

Crawford & Co expands with Swiss partner

LOSS adjuster Crawford & Company has teamed up with a Swiss partner to manage claims in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, writes *Justin Rahman*.

The new venture, Crawford Partner (Switzerland) AG, will be run by Daniel Fischer, who will also be responsible for marketing and business development activities. Fischer, formerly a property director at Gerling Switzerland, is well known within the Swiss insurance market, Crawford said.

He was with Gerling for more than 20 years and his experience includes property, liability and business interruption. Fischer has also established relationships with top Fortune 500 clients in the US, the loss adjuster added.

Charlotte von Krohn, operations manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), said: "Crawford's new Swiss office marks another milestone in expanding the company's services throughout Europe. It now has over 100 offices in the EMEA region. He [Fischer] will be a great asset to the company as we further develop our services here."

Switzerland has been a popular place for the insurance industry. It is home to the world's largest reinsurer, Swiss Re, and has been targeted by Aspen Re for its ambitious European expansion plans (*IDnewscentre*, Jun 18).

The country also falls outside the European Solvency II regulations.