

# Overview of the Economy and P/C Insurance: Globally and in Canada

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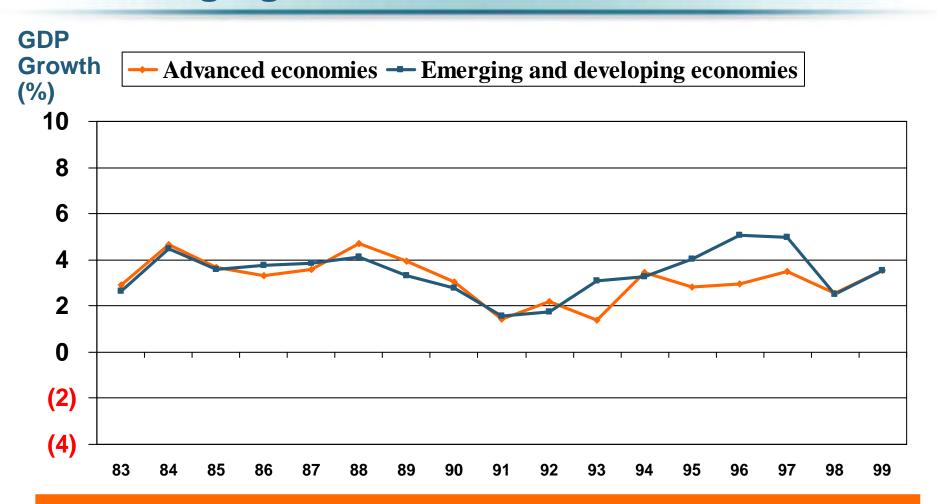


## The Global Economic Outlook

A Two-Speed Recovery: Emerging Economies in Second or Third Gear, Advanced Economies in First

### World GDP Growth, Advanced vs. Emerging Economies, 1983-1999

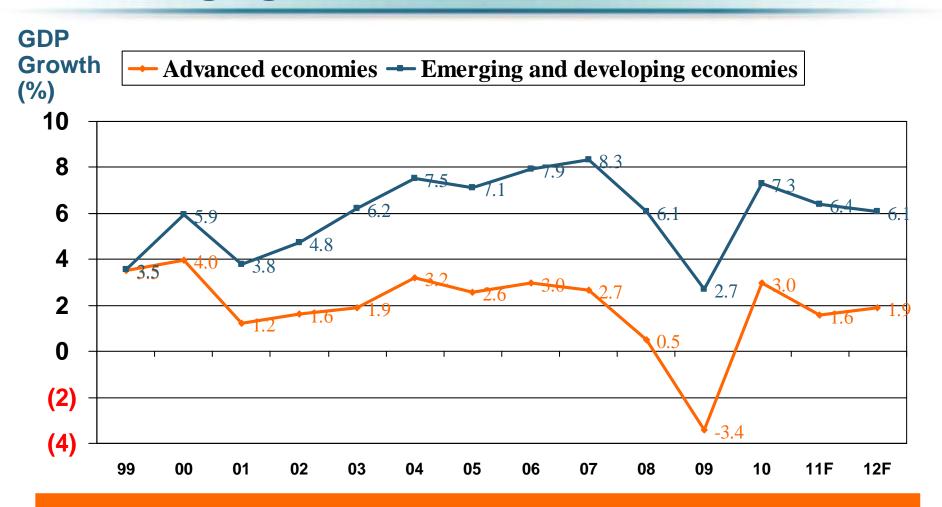




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#### World GDP Growth, Advanced vs. Emerging Economies, 1999-2012F

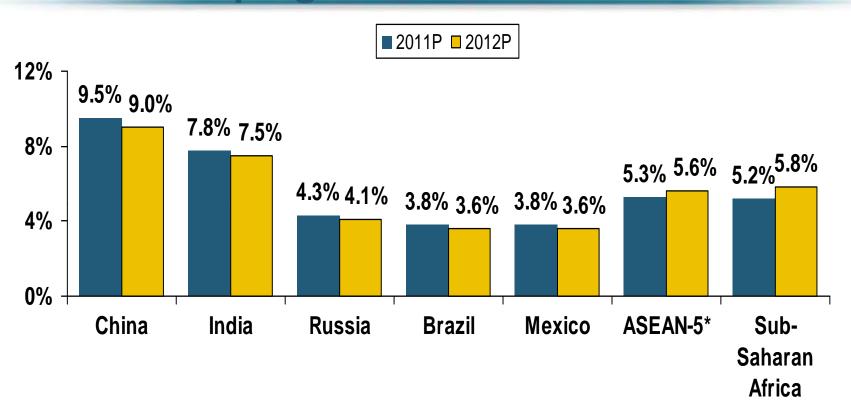




Since 1999, emerging/developing economies have grown roughly two-to-three times as fast as advanced/developed economies.

### Forecasts of 2011 & 2012 GDP of Developing Economies



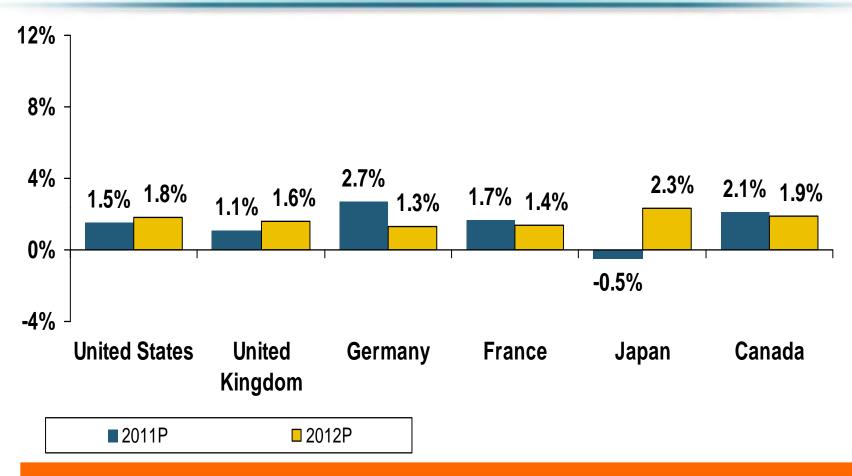


IMF says growth in emerging and developing economies will outpace advanced ones in 2011. This will accelerate the growth of insurance exposures in emerging markets relative to the U.S., W. Europe and Japan.

