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MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

Together Through Uncertainty Closing the Year. Strengthening Partnerships. Building Resilience.

As the global reinsurance community gathers in Dubai at the close of an extraordinary year, this event provides an opportunity to reflect, reconnect and reaffirm the partnerships that underpin our industry. Against a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainty, evolving risk and economic volatility, the conference will explore how collaboration, trust and shared expertise enable the market to respond to increasingly complex challenges.



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TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

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MEETINGS

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LUNCH

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THE FUTURE OF THE DIFC: NAVIGATING CHANGE AND SHAPING GROWTH

MAIN STAGE SESSION

A keynote and panel discussion exploring the Dubai International Financial Centre's growing role in global reinsurance against an increasingly complex geopolitical and economic backdrop. DIFC leaders and market participants will examine the regulatory and market developments shaping the Centre, how it has responded to new risks and opportunities, and its ambitions to strengthen its position as a leading hub for reinsurance, capital, MGAs and innovation serving the MEASA region.



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SPOTLIGHT DIFC

- ALYA AL ZAROUNI CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AUTHORITY
- ATISH SURI CEO, IMEA, GUY CARPENTER
- DARIO LOCATELLI, CEO, ALLIANZ TRADE IN MIDDLE EAST
- MOHAMED ALALI, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF XL RE EUROPE SE, DUBAI

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND RISK RESILIENCE MAIN STAGE SESSION

As climate losses continue to rise alongside geopolitical and economic uncertainty, this session will explore how the reinsurance industry is responding to an increasingly complex risk landscape. Panellists will examine advances in catastrophe modelling, data and analytics, new risk transfer solutions and resilience financing, while discussing how the market can help close the natural catastrophe protection gap and improve resilience for businesses, governments and communities facing more frequent and severe weather events.



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SPOTLIGHT CLIMATE

- KSHITIJ ANAND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY, AON
- SEBASTIEN LARCHE HEAD OF ENERGY, ELSECO

TUESDAY ROUNDTABLES

12:00 - 12:45

DIFC Roundtable

A focused conversation following on from the DIFC keynote. The session will discuss on the Dubai International Financial Centre's evolving role as a regional and international hub for reinsurance. Senior market figures will exchange views on regulatory developments, capital flows, and strategic priorities driving the DIFC's continued growth and global relevance.

15:00 - 15:45

AI Roundtable

An engaging, participant-driven discussion on the most practical and high-impact AI applications in reinsurance. Delegates will debate real-world use cases in claims, underwriting, pricing, and portfolio management, exploring both successes and pitfalls. Expect open dialogue on governance, data ethics, and the pace of adoption across global markets.

14:00 - 14:45

SR 500 Risk Management Hosted Roundtable Session

16:00 - 16:45

Political Violence Roundtable

An expert-led discussion on the rising risks of political violence, unrest and geopolitical disruption. The session will cover underwriting approaches, coverage evolution and claims experience, alongside the implications for reinsurers seeking to balance opportunity with heightened exposure in volatile regions.

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GCC GROWTH AND REINSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES

MAIN STAGE SESSION

Despite heightened geopolitical uncertainty, the Gulf remains one of the world's fastest growing re/insurance markets and an increasingly important source of opportunity for global carriers and brokers. This session will explore how reinsurers are supporting the GCC's economic transformation, responding to changing client needs and deploying capital across the region. Speakers will examine developments in Dubai, Riyadh and other regional centres, the role of international markets, evolving regulation and where the next phase of growth will come from across the Middle East.



- PAMELA THOMSON HALL CEO OF INTERNATIONAL, HEAD OF RISK & BROKING INTERNATIONAL, WTW
- ELIE ABI RACHED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – GLOBAL OPERATIONS, CHEDID RE
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FUELING DUBAI'S MGA BOOM
MAIN STAGE SESSION

Against a backdrop of heightened regional uncertainty, managing general agents (MGAs) continue to play an increasingly important role in delivering specialist underwriting expertise, agility, and access to new markets. This session will explore how Dubai's MGA ecosystem has evolved, what continues to attract underwriting capacity and investment, and whether current growth is sustainable. Panellists will discuss how MGAs are reshaping distribution models, responding to changing risk and client demands, and how regulatory frameworks and market appetite are evolving to support the sector's long-term development.



