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Chaucer appoints new Senior Innovation Underwriter

- **Iryna Chekanava, from the Lloyd's Lab, will further bolster Chaucer's leading Innovation team, led by Tom Graham, Head of Partnerships and Innovation.**

Chaucer, the global specialty (re)insurance group, is pleased to announce the appointment of Iryna Chekanava as a Senior Innovation Underwriter. Iryna will play a central role in further developing Chaucer's leading work in innovation. This will be in the critical areas of weather risk, climate change, intangibles and parametric products, amongst others. She will collaborate with Tom Graham, Head of Partnerships and Innovation and Nasra Ahmed, Senior Innovation Manager.

Iryna joins from Lloyd's, where she was the senior manager for innovation growth and partnership at the Lloyd's Lab. Iryna has over a decade of experience in business growth and product development, previously specialising in supporting insurance technology initiatives. Prior to Lloyd's, Iryna was an Open Innovation Fellow at London & Partners, the inward investment agency and worked for InsurTech businesses such as Envelop Risk, InsTech and Blocksure. Iryna began her career at technology focused management consultancy Capgemini.

Tom Graham, Head of Partnerships & Innovation at Chaucer says: "Iryna's creative energy, her focus on collaboration and commitment to finding solutions for new customer problems will be key in keeping Chaucer at the forefront of innovation in the insurance sector. We are delighted to welcome her to the team."

Iryna Chekanava adds: "I'm incredibly excited to join Chaucer and support the cutting-edge innovation work that they do in the market. The (re)insurance industry is rapidly evolving – and innovation is at the forefront of this change enabling the industry leaders to create solutions and partnerships that respond to emerging customer needs and support transition to net-zero economy. I really look forward to working with Tom and the team at Chaucer."

Chaucer's recent [white paper](#) on innovation highlights how innovation is crucial to differentiate firms in an increasingly competitive market. Chaucer has also partnered with several companies as part of its innovation portfolio, including:

- **Kita**, the first carbon credit insurer
- **K2 parametric**, a parametric insurance provider for commercial companies, which develop bespoke indices specific to client requirements
- **GAIA**, offering IVF insurance to UK, European and now American clients

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Chaucer are a leading specialty (re)insurance group working with brokers, coverholders and clients to protect and support business activities around the world. Our services are accessed both through Lloyd's of London and the company markets.

We are defined by an enterprising, bespoke approach to (re)insurance, enabled by the individual character, experience and imagination of our expert teams.

Chaucer is a member of the China Re Group and backed by their financial and operational resources. China Re is one of the world's largest reinsurance companies whose outstanding and comprehensive strength is rated A (excellent) by AM Best and A (strong) by S&P Global Rating.

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