<sup>\*</sup> Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook, September 2011; Insurance Information Institute.

### Forecasts of 2011 & 2012 GDP of Advanced Economies





The September 2011 IMF forecasts for growth in advanced economies in 2011 is generally around 1.5% to 2%. The outcome could be worse if developments involving sovereign debt (the PIGS or other countries) are worse than expected.



# Insurance "Penetration" and "Density"

Beyond Exposure Growth, Insurers Need Increased Use of Insurance

### Definitions: Measures of Insurance Usage



#### "Penetration"

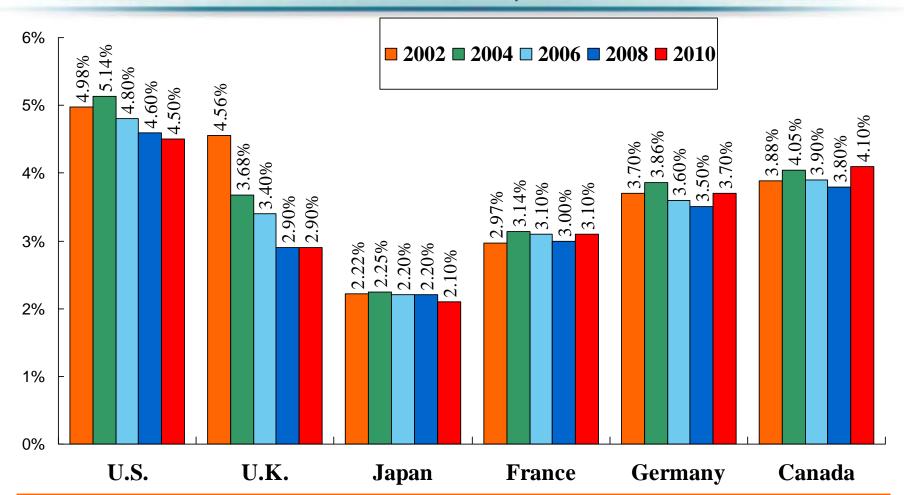
- The ratio of premium to GDP
- Indicates the degree to which premium growth kept up with exposure growth (as proxied by GDP)

#### "Density"

- The ratio of premium to total population
- Indicates the breadth of use of insurance

### Non-life Premium/GDP\* (Penetration) for Advanced Economies, 2002-2010

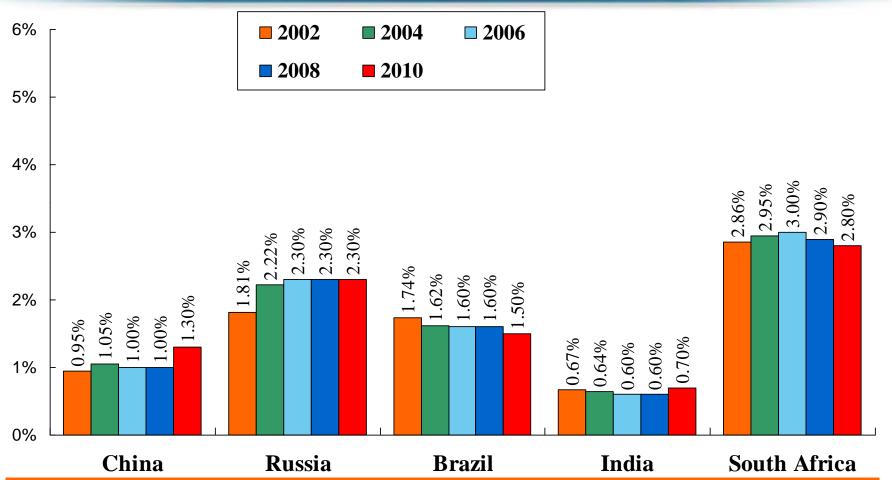




A flat pattern indicates that premiums are changing to the same extent as exposures (as proxied by GDP). A downward trend means premium volume isn't keeping up with economic growth.

### Non-life Premium/GDP\* (Penetration) for Emerging Economies, 2002-2010

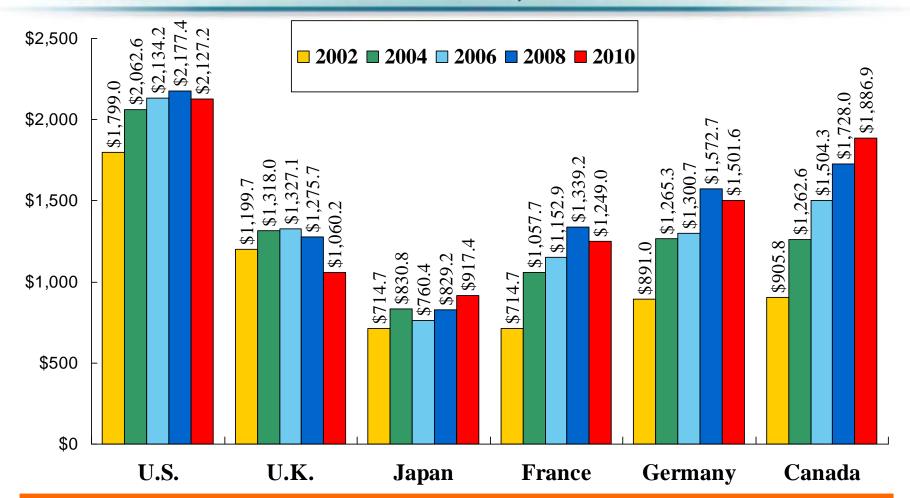




From 2001-2009, Penetration in China and Russia grew steadily—an especially strong showing in light of the rapid growth in GDP (denominator in the Penetration ratio). Similarly, although the Penetration ratios in Brazil and India were essentially flat, that means premium growth basically kept pace with exposure growth.