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HEAD - INSURANCE & REINSURANCE
DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AUTHORITY

SPOTLIGHT MGAs



- LAURENT LEMAIRE FOUNDER AND CEO, ELSECO
- AKHILESH JAIN FOUNDER & SEO, ADVANTAGE RE
- MOHAMMED JUNEDI SEO, RYAN SPECIALTY (DIFC)
- MANUELA ZWEIMÜLLER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR INSURANCE, DFSA

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GEOPOLITICS AND THE FUTURE OF MALICIOUS RISK

MAIN STAGE SESSION

As geopolitical tensions continue to reshape the global risk landscape, this session will bring together senior brokers and underwriters to discuss the lessons from managing volatility in real time. Panellists will examine how political violence, terrorism, SRCC and other malicious risks are evolving, and how underwriting strategies and capital deployment are adapting. The discussion will also explore how insurers and reinsurers are balancing disciplined underwriting with client demand in an increasingly uncertain market.



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- BELHASSEN TONAT, CHIEF UNDERWRITING OFFICER, RIYADH RE
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- SANDY WARNE, ACTIVE UNDERWRITER, SUKHOON INSURANCE
- COSMO WARNER, DIRECTOR I WAR, TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE, PRICE FORBES

SPOTLIGHT RISK LANDSCAPE

WEDNESDAY ROUNDTABLES

12:00 - 12:45

Energy Roundtable – (Onshore and Offshore Gulf Projects)

Industry leaders will explore how the reinsurance market is responding to changing energy dynamics in the Gulf. The discussion spans traditional oil and gas exposures, offshore developments and the transition to green and renewable projects, with insights on capacity and emerging risk management trends.

15:00 - 15:45

Catastrophe Risk Roundtable – (Flood, Cyclone, Earthquake)

This roundtable brings together experts to discuss how the industry is addressing regional catastrophe exposures. Topics include evolving hazard data, modelling advances and the role of reinsurance in supporting disaster preparedness, rapid recovery and resilient infrastructure across high-risk territories.

14:00 - 14:45

Protection Re Hosted Roundtable Session

16:00 - 16:45

Cyber Roundtable – (Threat and Claims Environment)

A roundtable assessing the fast-evolving cyber threat landscape and its implications for reinsurance. Participants will examine claims patterns, emerging vulnerabilities, and shifting regulatory requirements, while debating how best to structure risk transfer solutions in an increasingly complex digital environment.

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TÜRKIYE: GROWTH, RECOVERY AND RISK TRANSFER

MAIN STAGE SESSION

A forward-looking discussion aligned with the Istanbul event, providing a glimpse into the Türkiye discussions held in greater depth in Istanbul. Speakers will address Türkiye's expanding reinsurance landscape, market growth prospects, regulatory reforms, closing Türkiye's earthquake protection gap, and the role of regional and international partners in supporting sustainable market development.



SPOTLIGHT TÜRKIYE

- LINA HANTAS SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WESTFIELD SPECIALTY
- ATINC YILMAZ ATINC YILMAZ, REGIONAL CEO & HOWDEN EUROPE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



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THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

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CENTRAL ASIA: THE NEXT FRONTIER

MAIN STAGE SESSION

This regional session shines a light on emerging re/insurance opportunities across Central Asia. Broking and underwriting leaders will examine the region's insurance maturity, infrastructure investment opportunities, building data to add confidence, regulatory changes, and the potential for new and expanded re/insurance partnerships.



- NEERAJ YADVENDU, HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY SPECIALTY INSURANCE
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SPOTLIGHT CENTRAL ASIA

THURSDAY ROUNDTABLES

12:00 - 12:45

Sub-Saharan Africa Roundtable

A dialogue focused on reinsurance market development across Sub-Saharan Africa. Panellists will explore growth in key territories, evolving regulatory frameworks and the role of international partnerships in technology adoption and sustainable market expansion.

