

HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE  
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**THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.**

One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut 06155

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

*You can view the Form 10-K, Corporate Report  
and Proxy Statement for  
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/hig>*

Dear Shareholder:

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Wallace Stevens Theater, One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut 06155, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

1. to elect a Board of Directors for the coming year;
2. to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditor of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008; and
3. to act upon any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 and 2.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 24, 2008 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO OBTAIN**

**YOUR PROXY MATERIALS, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM PRIOR YEARS.**

**CONTROL NUMBER**

**You may vote your proxy  
when you view the materials on the Internet.  
You will be asked to enter this 11-digit control number.**

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The following proxy materials are available at: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/HIG>

- the Company's 2008 Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement;
- the Proxy Card;
- the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007;
- the Company's 2007 Corporate Report to Shareholders; and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

If you would like to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 7, 2008 to facilitate a timely delivery.

To request a paper copy of the proxy materials:

- call toll-free at 1-888-313-0164;
- send an e-mail message that includes your control number to [shrrelations@mellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@mellon.com); or
- log on to <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/HIG> and follow the instructions.

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR  
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- request a paper copy of the proxy materials;
  - view your proxy materials online; or
  - vote your proxy electronically.
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