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Global Home Insurance Market Size (2024 to 2032): MDF

The global house insurance market was worth USD 241.88 billion in 2023. The global market is expected to reach USD 259.54 billion in 2024 and USD 456.04 billion by 2032, growing at a CAGR of 7.3% during the forecast period.

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## Global

Parametric Insurance Market Size: GMI

By developing and implementing various AI & ML algorithms, insurance companies can create more exact parametric triggers to evaluate this data and assess risks & potential losses more precisely. Read more

## Global

Lower growth and higher inflation: Munich RE Global macroeconomic conditions will remain challenging in the years to come, as prolonged geopolitical crises perpetuate elevated uncertainty.

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# Global

Insurance in a Fragmented World Economy: GA Geoeconomic fragmentation has profound impacts for insurers: it threatens multilateral collaboration on global risks such as climate change; it reduces scope for international risk diversification in both underwriting and investment portfolios. Read more

#### Global

Gallagher Re Natural Catastrophe and Climate Report 2024

In 2024, the estimated total direct economic costs from global natural perils were USD417 billion. The private insurance market and public insurance entities covered USD154 billion of that total.

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### MENA

2025 Outlook stable on growth and reforms despite geopolitics

Supportive, albeit lower, oil prices and a recovery in oil production will buttress economic growth and public finances for the region's hydrocarbon exporters.

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# **Bahrain**

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The app monitors driving habits in real-time, such as speed limit adherence, gentle braking, and the avoidance of phone use while driving. Read more

## China

Asian stocks rally as China pushes insurers to buy

The CSI 300 Index was 1.6% higher, while the Hang Seng Index gained almost 1%. The MSCI Asia Pacific index was up 0.2%. Read more

# **Hong Kong**

FWD HK and SinoPac ink deal to offer diversified wealth management offerings

FWD Hong Kong has signed a long-term bancassurance partnership agreement with Bank SinoPac to provide diversified wealth management offerings for bank customers. Read more

# **Hong Kong**

Provisional business statistics for the first three quarters of 2024

The Insurance Authority (IA) released the provisional business statistics for the first three quarters of 2024, with total gross premiums reaching \$480.8 billion.

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# Kenya

Small Businesses Shun Insurance Due to Cost and Mismatched Needs

59% of business owners have no immediate plans to purchase insurance, and 53% of small businesses are currently without coverage. Read more

## Morocco

Crédit du Maroc and AtlantaSanad join to reshape Morocco's bancassurance market

The ultimate goal is to boost competitiveness by delivering integrated solutions that seamlessly blend banking and insurance expertise. Read more



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To promote Islamic finance and Takaful through financial education and capacity-building initiatives and help expand reach of financial inclusion to more Filipino communities.

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# **Singapore**

Singapore's life insurers eye growth in 2025 The protection gap still exists, but at the same time, there's increasing awareness of the public and more action being taken by people for themselves and their

families. Read more

# **Singapore**

Tokio Marine Singapore, T. Rowe Price partner on investment-linked plans

The partnership provides Tokio Marine clients access to two funds managed by T. Rowe Price, leveraging a proprietary research platform with over 800 investment professionals.

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# **South Korea**

South Korean insurers hit by California wildfires South Korean insurers are bracing for losses from the massive wildfire in Los Angeles, with DB Insurance and Korean Re bearing the largest impact, costing them approximately 90 billion won (\$61.8 million).

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# Syria

Insurance sector could collapse, Federation warns

The bank accounts of insurance companies and SIF have been frozen in pursuant to the instructions of the Central Bank for more than a month without clarifying the reasons.

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# **Tanzania**

NIC, Equity Bank partner to boost agricultural insurance and digital loans

The agreement, marks a significant milestone in fostering collaboration between the two institutions to strengthen financial inclusion and improve access to capital for businesses and individuals.

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# **Thailand**

Japan's ITOCHU to acquire stake in Thailand's Thaivivat Insurance

The new shares will be acquired by GR Management (Thailand) Ltd, a subsidiary of ITOCHU Corporation, giving it a 20% stake in TVI.

