

# Cyber - opportunity or threat?

- Cyber represents fastest growing insurance market segment
- US market currently dominates but worldwide premium growth expected to increase dramatically
- 2012 \$1.3B (U.S. only) Advisen
- 2015 \$2.4B (U.S. only) Advisen
  2020 \$7.5B (Worldwide) PWC
- 2025 \$20B (Worldwide) Allianz
- However, there is little available claims data to help determine cyber pricing and sources of exposure are evolving rapidly
- With greater interconnectivity of data, there is also a market fear about the scale of cyber accumulation exposure, although much of this is based on conjecture As in other lines, modelling would help inform underwriting decisions, free-up capacity and allow insurers to manage their accumulations with support from reinsurers
- There are few, if any, commercially available cyber underwriting models and Willis Re has been working hard to help clients better understand their exposures and fill the modelling "gap" WillisRe III'I'II 2









# Cyber insurance: large potential but insurers are cautious

- The largest 5 providers of capacity have been the same 5 for the past 10 years - AIG, Beazley, Zurich, ACE/Chubb
- AIG is considered the largest and is estimated to generate over USD100M in cyber-related premiums annually Current capacity for large financial institutions is \$300M, but smaller insurers offer limits of \$25,000 to a maximum of \$5M to \$25M
- Recent experience shows that corporations haven't bought enough
- insurance coverage to cover their losses:



What's causing insurers to be so cautious in entering the cyber insurance market?

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## **Risks and pitfalls exist**

While opportunities are attractive, insurers need to consider risks and pitfalls

- Cyber-crime is evolving at a very fast pace
- Perpetrators have advanced capabilities and are continuously devising sophisticated tools to breach security systems
- Also contributing is the Internet of Things (IoT) increased use of cloud computing and evolution in mobile technology
- Historical data is very limited
- As a consequence of the limited historical claims, few precedents exist to handle
- potential coverage disputes on policy terms and conditions Risk aggregation and clash risk that comes from a potential attack remain as top concerns for insurers
- Knowledge and skill set necessary to underwrite cyber-risk is extremely specialized
- Scope of coverage is highly specific to each cyber policy, with very little standardization across insurers

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All these have limited insurers' ability to effectively penetrate this market
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#### Benchmarking overview Currently, there is no commercially available cyber exposure database for insurers to benchmark themselves against WTW's proprietary cyber database is constructed by consolidating actual cyber policies from clients/prospects Robust dataset with over 7,500 cyber policies from a diverse mix of portfolios Represents >\$300M of annual GWP н. 4 cyber peer groups contemplated International . US Mostly Excess (based on a 50% primary vs. excess threshold) US Mostly Primary – Small (median revenue <\$50M)</li> US Mostly Primary – Large (median revenue >\$50M) . Benchmark a company's cyber book against peer group averages to answer several frequently asked questions: How does the portfolio's modeled ELR stack up against other cyber writers? Is the portfolio's modeled volatility in line with peers? Are they selectively writing the "good" (i.e. low expected frequency) risks in particular industry sectors? Provide more reinsurance-related peer statistics (e.g. CC, agg stop ROL, treaty capacity) to facilitate a discussion about cyber-specific reinsurance purchases

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## Next steps in advanced cyber risk modeling

- Development of comprehensive cyber industry exposure database
  Estimate potential financial losses to entire sectors and portfolios due to common vulnerabilities
- Consider factors such as real-time security ratings of companies, exposure data, and supply chain information
- Both probabilistic and deterministic scenario modeling of (re)insured portfolio of cyber risk
- Analogous to catastrophe modeling done in the property insurance market for hurricane and earthquake risks
- Scenarios used to gain a better understanding of potential aggregation risk from a large-scale cyber attack
- Example: cloud providers, payment processors, and blackouts
- Holistic strategy with long-term relationship view
- Insurers partnering with cyber security and/or technology firms
  Including valuable services as part of the coverage, such as post-breach response coverage

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