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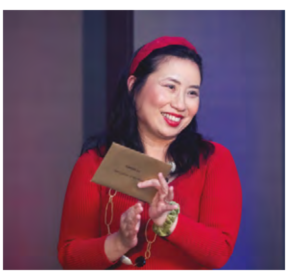

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The winners

The IRM Risk Management Leader of the Year
Jenny Kane, Aspen Insurance

Risk Management Team of the Year
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Risk Management Programme of the Year
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Cross-Border Risk Management Award
Ordtek

Major Capital Projects Award
Transport for Greater Manchester

Risk Management Innovation of the Year - Large Organisations
Aviva

ERM Strategy of the Year
Places For People

Risk Management App of the Year
Securitas Risk Intelligence

Award for Risktech
RiskSmart

Risk Management Specialist Company of the Year
Hellios Information

Cyber Security Product of the Year
CyberCube

Best Use of Technology in Risk Management - Small and Medium-Sized Organisations
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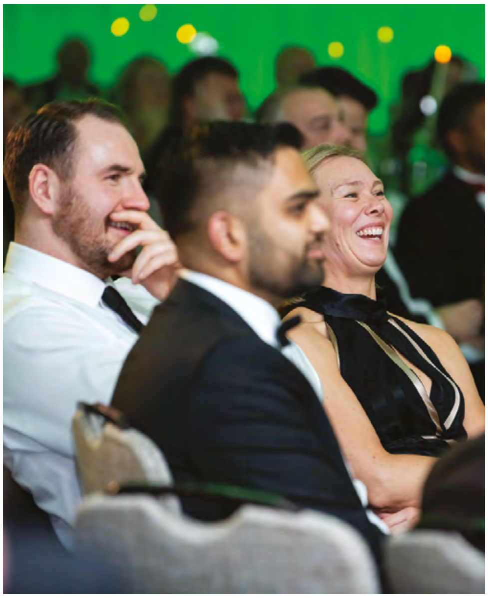

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Best Use of AI in Risk Management
Signal AI

Best Workplace in Risk Management
Risk Vision

Diversity Award
Transport for Greater Manchester

Risk Management Innovation of the Year - Specialist and Emerging Firms
C2 Risk

Risk Manager of the Year
Danny Pollard, Redmayne Bentley

Public Sector Risk Management Award
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

International Risk Management Award - Infrastructure, Development & Utilities
PT PAL Indonesia

International Risk Management Award - Corporate (Multinational & Private Sector)
Americana Group

Climate Risk Award
SmartResilience

Newcomer of the Year
Matt Kennedy, Mott MacDonald

International Risk Management Award - Government & Public Sector
UAE Ministry of Finance

Risk Management Specialist Company of the Year

WINNER: Hellios Information

Paul Huggett, managing director, UK, Hellios Information, and the Hellios team; pictured with Steve Turner, sales manager at CIR Magazine, and awards host Rhys James

The judges said: In this winning entry, Hellios Information addressed a number of genuine industry pain points, demonstrating innovation, credibility, and proving practical impact – and in so doing, setting a new benchmark in its field.

The entry: Across its industry communities, Hellios Information helps over 100 major buyers manage third-party risk through a single, trusted platform. Each supplier completes one standardised questionnaire, verified directly by Hellios specialists, ensuring first party accuracy, consistency and trust across the supply chain.

Distinctive governance underpins every community: buyer led groups shape strategic priorities and translate them into practical, transparent solutions that evolve as risks do – encompassing ESG, artificial intelligence and operational resilience. Hellios' platforms also support sustainability and regulatory compliance, with JOSCAR Zero for carbon tracking and pooled audits across more than 40 banks.

Hellios' high-touch support team manages thousands of supplier profiles, answering tens of thousands of calls and emails each quarter. Expanding globally, and trusted by major buyers, as well as the UK and Australian Departments of Defence, Hellios sets the standard for collaboration, transparency and resilience in global supply chains.

Commenting on the win, Paul Huggett, managing director, UK at Hellios Information, said: "We are proud to be named Risk Management Specialist Company of the Year. This award recognises the hard work of our team and the strength of the assurance communities we have built with our members.

"At Hellios, our mission is simple: to make supplier assurance easier, more consistent and more transparent for everyone involved. By bringing organisations together through our innovative platform, we reduce duplication, improve quality, and help buyers and suppliers build stronger, more resilient relationships.

"This recognition highlights how far we have come. What began as a way to simplify compliance has grown into a trusted platform used across multiple industries and countries. As a result, our community-led approach is now helping organisations manage risk more effectively in a rapidly changing world.

"We want to thank our colleagues around the globe for their commitment and expertise. Their daily work – supporting members, maintaining high standards, and continually improving our service – makes achievements like this possible. Winning this award strengthens our commitment to our customers and communities. Looking ahead, we will continue to develop our products, expand internationally, and help organisations work together with confidence."