### Non-life Premium\* per capita (Density) for Advanced Economies, 2002-2010

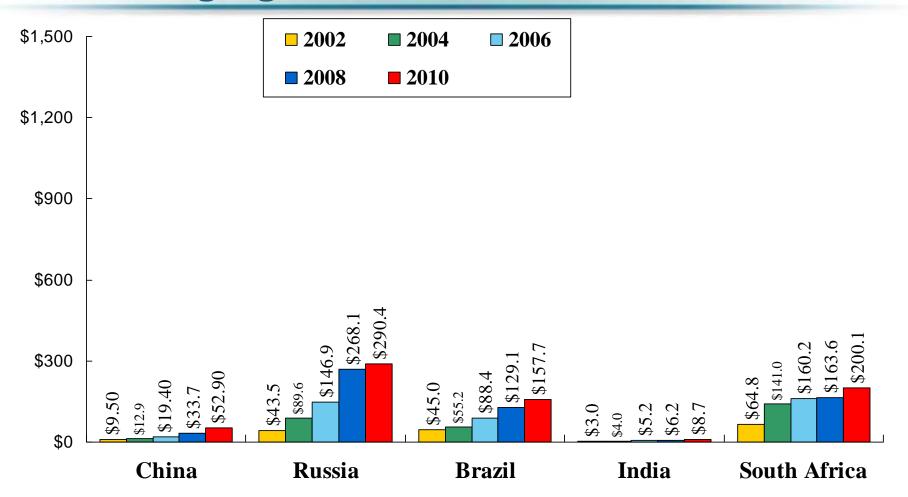




From 2002-2010, Insurance Density grew in most advanced economies, retreating only slightly during the global recession. In Canada, premium density doubled from 2002-2010.

### Non-life Premium\* per capita (Density) for Emerging Economies, 2002-2010





From 2002-2010, Insurance Density in India tripled, and in China it grew 5-fold. But the most spectacular Density growth in these years belongs to Russia: in 2010 Insurance Density in Russia was 7 times what it was in 2002!

Source: Swiss Re Sigma, various volumes

<sup>\*</sup> premiums measured in U.S. dollars, exclude cross-border business

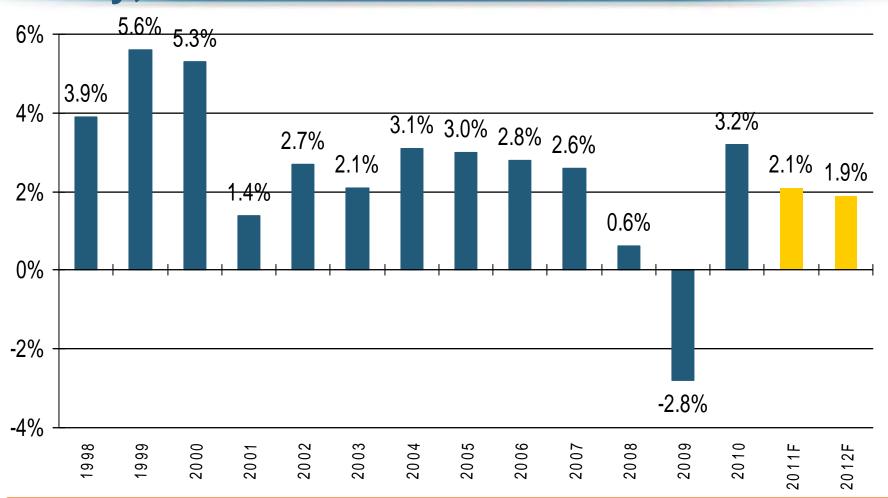


### The Canadian Economy

Compared to Other Advanced Economies, Steady as She Goes

### Real GDP Growth in Canada, Yearly, 1998-2012F



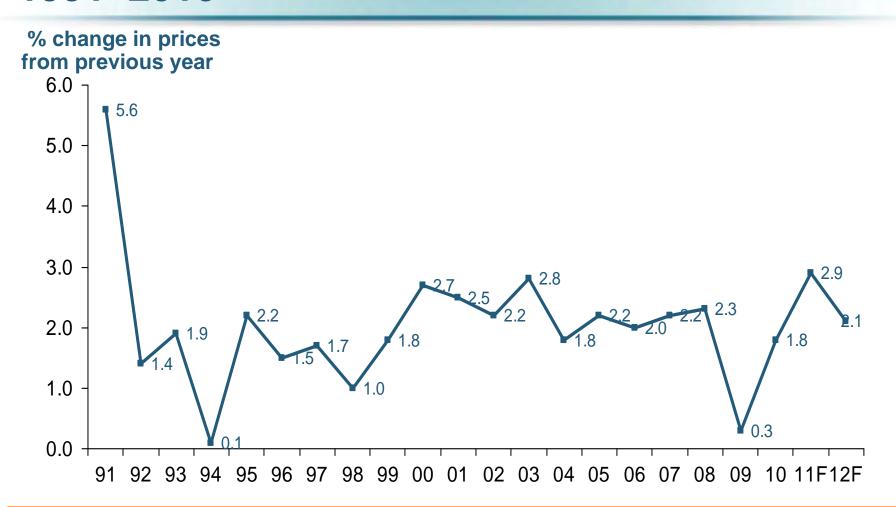


Canada's recession was as deep as in the U.S. and many other advanced economies but is recovering faster

Forecasts from IMF World Economic Outlook, September 2010.

