Market Update

Fires in Costa del Sol

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Hundreds of firefighters, backed up by emergency military personnel and 31 planes and helicopters, were called in to battle a huge blaze near Marbella.

The fire began in Coin near Malaga on Thursday afternoon and quickly spread across the AP-7 highway. Authorities in the Costa del Sol area asked thousands of residents and visitors to leave holiday homes after fire quickly spread across the area.

One of the biggest evacuations was in Ojen, where 3,300 people have escaped. The area, one of the most popular resorts in Europe was at full capacity with late summer tourists.

Spain has endured heatwaves throughout the summer posing a threat to areas vulnerable to wildfires.

There have already been blazes on the Spanish islands of La Gomera and Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, and wildfires in northern Catalonia, near the Pyrenees. The Costa del Sol fires have now been brought under control allowing about 4,000 evacuees to start returning to their homes and hotels.

Crawford has offices throughout Spain including nearby in Malaga and Madrid. Our multilingual adjusters are on 24/7 standby and are already handling claims for the local and London market.

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