

From jitneys to pickle jars—there's more to Markel than insurance.

Back in 1930, Sam Markel (pronounced [mahr-kəl]) dreamed big and established an insurance company to insure jitney buses. But he probably never dreamed that one day Markel would own 16 non-insurance businesses, including a manufacturer of equipment designed to slice and stuff pickles into jars at a rate of 30 jars per minute.

Insurance is the essence of what Markel does. But it hardly tells the whole story. Take a minute to learn about Markel. There's sure to be some interesting facts you'll find along the way.



How we're organized

At Markel, our approach to insurance is different. We focus on underwriting profitability, investing conservatively and wisely, and owning non-insurance operations to diversify our business.



We insure risks others won't.

Like the ruby red slippers Dorothy wore in the Wizard of Oz.



Sample risks Markel insures

- Bridges
- Collector cars
- Cranes
- Horses
- Hospitals
- Hunting and fishing lodges
- Martial arts schools
- Motorsports teams
- Museums and fine arts
- Pest control operators
- Radio/TV towers and studios
- Railroads
- Registered financial advisors
- Shipyards
- Slot machines
- Small business owners
- Vacant lots
- Wineries and vineyards

Sample risks we reinsure

- Agricultural crops
- Airplanes
- City halls
- Oil rigs
- Police departments
- Power stations
- Satellites

As long-term investors, patience, persistency, and perseverance are daily habits.

\$21B

Our total investments at the end of 2017 were \$21 billion.

We own 16 non-insurance companies.

An interesting component of the Markel value proposition is Markel Ventures. Markel Ventures has invested "permanent capital" in diverse and profitable companies since 2005. The strategy of "buy, build, and hold" has served our shareholders well.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| AMF Bakery Systems Richmond, VA | Weldship Bethlehem, PA |
| Reading Bakery Systems Reading, PA | Eagle Construction of VA Richmond, VA |
| Tromp Group The Netherlands | ParkLand Ventures Richmond, VA |
| Solbern Fairfield, NJ | Diamond Healthcare Corporation Richmond, VA |
| Cottrell Gainesville, GA | PartnerMD Richmond, VA |
| Ellicott Dredges Baltimore, MD | RetailData Richmond, VA |
| Havco Cape Girardeau, MO | CapTech Richmond, VA |
| Panel Specialists Temple, TX | Markel Eagle Partners Richmond, VA |

[More about Markel Ventures](#)

"People do business with people they like and trust."

Markel has 70 offices in 20 countries.



[See a directory of all Markel locations.](#)

"We build our business one conversation at a time."

This is how we stack up.

#460

on the Fortune 500
June 2017

#29

on A.M. Best's top 75
North American public insurers
July 2017

Top 25

US liability insurers
NAIC, March 2018

2nd largest

excess and surplus lines insurer
SNL Financial, April 2018

Top 50

P&C insurers
July 2017

#276

on Forbes' list of America's top public
companies
May 2017

Forever and right now.

"We make the best decisions we can *right now* to create the best *forever* results."

—2016 letter to shareholders

212 words describe our corporate DNA.

The Markel Style is our corporate compass. It is intrinsic to our brand. We believe strongly that honesty, hard work, and disdain for bureaucracy are as important and relevant today as they ever have been. Integrity is non-negotiable, and we are committed to being open-minded and transparent. [Learn more.](#)



Underwriting expertise

While we don't write standard auto, life, or homeowners insurance, we have lots of expertise in product lines that range from hard to place to fairly common. Here are some areas we specialize in:

- Agriculture
- Casualty
- Commercial property
- Construction
- Cyber liability
- D&O and E&O
- Energy and environmental
- General and excess liability
- Ocean and inland marine
- Personal lines
- Professional liability
- Small businesses
- Trade credit
- Workers compensation



Our insurance companies

- | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Altera America Insurance Company | Markel American Insurance Company | Markel Seguradora do Brasil S.A. |
| City National Insurance Company | Markel Bermuda Limited | National Specialty Insurance Company |
| EC Insurance Company Limited | Markel Global Reinsurance Company | State National Insurance Company |
| Essentia Insurance Company | Markel Insurance Company | SureTec Indemnity Company |
| Evanston Insurance Company | Markel International Insurance Company Limited | SureTec Insurance Company |
| FirstComp Insurance Company | Markel Resseguradora do Brasil S.A. | Syndicate 3000 at Lloyd's |
| Independent Specialty Insurance Company | | United Specialty Insurance Company |

Other companies owned by Markel

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abbey Protection Group | Markel CATCo Investment Management | Markel CATCo Reinsurance Ltd. |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|

"Our goal at Markel is to build one of the world's great companies."

Markel by the numbers January-December, 2017

<h1>1986-2018</h1> <p>Markel celebrates its 32nd year as a public company in 2018.</p>	<h1>\$1,139.13</h1> <p>The Markel stock price closed at \$1,139.13 at the end of 2017.</p>	<h1>105%</h1> <p>In a record-setting year for catastrophic losses worldwide, Markel's combined ratio was 105% at the end of 2017.</p>
<h1>\$33 billion</h1> <p>Total assets under management were \$33 billion at the end of 2017.</p>	<h1>12%</h1> <p>The rate of change in book value per share over time is more important than where it stands at any given point in time.</p> <p>The 20-year compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) for book value per share was 12%.</p>	<h1>56</h1> <p>Our Executive Chairman, Alan Kirshner, has been with Markel for 56 years. His assistant, Jean Childress, has worked here for 64 years.</p>
<h1>15,600</h1> <p>We employ about 15,600 associates. Approximately 4,200 are employed within our insurance operations, and around 11,400 are employed within our non-insurance operations.</p>		

<h1>1</h1> <p>More "Markel by the numbers"</p>	<h1>Q</h1> <p>Markel overview</p>	<h1>\$</h1> <p>Financial overview</p>	<h1>A+</h1> <p>Financial strength and credit ratings</p>
--	---	---	--

"We make every decision with the goal of trying to build long-term value. That never changes."

What we've been up to recently

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| Read about Markel's acquisition of SureTec as reported by the Houston Business Journal . | Forever and right now. Six members of "The Band." Carrier Management highlights Markel's 2016 letter to shareholders. | Meet Peta White, Co-Head of Global Reinsurance Operations, and Senior Managing Director, North America Property Reinsurance, on Women in Reinsurance's (WiRe) blog . | Learn about Markel CATCo in "An interview with Tony Belisle, CEO and Founder of Markel CATCo Investment Management," at Finance Monthly . |
|--|---|--|---|

About Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL)

Markel Corporation is a diverse financial holding company serving a variety of niche markets. Our principal business markets and underwrites specialty insurance products.

In each of our businesses, we seek to provide quality products and excellent customer service so that we can be a market leader.

Our financial goals are to earn consistent underwriting and operating profits and superior investment returns to build shareholder value.

For a deeper dive, check these out.

What we're about (video)	Markel at a glance	A history of success	Markelcorp.com	Markel on Facebook	Annual reports
--	------------------------------------	--------------------------------------	--------------------------------	------------------------------------	--------------------------------

"Innovation is everyone's responsibility."

For media inquiries or quotes, contact Paul.

	Paul Broughton Managing Director, Marketing 804-527-7618 pbroughton@markelcorp.com
--	--



"We look for people who have equal measures of talent and integrity."