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Best Use of AI in Risk Management

WINNER: Signal AI

Chris Shaw, senior vice-president, risk intelligence, Signal AI, and David Pepper, vice-president of business development, alliances and partnerships, Signal AI; pictured with Susan Young, member of the board of Airmic, and awards host Rhys James

The judges said: This platform transforms external risk management by making it visual, proactive, predictive and data-driven – combining artificial intelligence with horizon-scanning techniques to deliver actionable insights and forward-looking intelligence.

The entry: Signal AI's Risk Intelligence Platform reshapes how organisations perceive, predict and mitigate risk. Addressing a critical gap in enterprise risk management – namely the lack of comprehensive visibility into specific actionable external risk indicators – this platform changes the way risk is identified, assessed and managed.

Significantly enhanced over the past 18 months, this tool systematically overcomes traditional limitations by providing actionable, real-time external intelligence centred around 15 risk events, which it organises into interconnected risk types – or 'pillars'. A single risk event may affect multiple pillars, reflecting the complex nature of enterprise risk management. This comprehensive taxonomy provides complete visibility across the risk landscape.

Powered by a sophisticated AI engine. the platform analyses over five million unstructured media items daily across 226 markets, in 75 languages. This vast set of data is processed and transformed using these 15 risk pillars, and tracks over 30 specific risk event types.

Commenting on the win, David Benigson, CEO and co-founder of Signal AI, said: "Winning the Best Use of AI in Risk Management Award validates Signal AI's mission to empower the world's most influential business leaders to see clearly, decide confidently, and act boldly. As traditional, reactive risk management becomes obsolete, our Risk Intelligence Platform, driven by the proprietary Signal AIQ engine, is shifting the discipline towards a proactive, data-driven model.

"Hallucinations are a critical AI challenge today. We mitigate this risk by grounding our outputs in high-quality, compliantly sourced references, ensuring every risk event we detect is traceable and audit-ready. By processing over five million unstructured data items each day, we enable leaders to move from subjective analysis to data-backed prioritisation using our proprietary risk scores.

"Our roadmap ahead focuses on the next frontier: predictive analytics. We are enhancing our capabilities to forecast how risk events can evolve into enterprise, brand or reputational risks.

"This award fuels our commitment to continuous innovation, ensuring our clients can navigate a volatile landscape with precision. We remain dedicated to helping organisations turn external complexity into a quantifiable competitive advantage, risk into opportunity, and solidify our position as the industry standard for AI-driven external risk intelligence."

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SIGNAL AI

Risk Manager of the Year

WINNER: Danny Pollard

Danny Pollard, head of risk, Redmayne Bentley; pictured with Eddie Mclaughlin, global practice leader at Aon, and awards host Rhys James

The judges said: Showing exceptional personal leadership in risk management, Danny Pollard successfully deploys scenario planning to anticipate and mitigate threats, using AI-driven analytics and crisis simulations to support his efforts.

The entry: Danny Pollard has strengthened and evolved Redmayne Bentley's risk management approach, ensuring it is values-driven and strategically aligned to support long term business performance. As part of a multi-year strategy, Danny has recalibrated the firm's approach around clear priorities – control environment, risk appetite, operational resilience, cultural development, technology integration and emerging risks – connecting frameworks with everyday practice. Under his leadership, 93% of controls have been assessed, new software was introduced to enhance transparency, and risk appetite became a living tool shaping investment and governance decisions.

During this time, Danny advanced operational resilience by linking third-party risk management with crisis simulation exercises, strengthening readiness and leadership confidence. His expansion of the Risk Champion Network and communication forums have made risk 'everyone's business', while his embrace of analytics and horizon-scanning for emerging risks demonstrate a future-focused mindset.

Outside of Redmayne Bentley, Danny inspires his peers by promoting innovation tempered with integrity, positioning risk management as a driver of excellence and sustainable growth.

Commenting on the win, Danny Pollard, head of risk at Redmayne Bentley, said: "Winning the Risk Manager of the Year Award is an incredible honour and a proud milestone for me. Since the beginning of my career in 2013, I've worked towards this goal with passion and persistence. Risk management can often be seen as a dry or complex topic, but as risk leaders, we have a responsibility to bring it to life – keeping it simple, practical and embedded in everything we do. My approach is rooted in the belief that risk should never be an afterthought; it must be integrated fully into decision-making and culture.

"This award reflects not just my own efforts but the guidance and support of my managers – past and present – who have helped shape my journey. I'm deeply grateful to each of you for your mentorship and belief in me. I also want to thank my incredible team, whose dedication, collaboration and commitment have been instrumental in making this achievement possible. Teamwork truly makes the dream work, and resilience is something we build together, not alone.

"Looking ahead, I am focused on continuing to innovate, mentoring future leaders, and championing an approach where risk is seen as an enabler, not a barrier. The world is changing fast, and our profession has a unique opportunity to lead with clarity and confidence thorough collaboration and purpose."

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