



# Press Release

## Two Senior Underwriter Appointments in Markel's Specialty Division

**Markel International, London, January 30, 2014** --- Markel International, the specialist insurer with a worldwide product portfolio, has promoted Nick Hillman and Nick James to senior underwriters on the property treaty account in its Specialty division.

Nick Hillman joined Markel on the graduate scheme in 2004, having completed a degree in geography at the University of Manchester and began working in the Specialty division the following year as a trainee underwriter on the international property treaty account. He has since spent time on both US and London market accounts before returning to the international portfolio.

Nick James joined Markel in 2011 as an underwriter on the US property treaty account after spending three years at Ace Tempest where he was part of the property treaty team writing risk, catastrophe and proportional business. Prior to this, Nick spent five years at Aon, working on international property and looking after Israeli, Greek and Scandinavian clients. He later joined the property retro team where he handled cover for several London market treaty accounts. Nick began his career as a graduate trainee at Sedgwick/Guy Carpenter in 1997.

Robin Ungless, joint managing director of Markel's Specialty division, said: "We're delighted to announce the promotions of Nick Hillman and Nick James to senior underwriters within the division, reflecting the strength of the company in developing the skills and capabilities of its staff." Wayne Paternoster, joint managing director of the division, added: "In the ten years he has been at Markel, Nick Hillman has been a rising star and his promotion to this senior position in such a short time is a credit to his underwriting skills and business acumen. Nick James has been an asset to Markel since he joined in 2011, as a well-established and recognised player in the London market, with strong experience and extensive knowledge of property treaty."

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