### **Annual Inflation Rates in Canada**, 1991–2010

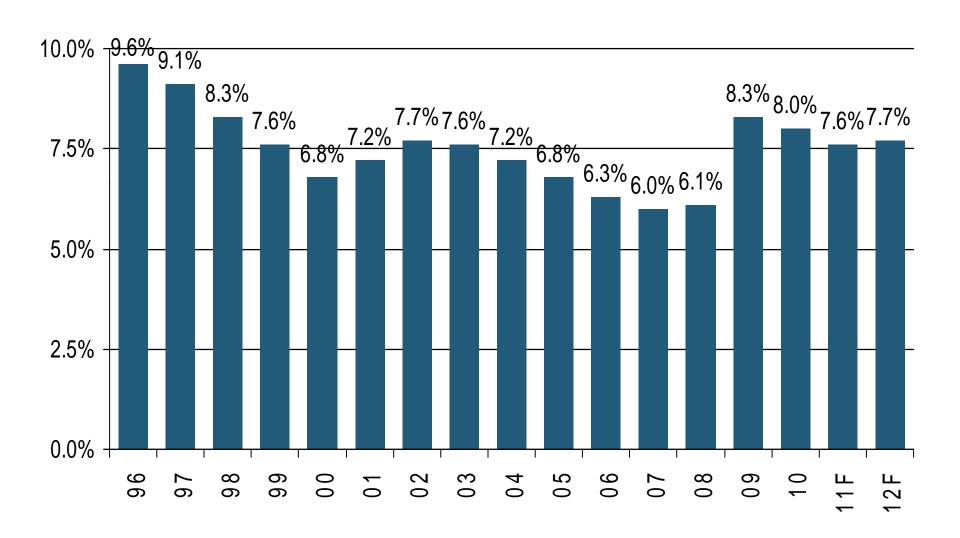




The overall (or "headline") CPI has been below 3% for two decades.

### **Unemployment Rate, Canada,** 1996-2010





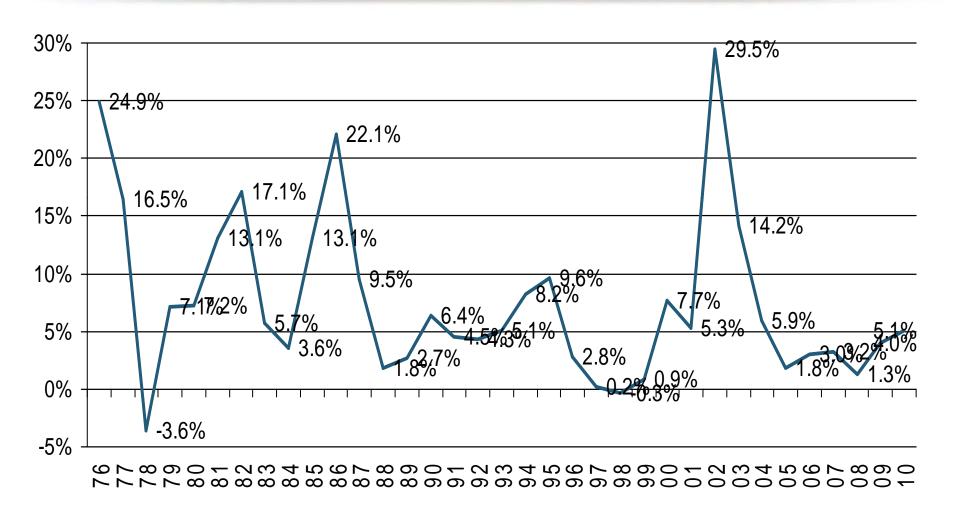


# The Canadian P/C Insurance Industry

Generally, Healthier than the U.S. P/C Industry

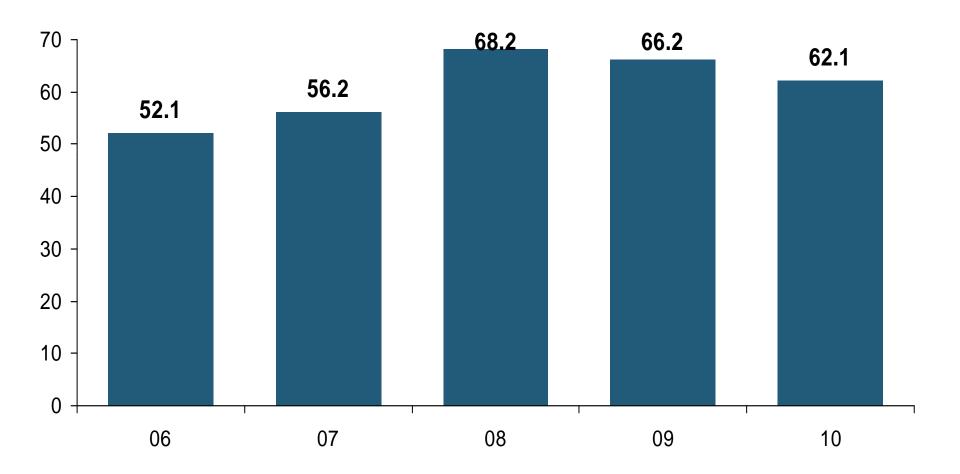
### Annual % Change in NPW, Canada, 1976-2010





