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## Aon Benfield opens Houston fac office

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Aon Benfield has opened a new facultative property branch in Houston as part of its strategic focus on delivering industry specialisation to clients throughout the US.

Alongside the new office, the broker has appointed Andrea Mulvey to the Houston-based facultative property team as an associate director, while in Chicago, Justin Conway has joined the Midwest property facultative team also as an associate director.

Mulvey and Conway will help to further build expertise and capabilities in their respective regions, delivering best-in-class property reinsurance solutions to Aon Benfield clients supported by the full resources of the wider firm.

In her new role, Mulvey will also help to strengthen Aon Benfield's US facultative energy practice.

Mulvey previously worked within Aon Risk Solutions, where she focused on marketing services and strategic account management in the energy sector, while Conway served as a facultative property broker at reinsurance intermediary JLT Re. Prior to JLT Re, he worked as a terrorism insurance specialist at insurance intermediary Willis.

Kelly Smith, president of Aon Benfield's U.S. business, said: "Both Andrea and Justin bring valuable industry experience to our team, complementing and enhancing our key strengths. Their energy, enthusiasm and leadership will broaden our platform in Houston, Chicago and throughout the Midwest. These appointments reaffirm Aon Benfield's commitment to our facultative strategy, and we are thrilled to welcome them aboard."

Robert Crabb, head of US facultative property said: "The investment we have made in opening the Houston branch and bringing Andrea and Justin into the team demonstrates Aon's continued commitment to maintaining an industry-leading facultative service across the U.S., whilst also positioning ourselves as a local broker to ensure that we can deliver capabilities directly to our clients."

The appointments of Mulvey and Conway follow the senior facultative appointments of Jackie Bolig and Michael Hughes - as senior managing director and managing director respectively - within Aon Benfield's US business earlier this year.