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A.M. Best Revises Outlook to Positive for The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and Its Property/Casualty Subsidiaries

Rating Supplement

The FSR of A (Excellent) and the ICRs of "a+" have been affirmed, and the outlook revised to positive from stable for the following property/casualty subsidiaries of **The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.**:

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company
- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company
- Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois
- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company
- Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company
- Pacific Insurance Company, Limited
- Twin City Fire Insurance Company
- Nutmeg Insurance Company
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast
- Property and Casualty Insurance Company of Hartford
- Trumbull Insurance Company
- Sentinel Insurance Company, Ltd.
- Hartford Lloyd's Insurance Company
- Hartford Financial Products International, Limited

The ICR of "bbb+" has been affirmed and the outlook revised to positive from stable for **The Hartford**

Financial Services Group, Inc.

The following debt rating has been affirmed:

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.—

-- AMB-2 on commercial paper



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The following debt ratings have been affirmed and the outlook revised to positive from stable:

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.—

- -- "bbb+" on \$300 million 4.0% senior unsecured notes, due 2015 (approx. \$289 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$200 million 7.3% senior unsecured debentures, due 2015 (approx. \$167 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$300 million 5.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2016 (approx. \$275 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$325 million 4.0% senior unsecured notes, due 2017 (approx. \$295 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$500 million 5.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2017 (approx. \$415 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$500 million 6.3% senior unsecured notes, due 2018 (approx. \$320 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$500 million 6.0% senior unsecured notes, due 2019 (approx. \$413 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$500 million 5.5% senior unsecured notes, due 2020 (\$500 million outstanding)
- -- "bbb+" on \$800 million 5.125% senior unsecured notes, due 2022 (\$800 million outstanding)
- -- "bbb+" on \$300 million 5.95% senior unsecured notes, due 2036 (\$300 million outstanding)
- -- "bbb+" on \$300 million 6.625% senior unsecured notes, due 2040 (approx. \$295 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$408.8 million 6.1% senior unsecured notes, due 2041 (\$409 million outstanding)
- -- "bbb+" on \$425 million 6.625% senior unsecured notes, due 2042 (approx. \$178 million remaining)
- -- "bbb+" on \$300 million 4.3% senior unsecured notes, due 2043 (\$300 million outstanding)
- -- "bbb-" on \$600 million fixed-to-floating rate junior subordinated debentures, due 2042
- -- "bbb-" on \$500 million fixed-to-floating rate junior subordinated debentures, due 2068

Glen Meadow Pass-Through Trust—

-- "bbb-" on \$500 million 6.5% pass thru certificates, due 2067

The following indicative debt ratings on securities available under the shelf registration have been affirmed and the outlook revised to positive from stable:

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.—

- -- "bbb+" on senior unsecured
- -- "bbb" on senior subordinated
- -- "bbb-" on preferred stock
- -- "bbb-" on junior subordinated

The methodology used in determining these ratings is Best's Credit Rating Methodology, which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating process and contains the different rating criteria employed in the rating process. Best's Credit Rating Methodology can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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