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## **UAC opens Sydney Expo registrations**

**The Underwriting Agencies Council has issued invitations to its members to exhibit at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sydney UAC Expo.**

The event is on Friday 10 March 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, 488 George Street, Sydney.

The day starts with breakfast, followed by the Expo and lunch.

The Expo is an opportunity for brokers to view the specialist products and services of UAC members. They will also have the chance to win \$5,000 of travel vouchers.

Guest speaker at the breakfast is Jon Hancock, Performance Management Director at Lloyd's.

Mr Hancock joined Lloyd's in December 2016 and is responsible for performance management, capital setting, and risk management. He was previously with RSA for more than 25 years, starting as a marine underwriter. He has worked overseas for RSA, including as CEO for Asia and the Middle East and, most recently, was UK Commercial & Global Relationship Director.

Lunch guest speaker is Andrew Lock, the most accomplished high-altitude mountaineer in Australian history.

He is the only Australian, and just one of a handful of people in the world, to have successfully climbed all 14 mountains on earth higher than 8,000m, including Mt Everest twice. He climbs without oxygen or sherpa support. Mr Lock has survived avalanches, crevasse falls, frostbite, bivouacs at extreme altitude without equipment, and lost more than 20 friends to the mountains.

UAC General Manager William Legge said the Sydney Expo was the highlight of the UAC annual event calendar, attracting hundreds of brokers.

"This year's Expo promises to be a blockbuster with huge interest already being shown from UAC members keen to exhibit and brokers who want to get registered to attend," he said.

This year brokers will be asked to register, even if they are not attending the breakfast and/or the lunch. The registration form is available on UAC's website.

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**About UAC**

The Underwriting Agencies Council (UAC) is the peak body for Australian and New Zealand underwriting agencies. It serves its members' interests by providing professional development and educational events; regular expos to showcase members' specialist products to brokers; marketing campaigns to promote the agency sector; and representation to government and industry bodies. UAC has more than 100 voting members across Australia and New Zealand and almost 40 business service members who assist members to develop their businesses. UAC was formed in 1998.