Reinsurance: State of the Market

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Topics to be covered:

State of the property and casualty reinsurance markets

✓ TRIA extension – reinsurance perspective



State of the property and casualty reinsurance markets



Disciplined marketplace with increased reinsurance demand

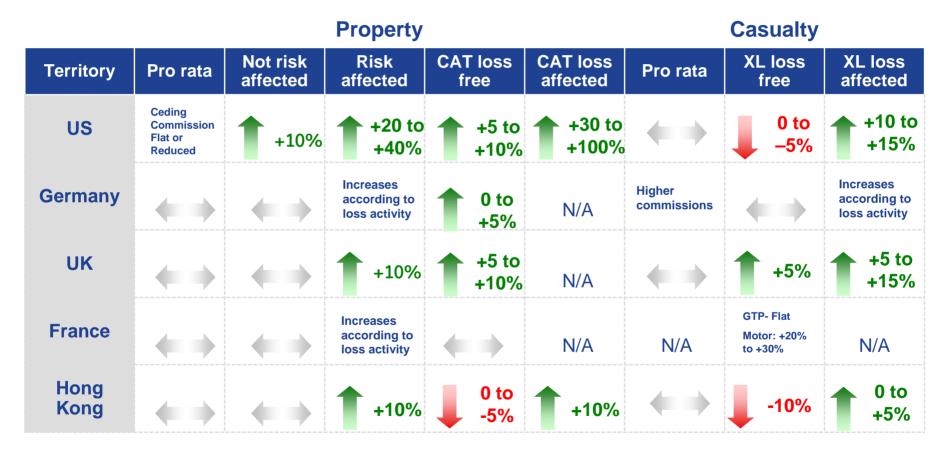
		Line of Business	Rate Development
	Property	Cat Loss Hit	Up 30%- 100%
SN		Cat Loss Free	Up 5%-10%
		Risk Loss Hit	Up 20%-40%
		Risk Loss Free	Up 10%
	-¢	Casualty- Pro Rata	Flat
	Casualty	Cas- XL Loss free	Flat to Down 5%
		Cas-XL Loss Hit	Up 10-15%

- Property price loading for demand surge; huge rate increases for wind exposures
- Retro dramatic price movement due to capacity shortages; many U.S. programs exhausted
- Casualty stable prices; loss costs expected to be favorable



Source: Guy Carpenter- US Renewals (Jan'06); Willis- Willis Re-View (Jan'06); Benfield- Outrageous Fortune (Jan'06): Banc of America Securities- Reinsurance Conditions

Rate movement consistent across major insurance markets



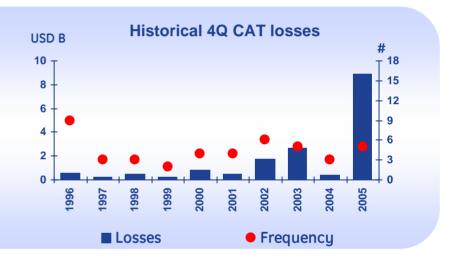




Insurers paid record \$8.9B losses in 4Q05 with more than 1.1 M Claims

Fourth quarter CAT losses

- Five 4Q events triggered \$8.9B in insured losses... costliest 4Q on record in past 10 years
- Over last 10 years (excluding '05), 5 CAT events occurred on average in 4Q & caused average insured damage USD 1.07 B
- Wilma accounted for >94% of 4Q dollar losses & 84% of the claims filed





4Q05 losses...attributable to Wilma (\$8.4B)

CAT Events	Loss (\$ MM)	States Affected	Losses by States
CAT No. 53 Event: Wind & Thunderstorm Period: October 7-15, 2005	246		\$ MM 500 400 300 200 NY NJ CT MD PA MA
CAT No. 54 Event: Hurricane Wilma Period: October 24, 2005	8,418		\$ MM 8418 500
CAT No. 55 Event: Wind & Thunderstorm Period: November 6, 2005	91.5		\$ MM 500 — 400 — 300 — 200 — 100 — IN KY OH



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4Q05, 1Q06 YTD losses

CAT Events	Loss (\$ MM)	States Affected	Losses by States
CAT No. 56 Event: Winter Storm Period: December 15-17, 2005	55.4		\$ MM 500
CAT No. 57 Event: Wind & Thunderstorm Period: Dec 30 '05-Jan 3 '06	101.1		\$ MM 500
1Q06 CAT Losses CAT No. 58 Event: Winter Storm Period: January 14-15, 2006	NA		\$ MM 500
CAT No. 59 Event: Winter Storm Period: January 18-19, 2006	NA		\$ MM 500



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Where is the reinsurance market headed?

- Impact of 2005 windstorms short term vs. long term
- Factors driving reinsurance market:
 - ✓ Windstorm frequency
 - ✓ Impact and continued emergence of new capacity
 - ✓ Rating agency approaches and actions
 - ✓ Investment returns



TRIA extension – reinsurance perspective



TRIA Extension – What does it mean?

- 2002 Act was extended through 12/31/07
- Short-term effects:
 - ✓ Status quo in terms of reinsurance availability
 - ✓ Domestic terrorism outside TRIA umbrella
 - ✓ Minimal funding from government for another event like 9/11
 - ✓ Of the \$32.5B in 9/11 insurance claims, about 2/3 of the losses were borne by the reinsurance industry



Source: III

TRIA Extension – What does it mean?

- Longer-term view is highly uncertain:
 - Government has not committed to permanent backstop
 - Terrorism modeling still a challenge, regardless of backstop
 - Availability and affordability questionable
 - ➤ LOBs, such as WC, may face even more difficult challenges



Questions?



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