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Using Reinsurance to help with capital management

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Where

Reinsurance for Capital management is used as a tool in most markets

It is accepted globally as a legitimate approach by

- Regulators
- Auditors
- Insurers
- Shareholders
- Rating agencies

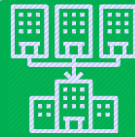


When

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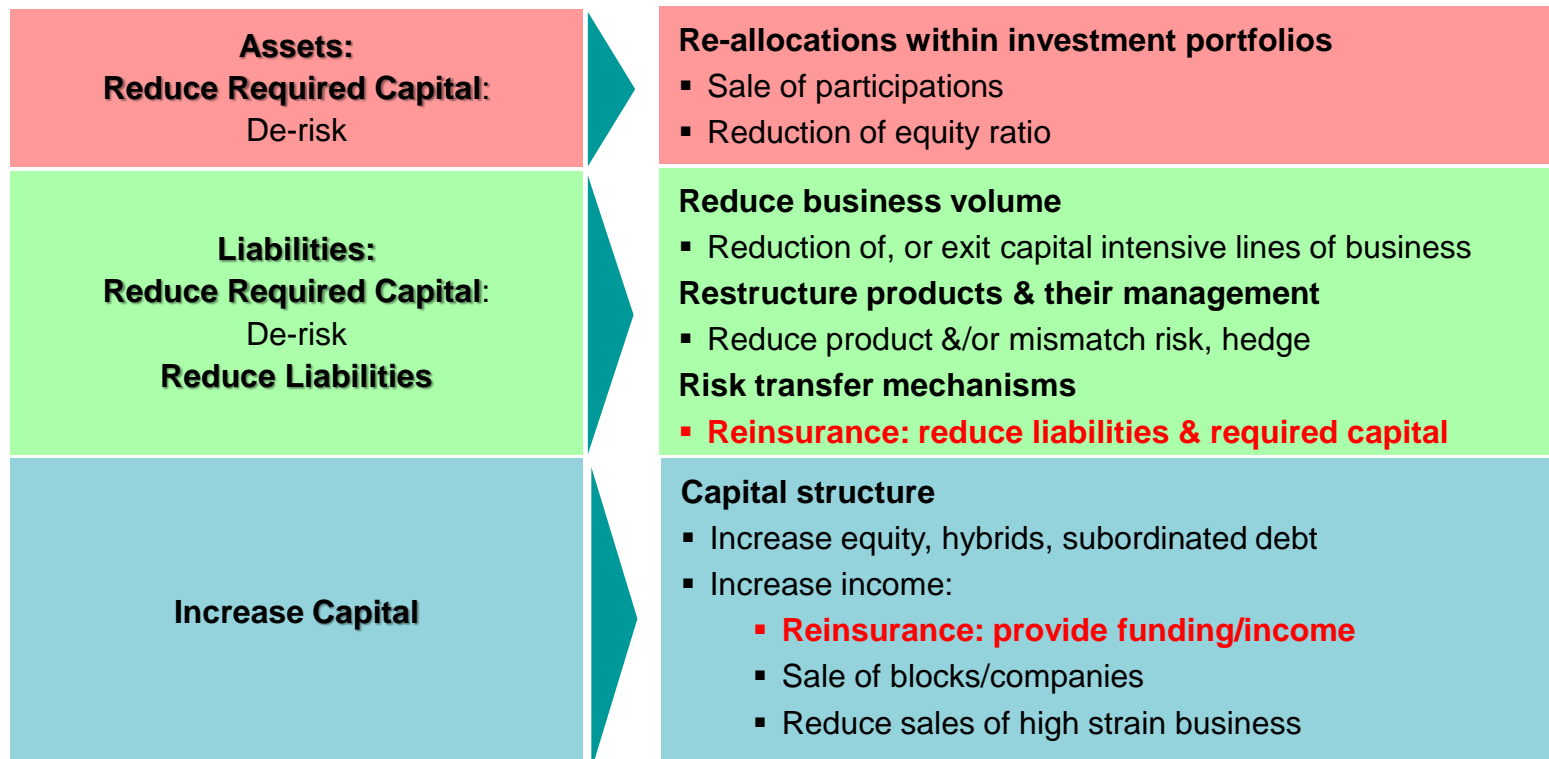
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When

If you have Pressure on Solvency, options are:

Reinsurance is one of a number of options which can be used ..



Why

If capital is needed, Reinsurance has advantages..

Comparison of options – complementary tools

| | Equity | Hybrid | Sub Debt | Securitization | Reinsurance |
|--|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Size | Med - Very Large | Medium | Medium | Large | Small - Large |
| Capital treatment | Tier 1 | Tier 1-2 | Tier 1-2 | Tier 1 | Tier 1 |
| Required capital | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral | Reduce | Reduce |
| Cash provided | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes (or contingent) | Optional |
| Duration | Permanent | Med - Long | Med - Long | Long | Short - Long |
| Cost | High | Med - High | Medium | Low (for big deals) | Low - Med |
| Collateral | Last call on value of company | preferred call on value of company | preferred call on value of company | Block of business | Block of business |
| Time to place | Med | Med | Med | Med - Long | Short |
| Commit to future capital at fixed terms | No | Yes - debt that converts to equity | No | Cat Bonds | Yes (but for limited time horizons) |
| Trigger | | Fixed durations, Tier 1 level trigger experimental | | Insured event | Can be at insurers option |
| Counterparty risk | No | No | No | No | Depends on structure |

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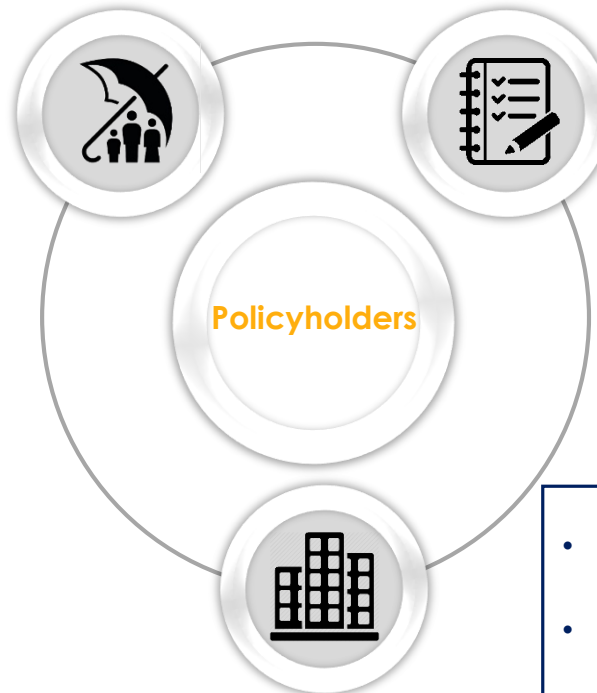
Stakeholders who benefit from reinsurance

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Policyholders

- **Policyholders' Protection.** Long term financial viability of insurers ensures benefit payments are honored in the future.
- **Policyholders' Confidence.** Ability to withstand volatilities in the market sends a positive signal to policyholders.
- **Better Products to Consumers.** Cost savings can be translated into better products that will benefit policyholders.
- **Policyholders' Expectation.** Bonus declaration can be smoothed for par policies.



Regulator

- Maintains the **life insurance market strength**
- **Protects the solvency** of healthy insurance companies if volatile movements are experienced
- **Help the market to become more competitive** and **reduce the policyholder protection gap.**

Primary Insurers

- Achieve **better return** and **profitable business expansion**
- To hedge **against earnings/surplus volatility**
- To maintain a **healthy level of solvency**

Who

Regulators across the region approve of and benefit from reinsurance ..



- Using reinsurance to help companies capital position is widely supported by regulators around the region
- We work closely with regulators, helping to share best practices and we work closely with clients to help them through the approval process
- We have introduced new capital approaches for the use of reinsurance with Singaporean, Malaysian, Philippine and Indonesian regulators

Munich Re takes reputation risk very seriously



What

Reinsurance types used for capital management are no different than normal:

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Yearly Renewable Term (YRT)

- Sometimes referred to as “risk premium reinsurance”
- Reinsurance premiums paid to cover **mortality and morbidity risks, some lapse risk may also be transferred**

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Coinsurance

- Reinsurance premium is a pre-defined share of the **gross premium**
- Reinsurance recoveries may **cover all benefits** including mortality/morbidity, surrender, maturity, etc.
- Reinsurance Commission can be incorporated
- **Cash transaction** - Reinsurer builds up their reserves and assets on their portion of the risk

3

Modified Coinsurance (ModCo) or Coinsurance deposit back (CoDB)

- Coinsurance where **ceding company keeps assets**
- More regulatory friendly as assets stay with the ceding company

What

Use of reinsurance for capital purposes -
Australia



AMP in Reinsurance Deal with Munich Re

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By Robb M. Stewart

MELBOURNE, Australia—AMP (AMP.AU) has moved to sharply reduce the capital intensity of its wealth-protection business in Australia through a deal with Germany's Munich Re AG to reinsure half of the 750 million Australian dollars (US\$574 million) in annual premium income of its AMP Life retail portfolio.



Advancement of future profits into cash leading to stronger capital and solvency position.



In October 2016, Munich Re executed a cash financing transaction with **AMP Australia** (public information)



Motivation was to reduce the **capital intensity and earning volatilities** from its protection business



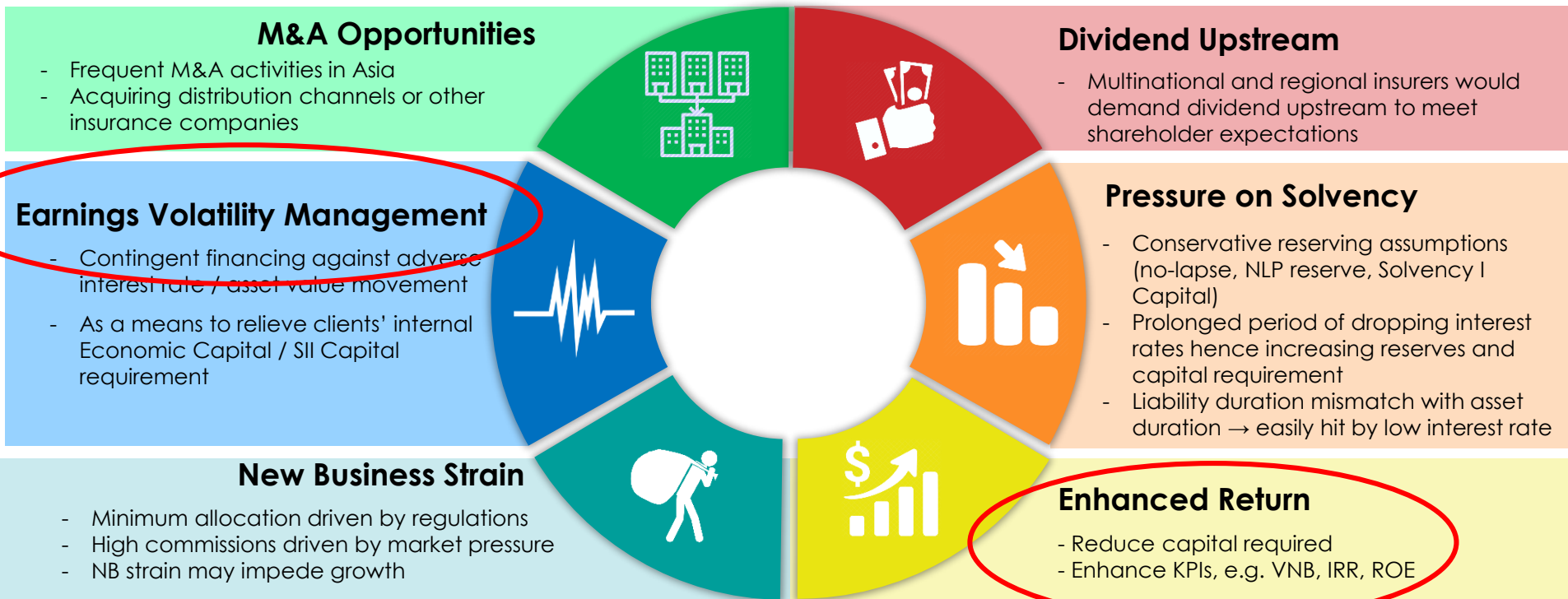
Reinsured 50% of inforce retail portfolio with **A\$750m** of annual premium income. Receive upfront reinsurance commission of **A\$530m**.



AMP Chief Executive: “transaction helps to improve earnings stability, free up capital, and help bring into focus the growth potential of AMP”

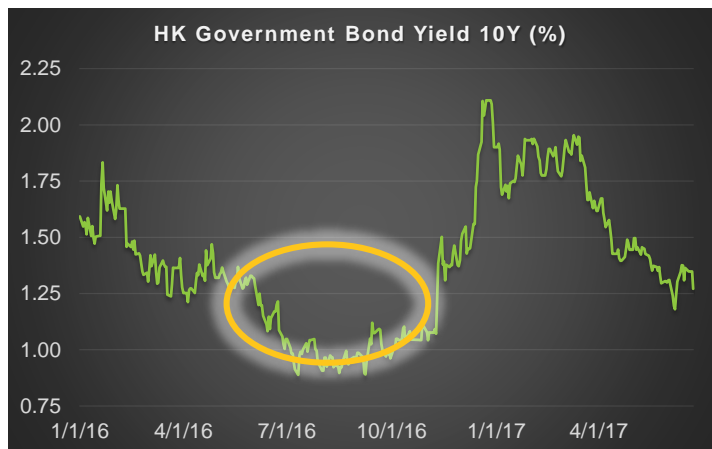
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Use of reinsurance for capital purposes –
HK



Source: Trading Economics



Another widely accepted solution to advance future profits.



Liabilities durations are longer. Decrease in interest rates -> higher increase in liabilities than assets -> **solvency deteriorates**



Use cash financing on inforce portfolio to **convert future profits** into physical cash



Cash received increases available capital -> **improving solvency ratio** (as balance sheet asset)



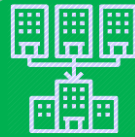
Munich Re has executed **13 times in Hong Kong in the last 4 years;**

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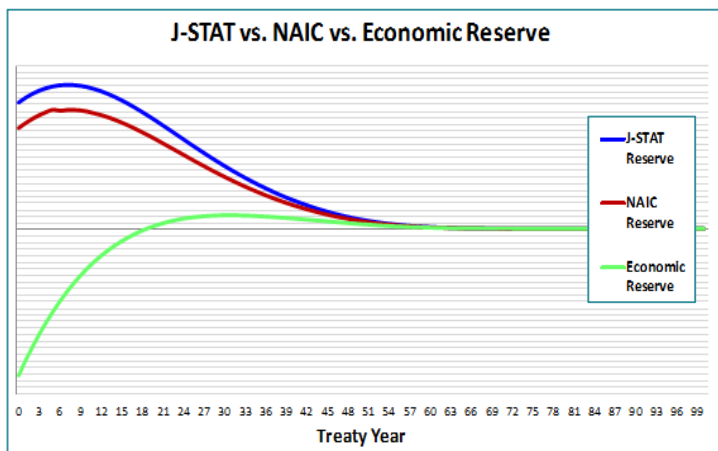
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Use of reinsurance for capital purposes –
Japan



Fostered capital strength allowing dividend repatriation to parent company and repurchase of common stock.

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Munich Re executed a **reserve relief** transaction in **Japan**



Motivation was to **release conservative statutory reserves** from its hospital cash portfolio. **Client solvency ratio very strong** - over 500%



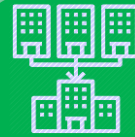
CEO: “We improved our capital position by entering into a new reinsurance agreement which released approximately ¥130 billion of regulatory reserves.” (1.2 billion USD)

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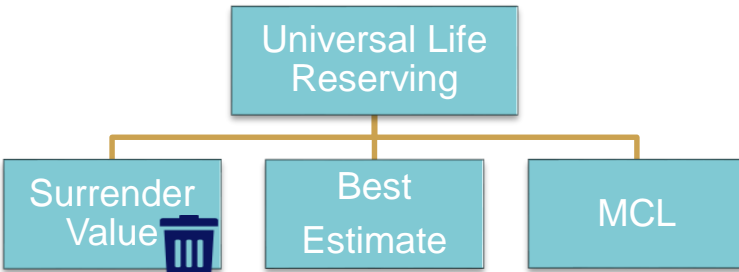
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Use of reinsurance for capital purposes -
Singapore

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Regulations are subject to change. Our solutions allowed for the flexibility of being recaptured if it is proven to have no benefit to the client.



Reinsurance allows companies to **hold lower reserves**, e.g. Universal Life in Singapore



When **interest rates rise** or **credit spread widens**, the burden of surrender value floor is removed



Significantly **improve Capital Adequacy Ratio** when economic variables move against the insurer



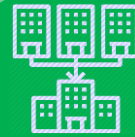
Client Solvency Ratio is good now, but structure in place **to protect against future volatility**

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Use of reinsurance for capital purposes -
Malaysia



Reduce insurer's **liquidity** concerns from expenses and commissions payments in line with actual production



Enhance **product design** to benefit policyholders i.e. higher premium allocation on Unit-Linked products



Improve **return** on capital and pricing thresholds. Overall solvency strong



Transfer **cash** from reinsurer to insurance companies

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Why Malaysia?



