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Markel Corporation

Pricing Term Sheet

\$300,000,000 3.50% Senior Notes due 2027 (the 2027 Senior Notes)

Issuer: Markel Corporation

Anticipated Ratings/Outlook: Baa2 (stable) / BBB (stable) / BBB+ (stable)

(Moody s / S&P / Fitch)*:

Denominations:

Security Type: SEC Registered Senior Notes

Trade Date: October 30, 2017

Settlement Date**: November 2, 2017 (T+3)

Interest Payment Dates: May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on May 1, 2018

(short first coupon)

Maturity Date: November 1, 2027 Principal Amount: \$300,000,000

Benchmark Treasury: 2.250% UST due August 15, 2027

Benchmark Treasury Price / Yield: 98-29 / 2.376% Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +115 basis points

Yield to Maturity: 3.526% Coupon: 3.50%

Public Offering Price: 99.783% of the principal amount

Net Proceeds to Issuer before Expenses: \$297,399,000

Optional Redemption: At any time prior to August 1, 2027 (3 months prior to maturity),

make-whole redemption at Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points. On or after August 1, 2027 (3 months prior to maturity), redemption at par. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption in the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated October 30, 2017, for more information.

\$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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Concurrent Offering: Concurrent with this offering, the Issuer is offering \$300,000,000 of its

2047 Senior Notes.

Joint Book-Running Managers: Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Senior Co-Managers Barclays Capital Inc.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

Co-Managers

BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Loop Capital Markets LLC

* Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

**We expect that delivery of the 2027 Senior Notes will be made to investors on or about November 2, 2017, which will be the third business day following the date of this pricing term sheet (such settlement being referred to as T+3). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade 2027 Senior Notes on the date of this pricing term sheet will be required, by virtue of the fact that the 2027 Senior Notes initially settle in T+3, to specify an alternate settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the 2027 Senior Notes who wish to trade the 2027 Senior Notes on the date of this pricing term sheet should consult their advisors.

This pricing term sheet supplements the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated October 30, 2017, and the related prospectus, dated March 2, 2015; capitalized terms used in this pricing term sheet, but otherwise not defined, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the related prospectus supplement and prospectus.

The Issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the Issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the Issuer, the underwriters or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus supplement and prospectus if you request it by calling Citigroup Global Markets Inc. toll-free at 1-800-831-9146 or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll-free at 1-800-645-3751.