14:00 - 14:45

Africa Re Hosted Roundtable Session

15:00 - 15:45

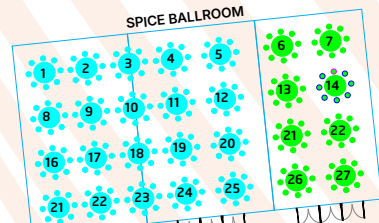
Health Roundtable

Health reinsurance is emerging as a major growth area in the Middle East where compulsory health cover is expanding access and driving demand. As healthcare evolves through virtual reality, AI diagnostics and robotic surgery, re/insurers face new risks and data challenges. Saudi's Vision 2030, with a \$10.7 billion market and over 12 million insured, highlights how innovation and investment are transforming health insurance and creating new opportunities for re/insurers across regional and global markets.

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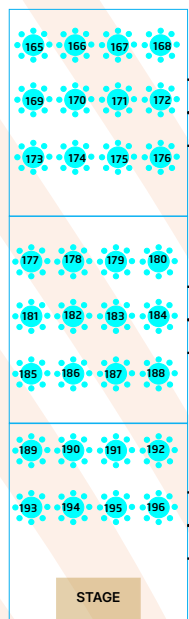
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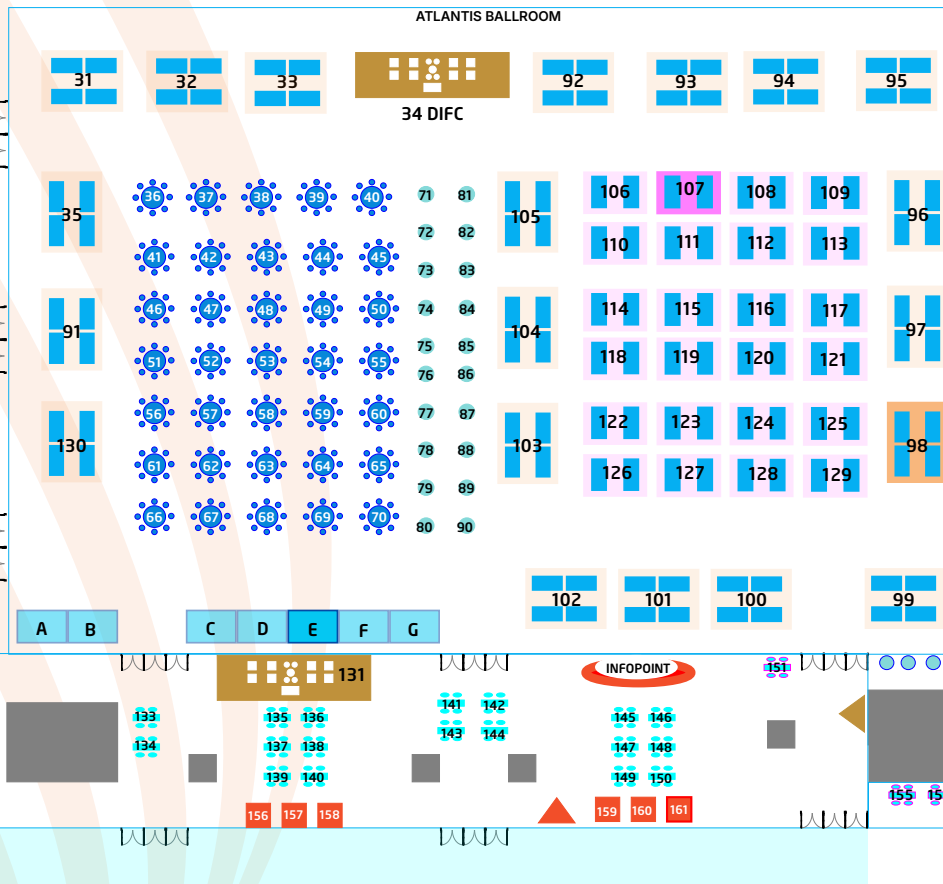


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