### Commercial Property Insurance Loss Ratio, Canadian P/C Insurers, 2006-2010



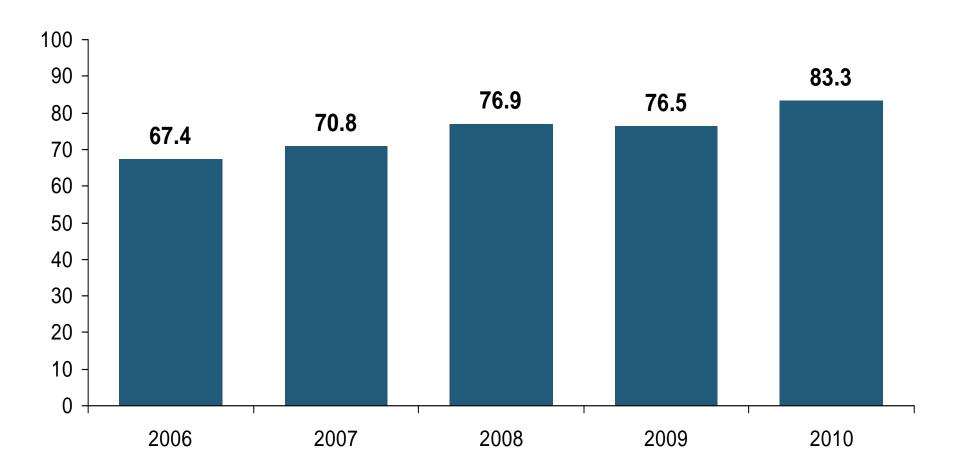


Note: Excludes Lloyd's CAB and ICBC.

Source: A.M. Best Co.

### Private Auto Insurers Net Loss Ratio, Canadian P/C Insurers, 2006-2010





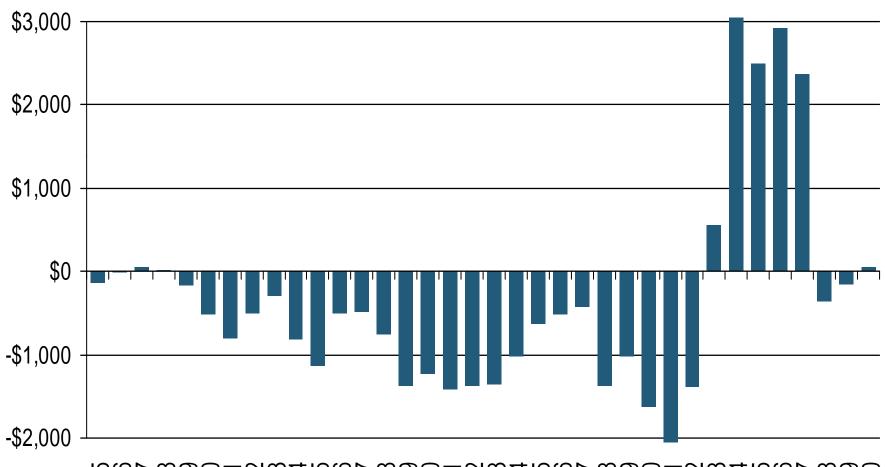
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#### Underwriting Income, Canadian P/C Insurers, 1975-2010







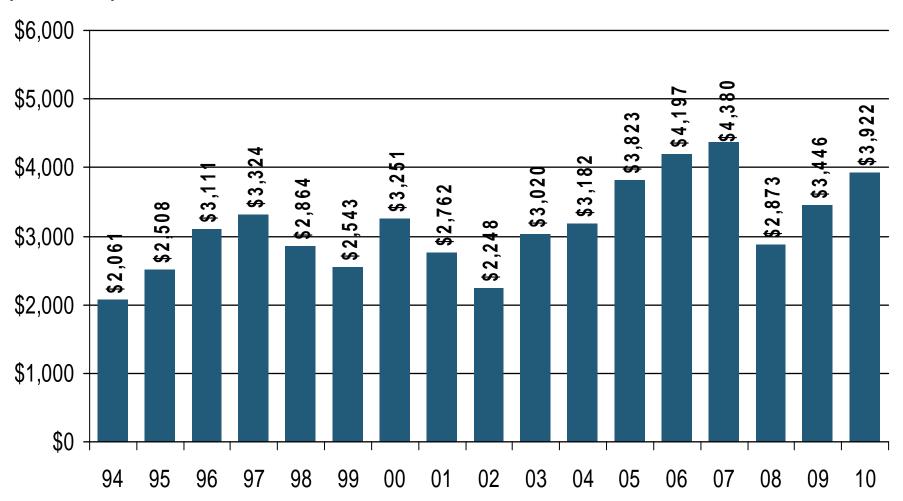
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Note: The years 2005 – 2010 is the Net Income GAAP only numbers. All amounts are in Canadian dollars. Sources: Insurance Bureau of Canada.

#### Investment Income, Canadian P/C Insurers, 1991-2010



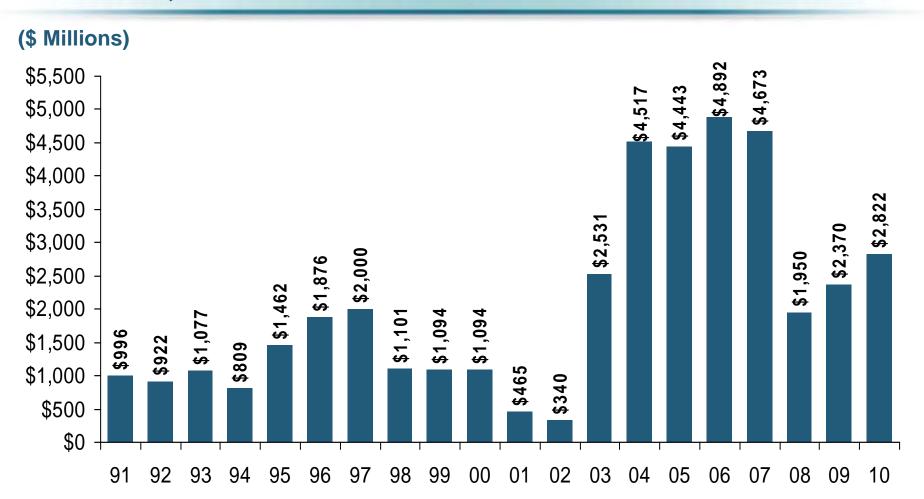
#### (\$ Millions)



