Global Insurance Market Intelligence 2026:

Data-Backed RRF-i Risk Analysis

A comprehensive study utilizing the Risk Resilience Factor (RRF-i) to quantify macroeconomic trends and mitigate geopolitical, inflationary, and commercial risks.

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Introduction - Navigating the Fragile Balance of 2026

The global insurance and reinsurance sectors have transitioned away from predictable, cyclical market dynamics. In 2026, the industry operates at a volatile intersection characterized by acute **geopolitical fragmentation**, structural **macroeconomic resets**, and accelerated **technological transformation**. For executive leadership, chief risk officers, and underwriting teams, navigating this multi-polar landscape demands an immediate departure from legacy, reactive risk modeling toward proactive portfolio optimization.

This market analysis serves as a strategic framework to translate complex global exposures into actionable, data-driven foresight. Traditional actuarial frameworks, historically predicated on the assumption that past loss trends predict future performance, are increasingly inadequate. The defining headwinds of the current era - ranging from stagflationary pressures induced by conflict in critical trade corridors to systemic digital supply chain disruptions - render legacy underwriting models obsolete.

Consequently, the industry is experiencing a fundamental paradigm shift from "just-in-time" operational efficiency to **"just-in-case" structural resilience**. This analysis equips stakeholders with the analytical capabilities required to anticipate non-linear risk spikes before they impair balance sheet solvency, calibrate rate adequacy and premium margins against systemic loss cost inflation, and pivot from defensive risk avoidance to calculated underwriting elasticity.

The Risk Resilience Factor for Insurance (RRF-i)

Central to this diagnostic framework is our proprietary metric, the Risk Resilience Factor for Insurance (RRF-i). The RRF-i is a forward-looking index scaled from 0% to 100%, engineered to isolate and quantify the systemic pressures impacting global insurance portfolios. Rather than evaluating localized, event-driven loss probabilities, the index measures the structural stability of the broader operating environment. This is achieved via a disciplined, weighted integration of two core dimensions:

- **Macroeconomic Variables (60% Weight)**: Evaluates real GDP trajectories, inflationary outlooks, sovereign debt-to-GDP ratios, and demographic shifts.
- **Political Risk Drivers (40% Weight)**: Assesses institutional transparency, regulatory headwinds, rule-of-law metrics, and the imminent threats of geopolitical conflict or international sanctions.

Scope of the Diagnostic Framework

This report provides a multi-dimensional assessment by mapping sovereign risk profiles into distinct tiers ranging from minimal to critical exposure. We analyze active regional conflicts - specifically the energy and logistical disruptions stemming from Middle Eastern hostilities - and evaluate their direct impact on marine, aviation, and political risk premium pricing. Furthermore, we examine how escalating trade protectionism, shifting domestic fiscal policies, and rising populism compress supply chain timelines and inflate physical asset replacement costs, compounding underlying loss cost trends. The analysis also addresses the dual nature of massive capital expenditures in artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure, demonstrating how automated underwriting, algorithmic decision-making, and digital asset concentrations escalate systemic cyber and cloud accumulations to the top of the corporate risk agenda. Concurrently, we evaluate the structural reliance of global reinsurance capacity on the U.S. dollar and U.S. Treasuries, detailing stress-test scenarios for sovereign debt distress and the emergence of multi-polar safe-asset alternatives.

Strategic Deliverables and Competitive Advantage

Utilizing this framework yields distinct competitive advantages for industry stakeholders:

- ✓ Capital Modeling Integration: The RRF-i metrics are architected for seamless integration into internal forecasting models, enabling organizations to simulate upside and downside scenarios for premium growth and market volume estimates.
- ✓ Portfolio De-risking: The index provides the tactical granularity needed to distinguish localized underwriting anomalies from systemic hard market dynamics, optimizing risk appetite across volatile regions.
- ✓ Alternative Risk Transfer (ART): The report offers strategic guidance on deploying advanced ART mechanisms, including parametric insurance structures and Cyber Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS), to bridge traditional protection gaps and optimize capital deployment.

Ultimately, maintaining capital resilience amid global fragmentation requires structural agility and proactive portfolio management. This document provides the operational blueprint to protect capital reserves, optimize combined ratios, sustain underwriting profitability, and confidently navigate the complex risk landscape of 2026.

Gulf Region: Geopolitical Re-Escalation

The 2026 Gulf conflict has evolved from a discrete shock into a persistent source of market fragmentation and currency dislocation. This chapter establishes the immediate strategic posture for insurers: elevated uncertainty across underwriting, capital and foreign-exchange channels requires executive-level prioritization of liquidity, rate adequacy and access management. Given the prevailing trajectory toward re-escalation rather than durable de-escalation, only high-level guidance is appropriate at this stage; granular country-level underwriting actions must await clearer operational signals.

The crisis is unique in that it simultaneously stresses traditional war-risk exposures and the monetary plumbing that underpins global insurance flows. The emergence of alternative energy settlement rails and accelerated CNY usage in trade settlements introduces a multi-currency operating regime that materially increases FX settlement risk, reserve mismatch potential and cross-border capital friction. These dynamics amplify classic hard-market drivers—loss cost inflation, constrained reinsurance capacity and elevated attachment points—while introducing structural balance-sheet complexity.

Immediate market posture - executive observations:

- Compound shock profile: The event fuses conventional political-violence and marine war-risk exposures with a concurrent monetary shock as energy and trade corridors shift toward alternative currency rails, creating simultaneous underwriting and treasury stress.
- Sustained hardening in specialty lines: Marine, political-violence and trade-credit markets are experiencing persistent rate hardening, higher deductibles and reduced facultative capacity; underwriters should assume elevated attachment points and tighter treaty terms for the near term.
- Dual-currency liquidity risk: Partial adoption of CNY settlement in energy and logistics introduces dual-currency reserve requirements, FX translation risk and potential mismatches between premium inflows and claim outflows for internationally active carriers.

- **Amplified second-order exposures:** Supply-chain disruption, fertilizer and commodity shortages, and rising contingent business interruption (CBI) exposures materially increase tail risk across property, agriculture and trade-credit portfolios, pressuring combined ratios and reserve adequacy.

Strategic priorities for executive teams

- ✓ **Fortify liquidity and reserves:** Execute dual-currency liquidity stress tests, establish CNY reserve corridors, and increase short-term reserve buffers to reflect elevated CBI and social-inflation scenarios.
- ✓ **Secure constrained capacity:** Lock in multi-year quota-share arrangements, facultative lines and public-private backstops for Hormuz-exposed marine and political-violence portfolios to stabilize underwriting capacity and protect underwriting profitability.
- ✓ **Operationalize multi-currency capabilities:** Implement CNY clearing corridors, formalize hedging strategies for settlement mismatches, and adopt dual-reporting templates to manage translation risk and preserve capital ratios.
- ✓ **Adapt product architecture and pricing:** Accelerate deployment of parametric solutions (delay-surcharge, voyage parametrics) and inflation-indexed endorsements to transfer operational delay risk and maintain real premium adequacy.
- ✓ **Regional capital and market access strategy:** Prepare for accelerated regionalization by establishing capital-light Eastern market entry options (local paper, JVs, reinsurance treaties) and by segregating capital pools to mitigate cross-jurisdictional contagion.

Why detailed assessment remains premature

- Re-escalation dominates the signal set: Military, maritime and political indicators point to episodic flare-ups rather than a single, contained resolution, producing high volatility in both claims frequency/severity and FX settlement flows.
- Key variables remain fluid: Duration of maritime disruption, pace of CNY settlement adoption, and reinsurance treaty repricing are evolving rapidly; country-level underwriting and pricing actions require weekly reassessment.
- Shift to an adaptive playbook: Move from static scenario outputs to a signal-driven operating model that sequences short, medium and contingent actions tied to observable market and geopolitical triggers.

Conclusion and analytical baseline

Given current indicators, the most prudent analytical baseline is a medium-severity scenario that blends elements of prolonged operational attrition with structural monetary realignment. This hybrid scenario combines sustained supply-chain friction, elevated loss-cost inflation and constrained specialty capacity with an accelerating shift toward multi-currency settlement dynamics that incrementally fragment global risk pools. All forward projections and stress tests in this report therefore assume a persistent period of elevated underwriting volatility, dual-currency reserve requirements and selective market decoupling - requiring insurers to prioritize liquidity, dual-currency readiness, specialty capacity stabilization and adaptive, signal-driven execution until the operating environment materially normalizes.

Business Risk Resilience: Insurance Market

Amid protracted macroeconomic volatility and shifting geopolitical dynamics, the Risk Resilience Factor Insurance (RRF-i) serves as a critical strategic anchor for institutional resilience. As a proprietary index quantifying market vulnerabilities, the RRF-i functions as a forward-looking barometer that isolates and measures systemic pressures impacting global portfolios. By synthesizing macroeconomic indicators and geopolitical risk variables, the index translates abstract market exposures into actionable, data-driven foresight. For executive leadership navigating volatile risk landscapes, the RRF-i provides the predictive clarity required to optimize capital allocation, refine underwriting frameworks, and convert market volatility into a sustainable competitive advantage.

Methodology

To effectively assess business risk across the global insurance sector, a multi-dimensional evaluation model integrates macroeconomic and political parameters. This structured methodology delivers a nuanced understanding of the systemic drivers shaping market stability, rate adequacy, and investment security. Macroeconomic indicators - principally Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth and inflation dynamics- are systematically analyzed to evaluate economic resilience and potential financial volatility. These factors exert a direct impact on the underwriting environment, premium pricing strategies, and overall solvency margins. Concurrently, political dimensions assess governance stability, institutional regulatory frameworks, and policy shifts to quantify their downstream impact on insurance markets.

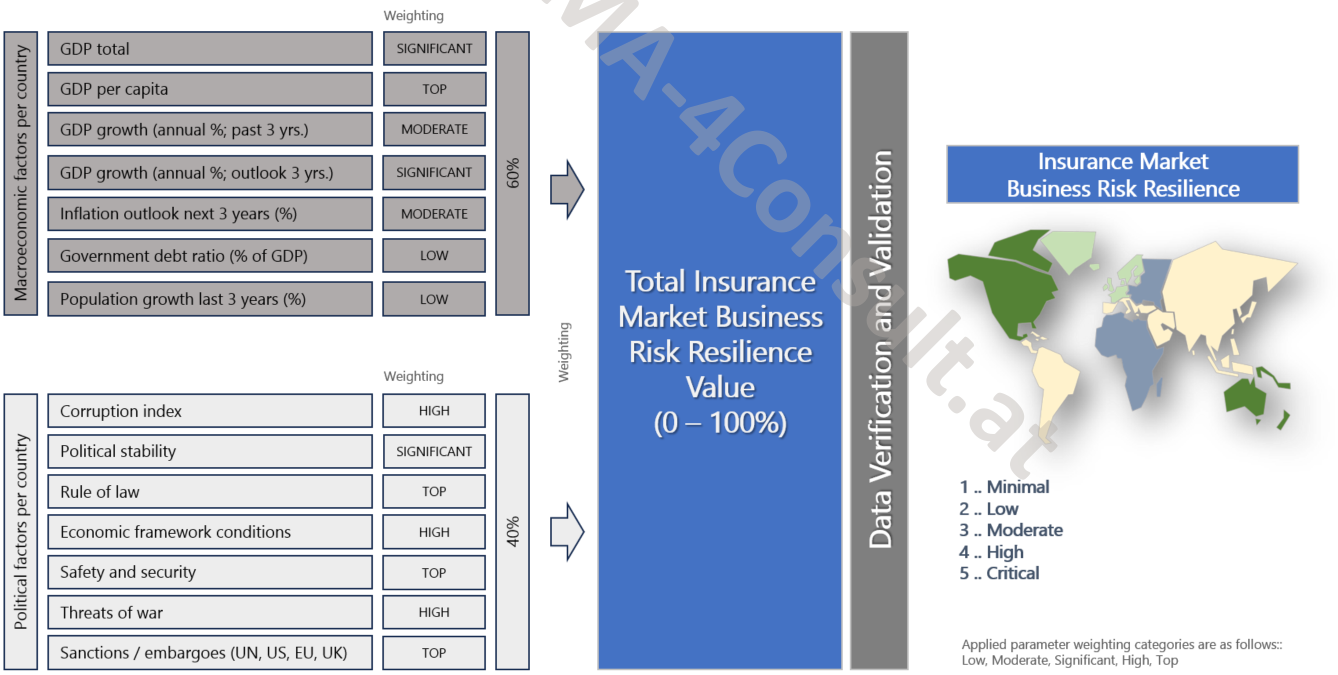


Fig. 1: Business Risk Model Insurance Market - Methodology

The model applies analytical weightings to each parameter, generating a composite risk index that stratifies countries and regions into distinct risk tiers. This framework guides primary insurers and reinsurers in strategic decision-making, spanning market entry feasibility to portfolio rebalancing. Synthesizing these dimensions yields a highly precise risk profile, enabling organizations to anticipate operational disruptions and optimize risk mitigation strategies. The methodology blends structured historical data, empirical expert insights, and predictive trend analysis to deliver systematic risk ratings.

Each underlying parameter profoundly influences the economic, institutional, and geopolitical ecosystem within which the insurance industry operates. While nominal and per-capita GDP growth drive baseline demand for risk transfer solutions, demographic shifts and inflation dynamics calibrate consumer behavior and product affordability. Furthermore, fiscal health (public debt), the rule of law, corruption indices, and regulatory stability establish the foundational trust and operational efficiency required for sustained underwriting profitability. Lastly, localized security conflicts and international sanctions introduce severe tail risks alongside specialized niche coverage opportunities. For industry stakeholders, mastering these multifaceted variables is paramount to formulating resilient corporate strategies and capturing emerging market share.

Macroeconomic Risk Classifications: Stress Testing Resilience

To quantify localized risk exposures, specific macroeconomic indicators are monitored to assign definitive risk classifications based on qualitative trends and historical benchmarks.

