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## **DUAL appoints Marilena Rodriguez Forero as CEO of DUAL Latin America**

**Creation of new region underlines DUAL's commitment to Latin America**

DUAL Group today announced the significant new appointment of Marilena Rodriguez Forero as CEO for the newly established region, DUAL Latin America, effective 1 August 2024. Rodriguez Forero will be a member of DUAL's Group Executive Committee, reporting to Richard Clapham, CEO, DUAL Group. Her appointment reinforces the strategic importance of the region, where DUAL has been present since 2021.

Rodriguez Forero, who is based in Mexico, has over 30 years' industry experience and joins DUAL from AXA where she served as P&C Underwriting Director. Prior to this, she worked at XL Catlin as Head of Facultative Business, Latam.

Richard Clapham, CEO, DUAL Group said: "Marilena's appointment is a significant milestone in DUAL's growth journey. Latin America is a key insurance market with great potential, and Marilena will lead and expand our business in Latin America focusing on bringing in more great talent to expand our existing teams, building a compelling proposition for brokers and carriers across the region."

Marilena Rodriguez Forero, CEO, DUAL Latin America, added: "I couldn't be more excited to join DUAL and to contribute to the continued success of the Latin America region. As the CEO of a new region, this is a unique opportunity to become a part of DUAL Latin America's already successful journey and lead its growth trajectory, with a strong focus on underwriting excellence and delivering a high standard of service to brokers."

DUAL has underwriting teams based in Mexico, the largest reinsurance market in Latin America, and Brazil, the region's largest economy and insurance market. Francisco Vogt Marques leads the team in Brazil and brings over 20 years' experience within the Brazilian and Latin American (re)insurance industry across personal and corporate lines, insurance, assumed and ceded reinsurance. Dock Re, based in Mexico, is led by Gabriel Buzo with a focus on Property, Casualty and Financial Lines, and a Lloyd's coverholder.

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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.

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