

MARKEL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KIRSHNER ALAN I**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY**

(Street)

**GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MARKEL CORP [MKL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/11/2015**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount  | (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2015                           |  | S                              | 2,667   | D \$ 779.96   | 28,037 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 965.529  | I 401(K) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 268.155  | I By Spouse - 401(K) Plan <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| KIRSHNER ALAN I<br>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION<br>4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY<br>GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Donna L. Strauss, Attorney-in-fact for Alan I. Kirshner  
 Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date: 05/13/2015

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
 The total includes 3,805, 1,522 and 1,973 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan that will vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 13, 2016, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018, respectively; and 1,417 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan and the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, as applicable, that will vest, subject to certain conditions, on December 31, 2017.
- (1) Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of March 31, 2015 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$768.96 per share. As of March 31, 2015, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.
- (2) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (3) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

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