Macroeconomic Risk Classes	Minimal/low	Moderate/high	Critical
Total GDP and GDP per capita	Developed economies with high per capita incomes	Emerging or resource-dependent economies with uneven wealth distribution	Countries with extremely low per capita incomes combined with volatile growth
GDP growth (past three yrs. and 3 yrs. outlook)	Economies showing steady, predictable growth	Countries experiencing modest fluctuations	Regions with high volatility or sustained contraction trends
Inflation Outlook	Economies with tightly managed inflation	Regions experiencing intermittent inflation spikes	Economies with persistently high inflation or hyperinflation
Government Debt Ratio	Fiscal spaces with manageable debt levels	Moderately leveraged economies that risk fiscal tightening	Moderately leveraged economies that risk fiscal tightening
Population Growth Trends	Stable or mature demographics with predictable outcomes	Regions experiencing moderate expansion	Rapid demographic expansion that outpaces economic infrastructure

Fig. 2: Macroeconomic Parameters and Risk Classes

GDP Scale and Asset Accumulation: A robust aggregate GDP indicates advanced economic scale and wealth accumulation. As household balance sheets expand, the demand for life insurance, retirement solutions, and intergenerational wealth transfer vehicles accelerates. During expansionary cycles, consumers increasingly diversify portfolios with investment-linked and savings-oriented life products. Conversely, in the non-life sector, high aggregate GDP reflects a dense concentration of insurable physical and commercial assets, such as real estate, automotive fleets, and industrial equipment. Escalating asset valuations directly expand standard Property and Casualty (P&C) lines while driving demand for structured, innovative risk-transfer mechanisms.

GDP Per Capita and Premium Affordability: GDP per capita serves as a primary proxy for consumer discretionary income and purchasing power. Elevated per-capita income enhances premium affordability, integrating life insurance into comprehensive wealth management strategies. In high-disposable-income environments, policyholders favor premium products combining asset protection with capital accumulation. Within the non-life and commercial segments, higher per-capita wealth accelerates the adoption of comprehensive coverage for high-value personal property, alongside complex commercial packages covering general liability, commercial property, and business interruption risks.

Historical Precedents and Growth Dynamics: Historically, the U.S. economic expansion of the 1990s demonstrates this correlation: robust GDP growth coincided with intensive capital investment and asset accumulation. Life insurers expanded product suites blending protection with investment features, while the P&C sector experienced a surge in commercial and personal lines demand, driving significant premium growth and underwriting discipline. Similarly, across OECD markets in the early 2000s, rising GDP per capita correlated with increased penetration of wealth-linked life policies and comprehensive personal lines, allowing carriers to achieve deeper product segmentation and optimized distribution efficiency. Accelerated GDP growth rates catalyze consumer confidence and real wage growth, prompting the expanding middle class to secure long-term protection and retirement vehicles. This dynamic environment lowers barriers to entry for complex savings products. In parallel, robust economic expansion signals heightened corporate capital expenditure and infrastructure development, requiring comprehensive non-life coverages to mitigate supply chain disruptions and expanded liability exposures. For instance, China's rapid economic expansion throughout the 2000s and early 2010s generated exponential premium growth; life insurers successfully deployed innovative retirement solutions, while non-life carriers engineered specialized capacity for complex industrial, construction, and logistics risks.

Inflation and Loss Cost Trends: Inflationary pressures inherently compress the real value of fixed-benefit products, reducing the purchasing power of predetermined life insurance payouts. To maintain market competitiveness, life insurers must introduce inflation-indexed policies or capital guarantees, which often carry higher premium loads and shift demand dynamics. In the non-life sector, inflation directly accelerates loss cost trends. Escalating replacement costs, supply chain bottlenecks, and rising labor expenses require insurers to aggressively recalibrate premium rates and adjust loss reserves to maintain rate adequacy. While near-term inflation can occasionally spike demand as policyholders adjust limits to avoid underinsurance, it fundamentally induces restrictive underwriting cycles and elevated combined ratios. This was observed during the structural inflation of the 1970s and the post-pandemic hard market, where P&C carriers adjusted actuarial models to incorporate sophisticated inflation-linked pricing mechanisms.

Public Debt and Fiscal Constraints: Elevated public debt burdens frequently trigger fiscal austerity, suppressing disposable income and eroding consumer confidence. Under these conditions, policyholders often defer or lapse long-term financial commitments, constraining life premium growth and forcing a pivot toward highly liquid assets. For non-life lines, sovereign debt distress and subsequent monetary tightening can lead to escalated claims costs and diminished commercial demand. The 2008 global financial crisis highlights this dynamic: sovereign debt crises across Eurozone markets induced severe consumer risk aversion, dampening life and non-life insurance penetration. Carriers responded by rationalizing product portfolios, restructuring premium configurations, and refocusing on core, high-margin coverages to sustain solvency margins amidst constrained fiscal environments.

Demographic Drivers: Demographic expansion structurally widens the addressable market for life insurance. A young, growing population profile generates long-term, secular demand for protection and retirement savings vehicles, yielding sustained policy volume growth. Concurrently, population growth acts as a trailing indicator for non-life demand; expanding household formation directly correlates with increased automotive, residential, and commercial asset bases. Carriers benefit from scaled personal auto, homeowners, and liability pools, alongside microinsurance opportunities in emerging economies. In rapidly expanding nations across Asia and Africa, such as India, carriers are deploying scalable microinsurance and low-cost non-life products, fostering structural product innovation and geographic market diversification.

Political Parameters and Institutional Risk Classes

To evaluate institutional risk exposures, governance and geopolitical indicators are monitored to categorize jurisdictions based on structural stability and historical risk correlations.

Political Risk Classes	Minimal/low	Moderate/high	Critical
Corruption Index	Countries with transparent governance	Nations with occasional lapses	Regions with systemic corruption and a lack of oversight
Political stability	Stable democracies with continuity	Countries with periodic political shifts or minor unrest or frequent leadership changes or unstable coalitions	Countries near civil conflict or experiencing authoritarian breakdown
Rule of Law	Jurisdictions with robust legal frameworks	Regions where law enforcement is generally effective, though there are occasional lapses	Regions where law enforcement is generally effective, though there are occasional lapses
Economic Framework and Structural Policies	Economies characterized by predictable regulations and strong free-market principles	Regions with evolving reforms	Economies marred by inconsistent policies and structural shortcomings
Safety, Security, and Conflict Threats	Countries with high physical security and low conflict risk	Regions with isolated security incidents or areas subject to regular crime, localized clashes, or terrorism	Areas subject to regular crime, localized clashes, or terrorism

Fig. 3: Political Parameters and Risk Classes

Corruption and Institutional Trust: Pervasive corruption fundamentally undermines institutional trust and legal efficacy. In high-corruption jurisdictions, consumer skepticism regarding claims-paying integrity suppresses life insurance penetration, as individuals avoid long-term capital commitments with formal carriers. Furthermore, corruption escalates operational friction and the total cost of risk for non-life insurers. Where fraud and illicit practices distort the operating environment, economic actors frequently revert to informal risk-sharing or self-insurance mechanisms, shrinking the insurable market size. This dynamic is evident in segments of Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, where historical governance deficits have depressed insurance penetration, forcing global carriers to implement rigorous corporate compliance, anti-money laundering (AML), and transparency initiatives to restore market confidence

Political Stability and Policy Predictability: Political stability provides the long-term operational predictability required to support life insurance underwriting. Under stable governance frameworks, consumers confidently commit to multi-decade savings and protection plans, assured of institutional continuity. Moreover, political stability mitigates systemic tail risks - such as asset expropriation, civil commotion, or arbitrary regulatory shifts - thereby encouraging commercial enterprises to secure comprehensive property and business interruption coverages. The post-Soviet transitions of the early 1990s illustrate this: nations that established rapid democratic and regulatory stability, such as Poland and the Czech Republic, experienced immediate structural acceleration in insurance penetration, whereas prolonged instability in other emerging markets continues to impede formal market development

Rule of Law and Contract Enforceability: A robust rule of law ecosystem is a prerequisite for ensuring contract enforceability, a foundational element for long-term life and annuity policies. Institutional certainty guarantees that claims disputes are adjudicated through transparent, predictable judicial channels, reinforcing long-term consumer trust. In the non-life and commercial lines, clear legal frameworks mitigate litigation risk, stabilize loss development trends, and optimize actuarial forecasting. The European Union's continuous harmonization of insurance and civil laws demonstrates this effect, driving high penetration rates across mature jurisdictions like Germany and Norway, where businesses and consumers operate with absolute confidence in contractual execution.

Regulatory Frameworks and Solvency Controls: Sophisticated regulatory frameworks enable insurers to engineer long-term product structures with predictable capital requirements and transparent pricing models. Clear regulatory governance regarding policyholder rights, claims management, and rate adjustments enhances market participation. Non-life carriers benefit from regulatory transparency, which supports precise actuarial modeling, risk-based pricing, and structured claims optimization. The implementation of the European Union's Solvency II framework represents a benchmark in this domain, establishing a risk-sensitive capital regime that standardized solvency requirements, enhanced life product portfolios, and optimized underwriting efficiency and cross-border capacity deployment in the non-life segment.

Geopolitical Conflict and Tail-Risk Exposure: Geopolitical conflict and systemic warfare introduce severe volatility into macroeconomic and financial planning frameworks. While localized crises can occasionally catalyze short-term demand for life coverage as a hedge against instability, prolonged conflict typically disrupts premium collection and triggers capital flight. Non-life lines bear the direct impact of security-related tail risks. Outbreaks of hostility generally trigger standard war and terrorism exclusions, requiring the activation of specialized political violence, terrorism, or war risk syndicates. While these environments drive premium rate hardening and demand for specialized lines, they introduce extreme underwriting volatility and complex claims-adjustment dynamics. Following the 2022 conflict in Ukraine, global non-life insurers rapidly restricted capacity, enforced strict territorial exclusions, and repriced political risk and terrorism coverages, creating substantial rate adequacy challenges alongside specialized underwriting opportunities

Sanctions and Market Fragmentation: International economic sanctions disrupt cross-border capital flows, restrict reinsurance capacity, and constrain global market participation. Life insurers operating within sanctioned jurisdictions face severe operational barriers, often requiring product rationalization or total market divestment, which degrades consumer trust and drives down premium volumes. Non-life carriers face identical headwinds; escalating compliance burdens, restricted treaty reinsurance access, and legal ambiguities surrounding coverage terms yield diminished capacity and premium inflation. The comprehensive sanctions regimes imposed on Russia post-2014 and intensified in 2022 forced an exit of tier-one global insurers and reinsurers, severely fragmenting local markets, reducing product diversity, and escalating the cost of capital for remaining domestic participants

Business Risk Resilience Factor (RRF) Framework

The Business Risk Resilience Factor (RRF) is a composite matrix derived from the joint evaluation of localized macroeconomic and political risk profiles. A elevated RRF signifies a low-risk operational environment characterized by robust institutional governance, fiscal discipline, and steady economic growth - collectively cultivating an optimal commercial landscape for insurance deployment, capital investment, and product innovation. Conversely, a depressed RRF denotes heightened systemic volatility and structural headwinds, indicating significant barriers to capital allocation, organic premium growth, and long-term investment yield.

> i The RRF operates exclusively as an institutional macro-environmental metric designed to evaluate market expansion feasibility and geopolitical risk exposure. It does not model the intrinsic operational, technical underwriting, or actuarial risks inherent to specific insurance lines, such as localized loss frequencies, catastrophe modeling, or base event probabilities.

For global insurance executives, the RRF functions as a sophisticated strategic barometer. High RRF metrics identify target jurisdictions where the macroeconomic and political baseline supports sustainable premium growth, optimized capital allocation, and long-term underwriting profitability. Conversely, low-scoring regions signal the need for heightened underwriting discipline, structured risk-mitigation strategies, and enhanced contingency planning.

Insurers operating within low-RRF environments must prioritize local joint-venture partnerships, structured reinsurance credit risk mitigation, and accelerated digital transformation to navigate operational friction. Continuous monitoring of RRF trends is essential for portfolio optimization, enabling institutional stakeholders to dynamically align capital allocation strategies with evolving global realities to preserve long-term solvency and competitive advantage.

> i The RRF serves as a core modeling variable utilized to stress-test upside and downside scenarios within proprietary market volume and premium growth forecasting models.

The aggregate regional RRF-i is calculated as the mathematical sum of individual constituent country RRF-i values, weighted explicitly by each respective nation's nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to ensure macroeconomic proportionality.

Executive Summary

The global insurance industry in 2026 is operating within a highly volatile, interconnected macroeconomic landscape. Underwriting profitability, rate adequacy, and capital allocation strategies are being fundamentally reshaped by a compounding matrix of sovereign debt expansion, structural economic shifts, escalating protectionism, and severe secondary climate perils. This operational reality requires primary carriers and reinsurers to transition rapidly from legacy, reactive claims-management postures toward proactive, predictive, and data-driven risk-transfer models.

The global Business Risk Resilience Factor for the insurance market (RRF-i) posted a marginal expansion, shifting from 60.1% in 2025 to 60.5% in 2026. While this nominal uptick indicates that the industry is actively adjusting its pricing structures to achieve rate adequacy, it masks deep-seated structural vulnerabilities. The narrow variance demonstrates that global insurance capital remains highly sensitive to minor macroeconomic or geopolitical shocks. This volatility is further exacerbated by a widening divergence between advanced, high-resilience economies and emerging, structurally vulnerable regions. For global carriers, maintaining balance sheet resilience requires a granular understanding of these macro-regional risk architectures and the immediate execution of localized, agile underwriting adjustments

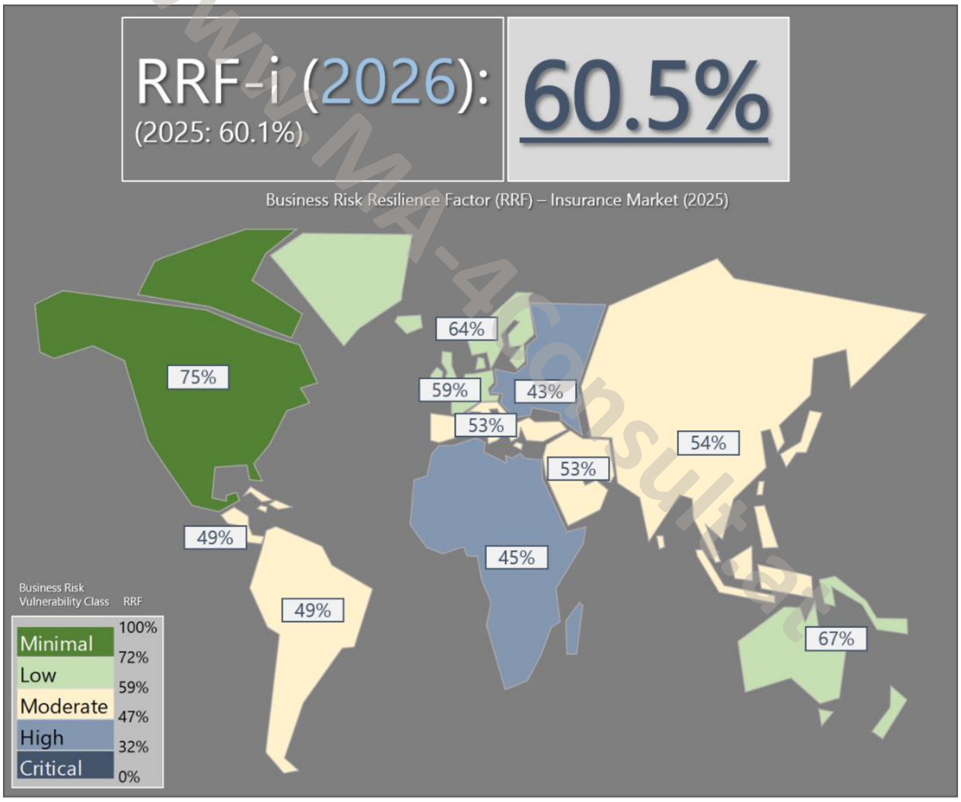


Fig. 4: Business Risk Resilience Factor – Insurance Market (RRF-i 2026)

Macro-Regional Risk Architectures

The global insurance market reflects distinct regional variations in resilience, capital stability, and loss cost trends, as detailed in the comprehensive framework below.

High-Resilience Markets: North America and Oceania

North America (75%; *2025: 73%***):** North America remains the foundational anchor of global premium volume. The region's expansion is supported by resilient consumer spending and disciplined monetary frameworks. However, this stability is counterbalanced by public debt expansion and moderate political polarization. In the United States, commercial lines face severe underwriting margin compression driven by systemic loss cost inflation. This pressure is compounded by unprecedented property exposure to secondary climate hazards, forcing carriers to re-evaluate their total insured value (TIV) accumulation across Florida and California. Concurrently, operational interventions by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have introduced friction into public healthcare and retirement frameworks (Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security), elevating professional liability and operational risks for carriers underwriting public-sector exposures. In Canada, commercial underwriters are managing supply chain bottlenecks in manufacturing corridors alongside multi-billion-dollar wildfire liabilities in Alberta that threaten regional specialty reinsurance layers. Crucially, Mexico functions as an integral piece of this economic corridor; cross-border logistics and nearshoring trends have generated a massive surge in demand for commercial supply chain and trade credit risk coverage, even as local underwriters navigate evolving tariff frameworks.

Oceanic (67%; *2025: 69%***):** Oceania exhibits strong institutional stability, though its regional index compressed slightly due to the macroeconomic spillover of Middle Eastern trade disruptions. In Australia, insurers face material balance sheet exposure from high-frequency, climate-driven secondary perils, including bushfires and catastrophic East Coast flooding. This exposure is compounded by systemic cyber breaches targeting domestic financial infrastructure, prompting carriers to restrict standalone cyber policy limits and tighten risk-selection criteria. Meanwhile, New Zealand operates as a highly sophisticated insurance market where advanced seismic risk modeling and mandatory climate risk disclosures dictate long-term capital allocation and premium structuring strategies for property and casualty (P&C) insurers.

Mature European Core: Northern, Western, and Southern Europe

North Europe (64%; *2025: 65%***)** and **West Europe (59%;** *2025: 60%***):** Northern Europe continues to lead in macroeconomic resilience and institutional transparency. The region's primary structural headwind is a long-term demographic shift driven by an aging workforce. Sweden and Denmark operate as highly digitized hubs, where rapid insurtech adoption and asset digitization require primary carriers to deploy advanced commercial cyber-liability structures. Finland serves as a benchmark for demographic risk management, with life insurers actively pivoting portfolios toward private pension risk transfers and specialized long-term care products. Conversely, Western Europe's insurance markets are navigating lower-growth dynamics and widening fiscal deficits. In Germany, structural economic stagnation has accelerated back-book consolidation in the life sector and forced a rapid pivot toward strict ESG-compliant underwriting criteria. Simultaneously, France serves as a vital bancassurance hub facing operational friction due to fiscal policy volatility, while the Netherlands acts as a critical specialty market where advanced coastal flood and sea-level rise modeling dictates aggressive adjustments to property catastrophe pricing.

South Europe (53%; *2025: 53%***):** Southern Europe continues to manage profound fiscal constraints and demographic pressures within a mature framework. Sustainable public debt burdens and severe demographic collapse push both the government debt ratio and population growth parameters into the high risk category. The primary market of scale is Italy, where elevated public debt and sticky inflation have compelled life insurers to introduce complex inflation-protection clauses into traditional annuity portfolios to curb policy lapses. Concurrently, Greece and Turkey have become critical zones for climate and seismic risk management, where a dramatic increase in catastrophic claims from earthquakes and extreme wildfires has forced regional insurers to aggressively restructure property premiums and expand their reliance on international reinsurance layers..

Transforming and Volatile Landscapes: Asia and the Middle East

Asia (54%; *2025: 54%***):** The highly diverse Asian market presents global insurers with a deeply bifurcated risk landscape, maintaining a constant RRF-i of 54% across 2025 and 2026. The region balances rapid development and vast commercial opportunities against mounting corporate leverage and rising geopolitical flashpoints in the South China Sea. As the region's high-impact anchor, China forces underwriters to navigate shifting regulatory landscapes, particularly in the health insurance sector, while managing commercial property and casualty stagnation linked to real estate defaults. Concurrently, Japan represents a mature market outlier where property and casualty capacity has contracted due to stringent regulatory scrutiny, while emerging powerhouses like Indonesia and India demonstrate a massive demand surge for digital microinsurance frameworks designed to bridge deep protection gaps in under-penetrated rural peripheries.

Mid-East (53%; *2025: 55%***):** The Middle East risk profile remains highly polarized, with its RRF-i declining to 53% as prolonged political and kinetic crises counterbalance dynamic market reforms. Parameters for inflation, political stability, and safety are classified as critical risks, highlighted by the continuous threat of maritime blockades in the vital Strait of Hormuz corridor. In terms of high-relevance insurance hubs, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia represent a booming counter-trend, with insurance markets expanding rapidly due to double-digit growth in infrastructure giga-projects, mandatory health coverage, and a thriving captive insurance ecosystem. In sharp contrast, conflict-impacted sub-regions encompassing Israel and shipping lanes adjacent to Yemen serve as high-impact crisis zones where active military hostilities and drone strikes have caused marine and cargo war-risk premiums to skyrocket, forcing underwriters to implement drastic capacity contractions.

High-Barrier and Stressed Markets: Central and South America

Central America (49%; *2025: 49%***):** Central America represents a challenging, high-barrier operating environment where structural governance deficits and small, vulnerable economies keep its RRF-i pinned at a modest 49%. With Mexico integrated into the North American infrastructure, the remaining Central American corridor faces distinct localized pressures. This operational volatility is mirrored prominently in Panama, where climate-induced transit restrictions at the canal directly impact marine hull and cargo volumes. Meanwhile, in countries like Honduras and El Salvador, systemic extortion and security issues keep commercial underwriting capacity constrained, driving an urgent corporate demand for specialized political violence and business interruption insurance packages.

South America (49%; *2025: 47%***):** South America presents a mixed risk environment where solid raw material assets are frequently undermined by structural financial and political volatility, though its RRF-i improved to 49% due to incremental economic adjustments. In terms of sector relevance, Brazil stands out as the continent's largest and most critical insurance engine, requiring carriers to continuously re-engineer their solvency ratios to align with rapid regulatory interventions from SUSEP regarding capital structure and corporate governance. Meanwhile, Argentina serves as an extreme example of macro-financial risk, where hyperinflation and a collapsing local currency force claims managers to fundamentally alter payout reserve structures to prevent rapid capital erosion and ensure long-term contractual viability.

Emerging and Crisis-Driven Regimes: Africa and Eastern Europe/CIS

Africa (45%; *2025: 43%***):** The African continent exhibits a pronounced structural mismatch between its highly favorable demographic fundamentals and its severe macro-structural risks, though its RRF-i posted a slight gain to 45% due to targeted economic reforms. The insurance sector's primary exposures are heavily concentrated in Nigeria, where aggressive currency devaluations have severely eroded the real value of life insurance and pension reserves, and in South Africa, where the ongoing power generation crisis and infrastructural decay have sparked a massive wave of commercial business interruption claims that test the solvency of local carriers.

East Europe/CIS (43%; *2025: 39%***):** Eastern Europe and the CIS region operate under a highly stressed risk profile, though shared European-level measurements to secure independent energy supplies helped lift its RRF-i to 43% in 2026. The market ramifications are concentrated heavily in Ukraine, where active combat has caused a near-total collapse of standard aviation and marine hull insurance lines, forcing the industry to rely entirely on state-backed, international war-risk facilities. Simultaneously, Russia represents a high-impact zone of institutional isolation, where sweeping Western financial sanctions have disconnected local entities from global reinsurance networks, forcing a total reliance on domestic capital pools and state retrocession structures.

Geopolitical Warfare and Escalating Kinetic Perils

Active armed conflicts in critical geographic corridors have re-established geopolitical friction as a primary driver of global reinsurance volatility. The past twelve months have been defined by a severe, systemic escalation in the Middle East. On February 28, 2026, hostilities erupted into a direct, large-scale war as the United States and Israel launched coordinated joint airstrikes - codenamed Operation Epic Fury and Operation Roaring Lion - targeting nuclear facilities, air defenses, and key military infrastructure inside Iran. This offensive bypassed long-standing diplomatic channels and resulted in the assassination of several top Iranian officials, including Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei.

The fallout from these strikes was immediate, severe, and global. Under a decentralized strategy, Iranian military units and their regional non-state allies launched retaliatory missile and drone attacks against Israel, U.S. military bases, and U.S.-aligned Arab Gulf states, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. By late March 2026, Iran executed a highly disruptive naval blockade of the vital Strait of Hormuz. This closure triggered the largest energy supply disruption in global oil market history, spiking fuel prices, choking maritime transit, and driving massive losses across the natural gas, chemical fertilizer, aviation, and tourism sectors. Simultaneously, the Lebanese group Hezbollah entered the conflict, initiating rocket attacks on northern Israel and sparking a secondary war in Lebanon.

Although a formal diplomatic resolution was achieved on June 14, 2026, and codified on June 17, 2026, through the Islamabad Memorandum and Versailles Agreement signed by President Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, the dual naval blockades were only lifted under extreme tension. The geopolitical landscape remains highly volatile.

This conflict has forced a fundamental recalculation of global economic parameters. Partly due to these supply shocks, global inflation is expected to average 4.0% in 2026 - a full percentage point higher than pre-conflict projections - while global GDP growth is expected to slow to a sluggish 2.5%. For insurers, this conflict has caused marine cargo, hull, and aviation war-risk premiums to skyrocket along critical trade corridors, forcing primary underwriters to execute rapid capacity contractions and enforce strict geographic accumulation limits.

In Eastern Europe, the protracted war in Ukraine continues to severely distort regional trade and energy dynamics. While standard aviation and marine hull lines face a near-total withdrawal of private market capacity due to strict war-exclusion clauses, the broader macroeconomic fallout - particularly energy price volatility and supply chain fragmentation - continues to drive up property rebuilding and commercial business interruption costs globally. Concurrently, heavy international sanctions against Russia have structurally isolated its domestic entities, disconnecting them from Western capital networks and forcing a reliance on localized, state-backed retrocession pools.

Domestic Policies, Protectionism, and Regulatory Friction

Beyond active conflict zones, the widespread adoption of protectionist trade policies and sweeping tariff frameworks has injected severe volatility into international supply chains and localized manufacturing costs. These trade barriers drive up the import pricing of critical raw materials and finished goods, directly inflating claims severity across the automotive, property, and marine cargo insurance lines.

In the United States, aggressive policy shifts and structural overhauls have significantly unbacked historical market baselines. Interventions by newly established public bodies, such as the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), have disrupted the administration of critical public services and healthcare frameworks, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. These disruptions introduce profound operational uncertainties and bureaucratic friction, increasing liability risks for carriers underwriting public-sector exposures and corporate health programs. Furthermore, while federal deregulation initiatives may offer short-term relief by lowering compliance costs, they simultaneously heighten long-term casualty risks if oversight is excessively diminished. These regulatory adjustments are compounded by strict immigration policies that contract labor markets - thereby inflating structural construction and repair costs - and sweeping energy rollbacks that risk accelerating climate-driven physical exposures, leaving U.S. property and casualty carriers to navigate a highly compressed margin environment.

Across the European Union, persistent macroeconomic headwinds manifest as sluggish real growth paired with widening fiscal deficits, though these strains are partially offset by pockets of capital strength in core mature economies. European insurers face intense pressure to recalibrate legacy pricing models to offset fluctuating sovereign debt levels, shifting political alliances, and muted investment returns. This complex regulatory and economic matrix is further complicated by the steady electoral rise of right-wing populist and nationalist movements across the continent. Because these political factions prioritize isolationist agendas, their ascendancy introduces heightened regulatory volatility and signals future trade barriers. This structural shift undermines corporate market confidence and permanently alters the fundamental risk profiles that underpin European commercial underwriting.

Structural Shift in Climate and Natural Catastrophe Risks

Environmental risks have officially transitioned from long-term actuarial projections to immediate threats to balance sheet solvency. Global insured losses from natural catastrophes exceeded $100 billion in 2025, marking the sixth consecutive year in which insured losses exceeded the $100 billion threshold. However, the defining characteristic of this loss year was not a single catastrophic, peak-peril event such as a major landfall hurricane, but rather the cumulative impact of "non-peak" secondary perils. Wildfires, severe convective storms, and floods accounted for record-breaking percentages of global insured losses in 2025.

The most destructive and costly climate event of 2025 was the January Los Angeles County wildfires (specifically the Palisades and Eaton fires) in the United States. Driven by dry fuel, strong Santa Ana winds, and dense development in high-value wildland-urban interface (WUI) zones, this single event became the most expensive wildfire catastrophe in global history. This was compounded by severe convective storms, which generated over $50 billion in insured losses, driven by rising urbanization, rooftop solar installations, and inflated reconstruction costs.

The Global Protection Gap: These escalating exposures have severely widened the global protection gap, particularly in emerging economies where 80% to 90% of economic losses remain completely uninsured. A stark example of this vulnerability was the Myanmar earthquake in March 2025, which caused more than $1 billion in overall economic losses and claimed thousands of lives, yet resulted in a mere $200 million in insured payouts.

Primary carriers are responding by implementing sharp premium increases, demanding updated building codes, and executing wholesale capital retreats from high-exposure coastal and wildland-urban zones.

The AI Investment Boom: Hyperscale Capital vs. Cyber Vulnerabilities

Technological disruption is accelerating at an unprecedented pace, serving as both a powerful growth engine and a source of systemic operational vulnerability. In 2026, the technology sector is experiencing a massive, historical capital expenditure wave, with hyperscalers projected to invest billions of dollars into artificial intelligence infrastructure. This massive capital influx is expected to contribute up to 0.3 percentage points directly to U.S. GDP growth.

For the insurance sector, this technological boom offers powerful opportunities to revolutionize core operations. Underwriters are actively leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms to automate complex claims processing, refine predictive pricing models, and optimize direct customer engagement. However, this rapid digital transition represents a profound, double-edged sword:

- Cyber Perils & Infrastructure Vulnerabilities: The extreme concentration of corporate assets on centralized cloud infrastructure has elevated cyber risk to the absolute top of the global corporate agenda, frequently placing it ahead of natural catastrophes in risk priority.
- Algorithmic & Privacy Threats: Primary carriers face severe exposure to sophisticated ransomware attacks, state-sponsored gray-zone infrastructure sabotage, and systemic data privacy breaches.
- Model Biases: Relying on automated, black-box decision models introduces the severe risk of embedded biases and inaccurate underwriting assumptions, which could lead to catastrophic mispricing of risk.

To insulate their balance sheets from these emerging digital threats, global carriers must aggressively fund advanced cybersecurity defenses, implement rigid internal governance frameworks, and enforce continuous human oversight over all deployed algorithmic models.

Strategic Reinsurance and Underwriting Imperatives

To navigate this highly bifurcated growth environment, global insurance leaders must execute three immediate strategic shifts:

(1) **Deploy Alternative Risk Transfer (ART) Mechanisms**
Immediate Execution
Transition away from historical, static actuarial models that fail to capture secondary climate perils or rapid geopolitical trade disruptions. Actively structure and deploy parametric insurance solutions utilizing automated, predefined triggers. This guarantees rapid liquidity to corporate insureds while eliminating protracted and costly loss-adjustment cycles.

(2) **Recalibrate Commercial Property and Supply Chain Portfolios**
Quarterly Portfolio Review
Aggressively re-price commercial property, cargo, and business interruption lines to reflect fragmented global supply networks and localized inflation. Enforce strict geographic accumulation limits, mandate enhanced physical risk-mitigation measures from corporate clients, and raise reinsurance attachment points within treaty structures to buffer against secondary peril volatility.

(3) **Enforce Strict Cyber Underwriting and Accumulation Controls**
Continuous Governance
Implement state-of-the-art underwriting standards for digital risks. Primary carriers must restrict standalone cyber policy limits, enforce rigid cybersecurity hygiene requirements as a condition of coverage, and partner with international reinsurers to develop robust capital structures capable of absorbing systemic cloud-concentration shocks.

Business Risk Resilience - Short Term Outlook (2026-2029)

The global commercial insurance landscape entering the 2026–2029 outlook period is defined by a dual reality: decelerating yet resilient macroeconomic growth juxtaposed against acute geopolitical fragmentation. While underlying demand across emerging markets remains supported by structural demographic tailwinds, actual insurance market penetration faces severe headwinds from protectionist trade policies, stringent export controls, and supply chain friction. Concurrently, escalating climate-driven catastrophe losses have transitioned from cyclical volatility into permanent balance sheet pressures, compressing underwriting margins and accelerating capital migration toward alternative risk transfer (ART) structures. Systemic geopolitical volatility across the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa continues to disrupt global commerce, forcing commercial buyers and carriers to pivot from defensive risk mitigation to proactive structural resilience.

Over the three-year horizon, underwriting parameters and corporate risk strategies dictate the following tactical and strategic assumptions:

- Macroeconomic Divergence and Structural Volatility: The global economy has shifted from synchronized stabilization toward a deeply bifurcated operating environment. Developed markets—led by North America—maintain a robust yet highly scrutinized growth trajectory, whereas core Western European economies grapple with persistent structural stagnation. Concurrently, emerging markets exhibit heightened volatility, rapidly shifting between risk classifications due to acute vulnerability to external refinancing pressures, currency devaluations, and the friction introduced by regional trade blocs.
- Fiscal Pressures and Premium Margin Optimization: Escalating sovereign debt levels and expanding global budgetary deficits have severely strained state-backed backstops and public risk-sharing pools. As higher-risk jurisdictions deteriorate into elevated fiscal stress categories, commercial insurers are systematically recalibrating premium margins to maintain rate adequacy. Consequently, carriers are tightening underwriting guidelines within political risk and trade credit lines to insulate corporate balance sheets from heightened sovereign default and contract non-honoring exposures.
- Geopolitical Fragmentation and Supply Chain Corridor Volatility: Geopolitical risk has evolved from isolated, event-driven volatility into a systemic macroeconomic force. Rapidly shifting sanctions regimes, state-sponsored cyber disruptions, and protracted bottlenecks across critical maritime chokepoints have structurally extended delivery timelines and inflated loss costs. Sudden transitions into high-risk thresholds necessitate near-real-time portfolio optimization and exposure management by carriers to mitigate complex Contingent Business Interruption (CBI) and supply chain vulnerabilities.
- Underwriting Discipline and Alternative Capital Deployment: As broad Property and Casualty (P&C) market pricing trends toward structural normalization following a prolonged hard market cycle, underwriting appetite remains highly segmented. Total available capacity for high-hazard and politically volatile regions remains severely constrained. This capital contraction is driving a surge in corporate demand for specialized Political Risk Insurance (PRI) and customized, data-driven parametric solutions engineered to bridge conventional coverage gaps during non-linear loss events.

- Predictive Modeling and Dynamic Pricing Ecosystems: Reliance on legacy, historical actuarial tables has given way to an underwriting paradigm shift. Short-term technology capital expenditure is heavily weighted toward cloud-native SaaS infrastructure, advanced artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) predictive models, and real-time Internet of Things (IoT) data streams. This digital risk infrastructure empowers carriers to enforce hyper-granular, dynamic pricing models and proactively manage accumulation risk as regional risk exposures shift.
- Capacity Polarization and Market Consolidation: Access to cross-border risk capital has become profoundly asymmetrical. Within high-risk jurisdictions across Africa, Central America, and the Middle East, standard commercial insurance capacity is contracting or imposing restrictive exclusions. This capacity polarization is accelerating domestic market consolidation, driving upward pressure on premium rates for high-exposure accounts, and necessitating an increased institutional reliance on multilateral credit guarantees and public-private risk-sharing mechanisms.

Executive Risk Outlook Matrix (3 years)

Risk Dimension	Market Dynamic	Underwriting & Capital Impact
Macroeconomic	Deepening bifurcation between robust North American growth and Western European stagnation.	Recalibration of premium growth targets; heightened scrutiny on emerging market credit lines.
Fiscal / Sovereign	Elevated sovereign debt; degradation of state-backed backstops.	Margin optimization to preserve rate adequacy; tightening of contract non-honoring terms.
Geopolitical	Systemic maritime bottlenecks and fluid sanctions regimes.	Near-real-time portfolio adjustments; elevated loss cost trends for Contingent Business Interruption (CBI).
Capacity & Capital	Softening P&C market offset by severe restrictions in high-hazard zones.	Capacity polarization; accelerated structural shift toward parametric and alternative risk transfer (ART) solutions.
Technology	Deployment of frontier AI/ML and cloud-native risk infrastructure.	Transition from historical actuarial modeling to predictive, hyper-granular dynamic pricing ecosystems.

Strategic Risk Resilience: Long-Term Market Outlook (2026–2036)

The decade leading to 2036 will be defined by structural macro-divergence, climate-driven asset reallocations, and a fundamental paradigm shift from "just-in-time" economic efficiency to "just-in-case" long-term structural resilience. Demographically, Sub-Saharan Africa and high-growth Asian markets will catalyze a significant expansion in long-term premium growth. However, capitalizing on these emerging opportunities will require navigating escalating climate-induced natural catastrophe (Nat Cat) accumulations, structural loss cost inflation, and systemic geo-economic fragmentation.

Over the ten-year horizon, several core megatrends are projected to re-engineer global insurance risk profiles and underwriting paradigms:

- **Geo-Economic Fragmentation and Supply-Chain Friction:** The historical baseline of seamless global integration has yielded to structural economic fragmentation. While systemic interconnectedness ensures that global market corridors continue to transmit macroeconomic shocks, historically low-risk regions must increasingly absorb elevated volatility. Protectionist trade policies, domestic-content mandates, and escalating tariffs will drive localized loss cost trends and severe supply-chain friction, forcing risk management and predictive modeling frameworks to adapt to a permanent, multi-polar economic landscape.
- **Bifurcated Demographic Transformations and Capital Allocation:** Divergent global demographic shifts are bifurcating underwriting realities. Developed economies face protracted structural strain from rapidly aging populations, reshaping the life, health, and annuity sectors. This shift will generate sustained multi-decade demand for retirement, annuity, and long-term wealth-preservation solutions, buoyed by a structurally higher-for-longer interest rate environment that supports investment yields. Conversely, youthful emerging markets will present elevated risk profiles until regional economies can scale capital absorptive capacity and digital insurance infrastructure to monetize labor surpluses.
- **Sovereign Fiscal Sustainability and Asset-Liability Management (ALM):** Unprecedented public debt burdens and widening structural deficits have become permanent macroeconomic fixtures across both mature and developing economies. Government expenditures targeting defense, the green energy transition, and social safety nets will sustain elevated sovereign risk. This environment complicates long-duration Asset-Liability Management (ALM), requiring carriers to maintain highly agile capital models and robust asset allocation strategies to insulate balance sheets from credit degradation and interest rate volatility.
- **Institutional Strengthening and Regulatory Anchoring:** High-stability jurisdictions - specifically Northern Europe, Western Europe, and Oceania - are positioned to maintain or optimize their minimal-risk benchmarks. Over the next decade, institutional governance will reinforce regulatory stability and robust legal architectures. These regions will pioneer the global standardization of ESG frameworks, mandatory climate-risk disclosures, and artificial intelligence (AI) governance, providing the predictable underwriting environment necessary for primary carriers and reinsurers to confidently deploy long-term risk capital.

- **Structural Geopolitical Realignments and Capacity Fragmentation:** Geopolitical risk has transitioned from an episodic shock to a permanent, structural underwriting baseline. Evolving conflict dynamics indicate that volatile sub-regions within Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America will either undergo protracted stabilization or remain entrenched in high-risk postures. This persistent friction threatens to fragment global risk-sharing and reinsurance capacity, forcing commercial lines underwriters to price for long-term political risk, contract non-honoring, and asset expropriation exposures.
- **Technological Transformation, Infrastructure Expansion, and Accumulation Risk:** Exponential data growth and unprecedented capital expenditure in AI infrastructure and hyperscale data centers are introducing material, near-term concentration and accumulation risks across property, cyber, and business interruption (BI) lines. Over the 10-year horizon, however, the maturity of frontier AI, quantum computing, and synthetic data modeling will revolutionize predictive analytics. This technological evolution will enable carriers to transition portfolios from high-risk to optimized risk profiles through hyper-predictive forecasting and automated, rapid-response hazard mitigation.
- **Product Innovation and Advanced Risk Transfer Mechanisms:** As compounding climate change, systemic cyber exposures, and geopolitical volatility expand corporate liability, specialized product innovation must scale to maintain market insurability. Advanced parametric triggers, tokenized insurance-linked securities (ILS), and sophisticated captive insurance vehicles will transition from niche alternative risk transfer (ART) mechanisms into mainstream capital management tools. These innovative instruments will successfully convert non-linear, systemic exposures into quantified, underwritable risk tranches.
- **Capital Mobility, Reinsurance Capacity, and Collaborative Financing:** Managing multi-decade systemic volatility will test the boundaries of traditional primary and reinsurance capacity. The global insurance industry will increasingly depend on friction-free cross-border capital mobility to buffer tail-risk events. Expanding collaborative, alternative capital frameworks - including catastrophe bonds, collateralized sidecars, state-sponsored reinsurance pools, and governmental backstops - will be critical to moderating extreme loss exposures and preserving global market liquidity.
- **Regulatory Harmonization vs. Jurisdictional Protectionism:** The long-term stability of the cross-border insurance ecosystem hinges on structural regulatory evolution. While international standard-setting bodies aim to harmonize risk-based capital requirements to facilitate market stabilization, rising resource nationalism threatens this alignment. The proliferation of data-localization mandates and protectionist capital ring-fencing could severely restrict capital velocity and liquidity. Overcoming these administrative and regulatory headwinds is critical to ensuring that risk capital can flow efficiently to regions experiencing severe climate and macroeconomic stress.

Strategic Business Risk Management: Navigating a Complex Global Landscape

Executive Summary: The Strategic Imperative

The convergence of short-term macroeconomic volatility and long-term geo-economic fragmentation requires insurers, reinsurers, and corporate risk officers to transcend legacy retroactive risk modeling. To sustain underwriting profitability and capital resilience over the secular horizon, market participants must pivot toward an agile, scenario-driven underwriting and asset-management architecture. Integrating proactive risk-mitigation frameworks enables the industry to effectively navigate a complex global exposure landscape, ensuring balance sheet stability and defending the combined ratio while capturing sustainable premium growth. Operating successfully in a multi-polar environment demands a paradigm shift from defensive risk avoidance to calculated risk elasticity. By synthesizing advanced predictive analytics, structured product innovation, optimal reinsurance capacity utilization, and strategic regulatory advocacy, forward-looking carriers can transform global volatility into a quantifiable, manageable, and distinct competitive advantage.

Advanced Analytics & Predictive Risk Monitoring

The exponential expansion of data assets and shifting volatility parameters necessitate a comprehensive modernization of market intelligence capabilities.

- ✓ **Continuous Risk Indicator Monitoring:** Institutionalize advanced analytics platforms leveraging frontier artificial intelligence and big data architectures to continuously monitor real-time macroeconomic, environmental, and geopolitical risk vectors. This predictive infrastructure is critical to identifying volatility inflection points early, enabling carriers to dynamically manage rate adequacy before regional risk profiles deteriorate.
- ✓ **Accumulation Control in the AI Economy:** Establish stringent underwriting guidelines and accumulation metrics targeting high-density technology sectors. While AI enhances forecasting capabilities, the capital expenditure boom in hyperscale data centers introduces unprecedented risk concentration - encompassing cyber, power grid dependency, and property vulnerabilities - that must be dynamically priced and managed via rigid aggregate exposure limits.

Tailored Product Innovation & Regional Underwriting Nuance

As traditional capacity polarizes, commercial insureds require highly structured, bespoke risk-transfer mechanisms to insulate operations across volatile jurisdictions.

- ✓ **Targeted Product Customization:** Accelerate product innovation by developing specialized, high-utility coverages that directly target elevated exposures. Carriers must actively deploy non-traditional solutions, including parametric covers for non-linear climate risks, advanced cyber policies addressing systemic digital threats, and robust political risk insurance to safeguard cross-border supply chains.

- ✓ **Enhancing Regional Underwriting Nuance:** Cultivate deep local distribution partnerships and execute granular risk monitoring within high-exposure regions. Leveraging localized underwriting expertise allows carriers to accurately differentiate between isolated anomalies and systemic loss cost trends, preserving market share in highly profitable niches while safeguarding capital from unmitigated tail risks.

Capital Optimization & Reinsurance Partnerships

Persistent sovereign fiscal vulnerabilities and a structurally higher-for-longer interest rate environment demand enhanced balance sheet insulation and sophisticated capital management.

- ✓ **Optimized Reinsurance Risk-Sharing:** Establish robust risk-sharing arrangements and alternative capital vehicles with global reinsurance partners. Diversifying risk capital via collateralized reinsurance, sidecars, and structured treaty arrangements is paramount to mitigating extreme tail risk and optimizing capacity in volatile corridors.
- ✓ **Agile Asset-Liability Management (ALM):** Optimize long-duration ALM strategies to counter macroeconomic public debt pressures and shifting demographic trends. Insurers must maintain dynamic liquidity buffers to shield asset portfolios against sudden sovereign downgrades while strategically capturing yield opportunities presented by aging populations in developed markets.

Regulatory Advocacy & Governance Transformation

Long-term market stability and capital mobility necessitate proactive strategic engagement within the macroeconomic and regulatory ecosystems.

- ✓ **Advocacy for Regulatory Harmonization:** Collaborate actively with international policymakers, standard-setting bodies, and local regulatory authorities to foster cross-border transparency and enhance institutional governance frameworks.
- ✓ **Driving Risk Transition:** Advocate for unified capital standards, frictionless cross-border capital mobility, and standardized sustainability frameworks. The ultimate strategic objective is to cultivate structural market resilience, transitioning highly volatile jurisdictions into stable, insurable economic corridors that support long-term premium growth.

Macroeconomic Protectionism and Geopolitical Volatility

The mid-2026 macroeconomic and geopolitical landscape is defined by compounding pressures from systemic protectionism and regional conflicts, driving structural fragmentation across global insurance and reinsurance markets. Aggressive US trade policies enacted throughout 2025 elevated the average effective import tariff rate to approximately 18%—the highest level observed since the 1930s. This protectionist baseline has fused with severe supply shocks following the outbreak of conflict in Iran in February 2026. Escalating military actions in the Gulf corridor directly threaten the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint handling roughly 20% of global oil supply. Consequently, temporary policy shocks have transitioned into a permanent state of geo-economic fragmentation, forcing global carriers and reinsurers to navigate unprecedented supply chain decoupling, maritime coverage suspensions, and heightened capital market volatility.

Macroeconomic Headwinds and Loss Cost Trends

The anticipated economic deceleration induced by universal and country-specific tariffs has been acutely exacerbated by energy market disruptions. Global GDP growth has slowed to a subdued baseline of ±2.5% for 2026, entrenching a stagflationary environment characterized by moderate output and persistent price volatility. For export-reliant economies, this structural drag has compressed real household disposable income, constraining premium growth and the affordability of personal lines.

Concurrently, geopolitical tensions have catalyzed energy price volatility, with Brent crude consistently fluctuating above $80 per barrel. This energy-driven inflationary pressure, superimposed on a 25% US tariff on imported automobiles and components and a 50% tariff on metals, has radically amplified physical replacement costs. Non-life sectors—specifically commercial property, construction, and motor physical damage—are experiencing severe material loss cost inflation and protracted repair lifecycles. Furthermore, capacity constraints in the vessel insurance market and surging war-risk premiums have inflated the delivered cost of global cargo, generating complex asset-liability management (ALM) challenges and heightened foreign-exchange risk for multinational carriers.

Regulatory Uncertainty and Commercial Underwriting Realities

Prolonged trade frictions and active warfare in the Middle East have institutionalized elevated political and regulatory headwinds. The persistent threat of operational halts, characterized by declared blockades and vessel interdictions in the Strait of Hormuz, has severely diminished corporate capital expenditure and investment confidence.

Crucially, the commercial underwriting sector is executing a fundamental shift in risk classification and coverage architecture. Incidents involving drone strikes, missile attacks, and state-ordered port closures are increasingly designated as uninsurable acts of war, expanding standard policy exclusions. This shift leaves corporate balance sheets exposed to severe, unhedged non-damage business interruption (NDBI) risks. Under pressure from compressed corporate operating margins and war-induced supply chain paralysis, global corporate insolvencies escalated through 2025 and are projected to accelerate further into late 2026. In response, commercial underwriters have adopted a highly defensive posture, manifesting in drastic capacity contractions, stringent risk selection, and aggressive rate action to achieve rate adequacy.

Structural Shifts in Life and Wealth Management Lines

Aligning with historical cyclical contractions, global life insurance premium growth has decelerated sharply to an annualized pace of approximately ±2% over the 2025–2026 period. Squeezed by tariff-driven price shocks and geopolitical anxiety, consumers are prioritizing immediate liquidity and capital preservation over multi-decade protection and wealth-accumulation contracts. Traditional term and whole-life lines face headwinds as persistent inflation erodes the real purchasing power of fixed-benefit payouts.

Conversely, a distinct safe-haven reallocation has accelerated since February 2026. Sophisticated retail and institutional buyers are actively pivoting away from traditional lines toward variable annuities, private credit-backed investment wrappers, and specialized inflation-linked life products. These vehicles are increasingly utilized as structural hedges against currency devaluation and broader macroeconomic instability.

Portfolio Optimization and Hard Market Dynamics in Non-Life Lines

The non-life sector faces immediate underwriting profitability pressure, with severe margin compression visible across property, casualty, and specialty marine lines. In personal and commercial auto lines, the 25% component tariffs and 50% metal tariffs have severely inflated claims severity and extended loss adjustment lifecycles, threatening combined ratios. To mitigate rising premium costs, commercial insureds are aggressively optimizing risk-transfer budgets, frequently reducing discretionary limits within excess liability and NDBI portfolios.

The most acute market hardening is concentrated within specialized Marine and Aviation war-risk lines. Transits through the Gulf corridor face immediate, punitive war-risk premium surcharges and localized capacity withdrawals, materially increasing global logistics costs. Concurrently, the Political Risk Insurance (PRI) and political violence markets are undergoing a comprehensive, structurally driven repricing phase to absorb projected multi-billion-dollar losses from regional asset destruction and supply chain blockades. Consequently, multinational organizations are actively paying substantial premium surpluses for Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) and bespoke PRI solutions to insulate balance sheets against counterparty defaults, systemic insolvencies, and regulatory expropriation along fractured trade corridors.

Global Insurance Sector and the Strategic Role of the USD

Baseline Total Addressable Market (TAM) projections assume stable global economic conditions. However, a structural depreciation of the USD - driven by fiscal deterioration or diminished international confidence - would rapidly compress current growth differentials, rendering Euro-denominated metrics highly critical for European and globally diversified carriers. For strategic risk management, insurers must explicitly integrate foreign exchange (FX) volatility and prospective U.S. sovereign credit downgrades into long-term financial planning. Optimizing multi-currency hedging frameworks and executing rigorous, forward-looking stress testing are imperative to insulate regulatory capital against systemic liquidity shocks and preserve cross-border underwriting capacity.

Structural Dependency of Global Insurance Markets on the USD

The USD remains the foundational anchor of the global financial architecture, serving as the premier reserve currency and accounting for approximately 60% of allocated global foreign exchange reserves. This status affords U.S. capital markets unparalleled depth and liquidity, sustaining an "exorbitant privilege." With the federal debt held by the public surpassing $30 trillion in 2026, U.S. Treasury securities underpin the global risk-free rate framework, directly anchoring discount curves, valuation models, and capital requirements for derivatives and securities financing.

Given these structural liquidity and regulatory advantages, global insurance entities maintain deep institutional tethers to the USD. Insurers typically allocate 20% to 30% of their general account assets to U.S. sovereign debt to optimize regulatory capital ratios and back long-duration liability portfolios. Furthermore, the dollar dominates cross-border risk transfer mechanisms: the vast majority of international commercial premiums, global reinsurance treaties, and derivative counterparty settlements are denominated and executed in USD, cementing the currency at the core of global insurance operations.

Sovereign Fiscal Trajectories and Macro-Financial Outlook

Driven by persistent structural spending, expanding entitlement obligations, and elevated defense outlays, the U.S. fiscal trajectory has entered a high-exposure phase. The U.S. federal deficit has climbed to approximately ~6% of GDP, pushing federal debt held by the public past 110% of GDP - a threshold not sustained since the immediate aftermath of World War II. Under current legislative frameworks, this debt ratio is modeled to exceed 130% over the next decade, exacerbated by net annualized interest outlays surpassing $1 trillion.

These chronic fiscal imbalances, amplified by recent tariff implementations that inject stickiness into core inflation and drive unfavorable loss cost trends, present distinct structural headwinds. Protracted fiscal instability threatens long-term confidence in the USD, applying upward pressure on Treasury yields (with the 10-year note projected to exceed 4%) and escalating global corporate financing costs. While conventional policy responses - including entitlement reform, tax revenue optimization, and supply-side growth initiatives - are frequently proposed by market analysts, execution remains heavily constrained by deep domestic political polarization and competing legislative priorities, limiting near-term rate adequacy and macroeconomic stabilization.

Sovereign Distress: Shock Scenarios and Insurance Sector Fallout

A technical U.S. sovereign default or a severe market-driven repricing event would precipitate an unprecedented devaluation of global safe assets. Because U.S. Treasuries constitute up to one-third of the high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) held by insurance companies, an abrupt contraction in bond valuations would immediately compromise regulatory capital. Predictive modeling indicates that a severe Treasury devaluation could erode 25% to 30% of insurers' regulatory capital, instantly breaching solvency margins and forcing accelerated run-offs, capital calls, or direct regulatory intervention.

Simultaneously, disruptions in the Treasury market would freeze the collateral loops supporting interest-rate, foreign-exchange, and credit derivatives. The resulting margin calls would spike institutional liquidity demands, forcing carriers into the fire-sale of secondary assets (such as equities and corporate bonds), thereby generating a systemic downward spiral across broader asset classes. Given the intricate web of asset chains and reinsurance counterparty exposures linking banks, asset managers, and carriers, a severe U.S. debt shock would rapidly culminate in a global credit crunch and a drastic contraction in commercial underwriting capacity.

Insurance-Finance Market Interconnections

Modern insurance asset portfolios represent a highly interconnected transmission mechanism for systemic risk. Exposure to diverse cross-border asset classes leaves carriers highly sensitive to sudden fluctuations in credit spreads, foreign exchange rates, and interest rate curves. Global reinsurance structures create a decentralized network of credit and liquidity interdependencies; financial distress or a multi-billion-dollar catastrophe loss in a single geographic corridor can instantly impair capital availability across the globe.

Crucially, corporate hedging programs - including macro asset-liability management (ALM) strategies, catastrophe risk indexing, and life insurance longevity swaps - rely on a stable, highly liquid U.S. Treasury market for collateral posting. Any operational freeze in Treasury settlement would trigger immediate margin stress and forced de-leveraging, severely disrupting carriers' ability to transfer high-risk exposures to the capital markets via catastrophe bonds and traditional retrocession structures, ultimately degrading overall combined ratios.

Systemic Stabilization and Crisis Resolution Mechanisms

To mitigate acute systemic crises and preserve global financial infrastructure, monetary and multilateral authorities stand prepared to deploy a highly coordinated network of emergency backstops. This macroprudential response would entail the immediate expansion of standing USD liquidity swap lines by the Federal Reserve, in close coordination with the European Central Bank, Bank of Japan, and Bank of England, ensuring that stressed overseas financial institutions and pension funds retain critical access to emergency dollar funding. Simultaneously, vulnerable sovereign states would stabilize trade and import financing corridors by tapping multilateral credit facilities, such as the IMF’s Flexible Credit Line (FCL) or Precautionary and Liquidity Line (PLL), alongside targeted structural liquidity support from the World Bank.

At the institutional resolution level within the United States, while Dodd-Frank Title II provisions grant the FDIC overarching Orderly Liquidation Authority over systemically important non-bank financial entities, the technical rehabilitation or liquidation of insurance operating companies remains strictly within the primary jurisdiction of state insurance regulators under state law, heavily insulated by state guaranty associations to protect policyholders up to statutory limits. Looking toward long-term risk insulation, these systemic vulnerabilities are prompting global central banks to incrementally diversify reserve portfolios into Euros, Renminbi, gold, and IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), progressively establishing a multi-polar safe-asset strategy to mitigate long-term USD concentration risk.

Strategic Trajectories: Currency Dynamics and TAM Growth Projections

An analysis of global macroeconomic trajectories from 2025 through 2030 reveals a stark divergence in currency dynamics and Total Addressable Market (TAM) growth projections, requiring insurance executives to rigorously distinguish between real market expansion and nominal fluctuations. On a cumulative basis, total market TAM growth for USD-denominated business is projected to remain robust, whereas EUR-denominated markets are expected to expand by low single-digit percentages. This performance gap highlights a critical "growth illusion" for unhedged European carriers, as the apparent outperformance of the dollar is heavily supported by a persistent currency premium and elevated nominal interest rates rather than organic volume expansion. Consequently, global insurers must calibrate their growth targets to account for these underlying macroeconomic drivers to avoid overestimating real market penetration.

This currency divergence is particularly pronounced within the Non-Life sub-sector, where USD projections indicate a strong 10% to 15% growth trajectory against a deeply subdued baseline for Euro-denominated risks. While this accelerated nominal expansion in the USD segment signals top-line premium growth opportunities, it simultaneously introduces expanded balance sheet exposure to inflation-driven claims severity and rapidly escalating physical asset replacement costs, threatening underwriting profitability.

Compounding this underwriting friction is a structural asset portfolio imbalance: global insurers typically maintain a 20% to 30% concentration of general account assets in U.S. Treasuries, whereas Euro-focused peers hold minimal-to-moderate dollar exposures. This heavy institutional reliance on USD-denominated sovereign debt introduces a critical vulnerability to systemic capital erosion. Any structural devaluation or sharp repricing of U.S. fixed-income instruments would immediately threaten core regulatory solvency thresholds, potentially triggering mandatory capital interventions and restricting cross-border underwriting capacity.

Systemic Risk, Black Swan Perils, and Market Resilience

While classical economic theory defines a "Black Swan" as an unpredictable, low-frequency, high-severity event with catastrophic consequences[1], the contemporary risk landscape has blurred the distinction between unmodeled tail events and severely underestimated "Grey Swans" - predictable yet systemically neglected perils. Although climate change accelerates non-linear natural catastrophe (Nat Cat) volatility, the primary threat to global insurance market stability stems from systemic, highly correlated digital and geopolitical shocks. Modern actuarial modeling signals that a synchronized cyber-disruption or nation-state assault on critical financial infrastructure, energy grids, and global supply chains represents the most acute threat to capital adequacy and solvency. The materialization of these severe tail risks fundamentally shifts both market capacity and commercial demand dynamics:

- Accelerated Risk Aversion and Inelastic Demand Surges: Immediate post-shock environments trigger a fundamental recalibration of corporate risk tolerance. Perils previously deemed negligible are rapidly incorporated into enterprise risk registers, driving immediate, inelastic demand for specialized risk-transfer mechanisms. This spike manifests primarily in heightened demand for comprehensive Business Interruption (BI), Contingent Business Interruption (CBI), and Political Risk Insurance (PRI) coverages, compounding hard market dynamics across specialty lines.
- The Capital Compaction and Protection Gap Dilemma: Concurrently, as underwriting appetite contracts and demand escalates, the broader macroeconomic fallout—characterized by currency volatility, asset devaluation, and supply-chain friction—erodes corporate liquidity and disposable income. This friction widens the global "protection gap," forcing risk managers to balance the need for elevated limits against highly constrained risk-management budgets, ultimately dampening premium growth across discretionary commercial lines.
- Exclusion Refinement and Structural Product Evolution: Systemic crises invariably expose latent vulnerabilities and structural ambiguities in legacy policy wordings. For instance, traditional property programs rely on physical damage triggers, leaving insureds exposed to non-physical operational closures. In response, underwriters aggressively refine exclusion clauses to preserve capital, while simultaneously pioneering structured Non-Damage Business Interruption (NDBI) solutions, converting previously uninsurable exposures into viable, priced risk classes.

Case Studies in Systemic Shocks

The September 11 Attacks: Geopolitical Shockwaves and Reinsurance Restructuring

The 2001 terrorist attacks served as a definitive Black Swan that fundamentally restructured the global risk-transfer architecture. Prior to the event, terrorism exposure was routinely bundled into standard commercial property packages without explicit premium allocation. The multi-billion-dollar, highly correlated losses triggered an acute reinsurance capacity contraction, prompting reinsurers to implement wholesale exclusions for terrorism perils. Resolving this market failure required state-backed intervention, culminating in the enactment of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) in the United States and similar public-private backstops globally, which institutionalized terrorism as a distinct, rigorously modeled specialty line.

Hurricane Katrina: Catastrophe Modeling Deficiencies and Underwriting Reforms

Although Atlantic hurricanes represent predictable seasonal perils, the unprecedented severity of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 exposed systemic deficiencies in legacy catastrophe (Cat) modeling and flood exclusion frameworks. The event revealed that existing predictive models failed to capture complex storm-surge mechanics, infrastructure degradation, and demand surge (post-event loss inflation). The ensuing capital erosion forced primary carriers to implement strict coastal underwriting guidelines, introduce mandatory windstorm deductibles, and accelerate the adoption of next-generation, high-resolution geospatial modeling tools to re-establish rate adequacy.

The COVID-19 Pandemic: Systemic Interconnectedness and Contractual Litigation Stress

The COVID-19 pandemic manifested as a globally synchronized business interruption shock, completely undermining traditional geographic diversification strategies. Carriers faced severe litigation stress as policyholders challenged legacy policy intent, arguing that viral contamination constituted physical loss or damage. This unprecedented exposure catalyzed a structural hardening of the property and casualty (P&C) market, resulting in universal communicable disease exclusions and prompting a strategic pivot toward specialized public backstops and structured pandemic-reinsurance solutions.

The July 2024 CrowdStrike Outage: Non-Malicious Digital Supply Chain Vulnerabilities

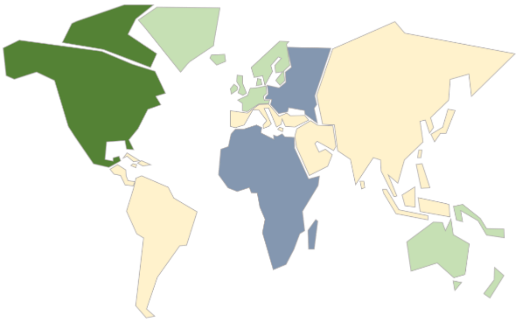
The systemic fragility of the global digital supply chain was underscored on July 19, 2024, when a defective software configuration update from cybersecurity vendor CrowdStrike disrupted approximately 8.5 million Microsoft Windows systems globally[2]. The resulting operational paralysis across critical infrastructure - including aviation, logistics, healthcare, and financial services - generated direct economic losses surpassing $5.4 billion for Fortune 500 entities alone. While non-malicious in nature, the incident acted as a transformative catalyst for the cyber insurance sector. Industry insured losses were mitigated by structural policy features, specifically standard 8-to-12-hour time retention (waiting periods) and restrictive CBI deductibles. This "Grey Swan" exposed critical Single Points of Failure (SPoF) within cloud-dependent ecosystems, forcing underwriters to aggressively reassess system failure wordings, recalibrate loss cost trends, and tighten rate adequacy for non-malicious IT supply chain dependencies.

Strategic Implications for 2026 and Beyond

Navigating through 2026, the global insurance and reinsurance markets are actively institutionalizing frameworks to insulate balance sheets from these compounding systemic exposures. To mitigate the risk of market-wide insolvency during a large-scale geopolitical conflict, cyber underwriters have executed a structural hardening of policy wordings. This is driven by the industry-wide adoption of standardized state-backed cyber warfare exclusions, effectively segregating attritional commercial cyber losses from catastrophic nation-state aggregates.

Concurrently, to optimize risk-bearing capacity for remaining systemic tail risks, the sector has successfully deepened its integration with alternative capital markets. Cyber Insurance-Linked Securities (Cyber ILS), specifically Cyber Catastrophe Bonds, have reached operational maturity in 2026, with annual issuance volumes surpassing $1.5 billion[3]. By securitizing extreme tail-risk scenarios - such as widespread cloud provider outages or cascading software supply chain compromises - and transferring them to institutional investors, the industry has established a robust capital buffer, ensuring that underwriting profitability, combined ratios, and global capacity remain resilient ahead of the next inevitable Black or Grey Swan event.

Regional Risk Analysis: Details



The global insurance market in 2026 navigates a highly volatile risk landscape characterized by deep geopolitical fragmentation, macro-financial imbalances, and structural economic shifts. To sustain underwriting profitability and protect solvency margins, global insurers must dynamically realign underwriting guidelines, rate adequacy metrics, and capital allocation strategies with rapidly evolving regional risk profiles. This 2026 risk assessment integrates major macroeconomic and geopolitical dislocations that have accelerated over the past 12 months. Chief among these are the macro-financial pressures emanating from prolonged Middle East instabilities - which continue to drive localized hyperinflation and maritime supply chain bottlenecks - structural growth stagnation across core Western European economies, and escalating cross-border trade barriers. The following sections provide a detailed diagnostic analysis of each geographic region, grounded in the 2026 Business Risk Vulnerability Framework.

	Macroeconomic Risk Vulnerability Class	Political Risk Vulnerability Class
Africa	Moderate	High
North America	Low	Minimal
Central America	Moderate to High	Moderate to High
South America	Moderate to High	High
Asia	Low (CHN) to High (emerging markets)	Moderate
East Europe (CIS)	High	Moderate
North Europe	Moderate	Minimal
Southern Europe	Moderate to High	Low
West Europe	Moderate	Minimal
Middle East	High	High to Critical
Oceania	Moderate	Minimal to Low

Fig. 5: Business Risk Vulnerability Classes Insurance Market – Overview per Region

Africa

The African continent exhibits a pronounced structural mismatch between highly favorable demographic fundamentals—which designate Population Growth as a Low risk and signal substantial long-term premium growth potential—and severe, overlapping macro-structural vulnerabilities. Both GDP Total & Per Capita and GDP Growth Trend are classified as High risk, as real economic output fails to keep pace with systemic demographic demands. Concurrently, chronic domestic currency devaluations maintain a High risk rating for the Inflation Outlook. Compounding these exposures, Government Debt is rated High risk amid widespread sovereign defaults that severely restrict fiscal flexibility, while systemic corruption, inconsistent legal enforcement, and frequent unconstitutional governance transitions place Corruption, Rule of Law, and Political Stability firmly in the High risk tier.

Security threats further elevate operational friction, driving Safety & Security and Threats of War & Sanctions to High risk levels due to regional insurgencies and cross-border tensions, while the overall Economic Framework is maintained at a Moderate risk baseline. The commercial insurance sector's primary exposures are heavily concentrated in two anchor markets:

- Nigeria: Where aggressive currency devaluations have severely eroded the real value of life insurance reserves and pension assets.
- South Africa: Where chronic power generation deficits and infrastructural decay have sparked sustained waves of commercial business interruption (BI) claims, severely testing the capital adequacy of local property and casualty (P&C) carriers

North America (including Mexico)

North America continues to function as a primary anchor of global insurance capital and affluence, though its historically secure risk profile faces pressure from widening fiscal imbalances and domestic political friction. The region maintains a Minimal risk rating for GDP Total & Per Capita, serving as the global benchmark for consumer spending power and premium density, while its GDP Growth Trend and Inflation Outlook are managed at Low risk levels under disciplined monetary policy and a Low risk Economic Framework. However, the Government Debt Ratio is designated as High risk, reflecting an unprecedented expansion of public debt that constrains the long-term fiscal cushion. Domestic political polarization has adjusted the Political Stability rating to Moderate risk as institutional trust faces persistent pressure. Core institutional and operational pillars remain exceptionally strong, with Rule of Law, Corruption, and Population Growth holding Minimal to Low risk ratings, and both Safety & Security and Threats of War & Sanctions maintained firmly at Low risk.

The region comprises three high-impact insurance markets facing distinct loss cost trends:

- United States: Underwriting profitability is increasingly compressed by severe social and economic claims inflation, compounded by massive property exposure to severe secondary climate hazards, notably Florida hurricanes and California wildfires.
- Canada: Insurers are actively managing supply chain disruptions within key manufacturing corridors alongside multi-billion-dollar wildfire liabilities in Alberta that are testing regional specialty reinsurance layers and attachment points.
- Mexico: Functioning as a high-impact commercial anchor for cross-border logistics and nearshoring, the market is experiencing heightened demand for supply chain risk, surety, and trade credit coverage while simultaneously navigating complex tariff adjustments and regulatory updates.

Central America

Central America represents a challenging, high-barrier operating environment where structural governance deficits and small, vulnerable economies generate moderate-to-high risk ratings across nearly all operational parameters. Extreme wealth concentration and a restricted tax base drive a High risk rating for GDP Total & Per Capita, while susceptibility to global commodity price shocks keeps the Inflation Outlook at High risk. The GDP Growth Trend is rated Moderate risk due to a heavy reliance on volatile remittance flows. Fiscal fragility and structural deficits push Government Debt to High risk, while deep administrative deficits and weak judicial enforcement place Corruption, Rule of Law, and Political Stability firmly in the High risk category alongside a highly vulnerable Economic Framework rated at High risk. Population Growth remains at a Moderate risk baseline.

Physical security remains a persistent threat to corporate assets, with entrenched violence driving Safety & Security to a High risk rating, whereas Threats of War & Sanctions are kept at Moderate risk. Operational volatility is highly visible across the region's key logistics and trade nodes:

- Panama: Climate-induced transit restrictions through the Panama Canal directly impact marine hull and cargo volumes, suppressing premium growth in transit lines.
- Honduras and El Salvador: Systemic extortion and security risks keep commercial underwriting capacity constrained, driving acute corporate demand for specialized political violence and specialty risk insurance packages.

South America

Characterized by resource-dependent economies and cyclical commodity-driven growth, South America presents a mixed risk environment where solid raw material assets are frequently undermined by structural financial and political volatility. The region's vast natural resource endowments secure a Moderate risk rating for both GDP Total & Per Capita and GDP Growth Trend, but chronic monetary imbalances and fiscal deficits push the Inflation Outlook and the Government Debt Ratio to High risk levels, alongside a Moderate risk for Population Growth. Similarly, persistent ideological polarization and public sector corruption elevate Political Stability, Corruption, and the overall Economic Framework to High risk ratings, while the Rule of Law is maintained at Moderate risk due to isolated legal and regulatory reforms. Security risks remain prominent, placing Safety & Security at High risk due to urban supply chain vulnerabilities, while Threats of War & Sanctions are assessed at Moderate risk.

The continent's principal insurance dynamics are driven by two contrasting markets:

- Brazil: As the continent's largest and most critical insurance engine, carriers are continuously re-engineering their solvency ratios to align with rapid regulatory interventions from SUSEP regarding capital structure, risk-based capital requirements, and corporate governance.
- Argentina: Representing an extreme example of macro-financial risk, high inflation and local currency depreciation force claims managers to fundamentally restructuring payout reserve models to prevent rapid capital erosion and maintain contractual viability.

Asia (including China)

The highly diverse Asian market presents global insurers with a deeply bifurcated risk landscape that balances vast commercial opportunities against mounting corporate leverage and rising geopolitical flashpoints. The region's massive but highly unequal wealth distribution results in a Moderate risk rating for GDP Total & Per Capita, while property sector distress and Western technology tariffs keep the GDP Growth Trend at Moderate risk, matched by a bifurcated pricing environment that maintains a Moderate risk Inflation Outlook. However, systemic vulnerabilities are evident in the Government Debt Ratio, rated High risk due to aggressive debt accumulation in corporate and local government sectors. Population Growth is also rated High risk, reflecting the structural friction of rapid urbanization clashing with an accelerating demographic aging curve. While Political Stability, Rule of Law, and Corruption are maintained at Moderate risk levels, the Economic Framework is designated as High risk due to frequent state interventions. This is compounded by Threats of War & Sanctions at High risk due to technological decoupling and maritime tensions in the South China Sea, though domestic Safety & Security remains at Moderate risk.

Key regional market dynamics include:

- China: Underwriters must navigate fluid regulatory landscapes, particularly within the health insurance sector, while managing commercial P&C stagnation linked to real estate defaults and infrastructure slowdowns.
- Japan: A mature market outlier where property and casualty capacity has contracted due to stringent regulatory scrutiny and revised catastrophe modeling assumptions.
- Indonesia and India: Emerging powerhouses demonstrating a massive demand surge for digital microinsurance frameworks designed to bridge deep protection gaps in under-penetrated rural peripheries.

Eastern Europe (CIS)

The geopolitical crisis in Eastern Europe has entrenched a highly distorted war economy, resulting in a severely stressed operational risk profile characterized by chronic institutional weaknesses and systemic disruption. High structural vulnerabilities and low per capita incomes place GDP Total & Per Capita, a stagnant and wartime-distorted GDP Growth Trend, a highly volatile Inflation Outlook, and the Government Debt Ratio—drained by astronomical military expenditures—all firmly in the High risk category. Systemic instability is at its peak, with Political Stability rated Critical risk due to the ongoing active state of war, while Rule of Law is rated High risk, reflecting the total political instrumentalization of the legal system. This sits alongside High risk ratings for Corruption and the overall Economic Framework. Physical and operational risks are similarly elevated, driving Safety & Security, Threats of War & Sanctions, and Population Growth (exacerbated by massive wartime emigration) to High risk levels.

The market ramifications are concentrated heavily across two isolated poles:

- Ukraine: Active combat has caused a near-total collapse of standard aviation, political risk, and marine hull insurance lines, forcing commercial interests to rely entirely on state-backed, international war-risk facilities and specialized public-private syndicates.
- Russia: Representing a high-impact zone of institutional isolation, sweeping financial sanctions have disconnected local entities from global reinsurance networks, forcing a total reliance on domestic capital pools, state-backed retrocession structures, and capped national reinsurers.

Northern Europe

Northern Europe continues to stand as the global benchmark for macroeconomic resilience, institutional transparency, and regulatory predictability, offering insurers an exceptionally stable operating environment. The region secures Minimal risk ratings across almost all core operational pillars, including GDP Total & Per Capita, Inflation Outlook, Corruption, Political Stability, Rule of Law, Economic Framework, and Safety & Security. Its steady, mature expansion keeps the GDP Growth Trend and Threats of War & Sanctions at a highly secure Low risk. The sole outlier of note is Population Growth, which is rated Moderate risk due to the demographic headwind of a rapidly aging native workforce.

Within this premium territory, carriers focus on high-sophistication lines:

- Sweden and Denmark: Operating as high-impact digital hubs, extreme asset digitization and insurtech adoption force primary carriers to develop advanced cybersecurity frameworks and specialized commercial cyber-liability packages.
- Finland: Serving as a case study for long-term demographic risk management, insurers are actively shifting their product mix toward private pension risk transfers (PRT) and structured long-term care products to buffer the fiscal strains of a graying population.

Southern Europe

Southern Europe presents a mature but structurally constrained insurance market where persistent fiscal vulnerabilities and severe demographic shifts demand highly localized and adaptable underwriting strategies. While a solid economic foundation maintains GDP Total & Per Capita, GDP Growth Trend (which remains heavily reliant on volatile tourism and service sectors), and the Inflation Outlook at Moderate risk levels, unsustainable public debt burdens push the Government Debt Ratio to a critical High risk rating. Demographics represent a severe structural challenge, with Population Growth rated High risk due to rapid population aging and demographic contraction, which is compounded by a sluggish and bureaucratically burdened Economic Framework also rated at High risk. In contrast, institutional and social metrics—such as Corruption, Political Stability, Rule of Law, and Safety & Security—remain stable at Moderate risk, while Threats of War & Sanctions are rated Low risk.

The primary high-relevance risk vectors include:

- Italy: Elevated public debt and sticky inflation have compelled life insurers to introduce complex inflation-protection riders into traditional annuity portfolios to curb policy lapses and surrender trends.
- Greece and Turkey: Functioning as high-impact zones for climate and seismic risk management, a dramatic increase in catastrophic claims from earthquakes and extreme wildfires has forced regional insurers to aggressively pursue property rate adequacy and expand their reliance on international reinsurance layers.

Western Europe

Western Europe's mature and highly sophisticated insurance markets are currently managing a transition toward lower-growth dynamics, driven by structural stagnation in core economies and widening fiscal imbalances. The region retains its Minimal risk benchmark for GDP Total & Per Capita alongside Minimal risk for Corruption and Rule of Law, and a highly structured, Low risk Economic Framework, Safety & Security, and Threats of War & Sanctions. However, structural growth bottlenecks have adjusted the GDP Growth Trend to Moderate risk, while sticky core inflation driven by energy transition adjustments maintains a Moderate risk Inflation Outlook. Furthermore, widening fiscal deficits and political budget gridlocks have elevated the Government Debt Ratio to High risk, while fragmented party landscapes have pushed Political Stability to Moderate risk, and immigration-offset labor shortages maintain a Moderate risk for Population Growth.

Market dynamics across key hubs reflect these structural pressures:

- Germany: As the region's cornerstone market, structural economic stagnation has accelerated back-book consolidation in the life sector and forced a rapid operational shift toward strict ESG-compliant underwriting criteria.
- France: Functioning as a vital bancassurance hub, local operations face friction due to shifting fiscal policies and capital requirements.
- Netherlands: Acting as a critical specialty market, advanced coastal flood and sea-level rise modeling dictates aggressive adjustments to property catastrophe pricing and risk accumulation boundaries.

Middle East

The Middle East presents a highly polarized and high-risk operational landscape, defined by a sharp economic divide between the financially insulated Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and neighboring conflict-ridden territories. Driven by active warfare and escalating regional conflicts, the risk ratings for Inflation Outlook, Political Stability, Safety & Security, and Threats of War & Sanctions are all classified at a Critical risk level, presenting severe physical danger to commercial infrastructure and raising the threat of maritime blockades in the vital Strait of Hormuz corridor. This extreme volatility is mirrored across other parameters, with GDP Total & Per Capita, GDP Growth Trend, Government Debt, Corruption, Rule of Law, and the Economic Framework all rated High risk, while Population Growth is maintained at a Moderate risk baseline.

The insurance market is starkly divided into two distinct operating realities:

- GCC Hubs (UAE and Saudi Arabia): Representing a booming counter-trend, these insurance markets are expanding rapidly due to double-digit premium growth in infrastructure giga-projects, mandatory health coverage, and a thriving captive insurance ecosystem.
- Conflict-Impacted Sub-regions (including Israel and shipping lanes adjacent to Yemen): Serving as high-impact crisis zones, active military hostilities and drone strikes have caused marine hull and cargo war-risk premiums to skyrocket, forcing underwriters to implement drastic capacity contractions and stringent coverage exclusions.

Oceania (Australia & New Zealand)

Oceania presents an exceptionally secure, prosperous, and politically stable environment for global insurance operations, offering highly favorable underwriting conditions supported by robust economic foundations. The region secures Minimal risk ratings across almost all assessed parameters, including GDP Total & Per Capita, Inflation Outlook, Government Debt Ratio, Population Growth (supported by targeted skilled migration), Corruption, Political Stability, Rule of Law, Economic Framework, Safety & Security, and Threats of War & Sanctions. Its resource-exporting strength maintains the GDP Growth Trend at a highly stable Low risk.

The region's mature corporate risk landscape is defined by climate and cyber factors:

- Australia: Operating as the dominant high-impact insurance hub, carriers face significant balance sheet exposure due to an escalating frequency of climate-driven secondary perils, such as severe bushfires and catastrophic East Coast floods. Concurrently, a surge in high-profile cyber breaches on domestic financial entities has forced insurers to restrict standalone cyber policy limits and tighten underwriting standards.

- **New Zealand:** Standing as a highly sophisticated insurance market, strict seismic risk modeling and mandatory climate risk disclosures dictate the long-term capital allocation, solvency management, and premium structuring strategies of local property and casualty insurers.

Summary Matrix: Macroeconomic and Political Risk Classes

The worldwide insurance environment is shaped by a complex network of interconnected macroeconomic, institutional, and geopolitical risks. While select regions offer stability and regulatory predictability, others face acute economic volatility, political uncertainty, and mounting climate threats. To adapt to these rapidly shifting conditions, insurance providers must fine-tune their underwriting models and adjust their premium strategies to reflect the evolving risk environment.

The following table provides an in-depth diagnostic analysis of risk levels across different regions, categorized as Minimal, Low, Moderate, High, or Critical for each key parameter. This matrix serves as a powerful tool, helping insurers and analysts identify trends in economic growth, inflation pressures, governance stability, corruption levels, and emerging systemic threats.

	GDP Total & Per Capita	GDP Growth Trend	Inflation Outlook	Govt Debt Ratio	Population Growth	Corruption Index	Political Stability	Rule of Law	Economic Framework	Safety & Security	Threats of War / Sanctions
Africa	High (Severe structural risk due to lowest global per capita income)	High (Growth entirely decoupled from and outpaced by population needs)	High (Severe pressure from chronically devalued currencies)	High (Widespread sovereign debt defaults narrow fiscal space)	Low (favorable youthful demographics, though may stress infrastructure)	High (Systemic corruption heavily deters foreign investment)	High (High frequency of unconstitutional government transitions)	High (Inconsistent enforcement and vast regulatory gray areas)	Moderate (Regulatory reform progress is highly fragmented)	High (Severe localized security deficits and insurgencies)	High (Elevated exposure to transnational terror and border friction)
North America	Minimal (Global benchmark for total affluence and spending power)	Low (Resilient growth pattern, slightly cooled by monetary policy)	Low (Inflation mostly tamed, though stickier than Europe's north)	High (Unprecedented federal debt limits long-term fiscal cushion)	Low (Balanced demographics sustained by targeted net migration)	Minimal (Highly transparent public and corporate governance)	Moderate (Deepening domestic polarization impacts institutional trust)	Minimal (Historically robust, independent legal infrastructure)	Low (Highly predictable, corporate-friendly policy environment)	Low (Advanced public safety, isolated urban risk zones)	Low (Negligible domestic threat; primary driver of global sanctions)
Central America	High (Low per capita base with extreme wealth concentration)	Moderate (Unsteady economic cycles tied to US remittance volatility)	High (Highly vulnerable to global food and import price shocks)	High (Severe fiscal vulnerabilities and structural deficits)	Moderate (Expanding labor pool under severe economic stress)	High (Deep deficits in administrative governance and transparency)	High (Frequent social unrest and fragile institutional backing)	High (Weak legal enforcement and systemic judicial instability)	High (Fragile investment conditions and exposure to external shocks)	High (Severe security risk driven by entrenched gang violence)	Moderate (Minor territorial friction; low cross-border war risk)
South America	Moderate (Resource-rich mid-income block with high social inequality)	Moderate (Cyclical commodity swings with highly mixed reform output)	High (Persistent inflationary pressures require aggressive tightening)	High (Unsustainably high debt-to-GDP ratios in core economies)	Moderate (Demographic transition leading to gradual growth slowdown)	High (Widespread public sector corruption impacts key industries)	High (Elevated volatility driven by deep ideological divisions)	Moderate (Institutional weaknesses paired with isolated legal reforms)	High (Volatile regulatory shifts and structural deficits)	High (security situation in major urban supply chains)	Moderate (Geopolitical rhetoric rising slightly in border zones)
Asia (incl. China)	Moderate (Massive aggregate GDP, but highly unequal per capita spread)	Moderate (Property sector drag and Western tech tariffs slow growth)	Moderate (Bifurcated: China deflation risks offset by regional energy costs)	High (Critical debt accumulation in corporate and local government sectors)	High (Rapid urbanization clashing with rapid demographic aging)	Moderate (Enforcement and bribery levels vary drastically by state)	Moderate (Stable domestic markets shadowed by regional maritime friction)	Moderate (Advanced commercial courts operating alongside autocracies)	High (Rapid market evolution but frequent, arbitrary state intervention)	Moderate (Urban supply hubs are safe; rural peripheries riskier)	High (High risk of tech decoupling and maritime flashpoints)
East Europe (CIS)	High (Severe risk from total commodity dependence and sanctions)	High (Stagnant, heavily distorted wartime economic performance)	High (Highly volatile due to structural isolation and weak currencies)	High (Astronomical military expenditures draining fiscal reserves)	High (Demographic crisis accelerated by massive emigration and war)	High (Endemic, structural corruption remains deeply rooted)	Critical (Extreme systemic instability due to active state of war)	High (Total political instrumentalization of the legal system)	High (outdated frameworks and slow adaptation to global norms)	High (Severe physical threat to infrastructure and personnel)	High (external pressures, sanctions, and geopolitical tensions are common)
North Europe	Minimal (Extremely high per capita wealth and economic resilience)	Low (Steady, mature growth pattern despite global crosswinds)	Minimal (Inflation successfully anchored back to target levels)	Low (Global benchmark for fiscal discipline and low debt ratios)	Moderate (Demographic aging effectively managed by robust welfare)	Minimal (World-leading transparency and lowest corruption scores)	Minimal (Excellently insulated, highly stable democratic processes)	Minimal (Absolute judicial independence and robust legal certainty)	Minimal (Highly efficient, forward-looking economic frameworks)	Minimal (Exceptional public safety standards and low crime)	Low (Low direct threat; heightened defense and border integration)
Southern Europe	Moderate (Solid economic foundation but burdened by legacy issues)	Moderate (Growth heavily reliant on volatile tourism and services)	Moderate (Periodic price stabilization, though energy risks remain)	High (Critical, unsustainable public debt mountains persist)	High (Severe demographic collapse and rapid population aging)	Moderate (Noticeable bureaucratic friction at the administrative level)	Moderate (Frequent coalition shifts and fragile political balances)	Moderate (Functional but notoriously slow judicial processes)	High (Sluggish structural reforms and heavy bureaucratic drag)	Moderate (Generally secure; isolated urban localized hotspots)	Low (Minor Mediterranean maritime tensions; minimal direct war risk)
West Europe	Minimal (Highly mature, wealthy, and diversified industrial base)	Moderate (Structural growth stagnation in core economies like Germany)	Moderate (Sticky core inflation driven by structural energy adjustments)	High (Widening fiscal deficits and budget gridlocks, e.g., France)	Moderate (Stagnant native labor base partially offset by immigration)	Minimal (Strong anti-corruption frameworks and institutional compliance)	Moderate (Fragmented party landscapes complicate stable coalition building)	Minimal (Uncompromising legal protection and strict contract enforcement)	Low (Highly regulated, though rising compliance costs burden businesses)	Low (High overall safety paired with slightly rising urban crime)	Low (Highly stable environment; indirect friction from global sanctions)
Middle East	High (Extreme division between hyper-wealthy Gulf and ruined conflict zones)	High (Highly volatile growth completely tied to regional escalations)	Critical (Hyperinflationary collapses across active conflict states)	High (Extreme fiscal volatility driven by defense budgets and oil shocks)	Moderate (Highly volatile; young population under intense crisis pressure)	High (Systemic corruption cripples state functions outside the GCC)	Critical (Chronic, unpredictable geopolitical and military escalations)	High (Fragmented legal frameworks and arbitrary enforcement)	High (Permanent crisis management; reform paralysis outside GCC)	Critical (Severe physical danger from state and non-state military action)	Critical (Maximum operational exposure to open warfare and sanctions)
Oceania	Minimal (Very affluent, resilient, resource-exporting democracies)	Low (Consistent growth driven by strong global raw material demand)	Minimal (Inflation successfully curbed by aggressive central bank action)	Low (Highly disciplined public accounts and sustainable debt levels)	Low (Balanced growth supported by targeted skilled migration)	Minimal (Exceptional public integrity and transparent market rules)	Minimal (Highly predictable, uninterrupted democratic stability)	Minimal (Excellently developed, fully independent legal systems)	Minimal (Highly efficient, open, and investment-friendly framework)	Minimal (World-class public safety and secure digital infrastructure)	Minimal (Geographically isolated and secure from direct kinetic threats)

Fig. 6: Macroeconomic and Political Risk Classes – Overview per Region

Country Risk Analysis Details: Vulnerability Class and RRF-i

This section evaluates regional commercial risk profiles by mapping macroeconomic indicators and geopolitical parameters against industry-specific benchmarks. These sovereign risk ratings delineate critical operational vulnerabilities and strategic underwriting opportunities across the insurance landscape.

