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## **Maria Borrego appointed Chief Underwriting Officer of DUAL Europe to drive underwriting excellence**

DUAL Europe today announces the appointment of Maria Borrego as Chief Underwriting Officer, reporting to Olaf Jonda, CEO, DUAL Europe. Maria's appointment reinforces DUAL Europe's commitment to delivering top-tier underwriting standards, as the company continues to expand its operations across the region. Maria will be based in Spain and will play a pivotal role in driving underwriting excellence for DUAL's European clients.

Maria brings a wealth of experience from her diverse career, having worked with brokers such as Aon and Marsh, and global insurers including AIG. Most recently, she held a key role at QBE as Europe Deputy Underwriting Manager and Head of Financial Lines. Her appointment will enhance DUAL Europe's underwriting capabilities and foster sustainable growth.

Olaf Jonda, CEO, DUAL Europe, commented: "We are delighted to welcome Maria to the DUAL Europe leadership team. Her extensive background and proven expertise align perfectly with our ambition to be the partner of choice for both brokers and carriers. With Maria on board, we aim to strengthen our underwriting proposition, ensuring we continue to meet the evolving needs of our European clients."

Maria Borrego, Chief Underwriting Officer, DUAL Europe, added: "I'm excited about the opportunity to work closely with the DUAL team to elevate our underwriting excellence to the next level. My aspiration is for DUAL Europe to become a key partner for brokers and carriers across borders, building a growing, resilient and long-lasting insurance business, underpinned by best-in-class underwriting for our European clients."

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### **Notes to editors**

## **About DUAL**

DUAL is driven by a mission to be the MGA of choice for brokers, clients and carriers, through provision of deep underwriting expertise and global distribution. DUAL Group is one of the world's largest international underwriting agencies with US\$3.5bn of GWP.

DUAL's investment in data and technology enables it to deliver over 70 products and services with speed and efficiency to 11,000 broker partners working with over 70 carrier partners worldwide.

Established in 1998, today DUAL has over 1,700 people in 21 countries across the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific, and is one of Lloyd's' largest international coverholders. DUAL Europe operates from 19 locations in 13 countries.

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