MANIFESTO FOR GROWTH AND MODERNISATION OF THE LONDON MARKET

Our priorities to 2018

September 2016
While the roots of the London Market Group (LMG) are firmly embedded in the modernisation of business process standards, the publication of the London Matters report in 2014 widened the debate. Despite the fact that the London (re)insurance market is the largest global hub for commercial and specialty risk – bigger than all its nearest rivals combined, London Matters provided evidence that our position is under threat.

The result was a decision to extend the focus of the group. We have established the facts about the growth opportunities for our specialist market, we understand the threats and we have developed a comprehensive, business-led response which is outlined in this document.

I am delighted to say the LMG has made great progress in the last year. As this manifesto articulates, we are very clear that there is no single remedy for the challenges and opportunities the market faces, each element of our plan is mutually dependent on the others. However, there is real momentum across our four workstreams which is outlined in this document.

Everything that we are doing draws heavily on market practitioners who are volunteering their time. We have a tremendous Board comprised of market leaders – offering strong governance and insight from the businesses that operate within London. Each workstream is supported by key market figures, and initiatives are heavily dependent on volunteers. Without their insight, expertise and sheer enthusiasm we would be nowhere near where we are today. A market that can call upon those skills, and be given access to them in such abundance, has a lot to be positive about.

There is no doubt that we are investing significant sums of money in the future of our market, but that spend at the LMG level needs to be seen in the context of a £60 billion industry. We want to balance control and consultation with building momentum, with real market representation and challenge.

Since the UK’s decision to leave the EU, the LMG has been very active and visible on this matter. Despite the challenges, this new world also offers opportunities to make some very positive changes that will allow our unique marketplace to grow and thrive. We have a window of opportunity to make some substantial strides to increase our competitiveness, we need to seize the moment and move forward with increased momentum.

This manifesto is designed to lay out the context for our activities, articulate what you can expect from us and explain how we are funded and governed. I believe in transparency and candour, and this document is a foundation stone in achieving those goals.

Nicolas Aubert,
LMG Chairman
The London Market Group (LMG) is a market-wide body, bringing together the specialist commercial (re)insurance broking and underwriting communities in London.

The London Market is made up of over 350 FIRMS - a diverse range of carriers, brokers and associated services. It employs over 48,000 PEOPLE. The London Market contributes over 21% OF THE CITY OF LONDON'S GDP and 7% OF LONDON'S GDP.

Over the last five years, the London Market has paid more than £140 BILLION IN CLAIMS.

LMG speaks collectively for market practitioners on all common market topics, notably growth and modernisation issues. Its aim is to build and maintain London’s position and reputation as the global centre of insurance excellence. LMG is supported and governed by the International Underwriting Association of London (IUA), Lloyd’s, the Lloyd’s Market Association (LMA) and the London & International Insurance Brokers’ Association (LIIBA).

The London Market has a rich heritage tracing back to the seventeenth century. Over the centuries the market has developed and grown, and today it is the largest global hub for commercial and specialty insurance, delivering solutions for risks in almost every territory around the world. It’s a genuine market offering an ecosystem of insurance carriers, brokers and affiliated professional services working within the City of London.

This high concentration of insurance related intellectual capital and depth of experience, combined with the unique face-to-face trading that takes place, is what makes London a world leading insurance market. However, London’s competitive position is under threat from a number of trends in the global (re)insurance industry including: increased availability of local underwriting expertise; a more global view of risk placement; emerging markets taking over as the drivers for premium growth; and technology shortening the supply chain.

During 2015, LMG developed an agenda focussed on modernisation and growth to respond to the challenges of a changing global (re)insurance market. This recognises that modernisation is critical and, we must do more in parallel, to promote our strengths as the preeminent global insurance market. In 2016, under the leadership of its new chairman Nicolas Aubert, LMG started implementing a series of concrete actions to deliver this agenda.

TELLING THE LONDON MARKET STORY: to provide our buyers with a clear case for coming here to purchase our product and services.

BUILDING A DIVERSE, DYNAMIC WORKFORCE which offers a deep talent pool for the market to draw on.

