

Property-Casualty Insurance Mergers & Acquisitions: Deals and Drivers



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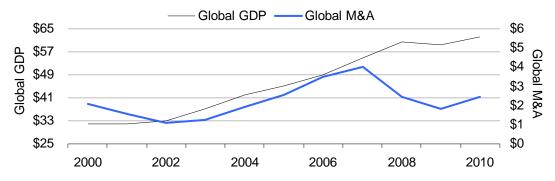


M&A and GDP are Usually Correlated

Global GDP and Global Mergers & Acquisitions – All Industries (Post-2007 M&A Collapse caused by credit markets seizing up)

Global GDP vs. M&A Reported Dollar Value

(\$ in trillions)

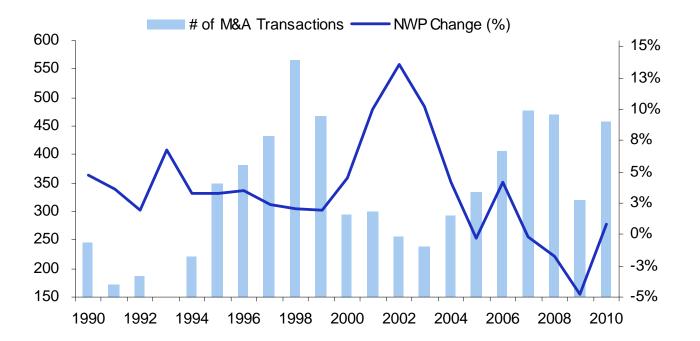


Global GDP vs. M&A Reported Number of Transactions (\$ in trillions)





U.S. Insurance M&A Higher in Soft Market Phases of the Cycle



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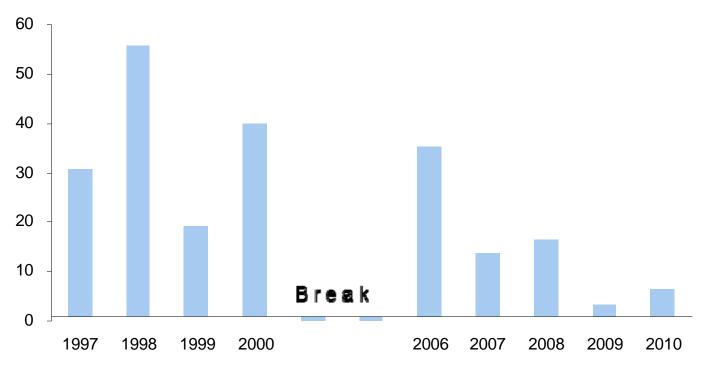


Orivers of Global 2010 Insurance M&A

- Modest U.S. economic growth
- Modest exposure growth
- Depressed insurance rates
- Low investment yields
- M&A as response to growth imperative in soft market
- Release of pent up demand from aberration of low 2009 M&A
- Stronger economic growth in world's developing markets

Themes in 2010 Insurance M&A

- Carriers and Brokers Focus on Specialty Lines
- Alternatives to M&A
- Private Equity Active
- Distress Continues for Some
- Uncertainty regarding Impact of Solvency II
- Global Expansion
- Lively Lloyd's Market



Reported Value of U.S. Property-Casualty Insurance M&A* (in \$billions)

Source: Conning Research & Consulting analysis

*where a U.S. entity is buyer or seller

Five Largest Insurance-Related Mergers & Acquisitions, 2010 Property-Casualty Sector

(\$ in millions)

Buyer	Target	Transaction Value
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	Zenith National Insurance Corp.	\$1,439
(Canada)		ψ1,409
QBE Insurance Group Ltd. (Australia)	NAU Country Insurance Co.	565
The Doctors Co.	American Physicians Capital, Inc.	386
CNA Financial Corp.	CNA Surety Corp.	375
The Travelers Cos.	J. Malucelli Participaceos em Seguros e Resseguros (Brazil)	370

Source: Public announcements, Conning Research & Consulting analysis



Five Largest P-C M&A Transactions

2006 – 2009 (\$ in Billions)

