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QBE CONTINUES TO BUILD REGIONAL NETWORK CASUALTY SPECIALIST JOINS MANCHESTER OPERATION

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Following the recent recruitment of six new underwriters to its Manchester operation, QBE, the specialist business insurer, has further expanded the team with the appointment of Jon Hesketh to the position of Casualty Underwriter.

Previously at AIG, Mr Hesketh is a casualty specialist with wide ranging experience in conventional and non-conventional business placements dealing with both national and independent brokers.

Reporting to Antony Broome, Commercial Manager of the Manchester office, Jon joins the team as QBE continues to develop its multi-line liability, motor, property and professional indemnity offerings, which are written from its seven regional underwriting hubs, as well as accident & health, trade credit and motor trade classes, which are represented in some branches.

Antony Broome, Commercial Manager of QBE's Manchester office, comments, "The addition of yet more talent to our growing team ensures that we can further build our offering to brokers and their clients in the area. With Jon's specialist casualty background, this appointment is another example of QBE's commitment to providing underwriting excellence and expertise throughout the North West region."

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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.

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