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INSURANCE-LINKED SECURITIES (ILS) EDUCATION PROGRAMME SHORTLISTED FOR THE AXCO GLOBAL INSURANCE AWARDS 2026

Phoenix CRetro is proud to announce that it has been named a finalist in the prestigious Axco Global Insurance Awards 2026, in the **Best Training Initiative in Global Insurance** category.

This recognition highlights not only the industry's appreciation of our efforts to close the ILS education gap but also a growing interest in alternative reinsurance capital, marking a tectonic shift as third-party capital becomes an integral part of global reinsurance capacity.

The **Axco Global Insurance Awards** uniquely recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements, innovation, and collaboration of the insurance ecosystem that manages complex global risk. The official awards ceremony, where the winners will be announced, will take place on 16 April 2026, at the Leonardo Royal Hotel London St Paul's.

This year's awards have seen a record-breaking number of entries, each of which underwent a rigorous judging process, with a panel of independent industry experts assessing submissions against strict criteria.

The programme convener, Kirill Savrassov, said, *"We are delighted to be recognised as a finalist in the Axco Awards. This honour is a tremendous acknowledgement of the outstanding work our team at Phoenix CRetro continues to deliver. This category highlights the Best Training Initiative in Global Insurance, and we are extremely proud to receive this recognition."*

"Being named a finalist is an exceptional achievement and reflects the dedication, ingenuity, and innovative spirit demonstrated by Phoenix CRetro", **said Mark Trumper, Managing Director at Axco.**

"This year's Awards saw our largest number of entries to date, continuing a clear year-on-year rise and reflecting the growing ambition, quality and innovation across our industry. A record number of organisations put forward their best work, raising the bar higher than ever and making the judges' decisions more competitive than before. Congratulations to Phoenix CRetro on this well-deserved recognition."

We look forward to welcoming all finalists to the Axco Awards this April, the culmination of Global Insurance Week, which follows the Global Insurance Summit at the same venue on 15–16 April. Together, the Summit and our Awards create a unique opportunity to learn, connect and celebrate, and we cannot wait to celebrate your outstanding achievements as we bring the week to a close"

For the complete list of finalists for the 2026 Axco Awards, please visit:

<https://events.axcoinfo.com/event/axco-global-insurance-awards>

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ABOUT INSURANCE-LINKED SECURITIES (ILS) EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Since its inception in Autumn 2021, Phoenix CRetro's Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS) education programme has grown into a unique and globally recognised initiative. With more than 150 alumni from 56 countries, it remains the only dedicated executive education programme focused exclusively on ILS. We provide participants with essential knowledge and practical skills to thrive in the evolving intersection of (re)insurance and capital markets – a convergence that has become increasingly important in managing modern global risk.

Over the past four years, we've delivered 15 seven-week-long online cohorts and introduced an in-person Swiss Summer School, offering participants the opportunity to network with global industry leaders and UN agencies while exploring advanced content. Our alumni represent a diverse spectrum of the global ILS ecosystem, including professionals from major (re)insurers (32%), brokers (13%), asset managers and investment banks (11%), sovereign risk pools (9%), development institutions (8%), and regulatory bodies (4%).

ABOUT THE AXCO AWARDS.

The Axco Global Insurance Awards are the only awards to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements, innovation and collaboration of the insurance ecosystem managing complex global risk.

As the insurance market evolves to meet the needs of multinational clients, these awards offer an essential platform to promote and validate the achievements and progression of the sector. These awards uniquely bring together the global network of carriers and brokers – along with their industry partners – who produce and service global insurance programmes.

The awards will end a week's worth of activity, as part of Axco Global Insurance Week. Integrating our successful events from last year and introducing new sessions, this week offers a unique opportunity to learn, network, and enhance your professional toolset.

ABOUT AXCO

Axco is the leading supplier of global insurance market information with over 55 years of experience in researching and publishing industry intelligence on insurance and employee benefits. Its unique business model and research methods have enabled the development of an extensive suite of products comprising in-depth reports, focused profiles, Q&A databases, intelligent questioning tools, and email services, delivered to every corner of the globe.