

BIOGRAPHY

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Thomas is the Head for South East Asia and East Asia at Swiss Re Global Partnerships. Based in Singapore, he was appointed in September 2015 and is responsible for implementing innovative insurance solutions with the public sector to close the insurance protection gap.

Prior to that, he was seconded by Swiss Re to Vietnam National Reinsurance Corporation (VINARE) as its Deputy Chief Executive Officer from April 2012 till September 2015. He was based in Hanoi, as part of a Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the two companies.

Thomas joined Swiss Re Zurich in 1994 as a Credit & Surety Underwriter. Since then, he has assumed various responsibilities in different locations around the world. From 1998 to 2002, he was based in Japan where he was actively involved in the development of domestic commercial credit reinsurance.

In 2005, Thomas moved to New York for more than three years and was amongst others in-charge of the development of a credit portfolio capital modelling tool. Thereafter, he operated out of Zurich and Hong Kong in turns as Head of Marketing and Underwriting responsible for Europe, South Africa, Asia Pacific and Latin America.

As a Swiss citizen, Thomas holds a master degree in General Economics and Business Administration of the University of Berne, Switzerland.