Charles Murphy, an employee of Paulson & Co., resigned from the Board of Directors of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a-b) Collectively, the Reporting Persons beneficially own 21,511,400 shares of Common Stock representing 9.5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

I. Paulson & Co.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 21,511,400

(b) Percent of Class: 9.5%

(c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which Paulson & Co. has:

(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 21,511,400 (See Note 1 below)

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 21,511,400 (See Note 1 below)

II. Advantage Master

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,785,190

(b) Percent of class: 1.7%

(c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which Advantage Master has:

(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,785,190 (See Note 1 below)

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,785,190 (See Note 1 below)

III. Advantage Plus Master

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,412,310
- (b) Percent of class: 3.7%
- (c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which Advantage Plus Master has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 8,412,310 (See Note 1 below)
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 8,412,310 (See Note 1 below)

IV. Recovery Master

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,659,577
- (b) Percent of class: 3.8%
- (c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which Recovery Master has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 8,659,577 (See Note 1 below)
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 8,659,577 (See Note 1 below)

V. Separately Managed Accounts

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 654,323
- (b) Percent of class: 0.3%
- (c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which the Separately Managed Accounts have:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 654,323 (See Note 1 below)
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 654,323 (See Note 1 below)

VI. John Paulson

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 21,511,400
 - (b) Percent of Class: 9.5%
 - (c) Number of shares of Common Stock as to which John Paulson has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 21,511,400 (See Note 1 below)
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 21,511,400 (See Note 1 below)
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Note 1: Each of Advantage Master, Advantage Plus Master, Recovery Master and the Separately Managed Accounts may be deemed to have with Paulson & Co. and John Paulson shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by it.

(c) A list of the transactions in the Issuer's Common Stock that were effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days is attached as Exhibit 1.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as exhibits:

Exhibit 1: List of the transactions in the Issuer's Common Stock that were effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days

Exhibit 2: Joint Filing Agreement (previously filed)

Exhibit 3: Power of Attorney

Exhibit 4: Instruction C Person Information (previously filed)

Exhibit 5: Stock and Warrant Purchase Agreement made as of October 13, 2009, by and between Conseco, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Paulson & Co. Inc., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the several investment funds and accounts managed by it (previously filed)

Exhibit 6: Forward Purchase Agreement dated as of October 14, 2009 between Paulson Credit Opportunities Master Ltd. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (previously filed)

Exhibit 7: Forward Purchase Agreement dated as of October 14, 2009 between Paulson Recovery Master Fund Ltd. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (previously filed)

Exhibit 8: Investor Rights Agreement entered into as of November 13, 2009, by and among Conseco, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Paulson & Co. Inc., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the several investment funds and accounts managed by it (previously filed)

Exhibit 9: Letter Agreement dated October 14, 2009 between Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Paulson & Co. Inc., on behalf of the several investment funds and accounts managed by it (previously filed)

Exhibit 10: Repurchase Agreement, dated as of September 4, 2012, by and among CNO Financial Group, Inc., Paulson Credit Opportunities Master Ltd. and Paulson Recovery Master Fund Ltd. The Repurchase Agreement, which was publicly filed by the Issuer on September 10, 2012 with the SEC, is publicly available on EDGAR at www.sec.gov and is incorporated herein by reference.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 8, 2013

PAULSON & CO. INC.

By: /s/ Stuart L. Merzer
Name: Stuart L. Merzer
Title: General Counsel &
Chief Compliance Officer

PAULSON ADVANTAGE MASTER LTD.
By: Paulson & Co. Inc., as Investment Manager

By: /s/ Stuart L. Merzer
Name: Stuart L. Merzer
Title: General Counsel &
Chief Compliance Officer

PAULSON ADVANTAGE PLUS MASTER LTD.
By: Paulson & Co. Inc., as Investment Manager

By: /s/ Stuart L. Merzer
Name: Stuart L. Merzer
Title: General Counsel &
Chief Compliance Officer

PAULSON RECOVERY MASTER FUND LTD.
By: Paulson & Co. Inc., as Investment Manager

By: /s/ Stuart L. Merzer
Name: Stuart L. Merzer
Title: General Counsel &
Chief Compliance Officer

/s/ Stuart L. Merzer
Stuart L. Merzer, as Attorney-in-Fact
For John Paulson

EXHIBIT 1
TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED DURING THE PAST SIXTY DAYS

The below transactions were effected on the open market during the past 60 days for the Reporting Person identified in the table below. No other transactions with respect to securities of the Issuer were effected by the Reporting Persons within the past sixty days.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount of Shs. Bought (Sold)</u>	<u>Approx. Price per Share (excl. of Commissions)</u>
12/17/2012	1	(210,000)	\$ 9.479
12/17/2012	2	(90,000)	\$ 9.479
12/18/2012	1	(280,000)	\$ 9.4932
12/18/2012	2	(120,000)	\$9.4932
12/19/2012	1	(210,000)	\$9.4789
12/19/2012	2	(90,000)	\$9.4789

1 = Paulson Advantage Master Ltd.

2 = Paulson Advantage Plus Master Ltd.

EXHIBIT 2
POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Stuart Merzer as the undersigned's true and lawful authorized representative, attorney-in-fact and agent, with the power individually to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned and to file with and deliver to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority or party required or entitled to receive the same: (a) any Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and the rules promulgated thereunder; and (b) any Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the undersigned in accordance with Section 13 of the 1934 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

The undersigned also hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact the full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 or Section 13 of the 1934 Act or any other provision of the 1934 Act or the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of October 29, 2008.

/s/ John Paulson
John Paulson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN NEW YORK STATE

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.:

On October 29, 2008, before me, the undersigned personally appeared, John Paulson, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

/s/ Marsha Rojas
*(signature and office of individual taking
acknowledgement)*

[Notary Stamp and Seal]