



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **QBE'S CASUALTY DIVISION NAMED UNDERWRITING TEAM OF THE YEAR AT INSURANCE DAY LONDON MARKET AWARDS**

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QBE European Operations, the specialist business insurer, is pleased to announce that its market leading Casualty team, headed by Managing Director Ash Bathia, has been awarded the prestigious Underwriting Team of the Year Award in Insurance Day's annual London Market Awards. .

The team received the award in recognition of its superior underwriting expertise, innovation and service. The award was presented at last night's ceremony in London and Ash Bathia collected the award on behalf of the team.

Commenting on this accolade, Ash Bathia said: "At QBE we are continually looking to build long-term, sustainable propositions that are underpinned by high quality service, empowered underwriting and core market understanding and we are proud to accept this award, which recognises these efforts."

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#### **ABOUT QBE**

QBE Insurance Group is Standard & Poor's 'A+' rated and is one of the world's leading international insurers and reinsurers, headquartered in Sydney, Australia. We operate out of 45 countries across the globe, with a presence in all key insurance markets, and are lead underwriters within our chosen markets, setting rates and conditions. For the year ended 31 December 2008, the company underwrote gross written premium totalling £6,025 million and held shareholders' funds of £5,364 million.

QBE's European Operations, which accounts for almost 40% of QBE Group turnover, is a leading specialist in London market and European commercial lines business. Active in both the Lloyd's and company market, QBE offers considerable diversity to the broking community, via eight product-focused underwriting divisions - casualty, QBE Re Europe, property, motor, marine & energy, specialty, aviation - all operations have the ability to write on both Lloyd's and company market paper.

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