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Markel adds middle market casualty underwriting talent in New York and San Francisco

Richmond, Virginia, July 11, 2016 — Markel Global Insurance, a division of Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL), announced today the hiring of two new underwriting Vice Presidents, Christopher Newman in New York City and Ronald Pardo in San Francisco. Both Newman and Pardo have more than 25 years of experience and report to Alan Rodrigues, Managing Director, middle market casualty, based in Markel's New York City office.

Newman has more than 25 years of commercial casualty underwriting and brokerage experience. Most recently, Newman served as Managing Director with the Travelers. Previously, Newman worked for American Re and AIG.

Pardo has extensive technical experience managing upper middle market and complex casualty accounts. He most recently worked with XL Catlin serving as Chief Casualty Officer, North America. Previously, Pardo held senior positions with Allied World Assurance Company, AIG, and TIG Specialty Insurance.

The middle market team was launched in 2015 with Markel's hiring of Rodrigues. His team underwrites casualty coverage for a variety of risk classes and verticals. "Chris and Ron are talented, experienced underwriters who really understand the middle market opportunity and Markel's unique underwriting approach. Both underwriters have strong relationships with producers, and these relationships will quickly become strategic assets that will help propel our growth," said Rodrigues.

John Boylan, Chief Underwriting Officer of Casualty for Markel Global Insurance, commented, "Chris and Ron are two great hires for us. They bring proven technical skills, durable broker relationships, and an entrepreneurial spirit to our team. We welcome them to Markel and are confident they will increase our capacity, submission flow, and visibility in the middle market space."

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