



HDI Global SE appoints Claire McDonald as new UK and Ireland Managing Director

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HDI Global SE (HDI) has announced the appointment of Claire McDonald as Managing Director of its UK and Ireland operations. She will assume the role on 18 March 2019.

Claire will join from Allianz Global & Corporate Specialty SE where she was Global Head of Operations. She has worked for over 31 years within the Allianz group of companies in a number of senior operational and underwriting roles.

With immediate effect, Alan Waters is appointed as interim UK and Ireland Managing Director. Alan has worked for HDI as Director of Corporate Risks for over eight years and is a member of the UK and Ireland Executive Committee.

The appointments follow the company's former UK and Ireland Managing Director, Richard Taylor, joining HDI Global Specialty SE as a member of the Executive Board of Management responsible as Chief Marketing Officer and UK Managing Director. HDI Global Specialty SE is the new specialty lines insurer created from the merging of the specialty lines activities of Hannover Re and HDI Global SE and commenced trading on 1 January.

Commenting on Claire McDonald's appointment, Jens Wohlthat, HDI Executive Board Member, said: "We are delighted to have attracted a leader of Claire's calibre. She combines strong insurance industry knowledge with proven operational skills and expertise that will be important to us as we focus on delivering our strategic growth and business opportunity targets in the region."

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Jens Wohlthat continued: “I am very pleased that Alan has agreed to step up at this time. He is a true insurance professional with many years of experience in the market. His knowledge and in depth understanding of our UK and Irish businesses will provide strong leadership in the interim period, and a seamless handover in due course.”

Speaking on the departure of Richard Taylor, Jens Wohlthat, said: “Richard has served the company as our UK and Ireland Managing Director for over 10 years. I would like to thank him for his dedication and very successful work and we wish him every success in his new role within HDI Global Specialty SE.”

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About HDI Global SE (HDI)

As an industrial lines insurer, HDI Global SE (HDI) meets the needs of SMEs, industrial companies and corporate customers with insurance solutions that are specifically tailored to their requirements. In addition to HDI's prominent position in the German and broader European market, the company also has operations in more than 150 countries through foreign branch offices, subsidiary and peer companies, and network partners. The company is thus able to offer its customers local policies for their global operations, which ensure that the established service and insurance protection is extended for all covered risks worldwide.

HDI Global SE is a company in the Talanx Group and manages the Industrial Lines Division within the Group. More than three thousand employees in this division generated gross written premiums of approx. EUR 4.5 billion in the year 2017. The rating agency Standard & Poor's has given the Talanx Primary Group a financial strength rating of A+/stable (strong). Talanx AG is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in the SDAX as well as on the stock exchanges in Hannover and Warsaw (ISIN: DE000TLX1005, German Securities Code: TLX100, Polish Securities Code: TNX).

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