CREATING A BETTER BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT by working with government so that the London Market is able to respond to new client demands and existing and emerging risks.

MAKING LONDON AN EASIER, MORE COST EFFECTIVE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS by implementing the London Market Target Operating Model (TOM).

FUNDING

LMG’s budget to 2018 is £2m per annum. This excludes the TOM costs, which are managed separately. LMG is currently funded in the following proportions:

- 40% Lloyd’s/LMA
- 30% LIIBA
- 30% IUA

These proportions and the budget amount can be adjusted depending upon specific events and needs of the market.

The LMG comprises of six FTEs. Staff are employed by Lloyd’s on behalf of the market and seconded to LMG, and infrastructure is provided by Lloyd’s. The small team relies heavily on support from market volunteers and engages temporary specialists and third party suppliers when necessary. This model is operationally efficient and allows flexibility, which is necessary to support the changing challenges which the LMG is helping the market to address.

70% of the budget is spent on the base cost of running LMG and includes infrastructure, employment and core outsourced services for Public Relations and Public Affairs. 30% is spent on the projects related to the three growth workstreams: building a diverse, dynamic workforce, telling the London Market story and creating a better business environment to respond to new client demands.
THE SCOPE OF LMG’S WORK

In consultation with the Market Associations and Lloyd’s, the LMG Board has agreed the following scope and activities.

London Market growth and modernisation governance

Set the London Market growth and modernisation strategy
Govern delivery of cross-market projects
Collate and analyse London Market data to ensure agenda is current and measure progress

Growth

Telling the London Market story
Research stakeholder perceptions of the London Market
Identify new ways of altering buyer perceptions to retain and increase business
Develop and deliver a campaign to promote the London Market to external stakeholders

Building a diverse, dynamic workforce
Promote the London Market as a first class employment choice
Bring new talent into the market from new talent pools
Share surplus talent across the market

Creating a better business environment
Promote agenda focused on London’s global competitiveness to government, parliamentarians, regulators and other external stakeholders
Act as the central representation body for Brexit negotiations and new trade deals
Encourage appropriate and proportional Market regulation

Modernisation

Making London an easier place to do business
Placing Platform Limited (PPL) – moving risk through the market
The Central Services Refresh Programme (CSRP) – focusing on moving the money
Delegated Authorities – simplifying coverholder business
A project to get data around the system seamlessly
Building an innovation community

Core secretariat support

Executive support for cross-market committees
Central market infrastructure Subject Matter Experts
Maintain Market Reform Contract (MRC) and other central market standards

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016 AND WHAT WE WILL DELIVER

Our achievements in 2016 and current deliverables for the growth and modernisation activities are detailed below: the success of LMG is measured on delivery of these initiatives. This will provide tangible evidence that the market can co-operate to deliver a growth and modernisation agenda. For 2017/2018, we will articulate new goals that move our agenda even further forward and deliver measurable change in terms of market development and efficiency.

Telling the London Market story

Achievements January - September 2016

• Launched new LMG website, including content designed to promote the London Market
• Organised LMG representation at BIBA, AIRMIC and Monte Carlo Rendez-Vous for the first time. Commenced engagement with RIMS, PARIMA & FERMA
• Engaged Interbrand – a specialist branding agency – to help LMG research global perceptions and understanding of the London Market
• Completed phase 1: researched internal stakeholder present and future perceptions of the London Market and developed a research approach and hypotheses
• Commenced phase 2a: global market research into the London Market value proposition, with participants engaged and interviews underway. Participants include risk managers, overseas brokers and insurers.

