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Global M&A Insurance 2024 Review and 2025 Outlook: Gallagher

The tremors of increasing inflation and rapidly rising interest rates have started to subside, and the dealmaking outlook is beginning to become more favorable.

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#### Global

Micro insurance market to grow 6.5% annually until 2032

The global microinsurance market, valued at \$74.2b in 2023, is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of over 6.5% between 2024 and 2032.

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Aon and Moody's collaborating on risk management insight services

The partnership will help improve risk management solutions being offered to clients. Read more

### **Arab World**

Trade, investment, finance insurance operations in Arab states exceed \$121bln in 2023 – Report The value of outstanding insurance commitments for investment, finance, and exports destined to the Arab region rose by 7% to roughly \$260 billion by the end of 2023.

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#### APAC

Asia-Pacific insurers told to start targeting Gen Z Whilst they are early in their careers, Gen Z people born in 1997 to 2012 — display strong ambition and confidence in their financial literacy. Read more

# Algeria

Insurance market increases by 5% in 3Q2024 The insurance sector in Algeria achieves a high turnover in the first 9 months of the preceding year, with international acceptances and takaful showing huge growth. Read more

## **Algeria**

Partnership between UAR and ENSSEA

The agreement is aimed at strengthening the academic and professional skills of future insurance executives, as well as improving training for students through programs that are adapted to the sector's needs.

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#### China

Best's Special Report: China's New Energy Vehicle Growth Transforms the Country's Motor Insurance Market

As China continues to lead the way globally in producing and selling new energy vehicles (NEV), the trend has spurred a sixfold increase in related insurance premiums for this segment in just the past five years alone.

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#### China

Ping An Insurance offers to buy remaining stake in healthcare arm at \$1.7 bln valuation Ping An Healthcare will continue to remain listed on the stock exchange as the Chinese insurance giant has no plans to privatise the healthcare arm. Read more

# **Egypt**

FRA reports LE 718 Billion in financing, robust insurance sector growth in 2024

The insurance sector demonstrated impressive performance during January-October 2024, with total collected premiums amounting to LE 77.1 billion.

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# **Egypt**

Misr Insurance, UAE's Al Ain Ahlia Insurance sign cooperation protocol

The protocol aims to enhance cooperation between both companies in digital transformation and develop insurance products.



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Non-life insurers report dip in Dec premiums under Irdai's revised norms

Premia of non-life insurers in December slipped 0.33 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 25,018 crore, showed data released by the General Insurance Coun-

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#### India

Digit Life Insurance launches Glow Term Life Insurance, to make buying simpler for 300 million self-employed Indians

Digit Life's term plan will be highly customizable and affordable, doing away with traditional bottlenecks like rigid documentation and lengthy processes that self-employed individuals typically face. Read more

### Japan

Dai-ichi Life loses millions of dollars in long bond sales

Dai-ichi Life Insurance Co. has lost around \$890 million as it sold bonds with longer maturities in preparation for the rise in interest rates. Read more

#### **KSA**

GAC approves MEDGULF-Buruj merger

In two separate Tadawul statements today, Jan. 6, the two companies said the potential merger is still under consideration and no binding agreement has been signed to date.

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# Nigeria

'Insurance industry among service sector top performers in 2024'

The insurance sector grew by 19.8 percent in the third quarter of 2024 (Q3 2024), enhancing the financial services sector growth that outperformed other sectors by 32 percent. Read more

#### **Oman**

Dhamani Platform completes linking over 30 private hospitals

The platform is concerned with providing electronic linking between private health institutions, insurance companies, health insurance claims administrators.

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#### **Oman**

Thawani Pay Partners with Takaful Oman The collaboration is set to redefine the customer experience by providing an easy and accessible way for users to obtain motor insurance, with plans for comprehensive offerings shortly. Read more

#### **Pakistan**

Adamjee Insurance faces half-billion-rupee loss from Dubai floods

The company's Pakistan operations remained profitable, but losses from its UAE auto business severely dampened overall net income. Read more

# **Philippines**

Philippine healthcare costs expected to keep climbing in 2025

Healthcare expenses in the Philippines are projected to rise by 18.3% in 2025, marking a continuation of the country's trend of double-digit medical cost increases.

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# Singapore

Maybank's insurance arm, Etiga Insurance, pioneers the return of Takaful Offerings in Singapore New Shariah-compliant investment-linked product addresses the needs of customers looking for values-based insurance solutions; further strengthening the Group's Islamic Wealth Management offerings.



### **Insurance** News

#### **South Korea**

South Korean insurers bag \$80b in premiums for H1 2024

The total premium income of South Korean insurers for the first half of 2024 (H1 2024) reached \$79.83b (KRW115.7t), marking a year-on-year increase of \$3.04b (KRW4.4t), or 3.9%.

