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Markel hires head of global cyber liability

Richmond, Virginia, March 27, 2018 — Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL) announced today that Kara Owens has been named Managing Director, Global Cyber Executive. In this new role, Owens is responsible for leading Markel's enterprise-wide cyber strategy and working with underwriting teams to develop best practices for cyber products in all Markel divisions.

"With Kara's experience and knowledge of global cyber risks, I am excited to have her join our team and help build our brand in the cyber product space," stated Robin Russo, Chief Underwriting Officer. "The number and complexity of cyber exposures have grown exponentially over the last few years, and this is an important segment for us to build and strengthen."

Prior to joining Markel, Owens was most recently Global Head of Cyber Risk for TransRe, where she was responsible for managing the company's cyber portfolio, enterprise risk management coordination for cyber exposures for all classes of business, tracking emerging exposures, and implementing best practices for cyber treaty and facultative underwriting. Owens previously served as a Senior Risk Analyst for Guy Carpenter and is an honors graduate of Temple University. In addition, she holds RPLU, CPCU, AIS, and ARe designations.

Owens is based in New York and reports to Robin Russo.

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