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Workshop Accumulation of Exposure: Which means of control are available?





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<u>Accumulation control</u> represents a relevant *challenge* for the Marine business.

Is it worth raising awareness on this issue?

Time-consuming, considerable effort...

...but given the increasing internal/external competition, it is a MUST rather than a choice.

In this presentation we will explore why

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Two main sources of accumulation:

1. Geographical Accumulation.

Hull and Cargo "resting" in ports, airports, marinas

2. Cargo Accumulation.

How many clients have cargo on board one vessel? How much cargo value is at stake on one vessel?

Larger containers ⇒ lower transparency

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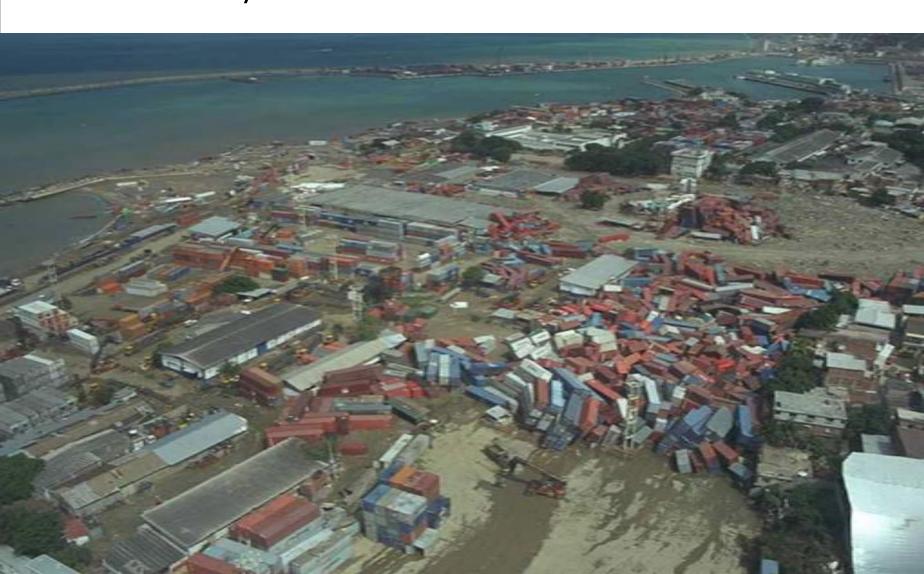




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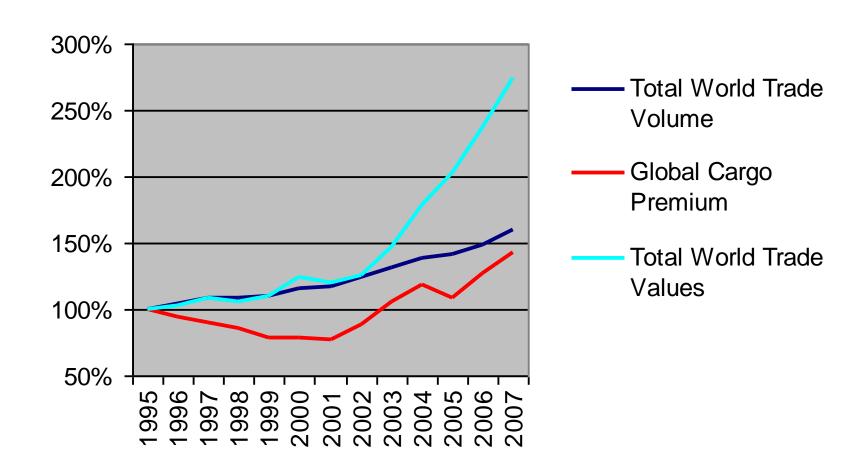




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Premiums do not keep pace with trade volume growth









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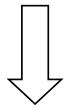
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Solvency II is the new regulatory framework for insurance and reinsurance companies, replacing Solvency I

It shifts from a *rule-based* approach to a *principle-based* approach

- Explicit requirements on risk management
- Increased supervision
- Internal models rather than fixed rules



Increased responsibilities of industry's players





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Solvency II aims at:

- Harmonising solvency standards across the EU
- Introducing fair-value valuation of assets and liabilities
- Encouraging active risk management

- Fostering risk control responsibilities of industry players
- Increasing transparency





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Solvency I was based on the concept "one size fits all" Solvency II aims at *matching* capital requirements and actual risk

3 Pillar Approach

Quantitative capital requirements

Supervisory review

Transparency







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The new framework **rewards** proper **risk management** and **transparency**

■ Internal model

Scenario analysis

■ Stress tests

Why should we care?







