

Woman Leader of the Year – Kathleen Koh



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**Kathleen Koh, Head of Credit & Surety,
Peak Re**

Veteran Kathleen Koh, managing director of credit and surety at Peak Re, secured the Woman Leader of the Year award. With more than two decades of experience in credit and surety (re)insurance, Kathleen has built a reputation as one of the region's most respected leaders — known for her strategic vision, disciplined underwriting, and ability to drive sustainable growth. Since taking the helm of Peak Re's credit and surety operation, she has transformed it into a forward-looking business recognised for its innovation, resilience, and strong technical foundations.

Her influence extends well beyond Peak Re. Kathleen has played a pivotal role in shaping the evolution of Asia's credit and surety landscape, helping to bridge protection gaps across both mature and emerging markets. She has driven initiatives that enhance financial inclusion and risk resilience, often forging partnerships that introduce more sophisticated and accessible solutions across the region. Her leadership reflects a rare combination of technical depth and strategic foresight — consistently aligning business performance with long-term sustainability.

A strong advocate of digitalisation and data-driven underwriting, Kathleen has championed the integration of technology and analytics to strengthen decision-making and improve responsiveness to clients' evolving needs. Her disciplined, forward-thinking approach has positioned Peak Re as a trusted global reinsurer specialising in emerging markets, and a thought leader in credit and surety.

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As vice chair of the Asia committee of the International Credit Insurance and Surety Association (ICISA), Kathleen advances collaboration and knowledge exchange across global markets while actively championing gender inclusion and leadership development. Her work within ICISA has elevated Asia's voice on the global stage, and spotlighted the growing contributions of women professionals in (re)insurance, and has helped shape industry dialogue on how inclusion drives innovation and resilience.

A proud Singaporean now based in Hong Kong, Kathleen's leadership reflects the convergence of Asian expertise and global perspective. She is widely recognised as a connector between East and West, fostering deeper collaboration between regional and global markets. Her strong understanding of cultural and market nuances enables her to build partnerships that advance sustainable growth and strengthen cross-border cooperation in a complex global risk environment.

At Peak Re, she leads by example in empowering female professionals across technical and leadership roles. Through mentorship and sponsorship, she fosters career growth and builds a clear, sustainable pipeline of women leaders.

As a respected thought leader, Kathleen regularly shares her insights at major international platforms where she advocates for inclusive leadership as a catalyst for business performance and sustainable industry growth.