

# News Release

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## Willis Named “2005 European Commercial Broker of the Year”

**London, UK, May 23, 2005** – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, has been named the “2005 European Commercial Broker of the Year” as voted on by more than 3,000 risk and/or insurance managers or directors of multinational companies across 12 European countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom).

Over 30 commercial brokers were nominated and TNS Media carried out the online interviews in five languages (English, French, German, Italian and Spanish) as commissioned by StrategicRISK, the official journal of AIRMIC, the UK Association of Risk and Insurance Managers.

The online interviews were conducted among European Risk Managers in order to gauge opinion on the performance of European Commercial Brokers. Risk Managers were asked to identify the broker(s) and the services provided to them. They were then asked to rate, from 1 and 10, the quality of the services provided by each broker according to certain criteria.

“Willis receiving this honor from European insurance and risk managers is a clear indication of our total dedication to our clients and further validates that our Client Advocate model truly is a differentiator in this dynamic market,” said Joe Plumeri, Willis Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “There is no better group of industry professionals to select the best broker than the clients. What is your commitment, what is your service level, are you selling products or delivering custom, integrated solutions? We are pleased that this important client community recognized our efforts and has bestowed this honor on us.”

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