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Solvency II considers the impact of risk mitigation measures and rewards risk control

- Use of internal models, tailored to your own risks
- e.g. Accumulation risk in Marine
- Carry stress tests and scenario analysis; publish results.
- e.g. Accumulation risk in Marine
- Capital requirements include interdependencies of risks
- e.g. Accumulation risk in Marine





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- Consequences of **poor accumulation control**:
- Higher capital requirement
- Higher capital costs
- Higher prices

Competitive disadvantage compared to other LoBs

Deliver results or lose capital allocation



Capacity endangered!!!





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High pressure on delivering good results:

- Capital is nowadays a very scarce resource
- Regulation tends to be stricter
- Lower investment returns demand higher underwriting results

Tough competition for capital allocation

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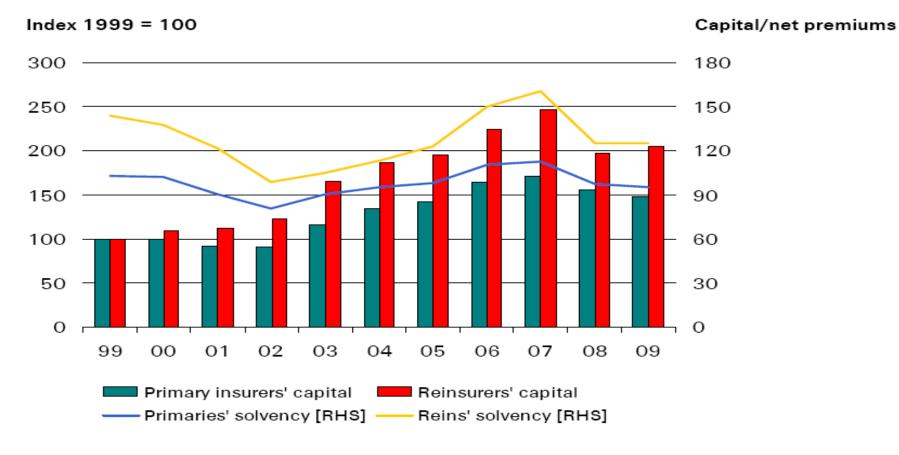


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Capacity trends

Capacity and solvency of P&C (re)insurers



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting









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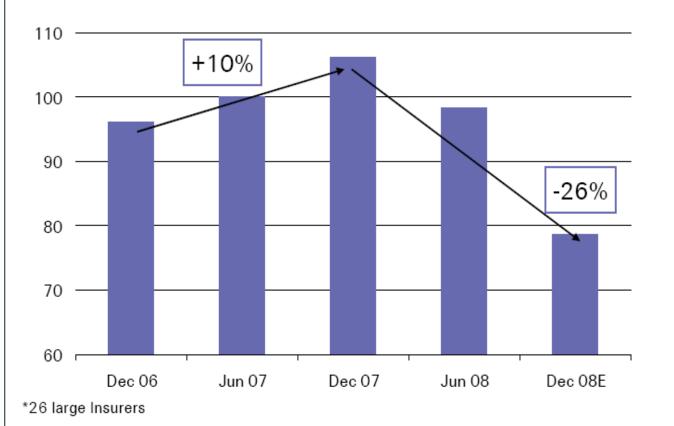
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Capacity trends

Shareholder's Equity
Index Q2 2007=100, USD*



In 2008, the non-life insurance industry lost about 20% and the life insurance industry between 30-40% of the capital base

Sources: Annual Reports, Bloomberg, Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting





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- Takeaways...
- Accumulation control is a hot issue more than ever
- Solvency II requires *strict risk management* practices and rewards *risk control*
- Benefits are *more capacity*, *lower prices*
- i.e. avoid charges for lack of transparency
- ...and bottom line

Let's work together to pursue the interests of the whole shipping community







Thank you for your attention

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