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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/19 AND ENDING 12/31/19
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER - DEALER:

Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

690 Lee Road

(No. and Street)

Wayne
(City)

PA
(State)

19087
(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Shannon O'Neill 610-386-4034

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Deloitte & Touche LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

1700 Market Street
(Address)

Philadelphia
(City)

PA
(State)

19103
(Zip Code)

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- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

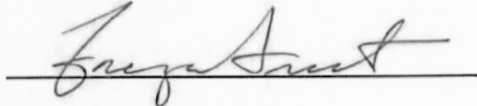
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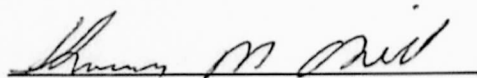
AFFIRMATION

I, Gregory Frost, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules pertaining to Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.



Gregory Frost
Chief Financial Officer

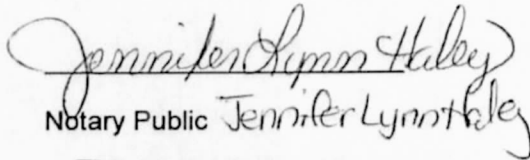
I, Shannon O'Neill, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules pertaining to Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.



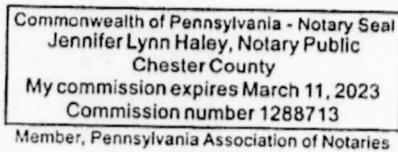
Shannon O'Neill
VP and Controller

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
County of Chester

Subscribed to before me this day of February 28, 2019.



Notary Public Jennifer Lynn Haley



Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC

(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of
Hartford Funds Management Group, Inc.)

(SEC I.D. No. 8-51290)

Statement of Financial Condition as of
December 31, 2019, and Report of Independent
Registered Public Accounting Firm

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**To the stockholders and the Board of Directors of Hartford Funds Management Group, Inc.
and Member of Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC**

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

The financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit of the financial statement provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

February 28, 2020

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2002.

HARTFORD FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Hartford Funds Management Group, Inc.)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019
(\$ in thousands)

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	91,220
Prepaid commissions		7,795
Receivables:		
Hartford Funds		2,858
Affiliates		747
Other assets		1,773
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>104,393</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Accrued compensation and benefits		17,973
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		17,383
Due to affiliates		9,637
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>44,993</u>
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)		
Member's capital		31,625
Accumulated earnings		27,775
TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY		<u>59,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	\$	<u><u>104,393</u></u>

See notes to financial statement.

HARTFORD FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019
(\$ IN THOUSANDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

1. ORGANIZATION

Hartford Funds Distributors, LLC (the "Company" or "HFD") is a single member Limited Liability Company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Hartford Funds Management Group, Inc. ("HFMG"), whose ultimate parent is The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. ("The Hartford" or "Parent").

HFD is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Company is a limited purpose broker-dealer and agent for the sale and distribution of shares of capital stock of Hartford Mutual Funds, Inc., Hartford Mutual Funds II, Inc., Hartford Series Fund, Inc., Hartford HLS Series Fund II, Inc., Hartford Alternative Strategies Fund and Hartford Schroders Opportunistic Income Fund (collectively, "Hartford Funds") as well as the distribution of Hartford Funds 529 Plan products. These shares are directly advised or serviced by HFMG and its consolidated subsidiaries.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation and Use of Accounting Estimates — The financial statement is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statement in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates in the Company's Statement of Financial Condition include whether there is a need for a valuation allowance on deferred taxes and the consideration of contingent liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents — Cash and cash equivalents represent cash on deposit in commercial bank checking accounts and money market securities redeemable on demand.

The Company maintains its cash balances with a major national depository institution, in amounts which may at times exceed the insurance limits of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Company is subject to credit risk should this financial institution be unable to fulfill its obligations. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to significant credit risk on such deposits.