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### P/C Industry Net Income, Canada, 1991-2010





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#### ROE: P/C Insurance, Canada, 1987-2010 INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTE



#### (Percent)



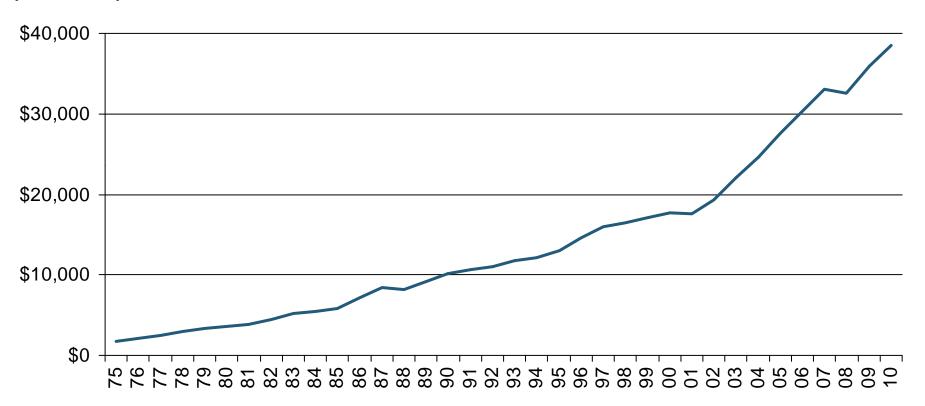
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Sources: Insurance Bureau of Canada.

#### Equity (Net Worth), Canadian P/C Insurers, 1975-2010



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# Economic Threats to the Global (Re)Insurance Industry

At Least Eight to Monitor

#### 3 Near-Term Issues



- Effects of the Record-Breaking Number and Cost of Disasters in 2011
  - Can/should reinsurers raise rates?
  - Can/should reinsurers raise capital?
  - Can/should reinsurers reassess the risk in their book of business?
- Inflation Transmitted Globally
  - China, Brazil and other countries
  - Soaring food and other commodity prices
  - Oil prices and supply reliability
- Increased political risk

### Global Catastrophe Loss Summary: First Half 2011



#### 2011 Is Already (as of June 30) the *Highest* Loss Year on Record Globally

Extraordinary accumulation of severe natural catastrophe:
 Earthquakes, tsunami, floods and tornadoes are the primary causes of loss

#### \$260 Billion in *Economic* Losses Globally

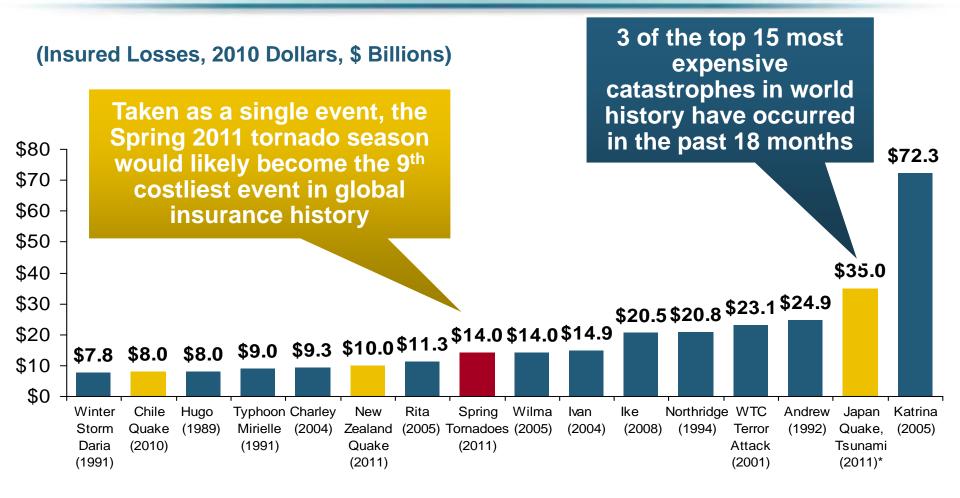
- New record for the first six months, exceeding the previous record of \$220B in 2005
- Economy is more resilient than most pundits presume

#### \$55 Billion in *Insured* Losses Globally

- More than double the first half 2010 amount
- Over 4 times the 10-year average

### Top 16 Most Costly World Insurance Losses, 1970-2011\*

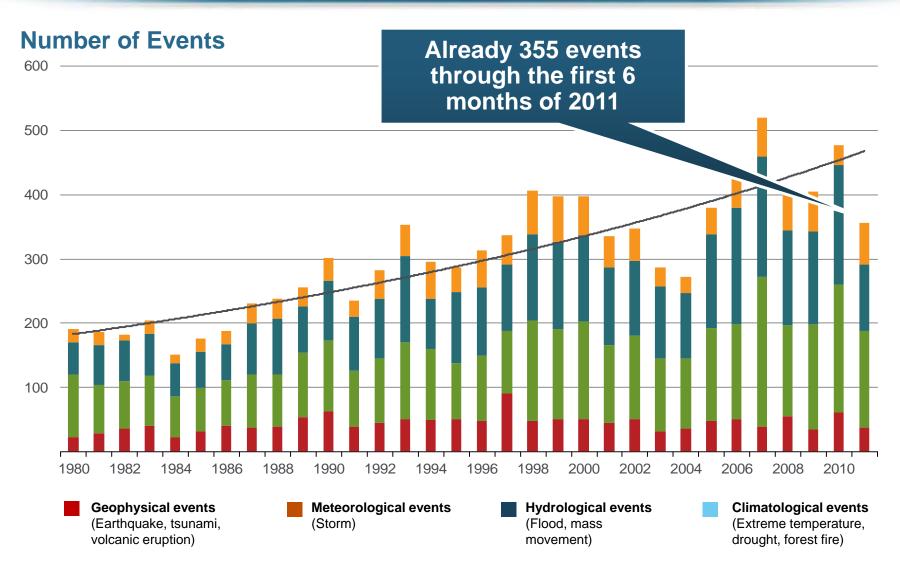




<sup>\*</sup>Through June 20, 2011. 2011 disaster figures are estimates; Figures include federally insured flood losses, where applicable. Sources: Swiss Re *sigma 1/2011*; AIR Worldwide, RMS, Eqecat; Insurance Information Institute.

