

PRESS RELEASE

**CHESTERFIELD HIRES MICHAEL JAMES TO GROW
US PROPERTY ACCOUNT**

Expansive Lloyd's broker the Chesterfield Group today (20 May) announced the appointment of Michael James, as a producing broker, to assist with the growth of its North American Binding Authority account, which forms part of its continuing growth strategy.

Michael's career spans more than 25 years in the insurance market. He most recently worked for Cooper Gay Limited and previously, as Property Underwriter at Marketform Syndicate 2468 and at Markel International Ltd.

"Michael's wealth of US Property and Casualty insurance expertise, extensive contacts and excellent reputation with clients and in the market will be perfect to help drive our growth in this important area of our business," said James Stevenson, Managing Director, Chesterfield Group.

Michael James commented: "I am delighted to join Chesterfield, with its accumulation of talent, clear vision for growth and the financial backing of the Kaufman Financial Group the Group is perfectly placed to represent clients who are looking for a professional broking team, offering a personal service."

Michael's appointment follows the recent recruitment of Paul Attfield, ex RK Harrison, who has started to build a platform for growth for the Chesterfield Group following its acquisition by the Kaufman Financial Group.

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The Chesterfield Group

The Chesterfield Group, established in 1999, is a wholesale and full service non-marine insurance organisation which specialises in the development of binding authority and industrial/commercial facultative business for clients worldwide.

Authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and an accredited Lloyd's broker, Chesterfield operates actively in all the major international markets.

Chesterfield has the strength and capability to out-perform the biggest and best known international brokers, with a wide range of specialist insurance solutions provided to businesses, insurance brokers and trade associations.

In January 2012, the Chesterfield Group was purchased by the H.W. Kaufman Financial Group, to expand its international presence in London and worldwide.

Following the acquisition, Chesterfield is well positioned to support clients globally, with strengthened financial backing, continued operational independence and a skilled team of insurance professionals.

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