Prepaid Commissions — Prepaid commissions are paid to external broker-dealers on sales of class A, B, and C shares of Hartford Funds. As of February 28, 2011 class B shares were closed to new investors but remain open for account owners who already own class B portfolios. The Company recovers prepaid commissions through monthly receipt of distribution fees from Hartford Funds or through early redemption of shares within the contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") period. Prepaid commissions resulting from sale of shares of Hartford Funds are amortized on a straight-line basis over a 12 to 72 month period depending on the share class, or until the underlying shares are redeemed. The Company reviews the recoverability of prepaid

commissions as events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable and adjusts them accordingly. Based upon the Company's assessment as of December 31, 2019, no impairment occurred.

Receivables from Hartford Funds— Receivables from Hartford Funds primarily include distribution fees and are carried at cost.

Receivables from Affiliates and Due to Affiliates —Amounts due from affiliates include receivables from The Hartford for deferred income tax as described below. Amounts due to affiliates primarily include general operating expenses.

Income Taxes — The Company is a limited liability company which allows it to be disregarded as a separate legal entity under federal and certain state income tax requirements such that operating activities are considered those of its Parent company and would be included in its Parent's consolidated federal income tax return and certain combined state income tax returns. The Company elects to include allocated amounts of The Hartford's current and deferred taxes in its financial statement. However, the Company and The Hartford have entered into a tax sharing agreement under which each member in The Hartford's consolidated U.S. Federal income tax return will make payments between them such that, with respect to any period, the amount of taxes to be paid by the Company, subject to certain tax adjustments, generally will be determined as though the Company were filing a separate Federal income tax return except that current credit for net losses will accrue to the Company to the extent the losses provide a benefit in the Hartford's consolidated tax return. Under this approach, the Company's deferred tax assets and tax attributes are considered realized by it so long as the entities included in The Hartford's consolidated Federal income tax return are able to recognize (or currently use) the related deferred tax asset or attribute. Thus, the need for a valuation allowance is determined at The Hartford's consolidated return level rather than at the level of the individual entities comprising the consolidated group. It was determined that no valuation allowance was necessary as of December 31, 2019, as the consolidated group believes it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be fully realized.

The Company recognizes taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred taxes for the tax consequences of differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities. Deferred taxes are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

Revenue recognition— The Company earns revenue primarily by providing distribution and underwriter services to Hartford Funds. Revenue is recognized for each distinct performance obligation identified in contracts with customers when the performance obligation has been satisfied by providing services to the customer either over time or at a point in time (which is when the customer obtains control of the service).

The Company has a Related Party Services Agreement (the "Related Party Agreement") with Hartford Funds Management Company, LLC ("HFMC"). Under the terms of the Related Party Agreement, HFMC compensates the Company for providing distribution, shareholder support, administrative and other services in support of the Company's role as the exclusive selling agent and principal underwriter. Related party services are earned in the period in which services are performed and are paid monthly pursuant to the terms of the respective contractual agreement.

Distribution fees include Rule 12b-1 fees which are collected in connection with activities intended to result in the sale of Hartford Funds. Distribution fees are recorded as revenue in the period in which services are performed and are presented gross of commission expense incurred

from external broker-dealers. Hartford Funds allows for payment to the Company of 0.25% to 1.00% of average daily net assets under management on various share classes on an annual basis. Distribution fees are assessed based on average daily net assets values from Hartford Funds, which are recorded in the period in which the services are provided and collected monthly.

Underwriter concessions are earned on the sale of class A shares of Hartford Funds. Upon purchase of class A shares, the shareholder is required to pay the initial sales charge of up to 4.75% to the selling-broker and an underwriter concession to HFD of up to 0.75% of the dollar value of the shares purchased. The sales charge for class A shares typically declines as the shareholder's investment amount increases. Revenue from underwriting concessions are deemed fixed amounts and are presented net, as the Company is responsible for arranging the underwriting fees of the Hartford Funds while third party selling firms are responsible for sales of the shares to investors. These underwriting concessions are recognized on the trade date as sales of Hartford Funds' shares occur and are collected daily.

Other revenue consists of revenue from shareholders' early redemption of class A, B and C shares within the CDSC period as well as interest income associated with cash and cash equivalents.

Distribution and CDSC fees are considered variable and are recognized to the extent it is probable that a significant revenue reversal will not occur once the uncertainty is resolved. Fluctuations in equity markets, volume and mix of sales and redemptions of Hartford Funds, and other changes to the composition of assets under management are all factors that ultimately have a direct effect on revenue earned.

Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards — Financial Instruments - Credit Losses - The FASB issued updated guidance for recognition and measurement of credit losses on financial instruments. The new guidance will replace the "incurred loss" approach with an "expected loss" model for recognizing credit losses for financial instruments carried at other than fair value. Under the new model, an allowance for credit losses ("ACL") will be recorded based on an estimate of credit losses expected over the life of financial instruments carried at other than fair value, such as mortgage loans and receivables. Under the current accounting model, an ACL is recognized using an incurred loss approach.

The Company expects to adopt the new guidance January 1, 2020 on a prospective basis as required. The Company has evaluated the potential impact of the new guidance and does not expect the adoption of the new guidance to have an effect on its financial position.

3. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Accounting standards for fair value measurement provide a framework for measuring fair value and require expanded disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants. The Company's fair value framework includes a hierarchy that gives the highest priority to the use of quoted prices in active markets, followed by the use of market observable inputs, followed by the use of unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy levels are as follows:

Level 1 — unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets, or liabilities, in active markets that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 — primarily based on observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, or based on prices for similar assets and liabilities.

Level 3 — derived when one or more of the significant inputs are unobservable (including assumptions about risk).

Inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The Company classifies financial assets and liabilities by level based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the determination of the asset or liability's fair value.

The following table presents assets measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market funds	\$ 90,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,544

The fair value of money market funds is measured using quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. All other assets and liabilities are carried at contractual amounts approximating fair value because of their short-term nature.

Transfers of securities among the levels occur at the beginning of the reporting period, however, the Company had no transfers between levels for the year ended December 31, 2019.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Transactions with Hartford Funds

A significant portion of the Company's revenue is earned from the sale and distribution of Hartford Funds. Contracts with Hartford Funds are subject to annual review and approval by each fund's Board of Trustees.

Transactions with Affiliates

Amounts due to affiliates include \$2,713 to The Hartford for federal income taxes and \$6,924 to The Hartford for general operating expenses.

Transactions with affiliates may not be inclusive of all economic benefits received from or provided to the Parent or affiliates. Transactions with affiliates are settled monthly with cash transfers.

5. BENEFIT PLANS

Substantially all employees of the Company are eligible to participate in The Hartford Investment and Savings Plan under which designated contributions may be invested in a variety of investments, including up to 10% in a fund consisting largely of common stock of The Hartford or certain other investments. The Hartford's contributions include a non-elective contribution of 2.0% of eligible compensation and dollar-for-dollar matching contribution of up to 6.0% of eligible compensation contributed by the employee each pay period. The Hartford also maintains a non-qualified savings plan, The Hartford Excess Savings Plan, with the dollar-for-dollar matching contributions of employee compensation in excess of the amount that can be contributed under the tax-qualified Investment and Savings Plan. Eligible compensation includes overtime and

bonus but is limited to a total, for the Investment and Savings Plan and Excess Savings Plan combined, of \$1,000 annually.

6. INCOME TAXES

The Hartford and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various states and foreign jurisdictions as applicable.

The deferred tax asset of \$53 is included in amounts due to affiliates on the Statement of Financial Condition. At December 31, 2019, there was no unrecognized tax benefit: 1) that if recognized would affect the effective tax rate and 2) that is reasonably possible of significantly increasing or decreasing within the next 12 months.

The Company believes that adequate provision has been made in the financial statement for any potential adjustments that may result from tax examinations and other tax-related matters for all open tax years.

7. CAPITAL RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer in securities, is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined under such provisions, shall not exceed 15:1. In addition, the Company may be prohibited from expanding its business or paying cash membership interest if its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital is greater than 10:1.

Advances to The Hartford and its affiliates, member interest payments, and other equity withdrawals are subject to certain notification and other provisions of the net capital rule of the SEC.

Net capital information is presented in the following table as of December 31, 2019:

Required net capital	\$ 2,999
Net capital	\$ 44,416
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	1.01:1

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and customary indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. However, based on their experience to date, the Company expects the risk of loss to be remote.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2020, the date this financial statement was available for issuance. No events were noted that were required to be recorded or disclosed in the financial statement.
