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Chaucer expands global property capabilities with new US Property and International Property Appointments

Chaucer, the international specialty (re)insurance group, is pleased to announce the appointment of Chance Gilliland as Head of US Property Insurance, Mel Smart as Head of International Property Fac and Michael Johnston as Deputy Class Underwriter, International Property Binders.

These appointments will help drive Chaucer's Property Division strategy, which aims to grow current core international property lines while leveraging distribution network partnerships in the US to develop new property opportunities.

US Property Insurance

Chance Gilliland joins as Head of US Property Insurance with responsibility for developing a delegated authority business portfolio through a core group of US partner agents. Chance was previously with Chubb where he worked for close to a decade writing US property binder business in London and the US.

International Property Fac & Property Binders

Mel Smart joins as Head of International Property Fac with responsibility for growing our international direct and facultative property business. Her extensive lead underwriting and broking experience will add to the well-established strong reputation of the current team. Mel was previously Senior International Property Underwriter at Brit Global Specialty.

Michael Johnston joins as Deputy Class Underwriter. He will work with Harry Woolf, Class Underwriter, to grow Chaucer's International Property Binders account. For the last 10 years Michael has been with Liberty Specialty Markets.

Colin Clulow, Head of Property and Political Violence at Chaucer, said:

"We have ambitious plans for our Property Division as these appointments demonstrate. Chance has a proven track record and strong market support which together make him an excellent choice to lead the development of our new US property account. While Mel and Michael bring significant knowledge and experience to our international property account."

Nicola Stacey, Chief Underwriting Officer at Chaucer, commented:

“These appointments will broaden our product range and enhance our underwriting expertise and service capabilities, and highlight our commitment to providing a market leading property underwriting team for clients, brokers, and MGAs.”

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About Chaucer

We are a leading specialty insurance group providing clients with proven smart risk solutions for underwriting and claims. Our enterprising and trusted experts offer market leading cross class capabilities, empowered decision-making and a tailored approach.

With our headquarters in London, and our international hubs for Europe, MENA, Latin America and Asia, we protect clients in over 200 countries and territories worldwide. We offer clients the flexibility of both Lloyd's and, the company markets, through Chaucer Insurance Company.

Our dedicated claims team completes our underwriting proposition, epitomising the capabilities required to handle even the most complex incident. We provide a first class claims service and most importantly, pay valid claims promptly. Gracechurch, the sector leading insurance research company and independent authority on London market performance, recognises our claims service as 'outstanding'.

Our clients also benefit from the support of our parent company, China Re, a leading reinsurer in China, and one of the top 10 reinsurance companies in the world, which maintains excellent security ratings from A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. China Re is listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange (1508.HK).

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