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Guy Carpenter's Alex Bernhardt Recognized As Insurance Industry "Rising Star" Seattle-Based Account Executive Honored for Distinguished Achievement, Leadership Potential

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Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC, the leading global risk and reinsurance specialist and a member of Marsh & McLennan Companies (NYSE: MMC), today announced that Alex Bernhardt, Head of GC Micro Risk SolutionsSM ("GC Micro"), has been named to the 2011 "Rising Stars" list, based on *Reactions* magazine's global survey of the insurance and reinsurance industry. The select group of 50 executives represents a broad range of talent seen as among the next generation of industry leaders.

Based in Guy Carpenter's Seattle office, Mr. Bernhardt led Guy Carpenter's grant-writing initiative that resulted in funding from the Microinsurance Innovation Facility, a partnership between the International Labour Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition, he headed the team that completed GC Micro's first microreinsurance transaction, also an industry first.

Mr. Bernhardt regularly contributes content to industry publications and obtained the designations of Associate of Reinsurance, Associate of Risk Management for Public Entities and Associate of Insurance Services. He is an Honors graduate of the University of Puget Sound.

Microreinsurance is integral in the development of a sustainable microinsurance market. Microinsurance, or "insurance for the poor," is a fledgling industry focused on providing vital risk transfer solutions to low-income persons predominantly in developing countries where insurance is rarely available to protect local communities from health risks, mortality and natural disasters, such as windstorms and droughts.

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Pete Chandler, Head of U.S. Western Region, Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC

"Alex is leading our groundbreaking efforts in a very exciting area for Guy Carpenter. His accomplishments in this field are unprecedented in the industry and paved the way for subsequent microreinsurance transactions. His technical ability, fresh insights and enthusiasm are highly valued at our firm and by our clients."

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