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Melissa Carmichael appointed Beazley's Head of US Cyber

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Carmichael succeeds Patricia Kocsondy who assumed the role of Beazley's Head of Global Cyber Digital Risks in January

Beazley, the leading specialist insurer, has today announced the appointment of **Melissa Carmichael** as Head of US Cyber, effective immediately. Based in New York, Ms Carmichael will report to Paul Bantick, Global Head of Cyber Risks.

With more than 25 years of industry experience, Ms Carmichael has a proven track record of building and leading high-performance teams. She joins from Aon, where she most recently held the role of Managing Director, Specialty & Middle Market Leader. Prior to this she spent more than 16 years at Marsh where she went on to become Managing Director, NY FINPRO Practice Leader.

Paul Bantick, Global Head of Cyber Risks, said: "In an era of accelerating cyber threats it's crucial that we have in place leaders of Melissa's calibre and expertise, working alongside an experienced team to ensure that our clients have elevated cyber resilience. Not only is her appointment a testament to our ability to attract market leading talent, but it also denotes our commitment to bolstering our Full Spectrum Cyber global proposition and capitalising on the opportunities in the US cyber space."

Melissa Carmichael said: "I'm excited to be joining such an impressive team at Beazley. In an ever-shifting cyber market, Beazley has ensured that its clients are ahead of the risk, prepared and not fearful of any threats that may lie ahead for their business. I greatly look forward to working with the team and partnering with our brokers to further build on this success and grow our market leading position."

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