

# Hi, I'm Judith

As a Managing Director and Country Head of Guy Carpenter's Brazil operation, I lead the day-to-day running of the firm's two offices in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. I'm also in charge of planning across all business lines and categories, and the implementation of strategies that achieve and comply with Guy Carpenter's corporate and Latin America regional goals. I am a member of the ABECOR Re – Reinsurance Brokers Association in Brazil and the International Women's Forum. The Women's Forum meetings bring together leaders from all over the world – women and men – from the business world, government, and academic circles to build a worldwide network that encourages and strengthens women's influence. It also promotes diversity to gain new insights into key issues affecting the industry now and in the future. Before joining Guy Carpenter in 2009, I worked for the Benfield Group, as their office head in Brazil, a role I took over in 2001. For 17 years prior to that I was out of the London headquarters. No matter where I am, I always focus on the Latin American market. I was born in Australia and brought up by my parents who worked for the United Nations. By the age of 18 I had lived in more than 10 countries!



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## Who is a woman that inspires you?

The strong women in my family – from my granny driving ambulances in Mesopotamia during the First World War to my mother who set up programs to teach English to immigrants arriving in Australia after the Second World War. Both women have passed down two core values to the generations that followed them – one, education has no price and two, have the courage to follow your convictions.

## When I'm not at work I'm most happy ...

Reading and traveling. Both take me to new places and allow me to learn about new cultures. An open mind equals greater satisfaction in and out of work. That's why I'm currently working at an elephant rescue center in Sri Lanka.

## Where did you find an unexpected opportunity to advance?

All the greatest opportunities have come to me when least expected. Career planning helps but always be prepared to think outside the box and have the confidence to take a chance on the unplanned opportunities that come along.

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