

## The Hartford Names Deepa Soni Chief Information Officer

Mark Esposito to retire at the end of 2019

Hartford, Conn. -- Thursday, September 26, 2019 -- The Hartford has appointed Deepa Soni as Chief Information Officer, effective Sept. 30. She succeeds Mark Esposito, who is retiring after a 13-year career with The Hartford. Soni will report to Bill Bloom, Head of Operations, Technology, Data and Analytics at The Hartford.

"Deepa brings an impressive combination of technical expertise and demonstrated leadership skills to The Hartford," Bloom said. "She is well-positioned to lead our information technology strategy and delivery, with a continued focus on digital transformation through targeted investments in our business platforms. Deepa shares our passion for investing in the diverse tech talent needed to meet the evolving expectations of our customers and provide long-term strategic benefits to the company."

Soni will be responsible for the enterprise's information technology applications and architecture. She brings more than 20 years of technology experience in the financial services industry. Most recently, Soni served as U.S. Chief Information Officer for BMO Financial Group, where she led innovative technology strategies resulting in frictionless customer and employee experiences, improved productivity, while modernizing the technology systems. Her previous roles include Head of Application Development at M&T Bank and Head of Enterprise Architecture at KeyBank, where she oversaw digital transformation, business solution delivery, enterprise architecture and business process optimization.

Soni was recently recognized by Dare Mighty Things as one of the 27 Tech Executives Changing the Future of Chicago and a Tech 50 Crain's Chicago Business leader in 2018.

Esposito joined The Hartford in 2006 and has held various technology leadership positions for the organization. As Chief Information Officer, he led the development and implementation of the information technology strategy across the company, driving application innovation and standardizing on an agile delivery model.

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