



# UK Energy & Construction Biographies

## UK & Global



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James is responsible for developing and executing the UK strategy in line with the global Energy strategy, as well as driving underwriting excellence. James previously held the position of Global Head of Upstream Energy at Chubb, where he spent over 16 years.

## UK Construction



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Ged is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute with more than 35 years Underwriting experience of Construction Projects. Ged is a Construction Underwriting Specialist and has led some of the largest International Construction projects placed in the London Market over the last decade. He joined AIG in 2005 as a Senior Construction Underwriter and was appointed Construction Centre of Excellence Manager in 2011.

Prior to joining AIG, Ged held various Engineering Underwriting positions within the RSA Group in Manchester and London underwriting all classes of international CAR/EAR business. Ged began his insurance career in 1978 with the National Vulcan Engineering Group Ltd. and has 35 years of experience writing Engineering Lines insurance.



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Simon is a Senior Underwriter with 10 years' experience in the London Market. Simon has worked in the Construction team for 5 years and prior to this has held roles in Aerospace and Energy



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Adam graduated from Durham University and his first stint at AIG was in Dubai where he underwrote Construction and Operational Energy lines of business for two years.

Following a return to London, Adam worked in the Energy team at Marsh & McLennan before rejoining AIG London as a Construction Underwriter, where he has now been for the last two years. Adam is ACII qualified.

## UK Mining

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**Simon Morgan**  
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Simon has 25 years' experience in insurance and started at Jenner Fenton Slade Natural Resource broking department in 1992. In 1997, he moved to Alexander Forbes' Non-Marine broking team where his role involved handling Heavy Industry and Natural Resource business from cradle to grave. His transfer to BMS in 2003 led to a move to Agnew Higgins in 2005 as part of their Non-Marine Energy broking division. Following the merger of Agnew Higgins with JLT in 2006, Simon was a Senior Broker within Energy and Natural Resources. In 2008, Simon made an internal transfer to Lloyd & Partners (JLT's wholesale broking division). Since joining AIG in 2014, Simon has had the multi-faceted position of Manager for Mining, Power, Chemicals and Cyber Edge PC.

## UK Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals

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John manages the Chemical and Pharmaceutical book in Energy for London and Europe. Based in London John is also a European underwriting referral point for Chemical and Pharmaceuticals. John has been writing Chemical and Pharmaceutical risks for AIG for over 15 years, he also previously wrote O&P risks for AIG.

Prior to joining the company in May 2003, John was a property underwriter for Aspen and prior to that worked for City Fire writing a £10m trading book of Lloyds property business. John started his career in property claims for Wasa International.

## UK Oil Rig

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**Ben Shannon**  
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Ben has 12 years' experience in the Upstream Energy Insurance market in London; 8 years with AIG. Prior to joining AIG, Ben worked as a Loss Adjuster for Matthews Daniel International, a company that specialises in pre and post risk services in the energy industry, for 4 years. Ben attended Loughborough University and is ACII qualified. Currently, Ben is the Head of Oil Rig based in the Fenchurch Street office. He is responsible for underwriting as well as management of the London and Oslo Oil Rig operations. In November 2018, Ben also assumed the management responsibility for the UK Energy Casualty team in London.



**Rory Thompson**  
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Rory has 8 years' experience in Upstream insurance. Rory joined AIG Oil Rig in 2015, having previously worked for Argenta syndicate for 3 years. Rory has a degree in Accounting and Finance from Cardiff University and is ACII qualified. He is responsible for underwriting new business and renewals within the International portfolio.



**Doug Charman**  
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Doug joined AIG Oil Rig in 2013 as an Underwriter after serving as a Senior Upstream Energy Broker with AON. Having begun his insurance career from leaving school he has now accumulated over 30 years of experience within the London market. He has extensive knowledge of the global energy insurance business having serviced a wide range of clients including NOC's, oil companies and service contractors. He has a good understanding of their operations and their product demand as throughout his career he has worked to provide a dedicated and professional service to his clients, with particular emphasis and value on long term partnerships within the oil and gas industry. His duties within the Oil Rig team in London are focussed on helping to run and maintain the global portfolio, as well as playing a keen, supportive role to his colleagues. He is responsible for Upstream underwriting in London.



**Manoj Mistry**  
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Manoj has worked at AIG for 28 years and started off in the Marine department which had a minor line which dealt with the Marine side of Energy. Within a few years of joining Marine Energy it grew large enough to split away and became Oil Rig, a minor line of Energy. Currently Manoj is as an assistant underwriter with administration being the primary role which involves general bookings and the paperwork associated with the accounts written.

