



Lloyd's insurers launch Political Risk Consortium in Asia

Beazley, Chaucer and Talbot partner to offer capacity of up to \$130 million

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Three leading insurers in the Lloyd's market have joined forces to form a Political Risk Consortium in Asia offering increased capacity for a wide range of political and contract frustration risks. Beazley, Chaucer and Talbot will work collectively to provide large scale capacity of up to \$130 million for individual risks, with a policy period of up to seven years, through the new Lloyd's consortium based in its Singapore hub.

Lloyd's is the world's leading market offering insurance cover for political risks – the risk that political acts or upheavals will result in a loss when investing in a specific country. Key risks covered by these policies include government intervention, confiscation and physical damage due to war, currency inconvertibility and contract frustration related to defaults, and non-payment by sovereign entities. Singapore is the largest Lloyd's market hub outside of London with gross written premiums of \$680 million in 2015.

Michael Lum, political risks and trade credit underwriter at Beazley in Singapore, said: "The new Political Risks Consortium at Lloyd's Asia allows local companies to protect themselves against risks related to larger investments in potentially unstable geographies, backed by the collective expertise of three leading Lloyd's syndicates. Beazley's Singapore office has been steadily growing along with Lloyd's overall business in the region and the increased capacity of the consortium will increase the ability of Asia Pacific companies to cover these risks locally."

Margaret To, CEO of Chaucer Singapore, said: "Our brokers and clients told us they needed help solving the problems associated with transacting business in emerging markets. We took this on board, and have responded to the challenge by establishing the new Political Risk Consortium. With greater dedicated capacity, more access to expertise and local representation for the Asia-Pacific region, the new Consortium and Chaucer Singapore provides brokers and clients with direct access to market-leading political risks solutions."

Jaime Taylor, political risks and trade credit underwriter at Talbot Risk Services Pte Ltd. in Singapore, said: "Talbot is delighted to work with Beazley and Chaucer to bring this new Political Risk Consortium to Lloyd's Asia. We expanded our global footprint into Singapore in 2007 and have since worked diligently to meet the needs of our clients here. Together, we will offer the Asia market the ability to assemble and deliver large scale capacity quickly and efficiently, delivering quotes for cover locally that meet our clients' deadlines."

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