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## **Thailand**

Sompo Insurance (Thailand) partners with Collinson International

This partnership provides Sompo's customers in Thailand instant access to over 1,600 airport lounges and travel experiences globally, making flight delays less stressful for travelers.

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## **Tunisia**

Afrique Assistance becomes Mawdy Services
Afrique Assistance, a company belonging to the Spanish Mapfre Group, is changing its name to "Mawdy Services".

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#### UAE

DIFC and Lloyd's partner to develop future talent in the insurance sector

This partnership will expand the reach of Lloyd's Academy, an educational platform for risk professionals based in London, to help build a talent pipeline for the rapidly growing Middle East region.

#### UAE

Premium Spikes in UAE's Insurance Sector Pose a Challenge

The surge in insurance premiums has significant implications for both consumers and businesses in the UAE. Individuals are facing higher costs for essential coverage, prompting some to reconsider their insurance options.

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The deal is expected to promote development of diversified financial-insurance products and services, offering outstanding benefits to customers.

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Analysts have projected that reinsurers could absorb less than 3% of the insured losses stemming from the fires.

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# Middle East

Reinsurers drop some Middle East restrictions, sources say

Reinsurers, including Swiss Re (SRENH.S), opens new tab, have become more willing to provide cover for the Middle East in the industry's January policy renewal season.

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# **Ethiopia**

Ethio Re: fiscal year 2023-2024 results

Ethiopian Reinsurance (Ethio Re) closed the 2023-2024 fiscal year with reinsurance revenue of 2.2 billion ETB (17.3 million USD), up by 29% year-on-year.

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#### **KSA**

WTW secures KSA reinsurance license

"Obtaining our reinsurance broker license in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia further enhances our international capabilities", said WTW. Read more

# Malaysia

MNRB sustains strong profitability for the third quarter ended FY2025

For the first nine months of FY2025, MNRB's group net profit reached RM300.8 million, marking a robust 54.0% growth compared to RM195.7 million in the same period last year. Read more

# **Mauritius**

ASR as first African-focused Lloyd's service company in Mauritius

Africa Specialty Risks (ASR) has announced that Africa Specialty Risks Mauritius is now operating as a Lloyd's service company, enabling it to underwrite business in Mauritius on behalf of Syndicate 2454.

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#### **Oman**

Oman Re launches retakaful window

Effective 1 January 2025, Oman Re will begin underwriting non-life retakaful business, enhancing their ability to meet the diverse needs of their clients and partners. Read more

## **Tunisia**

Tunis Re: 2024 results

Tunis Re closed the 2024 financial year with a turnover of 234.752 million TND (73.5 million USD), showing a 5.5% increase on the 222.533 million TND (72.5 million USD) posted in 2023. Read more

#### Vietnam

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The market's competitive dynamics have been maintained due to historically low natural catastrophe activity and stable treaty performance. Read more



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China cracks down on 300 insurance fraud rings The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) revealed that, since April 2024, more than 40 operations have led to investigations into over 1,400 cases, involving a total of ~\$209m (CNY1.5b).

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# Côte d'Ivoire

Mandatory vehicle inspection for motor insurance policies in Côte d'Ivoire

Drivers must now hold a valid vehicle inspection certificate to be able to insure their vehicles.

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# **Egypt**

Egypt sets new minimum capital requirements for insurers

Companies must increase their issued and paid-up capital to EGP 400m within one year of the decree's effective date. By the end of the second year, the minimum capital will rise to EGP 600m.

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## India

IRDAI reforms focus on modernising insurance oversight

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) introduced five new regulations and amendments to further strengthen the country's insurance regulatory framework.

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### Morocco

Compulsory workshop risk, decennial liability insurances come into effect

The new mandatory covers aim to enhance protection for parties involved in construction projects and promote compliance and adherence with regulatory decision.

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# Nigeria

NIA Commend Nigerian Police on Enforcement of Third-Party Motor Insurance

This initiative according to the Association aligns with the provisions of Section 68 of the Insurance Act 2003. It is a significant step towards strengthening compliance, ensuring road safety.

