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QBE NATIONAL ADDS FURTHER PROPERTY UNDERWRITER TO MANCHESTER OPERATION

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QBE European Operations (QBE), the specialist business insurer, continues to develop and broaden its offering to brokers and clients in Manchester and the North West with the appointment of Simon Smith as Property Underwriter in its Manchester office.

Simon joins QBE from Allied World Assurance Company in London where he gained vast experience in varied and complicated property risks in both the Lloyd's and retail markets.

Increasing the Manchester team to 35, Simon will work alongside Commercial Manager Antony Broome and Senior Property Underwriter, Anna Spink, to give brokers and their clients in the region access to additional experience in the property insurance sector.

Anna Spink, Senior Property Underwriter of QBE's Manchester office, said, "Simon brings a new perspective to the team and can assist greatly in the expansion of our business with particular focus on developing our major client offering".

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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.