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#### **South Korea**

Prolonged Economic Slump Pushes Insurance Policy Loans Past 70 Trillion Won

The ongoing high-interest and high-inflation environment, coupled with economic stagnation, has forced more people to borrow against their insurance policies for living expenses.

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#### **Tunisia**

BNA Assurances applies for listing on the stock exchange

According to a valuation report by AMC Ernst & Young, the company's shares are valued at 1.79 TND (0.6 USD).

#### UAE

Market reaches almost \$14bn in first three quarters of 2024

Gross written premiums (GWP) for the insurance sector grew by 20.9% touching AED50.8bn (\$13.8bn) as compared with AED42bn written in the first three quarters of 2023.

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#### UAE

Insurers add dental, mental health coverage as premiums rise up to 20%

Industry executives suggest that these benefits "make health insurance more comprehensive" for policy buyers.

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#### **Reinsurance News**

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Reinsurance Market Dynamics – Jan. 2025: Aon With the strong market, reinsurers increased their appetite to meet demand. Many need to revisit how they deliver client value in a sustainable, profitable way.

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#### Global

Strong reinsurer appetite drives excess property catastrophe capacity at January 1: Guy Carpenter Non-loss-impacted property catastrophe renewals saw notable risk-adjusted reinsurance rate reductions of 5% to 15% at January 1.

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#### Global

Past the pricing peak: Howden

- 2025 marks the beginning of a new cycle for the (re)insurance industry
- In an uncertain, complex world, the demand for risk transfer has never been higher
- For the first time since 2020, rates are falling the industry must innovate to grow.

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### Global

Gallagher Re 1st View: Differentiation Rewarded January 1 renewal activity saw differentiated outcomes for clients. Reinsurers have been able to refine solutions as a result of more effective use of detailed cedant data.

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## **Hong Kong**

Taiping Re sponsors Asia's first dual-perils and triggers cat bond in Hong Kong

The \$35 million sized cat bond was issued through a special purpose insurer named Silk Road Re and provides coverage for earthquake risks in China and hurricanes in the United States.

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#### KSA

PIF fully subscribes to Saudi Re's capital hike shares

In a statement to Tadawul, Saudi Re said that the Public Investment Fund (PIF), as the sole investor subscribing to all the shares issued in the capital increase, is required to retain these shares for two years from the listing date.

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Bahrain to increase employer social insurance contributions

According to a circular sent to the owners of companies, the total employer contribution will rise to 17%.

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## Kenya

Kenya to Implement Digital Marine Cargo Insurance for Importers Starting February 2025

The digital marine cargo insurance policy will be seamlessly integrated into Kenya's customs clearance process. Importers will acquire the insurance via the IRA's digital platform.

## Malaysia

New policy caps Malaysia's health, takaful premium hikes under 10%

These measures aim to provide immediate relief to policyholders whilst ensuring continued access to MHIT coverage.

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#### Morocco

Possible introduction of compulsory homeowner's insurance in Morocco

This initiative aims to strengthen the protection of citizens against home-related risks such as natural disasters.

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#### **Taiwan**

Taiwan to raise labor insurance premium rate to 12.5% in 2025

The hike is part of a gradual increase in premiums introduced in tandem with the launch of the labor pension program in 2009.

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# **Rating News**

## AM Best Affirms Credit Ratings of South China Insurance Co., Ltd.

AM Best has affirmed the Financial Strength Rating of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "a" (Excellent) of South China Insurance Co., Ltd. (Taiwan). The outlook is stable.



#### **Movement News**

### **CICA-Re**

Names New Regional Director for Central Africa CICA-Re has promoted Joseph Luc Foading as its new Regional Director for Central Africa of the Inter-African Conference of Insurance Markets effective from 2 January 2025.

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#### **QGIRCO**

Appoints new Group Chief Executive Officer
Qatar General Insurance and Reinsurance Company
announced that Mr. Aimen Saba Azara has been appointed as a Group Chief Executive Officer with effect
from 6 January 2025.

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#### **FWD Japan**

Ushers in new CEO to drive regional growth FWD Group Holdings Limited has announced that Tsuyoshi Ijichi will take on the roles of representative director, president, and chief executive officer for FWD Japan.

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#### **SUNU Assurances IARD Cameroun**

Promotes new General Manager
Vincent Ongono Ndzomo has been promoted to General Manager of SUNU Assurances IARD Cameroun.



# أخبار التأمين

# البحرين

شركة سوليدرتي البحرين وشركة البحرين الوطنية القابضة توقعان على اتفاقية البيع و الشراء النهائية

استحواذ سوليدرتي البحرين على %100 من أسهم الشركات التابعة والمملوكة بالكامل لشركة البحرين الوطنية القابضة وهما: شركة البحرين الوطنية للتأمين BNI، وشركة البحرين الوطنية للتأمين على الحياة BNL، وذلك بسعر شراء إجمالي قدره 75 مليون دينار بحريني.

