

Special Report

America's Most Trustworthy Companies

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Look no further than the collapse of Bear Stearns to appreciate the importance of analytical techniques that can help investors identify companies with aggressive or risky accounting practices—and those with trustworthy accounting practices. Audit Integrity, a financial analytics company headquartered in Los Angeles, does just that. In its second annual analysis of America's Most Trustworthy Companies, it cites companies that consistently show transparency in their accounting, and demonstrate prudent management. The following large-market-cap companies lead their peers in Audit Integrity's latest rankings.

The Most Trustworthy Large-Cap Companies

Company	Audit Integrity Industry	Average AGR score*	Market Cap (\$mil)**	Current Quarter AGR Score
Loews Corp	Insurance (Prop. & Casualty)	87	21,416	85
HJ Heinz	Food Processing	84	13,983	85
Sunoco	Oil & Gas Operations	84	6,528	84
AGCO	Constr. & Agric. Machinery	83	5,408	83
Consolidated Edison	Electric Utilities	82	11,111	85



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Headquartered in Duluth, Ga., AGCO manufactures and distributes agricultural equipment and parts. Brands include Massey Ferguson; Fendt, based in Germany; Challenger; and Valtra, based in Finland. AGCO distributes most of its products through a combination of approximately 3,000 independent dealers and distributors in over 140 countries.

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