### Worldwide Natural Disasters, 1980 – 2011\*

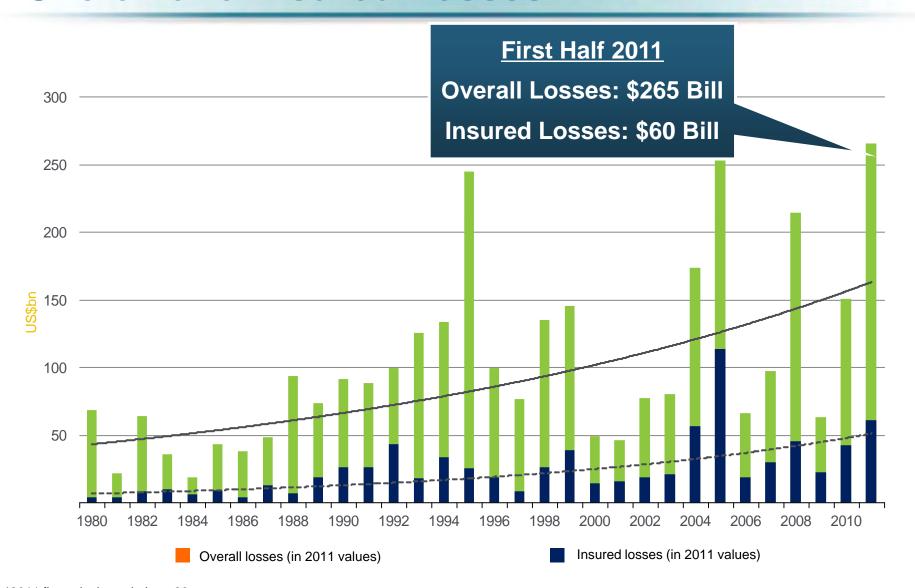




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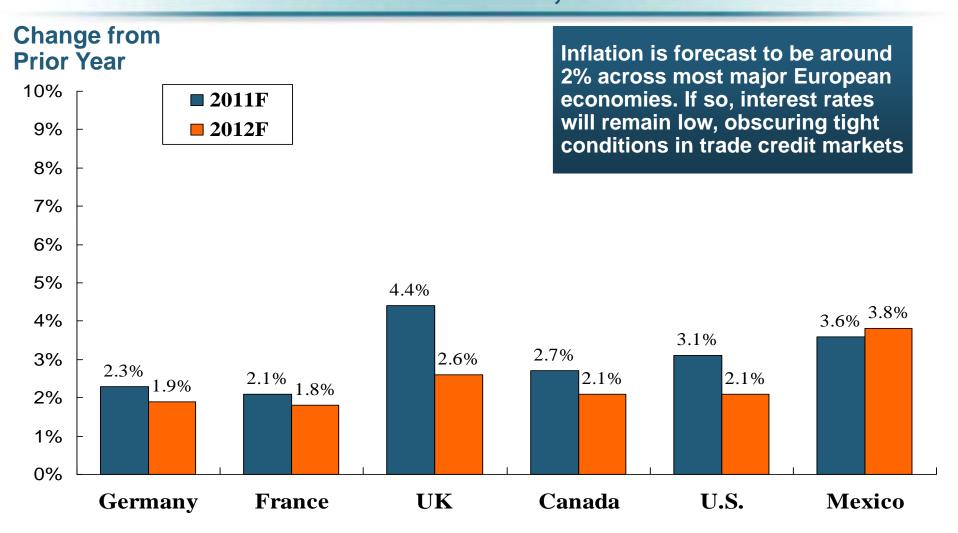
### Worldwide Natural Disasters 1980–2011, Overall and Insured Losses\*