الجزائر

قطاع التأمينات يسجل نمواً ب94.9

سجل قطاع التأمينات بالجزائر ارتفاعاً في رقم الأعمال إلى 131.7 مليار دينار (نحو 970 مليون دولار) في التسعة أشهر الأولى من 2024, بفضل نشاط التأمينات «التكافلية» الناشئة, حسبما أفاد مسؤول بالقطاع.

شركات التأمين مدعوة للعب "دور أساسى" في البورصة شركات التأمين مدعوة للعب "دور أساسي" في سوق البورصة الجزائرية وهذا ضمن إطار القانون الجديد المنتظر أن يؤطر هذه السوق، مشيرا إلى أن إدراج شركات التأمين كوسطاء سيسمح بإضفاء ديناميكية على بورصة الجزائر من خلال رفع حجم التداولات.

السعوديه

هيئة التأمين تبين منافع وثيقة التأمين على العيوب الخفية لحماية المشاريع الإنشائية وضمان جودتها

تشمل التغطية التأمينية المخاطر الهيكلية التي قد تؤدي إلى انهيار كلى أو جزئي للمباني أو تهدد السلامة. للمزيد

السعوديه

سهم "ميدغلف للتأمين" يرتفع بعد الموافقة على الاندماج مع "بروج للتأمين التبادلي"

أعلنت شركتا "المتوسط والخليج للتأمين وإعادة التأمين التبادلي" (ميدغلف) و"بروج للتأمين التبادلي" عن حصولهما على موافقة هيئة المنافسة العامة لإتمام عملية الاندماج الاقتصادي المخطط لها بينهما.

للمزيد

# عمان

"الخدمات المالية".. منصة ضماني الإلكتروني تنتهي من ربط أكثر من 30 مستشفى خاصا

هي منصة تعني بتوفير الربط الإلكتروني بين المؤسسات الصحية الخاصة وشركات التأمين ومكاتب إدارة مطالبات التأمين الصحى والجهات الرسمية، لتبادل البيانات الطبية للمرضى ومطالبات التأمين الصحى بين المؤسسات التأمينية والصحية بكل سهولة وشفافية.

# قطر

أيمن عزارة رئيساً لشركة العامة للتأمين

أعلنت الشركة القطرية العامة للتأمين وإعادة التأمين أنه إلحاقًا لإفصاح الشركة بتاريخ 29 أكتوبر الماضي عن استقالة الرئيس التنفيذي للمجموعة، فقد تم تعيين السيد أيمن سابا عزارة رئيساً تنفيذياً للمجموعة وذلك اعتباراً من 6 يناير الجاري. للمزيد

# الكوىت

«وحدة التأمين» للشركات: 15 الجاري.. الحد الأقصى للاشتراك في المنبه الآلي لتغييرات العقوبات الدولية

أصدر رئيس وحدة تنظيم التأمين محمد سليمان العتيبي تعميمأ للشركات الخاضعة لرقابة الوحدة، للاشتراك في نظام تنبيه آلي «Mallerlite»، والذي سيضمن إخطار جميع الشركات والأفراد المشتركين في النظام على الفور بأي تغييرات تطرأ على التصنيفات المدرجة في قوائم العقوبات التابعة للأمم المتحدة. للمزيد

شركات التأمين: هل يدفع المرضى فرق ال15%؟ أعلنت نقابة اصحاب المستشفيات دخول قرار رفع التعرفة الإستشفائية حيّز التنفيذ مع انطلاقة العام الجديد بنسبة %15 على التعرفات المتعاقد عليها مع كل من شركات التأمين التي أبدت عدم

رضاها عن هذا القرار ورفضها القاطع. للمزيد

قيمة الأقساط التأمينية ترتفع نحو %26 إلى 77.1 مليار جنيه خلال 10 أشهر

ارتفعت قيمة الأقساط التأمينية المحصلة لتأمينات الممتلكات والمسئوليات وللأشخاص وتكوين الأموال بنسبة %25.8 لتصل إلى 77.101 مليار جنيه، خلال الأشهر العشرة أشهر المنتهية في أكتوبر الماضي، مقابل 61.306 مليار جنيه بالفترة المناظرة. للمزيد

شراكة إستراتيجية بين «العين الأهلية» الإماراتية و «مصر للتأمين»

بهدف تعزيز التعاون في مجالات التحول الرقمي بين الشركتين، وتطوير منتجات التأمين وتبادل الخبرات العلمية. للمزيد

7 تحديات تواجه "شركات التأمين على الحياة" بحلول عام

من المتوقع أن تواجه شركات التأمين على الحياة تحديات عديدة من خلال التغيرات الديموغرافية والطبية، مما ينعكس على تقديم خدمات التأمين التي تلبي احتياجات العملاء الجديدة والمتغيرة، كما ستواجه الشركات تحديات في تطوير تكنولوجيا التأمين لتوفير تجربة عميل محسنة وتقديم خدمات أسرع وأكثر كفاءة.