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Foreword



Our biggest ever Market People Awards - thank you

Welcome to this June & July, Special Edition of LMF Engage, celebrating all those recognised by the sector at this year's Market People Awards, which took place on 17th June at the Guildhall, in the heart of the City of the London.

320 of the Market's finest assembled at one of the City's most iconic buildings to celebrate the people and talent of the London Insurance Market. Our Moulin Rouge themed extravaganza, with leading artists and performers, lit up the stunning Guildhall, as we shone a light on those who are truly glowing in our Market and making a genuine difference.

Over the next few pages you'll see all the 2026 winners and we equally encourage you to visit the Market People Awards website where you'll be able to explore all of those Highly Commended and who received a Special Commendation.

The Market People Awards has become a much loved celebration in the London Market calendar. Over 200 are involved in delivering this unique event, but much of the work is done by the small core team at LMF, which I'd like to thank sincerely, along with our incredible Market volunteers. Working together, we deliver an evening that emphasises the very best thing about the London Market: the talent, character and dedication of the people who make the EC3 community so successful. Well done to everyone who was nominated and a special thank you to our Awards Headline Sponsor, Velonetic.

Since the Awards, LMF has been incredibly busy hosting some more Market gatherings and planning a most exciting Q3/4 programme, so do keep a look out over the coming weeks and join in - there'll be content, learning and collaboration opportunities for all. If you're going away, do enjoy the Summer break and we'll see you again in September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger'.

Roger Oldham
Chartered Insurance Practitioner
Founder & CEO

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Market People Awards 2026

A spectacular Parisian celebration in the heart of the City of London

More than 320 guests gathered at Guildhall on 17th June for the annual Market People Awards, celebrating outstanding talent, leadership, innovation and contribution across the Lloyd's and London Insurance Market.

Now in its ninth year, the Market People Awards has become one of the most anticipated and respected events in the London Insurance Market calendar. The 2026 ceremony celebrated exceptional individuals, teams, firms and supplier partners who continue to make the Lloyd's and London Insurance Market one of the world's most respected and successful insurance communities.

Further information, highlights and the full winners list are available at: <https://marketpeopleawards.com>

Information about LMF and its wider London Market community can be found at: <https://lmforums.com>



A Parisian Celebration of Market Excellence

Set against a dazzling Parisian glamour and Moulin Rouge-inspired theme, this year's Market People Awards delivered an unforgettable evening of entertainment, fine dining, recognition and networking.

From the moment guests arrived at the Gala Drinks Reception, the atmosphere was electric. Guildhall's historic Great Hall was transformed with dramatic red and gold styling, immersive entertainment and high-energy live performances, creating a memorable "show within a show".

The event featured leading artists from the worlds of theatre, dance and music, alongside a premium dining experience and opulent thematic production. Uniquely, the Market People Awards is hosted and presented by our very own Roger Oldham, Founder of LMF, who has worked in the insurance industry for 40 years.

The People's Awards of the London Market

What makes the Market People Awards truly distinctive is that they are industry-led. Nominations come directly from the London Market community, while judging is carried out by Market practitioners, including previous award winners. This makes the Market People Awards a genuine celebration of peer-recognised achievement across the Lloyd's and London Insurance Market.

The 2026 event concluded with the much-loved Winners' After Party, sponsored by LMF and held in the Old Library at Guildhall, where winners, highly commended and special commendation recipients celebrated together.

Record-Breaking Nominations Across 25 Categories

The Market People Awards 2026 received a record-breaking 300 nominations across 25 award categories, highlighting the depth of talent, dedication, innovation and leadership across the London Insurance Market.



Standout Winners from the Market People Awards 2026

The prestigious Market People Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to two highly respected industry leaders: **Chris Lay**, formerly of Marsh, and **Stephen Catlin** of Convex, honouring their remarkable careers and long-standing contributions to the London Insurance Market over many decades.

Another standout winner of the evening was **Kirstin Duffield**, who received the Joe Dainty Memorial Award, recognising an individual who has made a lasting impression by driving change and transformation in the London Market. Kirstin was also recognised through her work with Datum Point, winner of London Market Consultancy / Advisory / Services Supplier of the Year.

Kirat Kaur Nandra was named London Market Mentor of the Year and was also joint winner of the Market People Outstanding Contribution Award, recognising her extraordinary impact across the industry.

Ravi Shankar was also recognised with the Market People Outstanding Contribution Award for his significant contribution to the Market and wider community. For all the winners, check out the following pages and see who you can spot.

