

Chris Townsend named ANZIIF 'Insurance Leader of the Year'

Chris Townsend, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chartis, Asia Pacific Region, was named 'Insurance Leader of the Year' at the 2010 Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) Awards held in Sydney on Thursday 12 August, 2010.

Each year this prestigious award recognises an individual in the insurance industry who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities to the benefit of the market. In addition to outstanding leadership qualities and effective management, the award took into account the nominees influence on the development of the insurance market, communication skills and market advocacy.

In particular Chris was recognised for never losing sight of his business vision during challenging times, retaining a culture of high performance and keeping the Chartis team focused on long-term goals and growth/profit targets.

The strong culture of innovation he nurtured within the business was reflected through the launch of nineteen new products regionally in the past year, including entry into the online SME market and a ground breaking Directors' and Officers' insurance product.

In accepting this accolade Chris paid tribute to the dedication and resilience of Chartis' 550 employees throughout the Australasia region and expressed his appreciation for the ongoing support of the industry, brokers and clients.

"The Insurance Leader of the Year award is a tremendous mark of respect for Chartis, and serves as recognition for the journey we have been on, our commitment to the industry and the strength of our culture and team," he said.

Chartis employee Ben Vale was also awarded the Peter Corrigan International Exchange Award which recognises and supports talented young insurance professionals to develop leadership abilities and international business links in the Asia Pacific region.

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