VECTOR GROUP LTD Form POS AM March 09, 2009

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2009

Registration No. 333-131393

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

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1
to
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### **Vector Group Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### Delaware

65-0949535

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

100 S.E. Second Street Miami, Florida 33131 (305) 579-8000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

Richard J. Lampen Executive Vice President Vector Group Ltd. 100 S.E. Second Street Miami, Florida 33131 (305) 579-8000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

Stephen E. Older, Esq. McDermott Will & Emery LLP 340 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10173 (212) 547-5400

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: Not applicable.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. o

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. o

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box: o

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box: o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer b

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

## Termination of Registration Statement and Deregistration of Securities

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-131393) (the Registration Statement ), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 31, 2006, pursuant to which Vector Group Ltd. (the Company or the Registrant ) registered 7,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock (the Registered Shares ) that were offered for sale from time to time by some of our shareholders. The Company was contractually obligated to register the Registered Shares and to maintain the Registration Statement s effectiveness for a specified period of time. The Company is no longer contractually obligated to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement due to the expiration of such period. Accordingly, the undersigned Registrant hereby removes and withdraws from registration all securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement that remain unsold.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Miami, Florida, on the 9th day of March, 2009.

#### VECTOR GROUP LTD.

By: /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III J. Bryant Kirkland III Vice President, Treasurer and

Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on March 9, 2009.

President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal

Executive Officer)

Howard M. Lorber /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial

Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal J. Bryant Kirkland III

Accounting Officer)

Director

Henry C. Beinstein

Director

Ronald J. Bernstein

Director

Robert J. Eide

Director

Bennett S. LeBow

Director

Jeffrey S. Podell

Director

Jean E. Sharpe

\* By: /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III

J. Bryant Kirkland III Attorney in Fact