



## **MCLARENS STRENGTHENS MIDDLE EAST OPERATION WITH RAFT OF SENIOR APPOINTMENTS**

***Team expansion supports strategy to grow specialty practices alongside cementing its broader position in the region***

**UAE – MACRH 2023:** McLarens, the global claims services provider, has expanded its team in the Middle East with five senior appointments. The roles will support McLarens' Middle East strategy to strengthen its specialty practices alongside cementing its broader position in the region.

**Richard Croudson** joins as a **Senior Executive Adjuster** with more than 30 years in the industry. Starting his career at McLarens in the UK, Richard has been based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) since 2005. He has extensive experience of Construction All Risk (CAR), Erection All Risk (EAR), machinery breakdown, commercial property, and business interruption and has overseen high profile construction claims programmes. Richard will be responsible for extending McLarens offering across these areas and managing accounts across the region.

**Vivek Ram Mohan** has been appointed as **Marine Manager** in the UAE. With more than 30 years of experience in marine cargo claims, Vivek has carried out more than 3,000 surveys in the UAE, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Oman and Bahrain. At McLarens, Vivek will be responsible for growing the marine capabilities in the region and leading international surveys from the Dubai office.

**Gary Wilson** joins as an **Executive Adjuster** in the UAE with more than 20 years of loss adjusting experience, 12 of which have been in the Middle East. He has handled multi-million-dollar losses in the region, including in the UAE, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain and Jordan. He specialises in losses across multiple disciplines including CAR, EAR, property, liability, specie, fine art, financial lines, terrorism and contingency covers.

**Manojkumar Chaurasia** is a qualified engineer and joins McLarens as an **Executive Adjuster**. He has more than 15 years of experience and with 11 of those in the UAE. He started his career in India with the largest loss adjusting company in the pan-Indian region. Manoj is responsible for handling a mixed portfolio of losses such as Property All Risk, engineering policies including EAR and CAR, machinery breakdown and contractors' plant and machinery.

Alongside these appointments in the UEA, McLarens welcomes **Tim Graham** as a **Consultant Executive Loss Adjuster** in Saudi Arabia. Tim has nearly 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, starting his career in 1998, initially handling property claims, technical claims and fraud investigations. He handled a series of losses and responded to catastrophic events in and around Australia. Tim joins McLarens to help with knowledge transfer with McLarens' local employees in Riyadh and will work with Saudi General Manager, Hassan Abdulfattah, to support staff as McLarens continues to grow its presence in the region.

The McLarens regional network in the Middle East, including McLarens Aviation and LWI operations, now comprises a team of 35 working across offices in Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE (Abu Dhabi and Dubai) and Yemen.

**Chris Panes, Chief Operating Officer – Europe, Middle East, Asia Pacific, McLarens, said:** *“The Middle East is continuing to see a boom in construction, led by mega projects across the region. Together, UAE and Saudi Arabia account for 80 per cent of non-life business in the Gulf. That’s why we’re building upon our great team with senior strategic hires as we anticipate further growth across the region.*

*“In addition to cementing our commercial property and construction & engineering offering, we see a significant opportunity to further expand our expertise across marine, liability and other high-value areas reflecting the business in the region. We understand from our clients that there is a growing appetite for specialist, practitioner-led loss adjusting services in these areas.”*

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