HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE Form 8-K

October 03, 2006

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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) September 28, 2006 THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

13-3317783

DELAWARE 001-13958

(IRS Employer Identification

(State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) No.)

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Hartford Plaza

Hartford, CT 06115-1900 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(860) 547-5000

(Registrant s telephone number)

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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 28, 2006, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (the Company ) entered into (i) a Pricing Agreement, dated September 28, 2006 (the Pricing Agreement ), with Banc of America Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named therein (the Underwriters ) and (ii) an Underwriting Agreement General Terms and Conditions, dated September 28, 2006 (the Underwriting Agreement ), with Banc of America Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the Underwriters, with respect to the offer and sale by the Company of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.25% Senior Notes due October 15, 2011 (the 2011 Notes ), \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.50% Senior Notes due October 15, 2016 (the 2016 Notes ) and \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.95% Senior Notes due October 15, 2036 (the 2036 Notes and, collectively with the 2011 Notes and the 2016 Notes, the Notes ), pursuant to the Company s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-108067), as amended. The Pricing Agreement incorporates by reference the terms of the Underwriting Agreement. The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 9, 2004, between the Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank), as Trustee. The closing of the sale of the Notes occurred on October 3, 2006.

The Pricing Agreement sets forth the specific terms of the Notes, including coupon rate and interest payment dates and provides, among other things, that the Underwriters will purchase the Notes from the Company at the applicable public offering price, less a discount of 0.600% in the case of the 2011 Notes, 0.650% in the case of the 2016 Notes, and 0.875% in the case of the 2036 Notes. The Underwriting Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company. It also provides for customary indemnification by each of the Company and the Underwriters against certain liabilities arising out of or in connection with sale of the Notes and customary contribution provisions in respect of those liabilities.

The Underwriters and their affiliates have provided and in the future may continue to provide various financial advisory, cash management, investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services, including the provision of credit facilities, to the Company in the ordinary course of business for which they have received and will receive customary compensation.

The foregoing description of the material terms of the Underwriting Agreement and the Pricing Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement and the Pricing Agreement, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1.1 and 1.2, respectively, to this report.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K are hereby incorporated by reference into the following registration statement of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., Hartford Capital IV, Hartford Capital V and Hartford Capital VI filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on August 19, 2003 (File No. 333-108067).

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits

#### Exhibit No.

**Description** 

- Exhibit 1.1 Underwriting Agreement General Terms and Conditions, dated as of September 28, 2006, among The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as Representatives of the Underwriters.
- Exhibit 1.2 Pricing Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2006, among The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and

Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as Representatives of the Underwriters.

Exhibit 4.1	Senior Indenture, dated as of March 9, 2004, between The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 12, 2004).
Exhibit 4.2	5.25% Senior Note due October 15, 2011.
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Exhibit 5.1	Opinion of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

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Date: October 3, 2006

### **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.

By: /s/ Richard G. Costello

Name: Richard G. Costello

Title: Vice President and Corporate

Secretary

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