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VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.  
Form SC 13G  
January 12, 2009

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*

Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.  
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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

92828Q109  
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(CUSIP Number)

January 2, 2009  
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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to  
which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Third Point LLC  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

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(a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

352,000

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

352,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

352,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Daniel S. Loeb

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			0
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
			352,000
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			352,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
352,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Cayman Islands

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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	297,305
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	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
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	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	297,305
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9		AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	297,305
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10		CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	N/A
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11		PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	5.2%
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12		TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	PN
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	Third Point Advisors II L.L.C.	
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2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [ ] (b) [X]
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3	SEC USE ONLY	
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4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		0
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NUMBER OF	6	SHARED VOTING POWER

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	SHARES		
	BENEFICIALLY	297,305	
	OWNED BY		
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	REPORTING		
	PERSON	0	
	WITH		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		297,305	
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	297,305		
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*		
	N/A		
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9		
	5.2%		
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON		
	OO		

Item 1(a): Name of Issuer:

The name of the issuer is Virtus Investment Partners, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company").

Item 1(b): Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

The Company's principal executive office is located at 100 Pearl Street, 9th Floor, Hartford, Ct 06103.

Item 2(a): Name of Person Filing:

This Schedule 13G is filed by:

- (i) Third Point LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Management Company"), which serves as investment manager or adviser to a variety of hedge funds and managed accounts (such funds and accounts, collectively, the "Funds"), with respect to shares of Common Stock (as defined in Item 2(d)) directly owned by the Funds; and
- (ii) Mr. Daniel S. Loeb ("Mr. Loeb"), who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Management Company and controls its business activities, with respect to shares of Common Stock indirectly beneficially owned by Mr. Loeb by virtue of such position.
- (iii) Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted

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limited partnership (the "Offshore Master Fund") which invests and trades securities, with respect to shares of Common Stock directly beneficially owned by it.

- (iv) Third Point Advisors II L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Advisors II"), which serves as the general partner of the Offshore Master Fund.

The Management Company, Mr. Loeb, the Offshore Master Fund and Advisors II are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

Item 2(b): Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:
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The address of the principal business office of the Management Company, Mr. Loeb and Advisors II is 390 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022. The address of the principal business office of the Offshore Master Fund is c/o Walkers SPV Limited, Walker House, 87 Mary Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9002, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

Item 2(c): Citizenship:
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The Management Company and Advisors II are organized as limited liability companies under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Loeb is a United States citizen. The Offshore Master Fund is organized as an exempted limited partnership under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Item 2(d): Title of Class of Securities:
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 ("Common Stock").

Item 2(e): CUSIP Number:
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92828Q109

Item 3: If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
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- A. [ ] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
B. [ ] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
C. [ ] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
D. [ ] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
E. [ ] Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E),
F. [ ] Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),

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- G. [ ] Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (G),
- H. [ ] Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- I. [ ] Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- J. [ ] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (J).

Item 4:            Ownership:  
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On January 2, 2009, the Funds acquired an aggregate of 352,200 shares of Common Stock (297,305 of which were acquired by the Offshore Master Fund) as a result of the Company's spin off from the Phoenix Companies, Inc. The Funds (other than the Offshore Master Fund) sold 200 shares of Common Stock on January 9, 2009. As a result, the beneficial ownership of Common Stock by the Reporting Persons, as of the date of this Schedule 13G, is as follows:

A.            Third Point LLC  
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- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 352,000
- (b) Percent of class: 6.2%. The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Schedule 13G are calculated based upon the 5,714,546 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as reported in the Company's Information Statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 19, 2008, as an exhibit to Amendment No. 4 to General Form for Registration of Securities on Form 10.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i)     Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
  - (ii)    Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 352,000
  - (iii)   Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - (iv)    Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 352,000

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B.            Daniel S. Loeb  
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- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 352,000
- (b) Percent of class: 6.2%.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i)     Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
  - (ii)    Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 352,000
  - (iii)   Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - (iv)    Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 352,000

C.            Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P.  
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- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 297,305
- (b) Percent of class: 5.2%.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i)     Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0
  - (ii)    Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 297,305
  - (iii)   Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - (iv)    Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 297,305

D.            Third Point Advisors II L.L.C.

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- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 297,305  
(b) Percent of class: 5.2%.  
(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:  
    (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 0  
    (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 297,305  
    (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0  
    (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 297,305

Item 5: Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:  
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If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

Item 6: Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:  
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Other than as set forth herein, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, in excess of 5% of the total outstanding Common Stock.

Item 7: Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
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Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding  
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Company:  
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Not applicable.

Item 8: Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
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Not applicable.

Item 9: Notice of Dissolution of Group:  
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Not applicable.

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Item 10: Certification:  
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Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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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 12, 2009

THIRD POINT LLC

By: Daniel S. Loeb, Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ William Song

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Name: William Song  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

THIRD POINT OFFSHORE MASTER FUND, L.P.

By: Third Point Advisors II L.L.C., its general partner  
By: Daniel S. Loeb, Managing Director

By: /s/ William Song

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Name: William Song  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

THIRD POINT ADVISORS II L.L.C.

By: Daniel S. Loeb, Managing Director

By: /s/ William Song

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Name: William Song  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

DANIEL S. LOEB

By: /s/ William Song

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Name: William Song  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit 99.1: Joint Filing Agreement, dated January 12, 2009, by and between the Reporting Persons.

Exhibit 99.2: Power of Attorney granted by Daniel S. Loeb in favor of James P. Gallagher, William Song, Joshua L. Targoff and Bruce Wilson, dated January 5, 2009, was previously filed with the SEC on January 5, 2009 as an exhibit to Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G filed by Third Point LLC, Daniel S. Loeb, Third Point Offshore Fund, Ltd., Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P., and Third Point Advisors II L.L.C. with respect to Energy XXI (Bermuda) Limited and is incorporated herein by reference.