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## GRiD welcomes Gowling WLG (UK) LLP as the latest new member and first law firm

International, sector-focused law firm, Gowling WLG (UK) LLP, is the latest member and first law firm to join Group Risk trade body GRiD.

Its specialist risk benefits practice has been working with employers, GRiD members and other insurers, advisers and benefit consultants for more than two decades on the design and implementation of employee and group risk benefits.

Kevin Gude, director at Gowling said: We are used to working in collaboration with insurers and advisers on technical compliance and product development, so we are very much looking forward to furthering our encouragement and support for innovation and commercial expansion within the industry via GRiD.q

This focus ties in well with GRID¢s aims to generate a wider awareness and understanding of group risk protection products and their benefits for employers and employees. Representing advisers, providers and reinsurers operating in the Group Risk market, the organisation promotes Group Risk through a collective voice to Government, policymakers, stakeholders and employers.

One of the key benefits of membership is that every GRiD member has an equal voice and opportunity to all the advantages of membership. This includes influencing Group Risk policy-making, organised networking opportunities, events to keep abreast of industry trends and exclusive access to key industry speakers at member meetings.

The recently launched <u>website</u> adds a further layer of added value which includes privileged access to supplementary content from the working groups, legal opinion, regulatory updates, consultation responses, good practice, detailed employer research and pan-industry claims data.

Lee Lovett, chairman of GRiD said: \(\pm\)Weqe making good progress as an organisation and this is totally reliant on the contribution of our members, so we every pleased to welcome



Gowling WLG (UK) LLP as our newest member and first law firm. We look forward to working together to raise awareness of the need for financial protection and extending its reach via employers.g

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## **About GRiD**

Founded in 1998, Group Risk Development (GRiD) encourages awareness and uptake of corporate group protection benefits . income protection, group life insurance and critical illness cover . on behalf of its members which include insurers, reinsurers and intermediary businesses. Under the chairmanship of Lee Lovett, Head of Business Development UK and Ireland Life, Munich Re, GRiD aims to enhance the industry profile among media and stakeholder groups. The Group provides a collective voice to Government and participates in industry wide initiatives such as the qualification in Group Risk launched jointly with the Chartered Insurance Institute. In May 2009, the Group appointed its first dedicated spokesperson, Katharine Moxham, to provide expert media comment on a full range of group risk issues.

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