

Willis Group strengthens top management team

Willis Group Limited announces three key management appointments:

Richard Bucknall has been appointed Chief Operating Officer. He will also have overall responsibility for Willis International Holdings, Global Specialities and Global Risk Solutions and for Willis retail business in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Fred Arnold has been appointed Chief Administrative Officer and will have responsibility for expense management, procurement and real estate policies worldwide.

Mario Vitale is Executive Vice President and Director of Group Sales and Marketing. In addition to leading the Group's sales and marketing activities, he will oversee Willis e-commerce and knowledge management functions.

All three positions report to Joe Plumeri, Willis Group Chairman and CEO.

Joe Plumeri says: "these three appointments strengthen our top management team and will have a profound and positive impact in achieving the exciting goals we have set ourselves.

"Richard has done an outstanding job for Willis. I expect to work closely with him on a day-to-day basis and count on him to help lead Willis in the future.

"Fred has greatly contributed to the improvement of our North American operations since joining us last year. In his new role he will ensure the Group's resources are used efficiently and are being directed to areas which will help boost our margins and returns.

"Mario's increased responsibilities reflect our total commitment to being a client - driven organisation. By combining under Mario's leadership our knowledge management and exciting e-commerce capabilities with sales and marketing, we expect to improve dramatically our product and service offering to clients."

Willis Group limited, headquartered in London, is one of the world's major risk management and insurance intermediaries. Operating worldwide, the Group, together with its associates employs 12,500 people and is represented through a network of 235 offices in 73 countries. Willis develops and delivers professional insurance, reinsurance and risk management advice and solutions.

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