

HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 STRAUSS CHARLES B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE [HIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, HARTFORD PLAZA

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/17/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 HARTFORD, CT 06115  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Restricted Stock	05/17/2006		A		1,403	A	\$ 71.27	5,167	D	
Common Stock								200	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Stock Option	\$ 62.07					(1) 12/20/2011	Common Stock	961
Stock Option	\$ 65.85					(2) 02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,448
Stock Option	\$ 37.37					(3) 02/22/2013	Common Stock	5,080
Stock Option	\$ 65.99					(4) 02/20/2014	Common Stock	2,731

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STRAUSS CHARLES B THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06115	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Richard G. Costello, POA for Charles B. Strauss by Power of Attorney of Charles B. Strauss dated February 19, 2004.

05/18/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2004, the third anniversary of the grant date.

(2) The option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2005, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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- (3) The option became fully exercisable on February 20, 2006, the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) One-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2005, an additional one-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2006 and the remaining one-third of the option will become exercisable on February 18, 2007, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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