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	Announced value		Announced value
2006		2008	
Cerberus/GMAC	14.0	Liberty Mutual/Safeco	6.2
Berkshire/Equitas	7.0	Tokio/Philadelphia	4.7
QBE/Praetorian	0.8	Gen Re/Comm Casualty	0.8
TWG/Aon Warranty	0.7	Munich Re/HSB	0.7
Elara/Direct Holdings	0.6	Assured Guar/Fin. Security	0.7
2007		2009	
Liberty Mutual/Ohio Casualty	2.7	Zurich/21st Cent	1.9
MAPFRE/Commerce	2.2	Fairfax/Odyssey Re	1.0
Munich Re/Midland	1.3	Med Prof/FinCor	0.2
QBE//Winterthur	1.2	Tower/Sp UW Alliance	0.1
Alfa Mutual/Alfa	0.8	Emerging Cap/Nouvelle	0.05

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U.S. Insurance-Related Mergers & Acquisitions Announced in 2010 Announced Value > \$100 Million, Property-Casualty Sector

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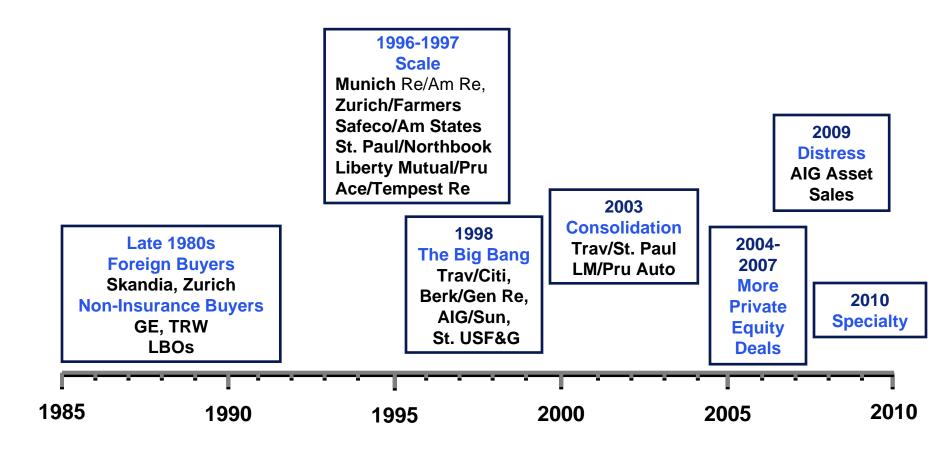
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Old Republic International Corp.	PMA Capital Corp.	365
TIG Insurance Co.	General Fidelity Insurance Co.	350
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	First Mercury Financial Corp.	294
QBE Insurance Group Ltd. (Australia)	RenRe U.S. operations, incl Agro National	275
ProSight Specialty Insurance Holdings, Inc.	NYMAGIC, Inc.	230
ProAssurance Corp.	American Physicians Service Group, Inc.	220
United Fire & Casualty	Mercer Insurance Group	191
Tower Group, Inc.	OneBeacon personal lines division	180
RLI Corp.	Contractors Bonding Insurance Co.	137
Chartis	Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	147
Markel Corp.	FirstComp Insurance Co.	135
National Interstate Insurance Co.	Vanliner Insurance Co.	130

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Salient P-C M&A Themes Observed in Recent Years

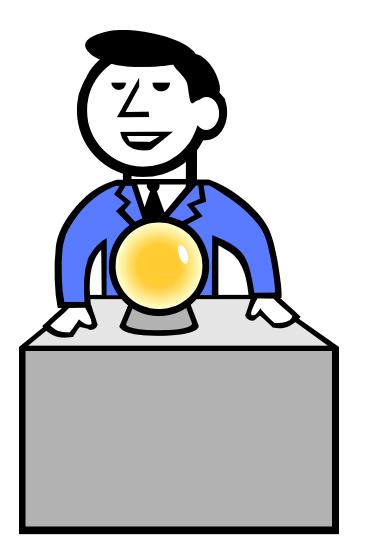


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(\$ in millions)				
Acquirer	Target	Amount		
Nationwide	Harleysville	\$760		
QBE	Balboa Insurance Group	700		
MidOcean Partners	Pre-Paid Legal Services	652		
AIG	Fuji Fire & Marine	551		
Hanover	Chaucer	474		
Berkshire Hathaway	Wesco Financial	385		
The Doctors Company	FPIC	362		
Cowen Group	Bel Re	293		
WRM America	Fidelity National Flood business	210		
Tokio Marine	First Insurance Hawaii	165		
CIGNA	FirstAssist Insurance Services	110		
Syndicate Holdings	HSBC runoff	110		
ACE	Penn Millers	107		

Source: Company announcements, Conning Research & Consulting Analysis

- Weak Economy, Low Interest Rates and Soft Market will Drive Increased M&A
- Solvency II's Influence will Drive Increased M&A







Thank you

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