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Beazley appoints Chris Merl as Country Manager, DACH

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This newly created position demonstrates Beazley's commitment to the European market

Beazley, the leading specialty insurance provider, today announced the appointment of Chris Merl as Country Manager for the DACH region (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland), effective immediately. Based in Munich, Merl will focus on developing Beazley's business in the region while also assuming the role of Head of Partner Engagement Manager, DACH.

Merl joins Beazley following a distinguished 16 year career at Swiss Re, during which he held a number of senior positions including Head of Aerospace LATAM, Senior Solutions Manager, Senior D&O underwriter, and most recently, Senior Distribution Manager.

Fluent in German, English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French, Merl brings impressive regional expertise to Beazley as well as an extensive network of broker relationships.

Fred Kleiterp, Managing Director for Europe, said: “As the risk landscape in Europe becomes increasingly complex, the need for leading, on the ground expertise grows. The creation of the Country Manager role reflects our commitment to responding to this demand, providing best in class services to our broker partners and clients. Chris will serve as a key point of contact for our partners, regulators and clients and will work closely with our colleagues to ensure they have the support they need to build upon their own strategic relationships. Chris’s market reputation combined with his expansive regional expertise and ability to effectively lead teams makes him the ideal person to help spearhead our growth in Europe.”

Chris Merl said: “I am excited to be joining Beazley at such an exciting phase in their European expansion. By working alongside a team that understands the value of expertise, and through close collaboration

with our broker partners, we will together grow our specialist capabilities to serve this dynamic market.”

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