Deliverables October 2016 - March 2017

• Brand strategy research (phase 2a) completed: including interviews with end clients; brokers; insurers; and experts in the UK, US, Brazil, Columbia and Singapore
• Brand strategy research published to the market
• Peer insights report issued to research participants
• Proposal and business case developed (phase 2b) to outline recommended value proposition for the London Market, describing its critical advantages over alternative markets
• Decide how LMG will develop promotional capability for the market
• If approved, commence development of promotional capability including our new value proposition (phase 3)
## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016 AND WHAT WE WILL DELIVER

### Building a diverse, dynamic workforce

#### Achievements January - September 2016
- Commissioned and published a study into skills gaps in the London Market: *Talent in the London Market - unique advantage*
- Developed an action plan for LMG to support the market in filling these skills gaps
- Held pilot events to educate students about market careers
- Held joint market event with CII to educate the market on the apprenticeship levy
- As part of LMG’s commitment to diversity, recruited our first intern through ELBA, a partnership agency which links employers to talented young people from East London
- Developed core recruitment engagement path for both entry level and experienced hires to enable initiative prioritisation
- Work underway to create working groups and address pipeline issues in claims and wording roles
- Became a sponsor of Dive In 2016, the market-wide festival for diversity and inclusion in insurance

#### Deliverables October 2016 - March 2017
- ELBA sourced intern to continue to contribute to the progress of this workstream
- Held two additional market education events on the apprenticeship levy, to help ensure the market is prepared for this new legislation
- Further engagement of the under 35 community to progress the approved initiatives
- Initial market education events and engagement for new talent pools. Plan developed for future events
- Launch of new Discover Risk partnership with the CII
- LMG provide input to support development of cross-market apprenticeship scheme
- Agree long-term workstream resourcing and funding requirements

### Creating a better business environment

#### Achievements January - September 2016
- Developed key messaging for Parliamentarians asking for their support to promote the market; improve our competitiveness; and prioritise the introduction of ILS legislation
- Developed this agenda to highlight the market’s priorities for EU exit negotiations and new trade deals
- Held 20+ meetings with parliamentarians to discuss this agenda, receiving a positive and engaged response
- Invited to join three All Party Parliamentary Groups
- Invited to present to a group of UK Trade Envoys on our market
- Developed a white paper on a proposed foreign aid catastrophe bond and published this at a Parliamentary roundtable
- Developed joint LMG/UKTI brochure, translated into six languages, for all UK embassies to promote the London Market
- Commenced work with Treasury, trade and business officials and new ministers to support EU exit negotiations
- Formal LMG representation and alignment with external bodies including ABI, CityUK, City Hall, UKTI, Corporation of London
- Developed our political strategy for when Parliament returns from recess

#### Deliverables October 2016 - March 2017
- Regular contact established with c20 MPs and peers as our community of advocacy
- LMG recognised as the principal lobbying voice for the London Market in relation to Brexit negotiations and continues to develop priorities for Government
- Meetings held between LMG & key ministers for Trade, Brexit, HM Treasury and DfID
- Active campaign to promote competitiveness of the market involving Parliamentary questions, ministerial meetings and debates
- Joint working group established between Treasury, DfID and LMG to develop the idea of a foreign aid catastrophe bond and incorporate into existing Government departmental initiatives.
- Joint event with LMG, UKTI and Foreign Office for foreign ambassadors to promote the London Market
- Proposed ILS legislation is published and LMG develops plans for ILS market launch in the UK
- Presentations to All Party Parliamentary Groups
GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING

The LMG is governed by a Board comprised of the LMG Chairman, LMG Chief Executive and senior representatives of each market constituency, including the chairs of the association boards. The current membership is detailed below.

Each association is represented by up to five members, including the Chairs and Chief Executive Officers.

The activities associated with LMG and the growth and modernisation initiatives are governed by a combination of the LMG Board and the TOM Steering Board. It is anticipated that any initiatives which result in the formation of a limited company, such as PPL, will have their own company boards to manage them as they move from ‘project/build’ as governed by LMG, into ‘run’ governed by Associations directly.

For decision making, 50% of the Board and all four funding parties must be present. The remit of the LMG Board’s funding decision making is confined to the LMG budget and activities detailed in this manifesto.

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2017 deliverables

• Completion of all build work on CSRP so that adoption can gain momentum
• The Delegated Authority build will be completed with the delivery of the data element of the initiative to create a single central repository for all coverholder data
• PPL roll out will be accelerated to put a significant number of new classes of business online
• Structured data capture will go live to move the market closer to straight through processing
• The requirements of Contract Coverholder Compliance Services will be fully defined

GETTING TO THE CORE OF WHAT MAKES LONDON AN EASIER PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

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