Your 2026 Winners



**Claims Professional/Team
of the Year**

Elena Fanelli
Beazley



**Broking Professional/Team
of the Year**

Ethan Godlieb
Consilium



**Market CEO/Business
Leader of the Year**

Taryn McHarg
Apollo



**Underwriting Professional
of the Year**

Dr Ajay Aggarwal
Beazley



**Marketing Professional
of the Year**

Ismay Hawthorn
Beazley



**Market CEO/Business
Leader of the Year**

Michael Walsh
Allied World

Your 2026 Winners



**Young Underwriter
of the Year**

**Patrick Finn
ibott Apollo**



**Young Claims Professional
of the Year**

**Abigail Smythe
Brit Insurance**



**Young Claims Professional
of the Year**

**Persephone Scanlan
Allied World**



Rising Star of the Year

**Oscar Brown
Howden**



**Market Inclusion, Diversity &
Equity Champion/Team**

**Sam Daruvala
TMHCC**



Young Broker of the Year

**Ellis Nicholson
Marsh**

Your 2026 Winners



**Data, Analytics & AI
Professional of the Year**

Jack Miller
Apollo



**Market People –
Outstanding Contribution
Award**

Ravi Shankar
Mosaic



**Market People –
Outstanding Contribution
Award**

Kirat Kaur Nandra
Travelers



**Market Technology &
Innovation Professional of
the Year**

Steve Peart
Allied World



**Reinsurance Professional /
Team of the Year**

Apollo
Reinsurance Team



**Joe Dainty Memorial
Award**

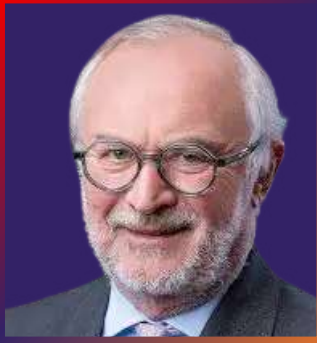
Kirstin Duffield
Verisk

Your 2026 Winners



**Market People – Lifetime
Achievement Award**

Chris Lay



**Market People – Lifetime
Achievement Award**

Stephen Catlin
Convex



**London Market Mentor
of the Year**

Kirat Kaur Nandra
Travelers



**London Market Consultancy
/ Advisory / Services
Supplier of the Year**

Kirstin Duffield
Datum Point



**London Market Technology
& Innovation Supplier of the
Year**

ACORD Solutions Group



**London Market Supplier –
Professional of the Year**

Paul Templar
VIPR

Your 2026 Winners



Broking Team of the Year

**Marsh
Cyber Team**



**Best Young Persons' Talent / Personal
Development Programme**

Howden Group Early Careers

Your 2026 Winners



**Market HR & Learning & Development Team of
the year**

Howden Early Careers Team



Underwriting Team of the Year

**Westfield Specialty
Credit & Political Risks Team**

Your 2026 Winners



**London Market HR & L&D
Supplier of the Year**

Sheridan Worldwide



**London Market Law Firm
Professional of the Year**

**Vittorio Cinque
Kennedys Law**



**Data, Analytics & AI
Professional of the Year**

**Diana Galarraga
Chubb**



MGA of the Year

**VAVE
MGA**

LMF and the London Market supporting the wider community

A key part of every Market People Awards is supporting an important charitable cause. The LMF nominated charity for 2026 is Crisis, the national charity for people experiencing homelessness. Guests once again showed their generosity throughout the evening, supporting the charity through a Grand Raffle, fundraising games and donations.

Roger Oldham added: "The generosity of the London Market community is something we never take for granted. Supporting Crisis this year gave the evening an additional sense of purpose, and we are hugely grateful to everyone who contributed."

£5,000

LMF is delighted to confirm that £5,000 was raised on the evening



Dulal Ahmed, Director of the Crisis Skylight Centre in London, addressing the Market People Awards audience at the Guildhall

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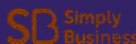
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LMF Member Testimonial



"I have been a member of LMForums for many years and have found it to be one of the most valuable communities in the London Market, bringing together practitioners and experts from across the industry in a genuinely collaborative environment. The Generative AI Working Group has been particularly beneficial, combining expert guest speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and close engagement with industry consultants, all working together for the benefit of the market. Roger and the team deserve enormous credit for creating a forum where knowledge sharing, learning, and professional connections can flourish. I would wholeheartedly recommend LMForums to anyone looking to stay informed, broaden their network, and contribute to the future of the London Market."

Mike Ashton
Global Aerospace



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