

Allianz expands aviation team with two new hires

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Allianz Global Corporate & Speciality has strengthened its aviation team with two new hires.

Graham Spencer-Brown has joined the team as underwriter for the airlines department. He has 35 years' experience in aviation insurance.

Spencer-Brown previously worked at Willis Faber Underwriting Management, Arig Insurance and latterly as senior underwriter (airlines) with the Ace Group.

Also joining the team will be Cassandra Cummings, who takes up the position of assistant underwriter. She previously worked in aviation underwriting at Ace Group for six years.

"Allianz is delighted to have such a high calibre of personnel,' says Matthew Farrell, head of aviation in the UK. "I am looking forward to working closely with them to drive further growth in the aviation line."

The new appointments follow the more recent intake of John O'Sullivan, Darren Sherwood and Emma Wright to the general aviation team as underwriters and assistant underwriters, respectively. O'Sullivan's career spans 25 years with aviation insurance, specializing in general aviation, most recently with Willis.

Sherwood's aviation career spans 16 years, most recently in aviation underwriting at ACE Group, prior to which he was with Allianz Marine & Aviation and Westminster Aviation Insurance Group. Wright was previously with Aon for four years, as a broker in general aviation.

Additionally, David Woodcock and Andrew Barker are newcomers to the aviation claims team as claims adjusters.

Allianz Global Corporate & Speciality was launched in 2006 and is a combination of the activities of Allianz Marine & Aviation and Allianz Global Risks. It has three aviation departments – airlines, aviation products and general aviation – that offer insurance solutions.

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