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# **Nigeria**

NAICOM Takes Measures to Influence Insurance Coverage In Aviation Industry

The joint Technical Committee is to reaffirm the Commission's long-standing commitment to safeguarding the interests of policyholders.

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# **Rating News**

# Tokio Marine Newa Insurance 'A' Ratings Affirmed on Improved Capitalization; Outlook Stable; S&P

The rating affirmation reflects the unchanged rating anchor for the insurer of 'a-' following S&P holistic assessment of the insurer's business and financial risk profiles.

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# Saudi Arabia-Based Wataniya Insurance Co. 'BBB+' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook Stable: S&P

The stable outlook indicates that over the next two years, S&P expects Wataniya to sustain capital adequacy in line with S&P's 99.95% confidence level.

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# AM Best Assigns Credit Ratings to SanlamAllianz Re Ltd

AM Best has assigned a Financial Strength Rating of A- (Excellent) and a Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "a-" (Excellent) to SanlamAllianz Re Ltd (Mauritius). The outlook is stable.

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# AM Best Affirms the Credit Ratings of Malaysian Reinsurance Berhad

AM Best has affirmed the Financial Strength Rating of A- (Excellent) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "a-" (Excellent) of Malaysian Reinsurance Berhad (Malaysia). The outlook is stable.

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# Fitch Affirms Singapore Life Holdings' IDR at 'A' and Singapore Life's IFS at 'A+'; Outlook Stable

The affirmation reflects SLH's sound capitalisation with low leverage, 'Moderate' company profile and the group support from its parent.

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# **Movement News**

# **AXA Morocco and AXA CIMA regions**

Names New CEO

AXA Assurance Maroc has announced the appointment of Gilles Fromageot as Chief Executive Officer of AXA Morocco and AXA CIMA regions.

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# **SONAM Assurances Vie Côte d'Ivoire**

Appoints new Managing Director

Koua Canuth Tanoh has joined SONAM Assurances Vie Côte d'Ivoire as Managing Director.

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# **Tokio Marine Life Singapore**

Announces leadership overhaul

Alistair Chamberlain joins as CEO, bringing senior leadership experience in actuarial.

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# أخبار التأمين

# الشرق الأوسط

شركات إعادة التأمين تعيد النظر في القيود المفروضة على التغطية بالشرق الأوسط

أصبحت شركة التأمين أكثر استعداداً لتوفير الغطاء للشرق الأوسط في موسم تجديد وثائق التأمين في يناير الحالي بحذفها بنداً كان يسمح بانسحابها إذا تصاعدت الحرب في غزة، وفق مصادر في صناعة التأمين تحدثت لوكالة «رويترز».

# الامارات

تعاون لتطوير المواهب المستقبلية في قطاع التأمين وقّعت أكاديمية مركز دبي المالي العالمي، المنصة التعليمية للمركز، مذكرة تفاهم مع «لويدز»، سوق التأمين العالمية، التي تقدم خدمات تأمين متخصصة للشركات في أكثر من 200 دولة ومنطقة. للمنيد

البحرين

شركات التأمين في البحرين تواكب التحضيرات لتطبيق نظام «الضمان الصحي»

لاستعدادات تشمل تطوير الأنظمة الرقمية، وتعزيز التعاون مع المستشفيات والمراكز الصحية، وتحديث البنية التحتية للشركات، لضمان تقديم خدمات صحية شاملة ومتميزة لجميع الفئات المستفيدة.

البحرين

لأول مرةً في البحرين " باقة العايلة" التأمينية من اتحاد الخليج للتأمين

هدف هذه الباقة إلى توفير الطمأنينة لجميع أفراد الأسرة من خلال تغطية شاملة لمجموعة متنوعة من التأمينات، مما يضمن حماية كاملة وشاملة في جميع جوانب الحياة اليومية.

البحرين

"سوليدريّ درايف"..تطبيق جديد لمكافأة السائقين الملتزمين يهدف التطبيق لتحسين سلوكيات القيادة وتعزيز أمن وسلامة الطرق للسائقين بمملكة البحرين، حيث سيحظى مستخدمو التطبيق الجديد على العديد من المزايا والمكافآت الاستثنائية، وعلاوة على ما سبق، سيتمكن السائقين من كسب نقاط بحسب سلوكياتهم أثناء القيادة.

