

The Hartford Named To Inaugural Bloomberg Financial Services Gender-Equality Index

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Company one of 26 firms recognized for strong commitment to gender equality

[The Hartford](#) was named to the 2016 Bloomberg Financial Services Gender-Equality Index (BFGEI). The 26 firms recognized on the index demonstrated strong commitments to gender equality, including dedicated social disclosure policies and practices.

"We are truly honored to be included on the Bloomberg Financial Services Gender-Equality Index," said [Beth Bombara](#), chief financial officer at The Hartford. "Greater gender diversity has been shown to positively impact the quality of decision-making and the operational and financial performance of a company. Our teams are stronger when our workforce reflects the diverse customer-base we serve."

The new index provides investors and organizations with standardized aggregate data across company gender statistics; employee policies; gender-conscious product offerings; and external community support and engagement. In order to be considered, The Hartford submitted a social survey created by Bloomberg in partnership with third-party experts, including Women's World Banking, Catalyst and Working Mother Media. Those included on this year's index scored at or above 60 points, a global threshold established by Bloomberg to reflect disclosure and the achievement or adoption of best-in-class statistics and policies.

"Evidence demonstrates that gender-equality policies and practices can affect a company's financial performance, productivity and ability to retain top talent," said Angela Sun, Head of Strategy and Corporate Development at Bloomberg. "While more and more firms are focused on addressing gender equality in the workplace, we've lacked a holistic set of data to better understand the issues facing companies, employees and clients. The BFGEI gives investors an important new decision-making tool by providing objective, concrete data around difficult-to-measure areas like policies and products."

The Hartford is committed to building an inclusive and engaging culture, where people are respected for who they are, recognized for how they contribute and celebrated for what they can become. The company has focused investments in talent development initiatives related to diversity and inclusion strategies, including leadership training, mentoring programs, and programming from the company's eight employee resource groups, which includes the Professional Women's Network. To learn more about diversity and inclusion at The Hartford, visit <https://www.thehartford.com/careers/corporate-diversity>.

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