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Audit Integrity's Top 100 Most Trustworthy Companies

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*In recognition of their fair dealing with stakeholders, Audit Integrity has announced the [2010 list of the Top 100 most trustworthy publicly traded firms in the U.S.](#) Four **companies**, Bemis ([BMS](#)), CDI ([CDI](#)), Fred's ([FRED](#)) and United Natural Foods ([UNFI](#)) have made the list for four straight years. Among the highest rated large-cap **companies** are Bed, Bath and Beyond, ([BBBY](#)) and Hess Corp. ([HES](#)).*

To be included in the Top 100, a firm must be **ranked** as "Conservative," Audit Integrity's highest **Accounting** and **Governance** Risk (AGR®) rating. The AGR score is derived from statistical analysis of over 100 metrics that historically have been associated with transparent financial reporting and corporate **Governance**.

The Top 100 companies scored a low likelihood of risk in the following **areas** during the past year in comparison with their peers:

- Accounting Metrics, including revenue recognition, expense recognition, and asset/liability valuation
- Corporate Governance Metrics, including incentive compensation, amended filings, and litigation/regulatory actions
- High-Risk Events, including insider selling, share repurchases, and divestitures



Unfortunately, corporate fraud and malfeasance continue to rise despite outcries in the press and among regulators and the general public. Companies with poor **accounting** and **governance** practice are statistically likely to hide their true financial condition by manipulating the balance sheet, to the detriment of investors and other stakeholders.

The Honor Roll: Companies Returning from Prior Years

AmeriCredit Corp. (ACF)	2009
Bemis Company, Inc. (BMS)	2009, 2008, 2007
BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (BJRI)	2009, 2008
Casey's General Stores, Inc. (CASY)	2009
CDI Corp. (CDI)	2009, 2008, 2007
Cintas Corporation (CTAS)	2009, 2008
Clean Harbors, Inc. (CLH)	2009
Consolidated Edison, Inc. (ED)	2009, 2008
Dorchester Minerals L.P. (DMLP)	2009
Electro Rent Corporation (ELRC)	2009
Fred's, Inc. (FRED)	2009, 2008, 2007
Hess Corp. (HES)	2009
Marten Transport, Ltd. (MRTN)	2009, 2008
Renaissance Learning Inc. (RLRN)	2009
Safety Insurance Group, Inc. (SAFT)	2009
Sun Hydraulics Corporation (SNHY)	2009
TrustCo Bank Corp. NY (TRST)	2009
United Natural Foods, Inc. (UNFI)	2009, 2008, 2007
Zumiez Inc. (ZUMZ)	2009

The top 100 companies have gained 53% over the past 12 months, compared with 45% for the S&P 500. Download [full list](#).

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