# السعودية

"دبليو تي دبليو" تحصل على ترخيص للعمل في إعادة التأمين بالسعودية

حصلت شركة ويليز تاورز واتسون (دبليو.تي.دبليو) على ترخيص للعمل في قطاع الوساطة في إعادة التأمين في السعودية في إطار استعدادها للعودة إلى إعادة التأمين الاتفاقي مع تعيين محمد السديري رئيسا لإدارة وساطة إعادة التأمين.

# الكويت

"تنظيم التأمين" الكويتية تُصدر تعميمان جديدان أصدرت وحدة تنظيم التأمين تعميمان جديدان؛ بشأن اشتراط الموافقة الخطية قبل إصلاح المركبة المتضررة، بشأن الالتزام بدفع التعويض في وثائق تأمين إصابات العمل وأمراض المهنة. للمزيد

# الكويت

«الكويت للتأمين» تتوَّج بجائزة «شركة التأمين الأكثر ثقة» للعام المنصرم

توَّجت «The Global Economics» البريطانية، شركة الكويت للتأمين بجائزة «شركة التأمين الأكثر ثقة» لعام 2024، تقديراً للدور الحاسم الذي لعبته الشركة على مدى الأعوام الماضية في توفير الحماية المالية، وتعزيز الثقة.

# الكويت

«الخليج للتأمين» تحصد عدة جوائز عالمية في 2024 اختتمت مجموعة الخليج للتأمين عام 2024 بفوزها بمجموعة من الجوائز العالمية المرموقة في مختلف الفئات، شملت مجالات الاستدامة، والمسؤولية الاجتماعية، والريادة، والتميز التشغيلي. للمزيد

# لبنان

أقساط التأمين سترتفع والـ"كباش" يحتدم مع المستشفيات يحتدم "الكباش الودّي" بين شركات التأمين والمستشفيات حول نسبة الـ 15% التي ترغب نقابة المستشفيات في زيادتها على فواتير شركات التأمين الاستشفائية بدءاً من 1 شباط المقبل.

للمزيد



# أخبار التأمين

#### مصر

الرقابة المالية تحدد 15% حدا أقصى من جملة أموال صناديق التأمين الخاصة في البورصة

نص القرار على أن يتم توظيف أموال الصناديق التي تعمل بنظام المزايا المحددة في عدة قنوات استثمارية للمرة الأولى وبنسب محددة ومنها وثائق صناديق الاستثمار في المعادن، وذلك بحد أقصى 10% من جملة أموال الصندوق.

#### مصر

«مصر القابضة للتأمين» تقبل استقالة محمد مهران وتعين بهية إسماعيل عضوًا منتدبًا تنفيذيًا

وافق مجلس إدارة شركة مصر القابضة للتأمين على قبول الاستقالة، مع توجيه الشكر والتقدير محمد مهران على جهوده البارزة خلال فترة توليه المنصب، كما وافق مجلس الإدارة على تعيين بهية أحمد إسماعيل عضوًا منتدبًا تنفيذيًا للشركة اعتبارًا من 23 يناير 2025. للمزيد

بنهاية العام الثاني.

الرقابة المالية ترفع الحد الأدنى لرؤوس أموال شركات التأمين ألزمت الهيئة شركات التأمين برفع الحد الأدنى لرأس المال المصدر والمدفوع على مرحلتين خلال عامين ليصل إلى 400 مليون جنيه في المرحلة الأولى خلال عام، وفي المرحلة الثانية إلى 600 مليون جنيه

للمزيد

#### مصر

تعديل مواعيد بداية ونهاية السنة المالية لشركات وصناديق التأمين الخاصة

وألزم القرار صناديق التأمين الخاصة التي تبدأ السنة المالية الخاصة بها في أول يوليو بإعداد قوائم مالية انتقالية عن الفترة من 1/7/2024 وحتى 31/12/2024 وفترة مقارنتها طبقاً لمعايير المحاسبة المصرية. للمزيد