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AXIS Appoints Jim Rhyner to its Lead North American Financial Lines, Programs, and Canada Businesses

Pembroke, Bermuda, August 19, 2026—AXIS Capital Holdings Limited (“AXIS Capital” or “AXIS” or the “Company”) (NYSE: AXS) today announced the appointment of Jim Rhyner as Head of North America Financial Lines, Programs, and Canada, effective August 31. He will report to Head of North America Mike McKenna, and work out of the Company’s Short Hills, NJ office. Mr. Rhyner joins AXIS from The Hartford, where he most recently served as Global Head of Financial Lines with previous leadership roles across Navigators, Chubb, Avreco, and AIG.

He succeeds John Van Decker, following a planned leadership transition with Mr. Van Decker retiring from AXIS following a career that spanned more than four decades, including 15 years with AXIS.

In his new role at AXIS, Mr. Rhyner will further develop and execute the strategy for businesses under his remit, supporting the continued growth and diversification of AXIS' insurance portfolio. He will also lead the team in deepening relationships with brokers, clients, and other key stakeholders while advancing innovation and delivering differentiated specialty solutions.

“Jim is a well-respected leader within our industry with an established reputation for leading high-performing teams,” said Mr. McKenna. “He brings deep knowledge and perspective in the global financial lines space and his leadership will be invaluable as we continue to elevate how we service our partners and customers. His extensive experience and demonstrated expertise make him a natural successor to John Van Decker – and we are grateful to John for all he has contributed to AXIS over his accomplished career with our company and in the industry.”

About AXIS Capital

AXIS Capital, through its operating subsidiaries, is a global specialty underwriter and provider of insurance and reinsurance solutions. The Company has shareholders' equity of \$6.5 billion as of June 30, 2026, and locations in Bermuda, the United States, Europe, Singapore, and Canada. Its operating subsidiaries have been assigned a financial strength rating of "A+" ("Strong") by Standard & Poor's and "A" ("Excellent") by A.M. Best. For more information about AXIS Capital, visit our website at www.axiscapital.com.