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QBE INSURANCE APPOINTS HELENA CHRISTOPHER AS HEAD OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

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QBE, one of the UK's leading insurers of business risk, today announced the appointment of Helena Christopher as Head of its newly established Corporate Communications team.

Under Helena's leadership the new Corporate Communications team will focus on supporting QBE's market profile in both the UK and Europe and will take responsibility for public relations, internal communications, advertising and corporate collateral, new media, and events management. Helena has been with QBE for over eight years, during which time she has held a variety of marketing-related roles.

The Corporate Communications team will sit alongside a second newly-created function, Market Development, which will focus on strategic planning for the business.

Steven Burns, CEO of QBE European Operations commented: "QBE is now a major global insurance group with plans for significant growth across all its products and markets. This includes Europe as a major priority and we are committed to enhancing our marketing and corporate communications to play a major role in this growth. Within this context I am delighted that Helena Christopher is taking up the new challenge of leading our Corporate Communications team."

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