

Willis forms new company in Germany

Willis Group Limited ("Willis"), the international risk management consultant and insurance broker announces the formation of Willis Japan GmbH. The new company, which will begin trading on 1 October, will be based in Düsseldorf and will operate throughout the Japanese market in Germany.

The Willis team in Düsseldorf will comprise highly experienced German and Japanese nationals and will be headed by Herr Jürgen Hoven who has many years' experience in serving the Japanese insurance market in Germany.

The new company will form part of Willis Japan Global - a unit within Willis dedicated to serving the needs of Japanese clients worldwide.

Commenting on the formation of the new company, John Reeve, Executive Chairman of Willis says: "I am delighted to announce this new venture in Germany which will further strengthen our ability to serve the Japanese business community. Through this initiative we look forward to being able to offer existing and new clients an approach that is innovative while being based upon traditional values."

David Lewis, UK & European Practice leader within Willis Japan Global says: "This valuable addition to our European network will enable us to offer a wider service to the Japanese market at an important time. We are fortunate that the strength of Herr Hoven and the team that will be employed in Düsseldorf will complement the existing network of Willis Japan Global, particularly within Europe. Our team in Germany with their longstanding knowledge of the requirements of Japanese businesses there, will offer a unique service."

Willis, headquartered in London, is one of only three major risk management and insurance intermediary groups that operate on a worldwide basis. The Group, together with its subsidiaries and associates employs over 12,500 people and is represented in 73 countries. Willis develops and delivers professional insurance, reinsurance and risk management advice and solutions.

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