



Global Insurance industry outlook IBA Insurance Conference 2023



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Market environment for Insurance industry (1/3)

Expected **GDP growth** in most of the advanced economies below 3%.



Macroeconomic environment

- Inflation rates in 2023 predicted to continue above historical. Expected decrease towards Q4/2023 and Q1/2024.
- Interest rates evolution. Expected to continue like that for the first part of 2024 at least.
- Debt sustainability: Public spending commitments in the face of higher interest rates.
- Financial stability risk: Key higher-frequency metrics of financial stability risks keep deteriorating.

Market environment for Insurance industry (2/3)

Environmental and Climate. Broader ESG.

- Physical Risks derived from increase in temperatures. Increased in frequency and severity of extreme weather events, Excess mortality, cost of building / reparation.
- **Transition Risks** derived from shifting to a global net zero emission. This has different implication for insurers both at Liability and asset level.
- Sustainability and Governance: Increased awareness, increased stakeholder expectation to manage risks and contribute to broader sustainable economic and social development. objectives.
 - Human Rights violation
 - Bribery and Corruption
 - Financial Crime
 - Corporate Governance
 - Diversity and inclusion



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- **Covid** derived mortality.
- Long life-spam with higher exposure to age related deterioration and chronic conditions.
- Habits and lifestyle bringing those to earlier age populations.
- Mental health conditions.
- **Medical advances** will partly counterbalance these factors, and it is still unclear how the net effect will play.
- **Different players** (Insurtechs and others) participating in parts of the endto-end Insurance Value Chain: developing products / services, supporting distribution, supporting servicing, etc
- Implications around Legal / Regulatory /Mandatory, Sustainability, Conduct Risk, Financial Crime / Money Laundering, Business Continuity and operational resilience.



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Market environment for Insurance industry (3/3)

Technological developments

- Robotics and automation
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:
 - Machine learning enabled insight into driving or house behaviours
 - Fraud sophistication.
 - Impact in unemployment
- Autonomous machines.
 - Self-driving cars
 - Mobility solutions
- Journey to Cloud
- New challenges from a **liability perspective** around:
 - Decisions made by machines
 - International Data Transfers
 - Data Privacy and Protection
 - Information Security and cyber-risks



- Granular regulation worldwide on aspects ranging from:
 - Information security (Digital Operational Resilience Act)
 - Data Privacy and Protection (e.g. GDPR)
 - Conduct Risk (e.g. Consumer Duty)
- Harmonised supervision across regions.
- Liberalisation and globalization to 'nationalisation' or protectionism
- Different sorts and international conflict.
- Tightens global supply chain, reduces trust and impacts global commerce (including sanctions).

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Trends and opportunities (1/5)

Coverage of

Insurance Gap

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• Different analysis point to gaps and potential to further insure underlying risks worldwide. Either by increasing penetration of insurance coverage onto existing risks or by covering new / emerging risks.



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Trends and opportunities (2/5)

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 Opportunity around development of new products / services specifically devoted to insuring physical and transition risks.



(Source: Swiss Re, Aon, Swiss Re Sigma Explorer, Geneva Association)

- Embedding into underwriting processes
- New culture of Corporate Governance:
 - Stronger Governance arrangements
 - Stronger formalisation of accountabilities and escalations
 - · Clarity around lines of defence
- Embedding into third-party risk management processes.
- New approach to **social support** and social impact. Contribute to society ensuring sustainability of the business.

2 International economic overview Trends and opportunities (3/5)

3 Data and analytics	 Transition into a data driven organisation: Investment in foundations. Investment in 'offensive' modelling for commercial and risk management purposes. Investment in infrastructure. Journey to Cloud and exploiting Cloud native services. Implies a cultural change. Development of Data Ethics.
4 Commercial efficiency through a smarter distribution.	 Improved segmentation (point in life + behavioural aspects). Granular product proposition / bespoke (for each of the segments). Bundling of products, flat rate. Strengthen network of brokers / distribution agents, aggregators, whilst ensuring oversight. Partner with Fintechs to increase reach.



Trends and opportunities (4/5)





Trends and opportunities (5/5)

• The evolution of **profitability** measurements seem to point towards opportunities for improvement in terms of cost reduction.

Insurers' ROE by region (evolution) - 2011–2021, %



(Source Bloomberg)

- · Recipe will vary from company to company. Some levers in the market:
 - Organisational structure measures
 - · Workforce structure and near-shoring / off-shoring
 - Ways of working (quicker time to market + attract talent)
 - · Process automation and streamlining
 - Legacy infrastructure redesign



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Cost and

restructuring.

Productivity