

HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 17, 2012

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-13958

13-3317783

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut

06155

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

860-547-5000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 17, 2012, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (the "Company") announced the promotion of Brion Johnson to the position of chief investment officer and president of Hartford Investment Management Company. Mr. Johnson succeeds Hugh T. M. Whelan, who was named the acting head of Hartford Investment Management Company in October 2011. Mr. Whelan will retire from the Company following a transition period, as was his ultimate intent when he assumed the interim leadership role.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

*May 17, 2012*

By: */s/ Richard G. Costello*

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*Name: Richard G. Costello*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary*