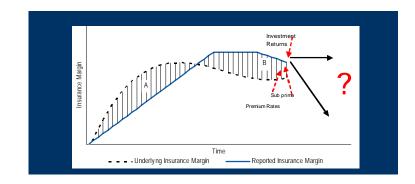


P&C - The world has changed

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What we will cover...

- Recent share price performance
- The Financial Crisis -
 - How it happened?
 - Where the general insurance industry stands?
 - What the implications are for the immediate future?
- The Insurance Cycle where we are now?
 - Personal lines vs. Commercial Lines
- Issues affecting listed stocks
- Conclusions on implications for the industry

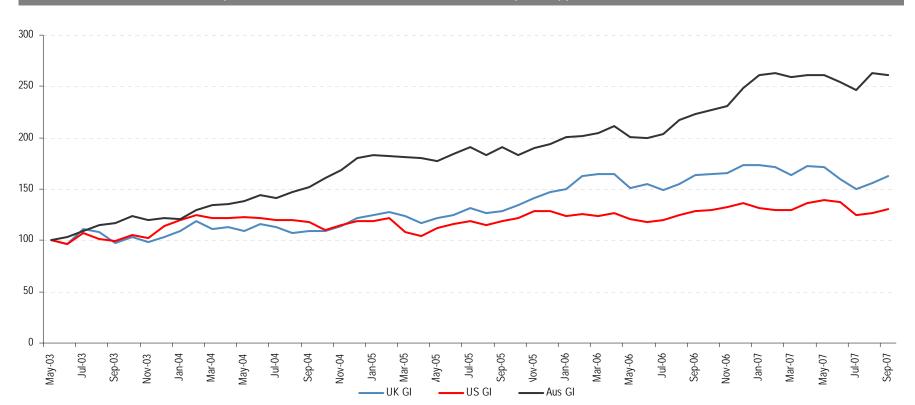






Global P&C historical share price performance was great until 2007

General Insurance P&C relative performance until late 2007 - Indices of share price appreciation



Source: IRESS, J.P. Morgan estimates





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Recent share market experience has been poor...



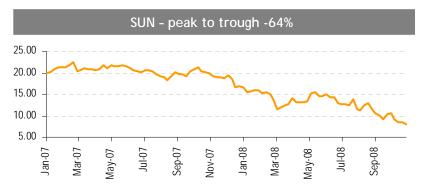




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Key cause is sub-prime crisis in US



Picture taken from Big Mortgage Leads.com

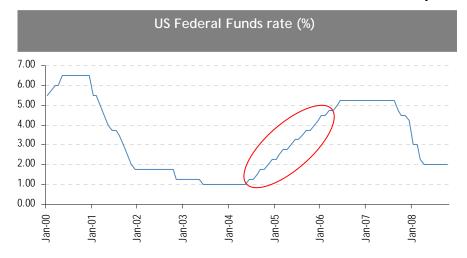






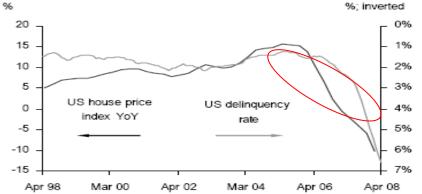
Sub prime crisis built up over a few years...

- Credit standards drop in late 90's.
- Mortgages given to those unable to afford them in the long term.
- Standards worsened into late 2006 Ninja, ARM etc..
- Subprime loans packaged into CDOs.
- Interest rates increase, house prices drop...problems begin.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank

US Case-Shiller house price index (YoY change, qtrly data) vs. US delinquency rate*



Source: J.P. Morgan European Rates Strategy Research

^{*} Weighted average of agency, subprime, Jumbo, Alt-A delinquency rates

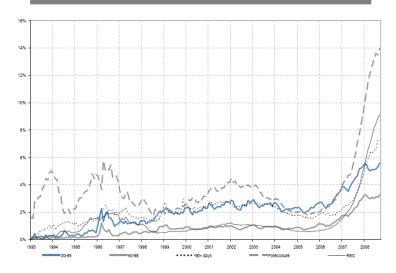






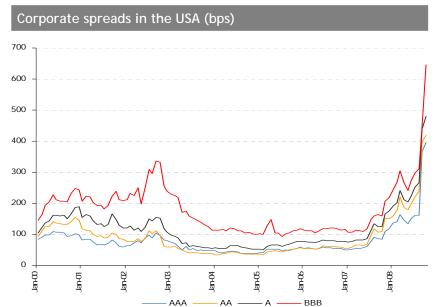
Subprime: spread to broader credit markets

Subprime delinquencies as % of total number of subprime loans* (as at Aug-2008)





^{*} Weighted by principal balance of the loans.



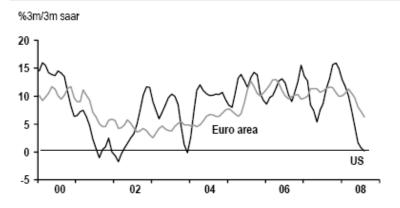






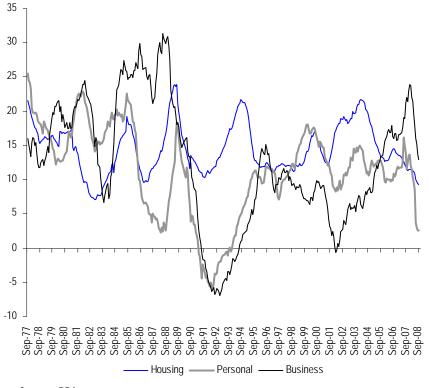
Subprime: Lending slows – places further pressure on asset prices

Bank lending growth in US and Euro area (at Aug-2008)



Source: J.P. Morgan Economics Research

Lending growth in Australia (%)



Source: RBA





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Subprime: timeline

Subprime time line The US subprime 2 Bears BNP Major BoE cuts Worst Further S&P US industry collapses. Stearns freezes banks interest losses on sub-prime downgrades government redemption hedge funds rate for Wall write-offs announce Morgan takes control first time close. s on 3 write-Street for by Stanley, of Freddie since 2005. Merrills, Mac & funds downs. a year. Deutsche and UBS. Lehmans. Fannie Mae. Jan-07 Feb-07 Mar-07 Apr-07 May-07 Jun-07 Jul-07 Aug-07 Sep-07 Oct-07 Nov-07 Dec-07 Jan-08 Feb-08 Mar-08 Apr-08 May-08 Jun-08 Jul-08 Aug-08 Sep-08 Oct-08 Nov-08 Estimated Fitch Bear Further Freddie Mac Governments downgrades Sterns write-offs & Fannie AIG Countrywide Fed Funds mortgage guarantee deposits and earnings fall, rate lowered market monoline fails. from Mae shares faces UBS shuts insurer fall on introduce internal decline in to 4.75%, losses Barclays collapse BoE keeps revised Ambac. and capital liquidity hedge fund home sales. rate upwards. HSBC. concerns. schemes. unchanged.



Subprime: Co-ordinated Remedies

Remedies to address the subprime fallout	
Remedy	Designed to
TARP*	Improve liquidity and attract capital into tight credit markets
Government stakes in banks and other companies	Shore up bank capital to encourage banks to use capital to revive credit markets.
Government guarantees on deposits	Prevent a run on deposits and potential liquidity crunch on banks.
Government guarantees on wholesale funding	Provides certainty on access to term funding.
IMF bank bailouts	
Fiscal Policy	Stimulate spending and borrowing.
	Support house prices with doubling first home-buyer's grant
Monetary Policy	Support asset prices and encourage borrowing.

Source: J.P. Morgan

^{*} Troubled Asset Relief Program





Subprime: Immediate Insurance Casualties

Only a few notable names with big losses...ex Mono-line Mortgage insurer

- AIG
- XL Capital
- Hartford
- Swiss Re

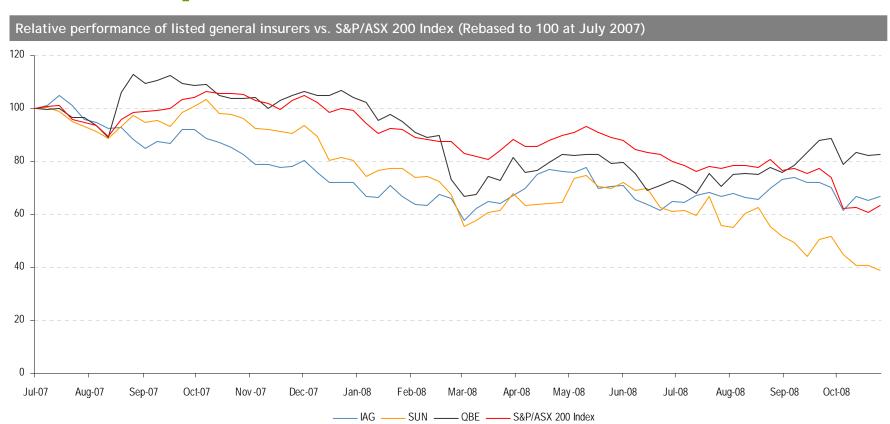
Problems have been due to:

- Exposures to Credit Default Swaps (CDS)
- Some asset related losses on mortgage securities
- Credit spreads blowing out





Subprime: How did Aus. GI fare?



Source: IRESS, J.P. Morgan estimates

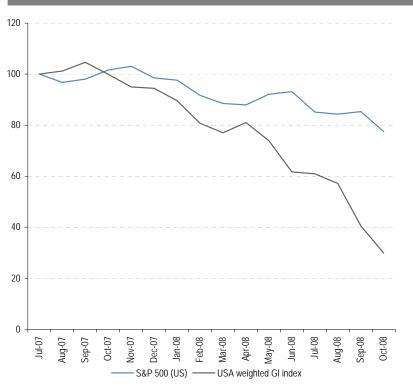




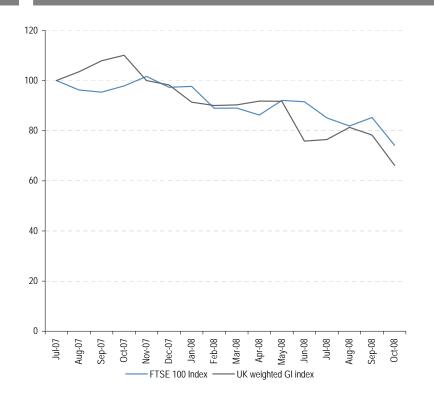
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Subprime: US and Euro GI

S&P 500 (US) index vs. Weighted price index of USA GI (Rebased to 100 at Jul-2007)



FTSE index vs. Weighted price index of UK GI (Rebased to 100 at Jul-2007)



Source: Datastream, IRESS, J.P. Morgan estimates

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Subprime: Impacts on General insurers

Should be better off than other financial institutions...

- Unlike Banks:
 - much less credit risk
 - No liquidity risk as they have incoming stream of premiums to fund payments (cash positive)
- Unlike Life insurers:
 - No capital guaranteed investment product liabilities
 - No direct asset value related revenue streams (unlike wealth managers)

BUT....

- Those that need to refinance debt or get equity capital— it will be difficult
- Lower Economic Growth GWP
- Impacts of broader economic fallout on claims
- Impacts of lower interest rates
- Impacts of weaker equity market
- Regulatory Fallout





Subprime – Raising capital will be tough

- If you need capital not the market for it.
- Could this be event that stops global rates decline?
 - Some in the market –talking about this as rate changing event

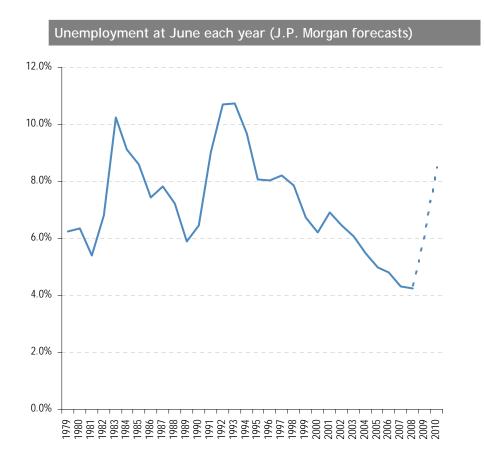


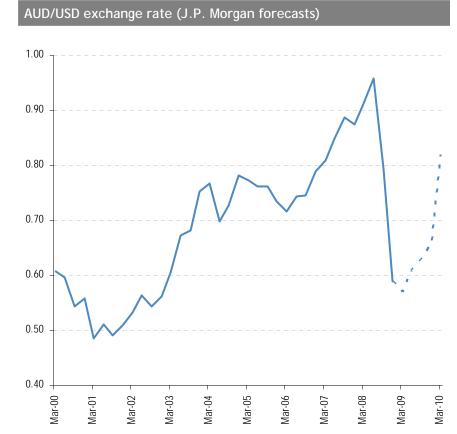




Impacts on Insurers – Economy Impacts

Broader economic impacts



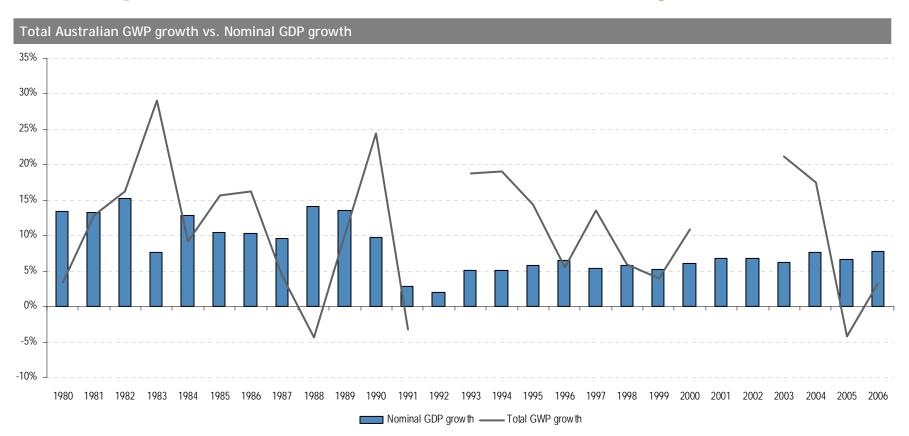








Impacts on Insurers – Economy on GWP



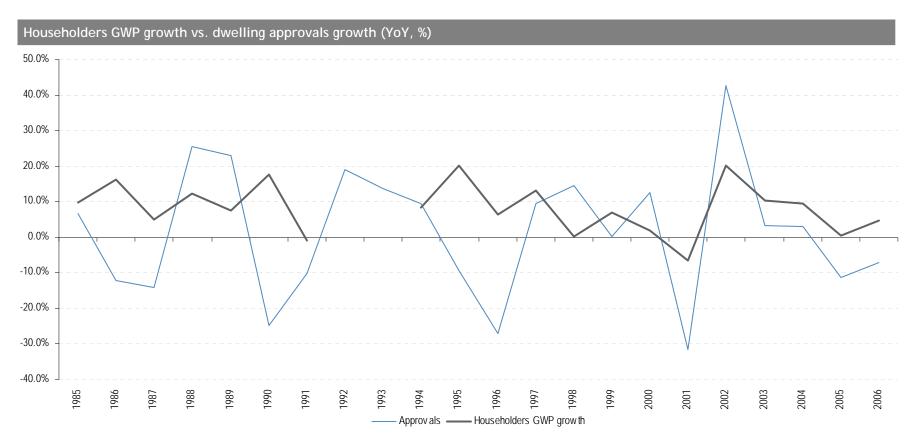
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Economic impacts – Householders' GWP



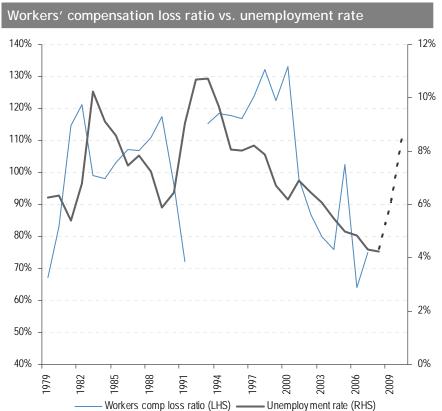
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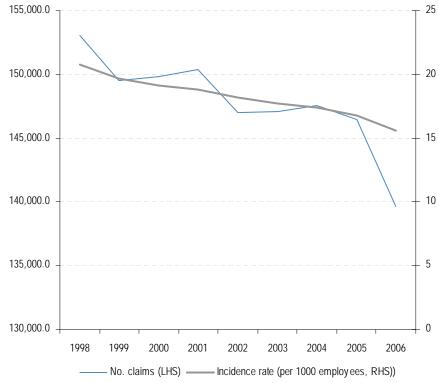
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Economic impacts –Claims: Workers' comp.



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Source: ASCC

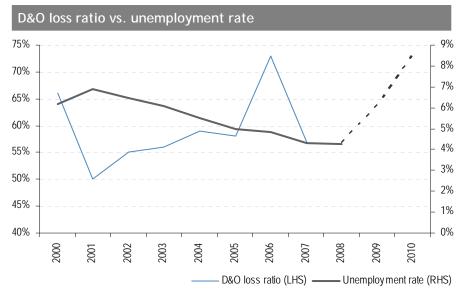


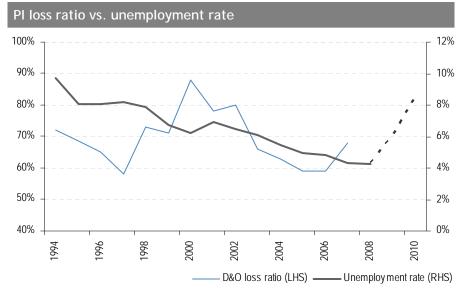


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Economic impacts – claims: D&O, PI

- D&O claims could potentially increase
- A number of companies have run into trouble:
 - ABC learning, Opes Prime, Primebroker Securities, Tricom, Allco, Centro, MFS





Source: ABS, J.P. Morgan/Deloitte General Insurance Survey, J.P. Morgan Economics estimates

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Economic impact – Claims: Liability



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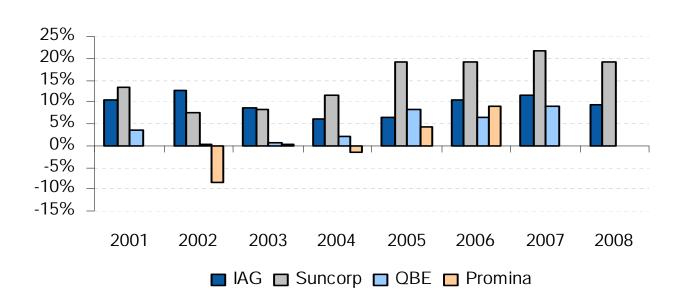




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Economic impact – Claims: Reserve releases could stop or turn negative

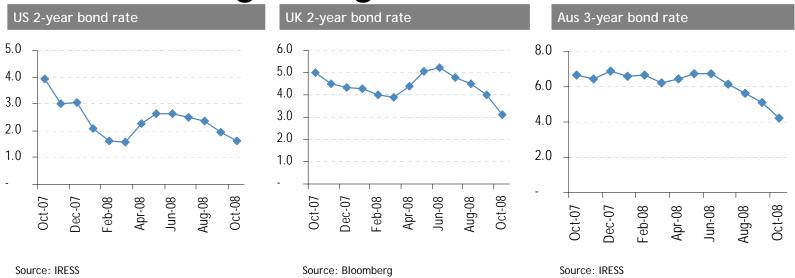
Liability loss ratio vs. unemployment rate





Impacts on Insurers – investment returns

- Falling interest rates
- Like taking a large rate reduction...









Impacts on Insurers – Equity Markets

Impacts of weaker equity markets



Source: IRESS

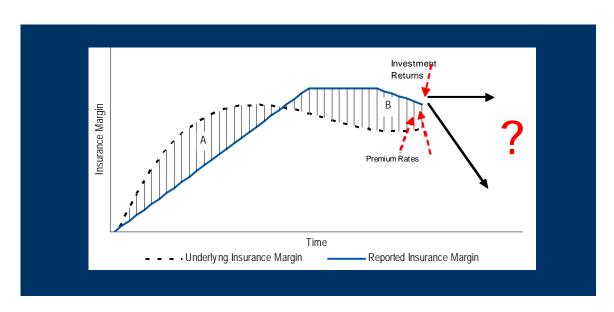
Possible losses

	Equity \$m	Lo	SS
QBE	1770	-20%	-354
IAG	565	-20%	-354 -113

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates



Insurance Cycle – where are we?



Source: J.P. Morgan - stylistic view

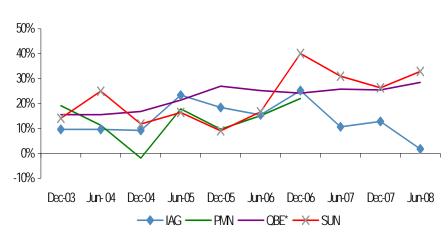




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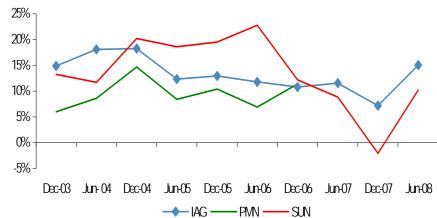
Industry margin trends

Commercial lines insurance margins



Source: J.P. Morgan/ Insurance Companies. We have assumed QBE is all commercial

Personal lines insurance margins



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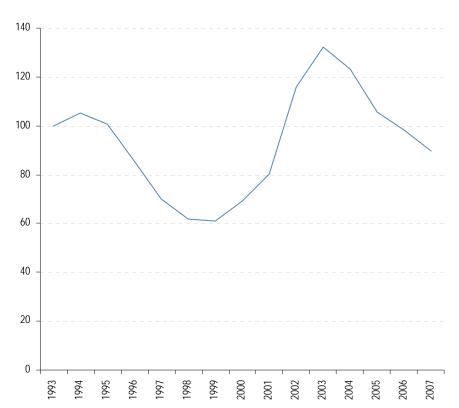




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Historical Industry rate trends - Commercial

Commercial property price index



Source: J.P. Morgan/Deloitte General Insurance Survey

Liability price index



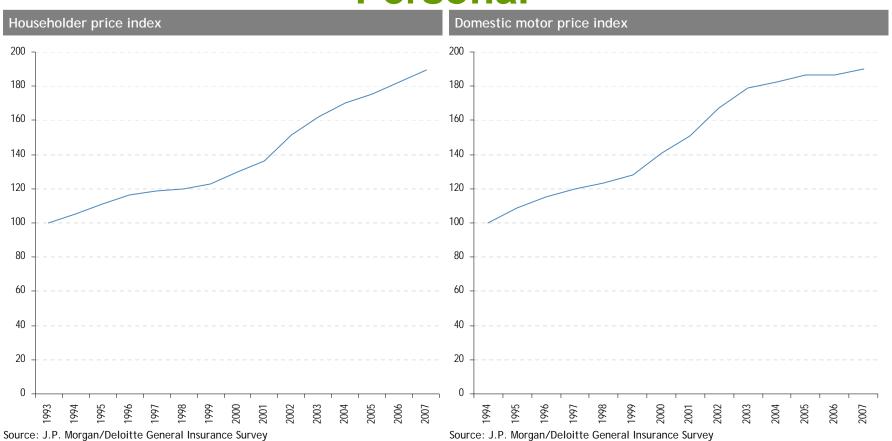
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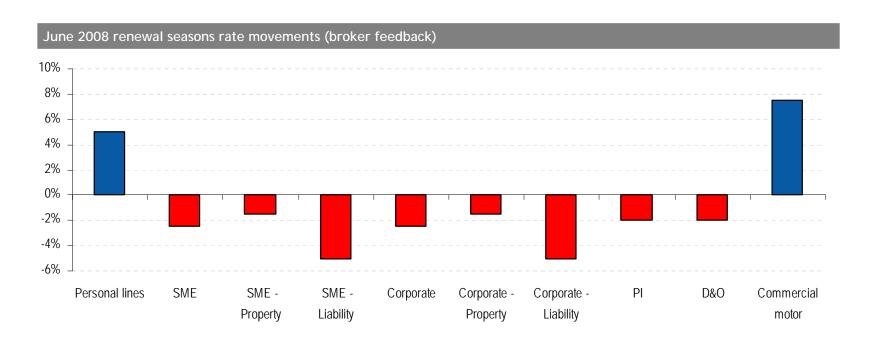
Historical Industry rate trends - Personal







Industry rate trends – year to 2008



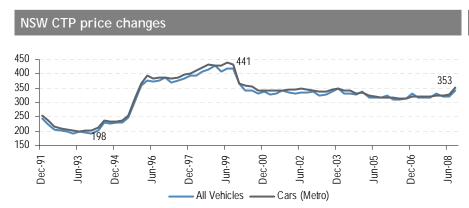
Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Broker feedback



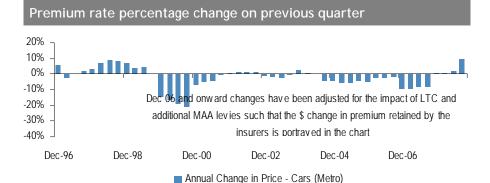


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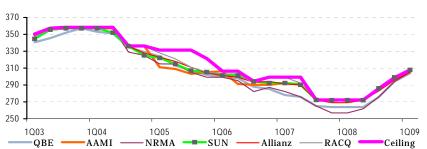


Source: MAA, J.P. Morgan



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QLD CTP



Source: MAIC, J.P. Morgan

- Rates rising and will continue
- But it is in response to Superimposed inf.
- First class to show this post tort reforms
- More to come?

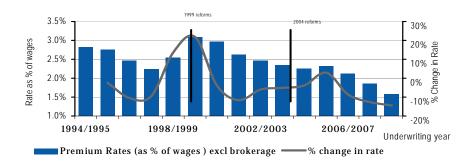




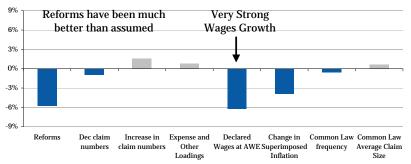
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Workers' Comp - WA

WA Wcomp - Average Rate Change

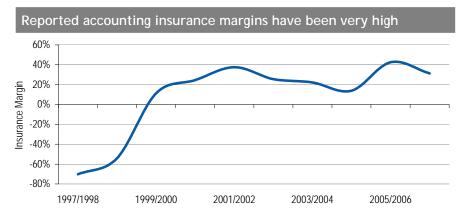


Wages was the driver of the change



Source: PWC Report for WA Workcover, J.P. Morgan

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Liability & PI

Liability Accident Year Margins J.P. Morgan Projections

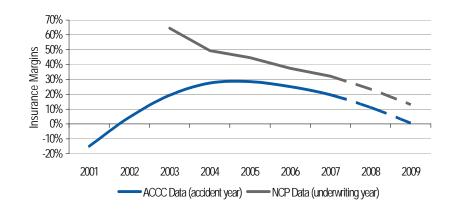
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ACCC Data (accident year)

NCP Data (Underwriting Year)

Source: NCPD Database from APRA, ACCC Report on Liability Markets

Professional Indemnity Accident Year Margins J.P. Morgan Projections

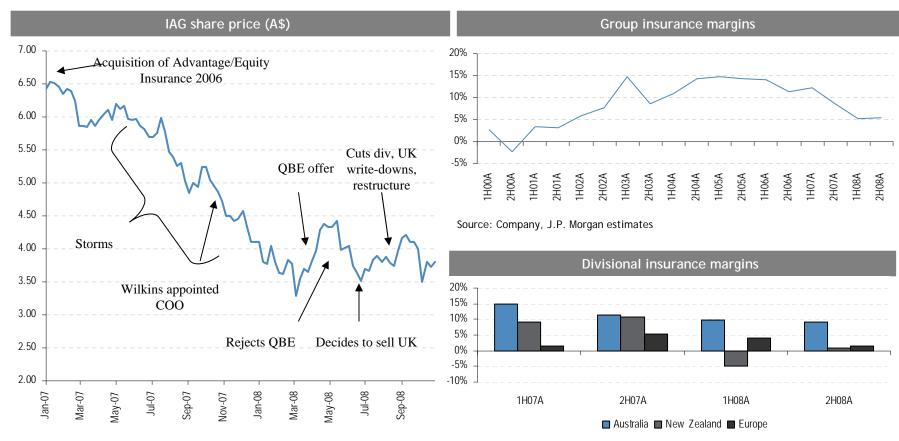


Source: NCPD Database from APRA, ACCC Report on Liability Markets





IAG: The historical issues



Source: IRESS Source: Company, J.P. Morgan estimates





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IAG: Issues to watch

- Market expects quick rebound in margins
- Aiming for A\$130m cost savings.
 - Reducing staff could result in loss of knowledge.
 - Takes time to change culture.
- Reserve releases slowing.
- UK Sale will be tough
- BUT rates rising in personal lines

IAG - Weighted rate move at June 2008

	IAG	_
	GWP %	Rate move
Motor	39%	5.0%
Home	22%	7.0%
Short-tail commercial	18%	-1.5%
Workers comp	2%	-5.0%
CTP	11%	5.0%
Liability	5%	-5.0%
Other short tail	3%	-2.5%
Weighted average	100%	3.3%
Commercial lines		-2.5%
Personal lines		5.6%

Source: Company, J.P. Morgan estimates

IAG vs. SUN - Underlying insurance margin (FY08)		
	IAG FY08	SUN FY08
NEP (a)	7295	5866
Reported FY08E margin	6.1%	10.3%
Reported Insurance Result	448	607
Actual storm losses (b)	502	415
Normal storm losses (c)	-320	-200
Credit losses on bond portfolio (d)	122	140
New basis adjustment (e)	-73	
Insurance result adj for storms including central releases	679	962
"Unsustainable" reserve release (centrals + claims handling expense) (g)	-284	-251
Risk margin release (h)	-122	-270
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Credit loss adjustment (FY08E) [d/a]	1.7%	2.4%
New basis adjustment (adjustment for corporate costs) [e/a]	-1.0%	
Adj insurance margin including central estimate releases (FY08E)- nev	9.3%	16.4%
JPMorgan estimate of central estimate release [g/a]	-3.9%	-4.3%
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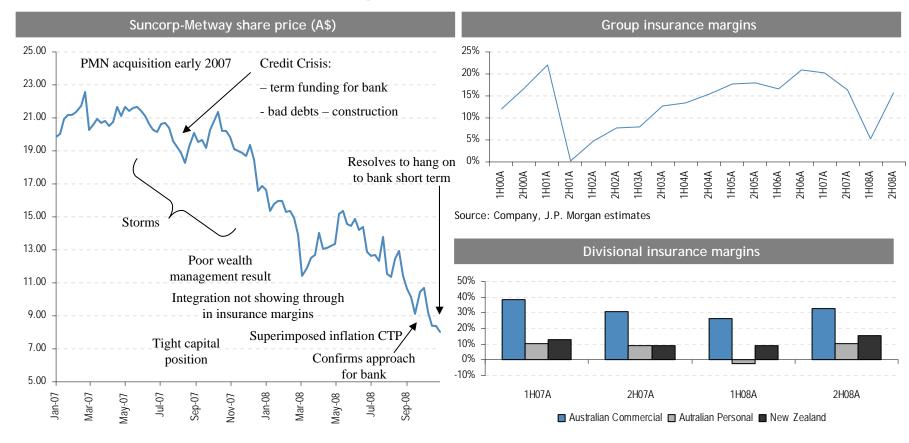
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Suncorp-Metway: The historical issues



Source: IRESS Source: Company, J.P. Morgan estimates





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Suncorp-Metway: Issues to watch

- Bank under pressure but won't be sold for less than NTA.
- Government guarantees gives them breathing space.
- Less of a stretch to reach guidance.
- Personal lines rates
- Reserve releases slowing.

SUN - Weighted rate move at June 2008

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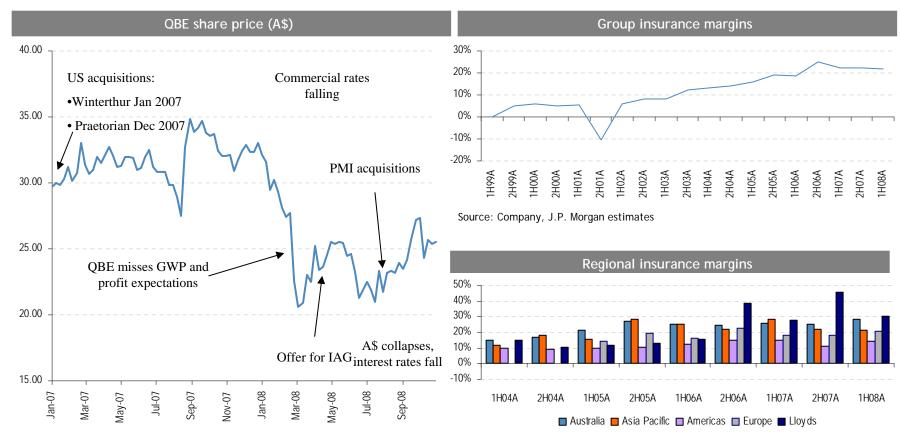
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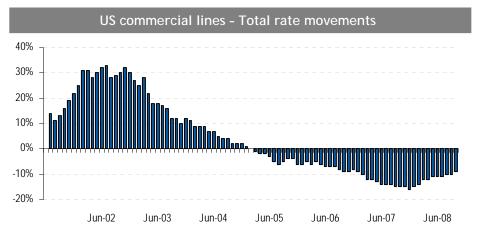


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QBE: Issues to watch

- RoE 26% FY07, 20% 1H08. RoNTA was 31% in FY07; RoE guidance 20%+
- AUD/USD exchange rate has moved in QBE's favour
- Lower interest rates mismatch asset/liability; like rate cut on long tail margins
- Future acquisitions could be a positive
 - QBE needs to maintain its PE premium to peers
- Commercial rates outside of Australia are still falling





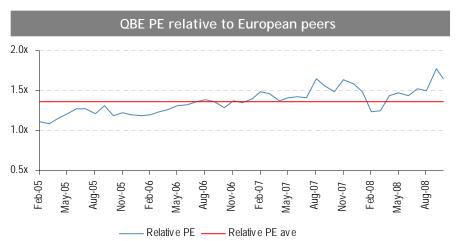
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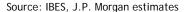


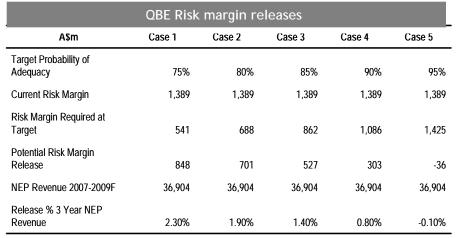


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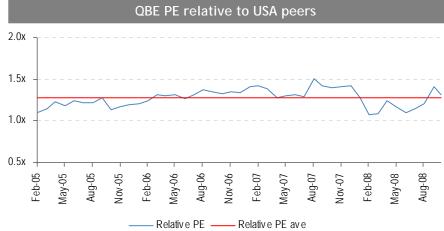
QBE: Relative PE and reserves







Source: IBES, J.P. Morgan estimates



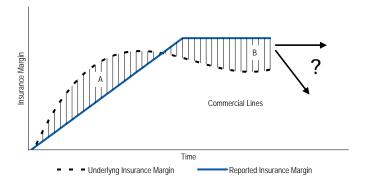
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- Reserve releases in Australia slowing.
- Lloyd's should still have plenty left but economic environment could increases ccosts
- Risk margins likely to come back in 2H08 due to discount rate impact on liabs.



Conclusions

- Coming from largely very profitable times for insurers
- Recent downturn- market in Aus sees as temporary; safe haven
- Rates have been trending down and at a critical pt.
- Credit crisis means we are facing tougher economic times
 - Slower growth -
 - Economic environment should pressure claims
 - Interest rates falling impact investment returns
 - May provide an added incentive for rates environment to turn
 - BUT: They need to to meet Australian share market expectations.







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