Minimum Allocation for Investment Linked Policies

Minimum proportion of premium that will need to be retained in the unit fund before deduction of any charges w.e.f. 1.1.2019

Minimum Allocation Rates:

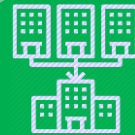
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| Policy Years 1-3 | 60% |
| Policy Years 4-6 | 80% |
| Policy Years 7-10 | 95% |
| Policy Years 11+ | 100% |

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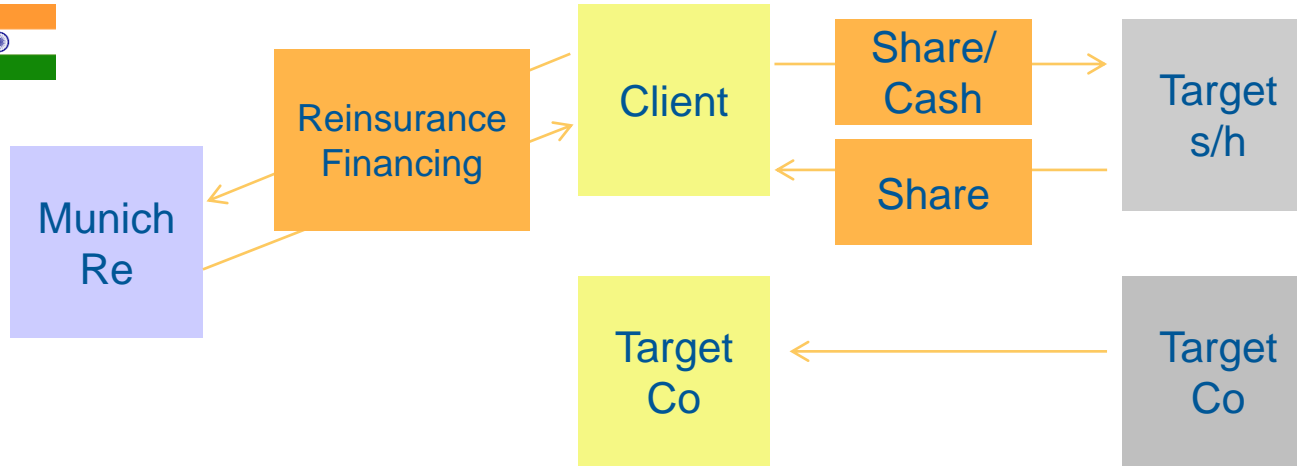
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Use of reinsurance for capital purposes –

India



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Client wants to fund an **acquisition**.
 Inforce business has large negative reserves floored by zero - client **wants to release trapped value**



Reinsurance is a viable option to raising capital from debt or issuing stock.



Coinsurance reinsurance transaction **funds the needed amount** to bid for target.

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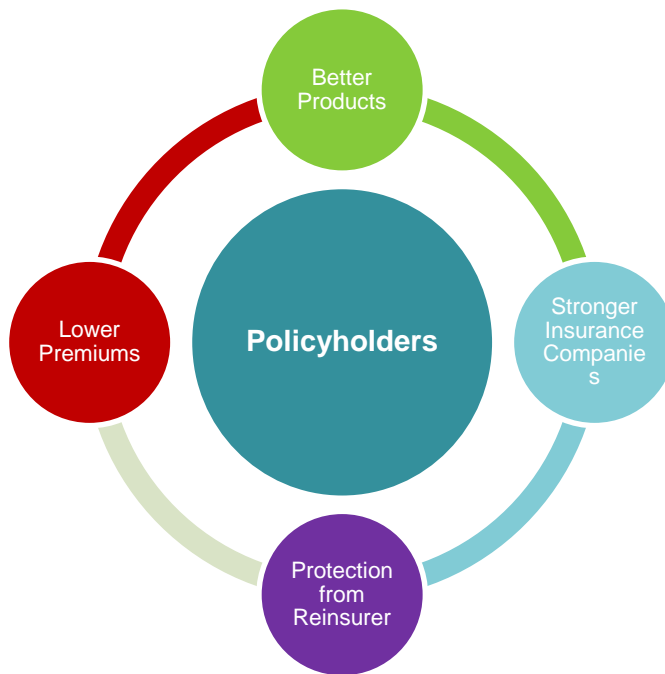


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Summary



- Reinsurance used for capital purposes is **common and popular** in the region, from developed markets to emerging markets
- It is a **genuine reinsurance contract** satisfying risk transfer requirements
- Reinsurers have the **expertise and knowledge** to construct these structures – each one **custom designed** for your needs
- Benefits to policyholders include increasing **policyholder protection**, increasing **policyholder confidence** and enjoying **better products**.
- Benefits to the industry include **improving capital efficiency** and **strengthening solvency position**
- Munich Re has **global expertise** and **has successfully concluded over 65 capital transactions** across the Asian, Middle East and African markets