



# Whittington

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### **Whittington Group appoints non executive Chairman**

**25 March 2008:** Whittington Group, the international insurance investor and services provider, has announced that John Loudon has been appointed as non executive Chairman of the Group.

John Loudon resides in England and has had extensive experience in investment banking and corporate finance, particularly in Asia, having been an executive director of NM Rothschild & Sons Ltd and prior to that working with other leading corporations around the world.

He is currently Chairman of both Caneminster Limited and XL London Market Ltd and a director of the management companies of three funds managed by GEMS, the leading Hong Kong based private equity fund manager.

Mr Loudon is a graduate of Yale University, USA and The Sorbonne University, Paris.

Tony Hobrow, Whittington Group Chief Executive Officer, said today: "I am delighted that John Loudon has agreed to accept the position of non executive Chairman of the Whittington Group.

"His appointment underlines our growth strategy in the Asia Pacific and European regions in general. His extensive experience in insurance and corporate finance further strengthens the Group's existing expertise and reinforces our stated ambitions. I look forward to working closely with him.

"I am very pleased to confirm that our former Chairman, Edward de Jager will remain as an active non executive director of Whittington Group. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to him for his tremendous support, advice and most valuable contribution as Chairman of Whittington Group."

John Loudon added: "I am very pleased to be joining the Whittington Group. I look forward to helping play my part in what is going to be a very dynamic period in Whittington's growth as a specialist strategic insurance investor. I believe that the Group has the financial strength, appetite and entrepreneurial spirit to build a substantial international insurance business."

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**About Whittington Group**

Whittington is an international insurance investment and service business headquartered in Singapore. It is dedicated to providing goal-oriented, bespoke and innovative solutions to the insurance industry at any point in the lifecycle from start-up to run-off and exit.

Whittington owns a Lloyd's Managing Agency which provides start-up and turnkey arrangements as well as run-off administration.

Our significant financial strength is derived from our two Asia-based majority shareholders and investment in the Group by members of our senior management team.