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Thriving through uncertainty: Europe’s underwriting leaders gather in London to redefine profitability

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**An invitation-only forum for chief underwriting officers and senior underwriting leaders to explore discipline, innovation
and performance in an evolving market.**

More than 200 senior underwriting leaders from Europe’s leading insurers will gather in London on June 9 for The Underwriting Network: London, the industry’s premier closed-door meeting dedicated to underwriting strategy and profitability.

Held at One Moorgate Place, the event brings together chief underwriting officers and senior decision-makers responsible for portfolio performance, risk appetite and underwriting transformation at a time of heightened economic uncertainty and competitive pressure.

As underwriting remains the cornerstone of insurance performance, market participants are navigating a complex environment shaped by softening conditions, geopolitical volatility, emerging risks, environmental challenges and capital constraints. Against this backdrop, underwriting leaders are being challenged to maintain discipline while responding to increasing demands for growth and innovation.

Building on the success of previous editions, The Underwriting Network: London 2026 will provide a focused platform for Europe’s most senior underwriters to examine how profitability can be sustained through collaboration, data-driven decision-making and operational resilience. Unlike broader industry conferences, the invitation-only format ensures highly targeted discussion among peers facing similar strategic challenges.

The one-day agenda explores how underwriting teams can balance pricing discipline with expansion ambitions, strengthen broker collaboration and adapt operating models as automation and artificial intelligence reshape the underwriting function. Discussions will also address regulatory pressures, distribution disruption and the evolving role of alternative capital and MGAs in shaping market dynamics.

Sessions throughout the day will examine key industry priorities, including managing profitability in a soft market, integrating AI while preserving underwriting expertise, modernising market connectivity, improving pricing through better data governance and preparing underwriters to assess emerging risks such as AI liability, cyber exposure and energy transition challenges.

Senior leaders from organisations including **SCOR, AXA XL, Allianz, Liberty Specialty Markets, Swiss Re and PartnerRe** will contribute to discussions exploring how underwriting organisations can adapt to an increasingly complex risk landscape.

Delegates will benefit from:

- Exclusive networking with Europe’s most senior underwriting leaders in an invitation-only environment.
- A focused agenda addressing underwriting profitability, discipline, and performance.
- Interactive roundtables, Oxford-style debates and workshops designed for practical engagement rather than traditional panel sessions.
- A highly curated audience of chief underwriting officers and senior underwriters from top-tier insurers.
- A confidential setting enabling open discussion of market challenges and strategic priorities.
- The opportunity to customise participation through multiple breakout discussions and networking spaces across the venue.

Key speakers include:

- Marie Biggas – Chief Underwriting Officer, **SCOR Business Solutions and Fac**
- Mike Gosselin – Chief Underwriting Officer for UK & Lloyd’s, **AXA XL**
- Adam Lloyd – Chief Underwriting Officer, **Allianz**
- Henry Nelson – Chief Underwriting Officer, **Liberty Specialty Markets**
- Andrea Scascighini – Chief Underwriting Officer – Casualty, **Swiss Re**
- Nicolas Georgy – Chief Underwriting Officer P&C EMEA, **PartnerRe**

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- Michael Wrightman – Chief Underwriting Officer, **Berkley Re UK Limited**
- Tony Tarquini – Founder & CEO, **5189 Limited**

Helen Raff, Director, Event Portfolio, ***Intelligent Insurer,*** said:

“Underwriting remains at the heart of a resilient and sustainable insurance market, but the environment in which underwriters operate is becoming increasingly complex. This event brings together senior leaders from across the industry to examine how disciplined underwriting, improved data insight and closer collaboration can help firms respond to emerging risks while maintaining long-term profitability and confidence in the market.”

Featuring chief underwriting officers from across Europe, the event combines keynote discussions, collaborative workshops and structured roundtables addressing topics ranging from underwriting discipline and AI adoption to distribution strategy, product innovation, data governance and talent development.

Run by *Intelligent Insurer*, the leading digital hub for senior re/insurance executives, brokers and carriers, the event equips underwriting leaders with the insights, connections and practical strategies needed to strengthen performance and profitability in an increasingly uncertain market.

For more information and to apply for an invitation, visit The Underwriting Network: London.

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