



Core Specialty adds Aspen's Kotch as CIO

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Core Specialty has hired Mary Kotch from Aspen as the rebooted StarStone US platform continues to build out its ranks.

Kotch has been appointed chief information officer (CIO) and will also join the company's executive committee.

She held the same title at Aspen, which she joined in 2019 having previously spent close to five years with Validus as executive vice president and CIO.

Prior to that, Kotch spent three years at AIG as CIO for Latin America and chief technology officer for the Americas region. Her career also includes more than six years with MetLife as a vice president within its IT function.

In all, Kotch brings more than 20 years of experience in strategic technology innovation, application shared services, managing a global project management office, infrastructure, architecture, and digital and data management to Core Specialty.

Kotch's arrival is just the latest in a series of hires the Ed Noonan and Jeff Consolino-led Core Specialty has made since the \$900mn recapitalisation of Starstone US Holdings and its subsequent rebrand.

Just in recent weeks, the business launched an agriculture unit with the hire of William Fischer from Validus, while it has also recruited Van Spanos from Tokio Marine HCC to lead a new excess and surplus (E&S) primary product liability group.