## UK Energy Casualty



**Simon Barnes**  
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Simon is an experienced International Energy Casualty Underwriter with well in excess of 25 years' experience holding underwriting positions in recent years at Ace and Starr before joining AIG last year. Writing primary and excess business across all regions of the world, typically on a direct or on an assumed reinsurance basis. He possesses a good knowledge of the London marketplace having worked in Lloyd's of London for many years and holds broad broker relations across that market. He enjoys engaging with clients, risk managers and brokers alike on a regular basis to further relationships and more fully understand major accounts. Also, from a portfolio management perspective has in the past effectively managed and grown the book of business that he held responsibility for.



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Cagri graduated from Mechanical Engineering in 2005 and completed an MBA degree in 2009 from the University of Wales Institute. Cagri has 7 years combined experience within the insurance industry, starting at AIG in Turkey for 2 years, before moving to Ace/Chubb in Istanbul for 3 years and has been working in London for AIG since 2017 within the Energy Casualty team where he is a Senior Underwriter.



**Thomas Durrant**  
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Thomas is an Underwriter within the Energy Casualty Team with 7 years' experience in the London Market predominately having underwritten Accident and Health business. Thomas joined AIG in 2017 having previously worked at Dual Corporate Risks where he managed an Accident & Health portfolio. Prior to joining the insurance market Thomas graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Portsmouth in 2012 and is DIP CII qualified working towards his ACII qualification.



**Jack Erritt**  
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Jack joined AIG as part of the 2017 Graduate Scheme intake, starting his career on a rotation within the Casualty department before settling within the Energy Casualty team. Prior to joining AIG, Jack studied at Bristol University where he received a 1st Class Honours degree in Biological Sciences. Alongside training to strengthen his Energy Casualty expertise, Jack is currently studying to obtain his ACII qualification.



**Hollie Shedden-Bartlett**  
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Hollie is a Junior Underwriter for Energy Casualty with just over a years' experience within this sector, previously to this Hollie worked for Alliance as a Team Leader looking after a team of Underwriting assistants dealing with Casualty, Financial Lines and Energy lines of business, prior to this Hollie worked as an Operations team leader within AIG'S Financial Lines Department for 10 years.

## UK Power & Utilities



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Peter manages the Power & Utilities team for AIG Europe SA and American International Group UK Ltd based in London. Peter is an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute with over 25 years London Market Lead Underwriting experience. He joined AIG in June 2015 having held previous Senior Underwriting and Managerial Positions at Allianz Global Risks and XL Insurance.



**David Parkinson**  
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David has worked in the insurance industry since 1984 with Eagle Star, Commercial Union, NWR and SCOR; underwriting a property portfolio with emphasis on heavy industry and powergen. He joined AIG in 2005, specialising in Power and Utilities. He is a Senior Underwriter/Corporate Manager underwriting all types of power generation accounts; from single location risks to major multinational corporations and risk managed captive arrangements. He has an additional responsibility for advising and authorising capacity on large and complex accounts underwritten in Europe.



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Tom is currently working in the Power and Utilities team at AIG on the Underwriting Graduate Scheme. He started the program with AIG in July 2017.

Previously to AIG, Tom attended Heriot-Watt University obtaining a Second Upper Class (2:1) MA (Hons) degree in Economics.

## UK Oil & Petrochemicals



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Chris graduated in 1997 with a masters degree in engineering in Germany, Chris has worked in underwriting, loss adjusting and risk engineering positions based in Switzerland, Mexico, Venezuela and, since 2008, the London market.



**Nicola Coe**  
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Lynsey is a Senior Underwriter. She previously worked at Zurich and ACE/Chubb and overall has 15.5 years' experience all within the London market on the downstream sector.



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Matt is a Senior Underwriter with 10 years' experience working in the Downstream Energy team in London. Prior to underwriting Matt worked in AIG's Finance department for 2 years.



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Russell has 40 years of Marine & Energy Insurance knowledge. 14 years working on U.S Brown & Blue Water Marine Hull business. Since 1993, Russell has specialised in Global Downstream Energy from a Broker and Underwriter perspective. 12 years as a Client Executive for Aon Group including 4 years for their Middle East operation based in Saudi Arabia. In 2006 Russell joined Zurich Global Energy as a Senior Downstream Underwriter. Russell joined AIG in 2010 as Senior Underwriter/Corporate Manager, underwriting a large global Downstream Energy portfolio.



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George holds a Second Upper Class (2:1) honours degree in Politics and Sociology from Bristol University.



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