### **Inflation Rate Forecast for Largest European** & North American Economies, 2011F-2012F

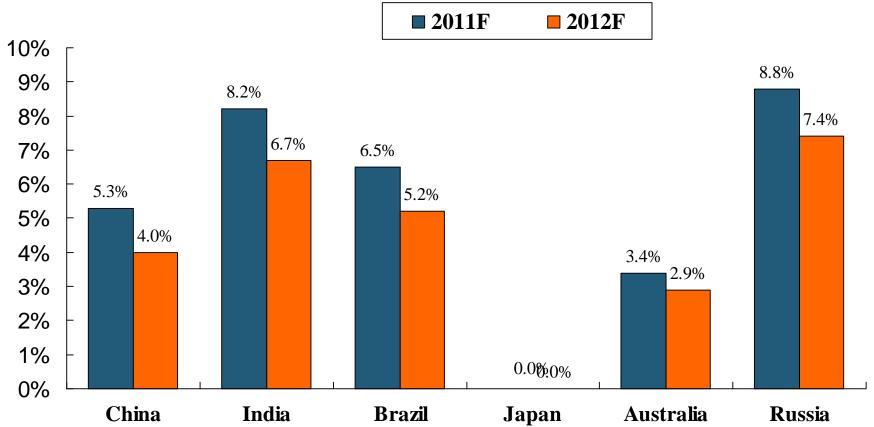




### Inflation Rate Forecast for Other Important Countries, 2011-12F



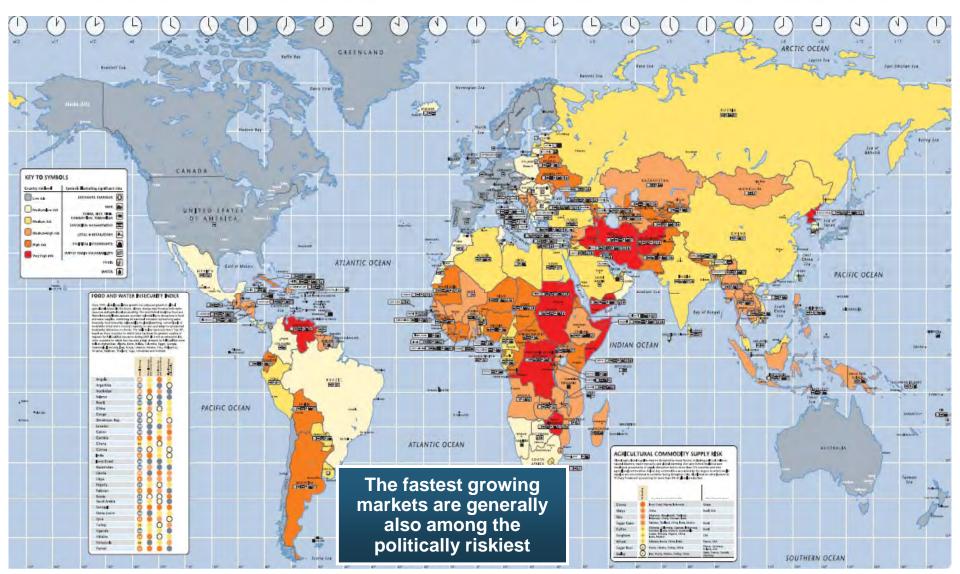




Inflation is much higher in fast-growing economies such as Brazil, Russia, India, and China (the BRIC group). Inflation there can spread to advanced economies because the advanced countries import significantly from the BRICs.

#### Political Risk: Insurers' Greatest Opportunities Are Often in Risky Nations





Source: Aon

#### Aon 2010 Political Risk Map: Findings



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#### Elevated Political Risk Levels to Continue in 2010

- Significant volume of credit and political risk claims in international insurance markets have driven many of the 18 country downgrades in this year's map.
- Aon believes 2010 will see elevated political risk levels continue before an overall tendency for improving global business conditions becomes established. For many companies and across different sectors, including credit and political risk insurance, the business environment remains uncertain when trading with or investing in politically or economically unstable countries.

#### Movements on the 2010 Map

- A total of 18 countries have seen conditions worsen leading to a downgrade: Algeria, Argentina, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Seychelles, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen.
- Sudan, Venezuela and Yemen have been added to the Very High category, joining Afghanistan, Congo DRC, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Somalia and Zimbabwe.
- Eight countries/territories have been upgraded to a lower risk level Albania, Myanmar/Burma, Colombia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, East Timor, Vanuatu, Vietnam and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

Bottom Line: Political and financial instability remain a feature of the business landscape in 2010 as a result of the recession.

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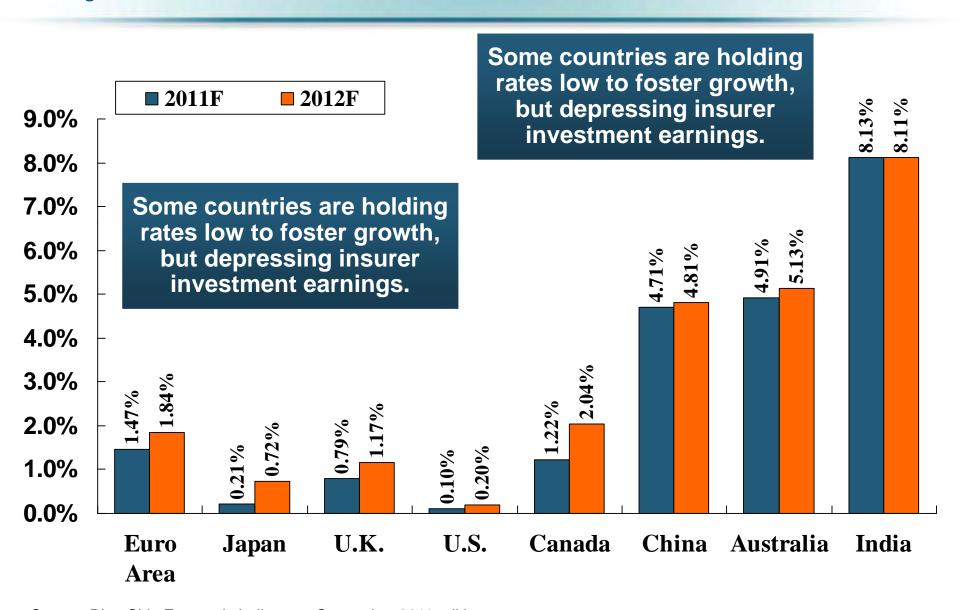
#### Longer-Term Issues



- Persistently Low Interest Rates
- Lower investment income, more pressure on u/w profit
- Currency Market Instability
- Sovereign Bond Market Concerns (Greece, Spain, Ireland, etc.)
- Strong Capital Flows to Emerging/Developing Economies => Asset Price Bubbles?
- Regulatory Backlash/Developments
- Solvency II, Basel III
- US Financial Services Reform

### 3-Month Interest Rates for Major Global Economies, 2011F-2012F





Source: Blue Chip Economic Indicators, September 2011 edition.



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