Under specific conditions, the Risk Rating Factor Index (RRF-i) may exceed its baseline vulnerability classification. This variance is driven by the underlying methodology, which applies an asymmetric, heavier weighting to severe geopolitical tail risks - specifically national security disruptions and armed conflict - thereby driving a compounding effect on the final RRF-i metric.

Region: Africa

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Algeria	DZA	Moderate	51%	47%	+4,5 pp
Angola	AGO	High	45%	44%	+1,5 pp
Benin	BEN	High	53%	50%	+2,6 pp
Botswana	BWA	Moderate	52%	51%	+0,9 pp
Bouvet Island	BVT	Moderate	53%	47%	+5,1 pp
Burkina Faso	BFA	Critical	47%	45%	+2,1 pp
Burundi	BDI	Critical	37%	34%	+3,1 pp
Cameroon	CMR	High	47%	44%	+2,9 pp
Cape Verde	CPV	Moderate	58%	55%	+2,9 pp
Central African Rep.	CAF	Critical	38%	30%	+8,8 pp
Chad	TCD	Critical	45%	41%	+4,3 pp
Comoros	COM	Moderate	58%	55%	+3,8 pp
Congo (Democratic Republic-DRC)	COD	Critical	36%	31%	+4,8 pp
Congo (Republic of Congo)	COG	Moderate	50%	46%	+4,5 pp
Cote d'Ivoire	CIV	Moderate	52%	45%	+7,1 pp
Djibouti	DJI	Moderate	52%	51%	+0,3 pp
Egypt	EGY	High	45%	45%	--
Equatorial Guinea	GNQ	High	35%	33%	+2 pp
Eritrea	ERI	Critical	40%	37%	+2,2 pp
Eswatini	SWZ	Moderate	51%	50%	+1,6 pp
Ethiopia	ETH	Critical	38%	34%	+4,2 pp
Gabon	GAB	Moderate	52%	49%	+3,1 pp
Gambia	GMB	Moderate	52%	48%	+4 pp
Ghana	GHA	Moderate	50%	45%	+4,7 pp
Guinea	GIN	Critical	39%	41%	-2,5 pp
Guinea-Bissau	GNB	Critical	42%	42%	-0,2 pp
Kenya	KEN	High	46%	48%	-1,3 pp
Lesotho	LSO	Moderate	48%	43%	+4,6 pp
Liberia	LBR	Moderate	50%	41%	+8,7 pp
Libya	LBY	Critical	34%	28%	+5,4 pp
Madagascar	MDG	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Malawi	MWI	High	43%	43%	+0,3 pp
Maldives	MDV	Moderate	54%	53%	+1,1 pp
Mali	MLI	Critical	39%	37%	+1,9 pp
Mauritania	MRT	Moderate	49%	46%	+3,4 pp
Mauritius	MUS	Moderate	58%	56%	+2,2 pp
Mayotte	MYT	Low	59%	52%	+7 pp
Morocco	MAR	Moderate	54%	50%	+3,8 pp
Mozambique	MOZ	High	38%	40%	-1,6 pp
Namibia	NAM	Moderate	58%	54%	+4 pp
Niger	NER	Critical	46%	44%	+3 pp
Nigeria	NGA	High	42%	38%	+4 pp

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Réunion	REU	Moderate	57%	52%	+4,7 pp
Rwanda	RWA	High	51%	51%	-0,4 pp
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	SHN	Moderate	53%	41%	+12,1 pp
Sao Tome a. Principe	STP	Moderate	54%	48%	+5,8 pp
Senegal	SEN	Moderate	51%	53%	-1,8 pp
Sierra Leone	SLE	Moderate	50%	46%	+3,9 pp
Somalia	SOM	Critical	33%	35%	-1,9 pp
South Africa	ZAF	High	42%	42%	-0,3 pp
South Sudan	SSD	Critical	32%	19%	+13,5 pp
Sudan	SDN	Critical	21%	16%	+5,1 pp
Tanzania	TZA	Moderate	51%	48%	+3 pp
Togo	TGO	Moderate	51%	48%	+3 pp
Tunisia	TUN	Critical	32%	29%	+3 pp
Uganda	UGA	High	47%	45%	+2,7 pp
Western Sahara	ESH	High	51%	50%	+0,7 pp
Zambia	ZMB	High	47%	48%	-1,1 pp
Zimbabwe	ZWE	Critical	38%	35%	+3,3 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

Region: America – North / Central / South

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Anguilla	AIA	Low	64%	63%	+1,2 pp
Antigua and Barbuda	ATG	Low	60%	58%	+1,7 pp
Argentina	ARG	High	45%	42%	+3,6 pp
Aruba	ABW	Moderate	58%	58%	+0,6 pp
Bahamas	BHS	Low	60%	57%	+2,5 pp
Barbados	BRB	Low	62%	60%	+1,7 pp
Belize	BLZ	Moderate	53%	57%	-3,8 pp
Bermuda	BMU	Low	65%	69%	-4,1 pp
Bolivia	BOL	Critical	26%	38%	-12 pp
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	BES	Moderate	55%	49%	+5,5 pp
Brazil	BRA	Moderate	50%	47%	+2,8 pp
Canada	CAN	Low	66%	66%	-0,2 pp
Cayman Islands	CYM	Low	70%	69%	+1,1 pp
Chile	CHL	Low	60%	56%	+3,8 pp
Colombia	COL	High	47%	50%	-3,2 pp
Costa Rica	CRI	Moderate	60%	60%	-0,1 pp
Cuba	CUB	High	36%	30%	+5,7 pp
Curacao	CUW	Moderate	56%	51%	+5 pp
Dominica	DMA	Low	62%	60%	+2,3 pp
Dominican Republic	DOM	Moderate	53%	53%	+0,4 pp
Ecuador	ECU	High	44%	41%	+3 pp
El Salvador	SLV	Moderate	51%	49%	+1,3 pp
Falkland Islands	FLK	Low	61%	55%	+5,1 pp
French Guiana	GUF	Low	59%	49%	+9,7 pp
Grenada	GRD	Low	63%	62%	+0,7 pp
Guadeloupe	GLP	Moderate	49%	53%	-4,5 pp
Guatemala	GTM	Moderate	52%	51%	+1,4 pp
Guyana	GUY	High	51%	49%	+1,9 pp
Haiti	HTI	Critical	17%	16%	+0,4 pp
Honduras	HND	High	49%	48%	+0,2 pp
Jamaica	JAM	High	36%	43%	-6,8 pp
Martinique	MTQ	Moderate	53%	51%	+2,1 pp
Mexico	MEX	High	46%	45%	+1,4 pp
Montserrat	MSR	Moderate	53%	54%	-0,9 pp

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Nicaragua	NIC	Critical	40%	42%	-2 pp
Panama	PAN	Low	59%	57%	+2,6 pp
Paraguay	PRY	Moderate	55%	52%	+2,8 pp
Peru	PER	Moderate	53%	51%	+1,5 pp
Puerto Rico	PRI	High	47%	49%	-2,5 pp
Saint Barthelemy	BLM	Moderate	56%	47%	+9,2 pp
Saint Kitts a. Nevis	KNA	Low	63%	58%	+5,1 pp
Saint Lucia	LCA	Low	60%	59%	+1,2 pp
Saint Martin (French part)	MAF	Moderate	59%	50%	+8,9 pp
Saint Pierre	SPM	Moderate	50%	48%	+2,3 pp
Saint Vincent	VCT	Low	59%	58%	+1,7 pp
Sint Maarten	SXM	Low	63%	54%	+9,2 pp
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	SGS	Moderate	53%	44%	+9 pp
Suriname	SUR	Moderate	50%	48%	+1,4 pp
Trinidad and Tobago	TTO	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Turks & Caicos Island	TCA	Low	63%	57%	+6,2 pp
United States of America	USA	Minimal	77%	76%	+1,2 pp
Uruguay	URY	Moderate	55%	54%	+0,5 pp
Venezuela	VEN	Critical	27%	20%	+7,1 pp
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	VIR	Low	61%	52%	+8,4 pp
Virgin Islands Brit.	VGB	Low	64%	57%	+7 pp

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Region: Asia

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Afghanistan	AFG	Critical	28%	27%	+1,4 pp
Armenia	ARM	Moderate	54%	52%	+1,7 pp
Bangladesh	BGD	High	44%	42%	+2,4 pp
Bhutan	BTN	Moderate	55%	54%	+1,3 pp
British Indian Ocean Territory (the)	IOT	Moderate	52%	50%	+2,6 pp
Brunei	BRN	Low	64%	62%	+1,8 pp
Cambodia	KHM	High	50%	51%	-0,8 pp
China	CHN	Moderate	54%	54%	+0,1 pp
Chinese Taipei	TWN	Low	61%	60%	+0,9 pp
French Southern Territories (the)	ATF	Moderate	53%	47%	+5,6 pp
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	HMD	Moderate	53%	43%	+9,9 pp
Hongkong	HKG	Moderate	55%	51%	+3,7 pp
India	IND	Moderate	53%	52%	+1,1 pp
Indonesia	IDN	Moderate	57%	56%	+0,3 pp
Japan	JPN	Moderate	53%	54%	-1,2 pp
Kazakhstan	KAZ	Moderate	52%	51%	+1,5 pp
Korea, Republic of	KOR	Low	62%	61%	+0,8 pp
Korea, D P R	PRK	Critical	25%	31%	-5,7 pp
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	Moderate	47%	47%	+0,7 pp
Laos	LAO	Moderate	49%	46%	+3,4 pp
Macao	MAC	Low	68%	68%	-0,1 pp
Malaysia	MYS	Low	60%	59%	+1,4 pp
Mongolia	MNG	Moderate	53%	51%	+2,3 pp
Myanmar	MMR	Critical	24%	20%	+4,5 pp
Nepal	NPL	High	46%	50%	-3,4 pp
Pakistan	PAK	High	39%	38%	+1,3 pp
Philippines	PHL	Moderate	51%	52%	-1,6 pp
Seychelles	SYC	Low	66%	64%	+2,4 pp
Singapore	SGP	Minimal	72%	71%	+1,5 pp
Sri Lanka	LKA	High	41%	35%	+6,1 pp

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Tajikistan	TJK	Moderate	50%	46%	+4,1 pp
Thailand	THA	High	47%	45%	+1,5 pp
Timor-Leste	TLS	Moderate	53%	52%	+1,7 pp
Turkmenistan	TKM	Moderate	45%	42%	+3 pp
Uzbekistan	UZB	Moderate	48%	48%	+0,5 pp
Vietnam	VNM	Moderate	51%	51%	+0,6 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

Region: Europe – East / North / South / West

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Åland Islands	ALA	Low	63%	54%	+8,4 pp
Albania	ALB	Moderate	54%	53%	+1,3 pp
Andorra	AND	Low	62%	65%	-3,4 pp
Austria	AUT	Moderate	58%	61%	-3,2 pp
Azerbaijan	AZE	Moderate	50%	50%	+0,3 pp
Belarus	BLR	Critical	30%	30%	+0,3 pp
Belgium	BEL	Moderate	59%	61%	-2,2 pp
Bosnia Herzegovina	BIH	High	47%	45%	+1,8 pp
Bulgaria	BGR	Moderate	56%	54%	+1,8 pp
Croatia	HRV	Low	64%	62%	+2,3 pp
Cyprus	CYP	Low	67%	60%	+7,1 pp
Czech Republic	CZE	Low	63%	60%	+2,9 pp
Denmark	DNK	Low	71%	72%	-0,8 pp
Estonia	EST	Moderate	56%	56%	+0,4 pp
Faroe Islands	FRO	Moderate	57%	61%	-3,9 pp
Finland	FIN	Moderate	58%	59%	-1,4 pp
France	FRA	Moderate	57%	57%	-0,2 pp
Georgia	GEO	Moderate	52%	53%	-1 pp
Germany	DEU	Moderate	58%	59%	-1,1 pp
Gibraltar	GIB	Low	64%	63%	+0,7 pp
Greece	GRC	Moderate	55%	55%	+0,1 pp
Greenland	GRL	Low	61%	57%	+3,6 pp
Guernsey	GGY	Moderate	58%	50%	+8,4 pp
Holy See (the)	VAT	Moderate	57%	47%	+9,3 pp
Hungary	HUN	Moderate	52%	53%	-1,1 pp
Iceland	ISL	Minimal	72%	74%	-2,5 pp
Ireland	IRL	Minimal	78%	71%	+6,4 pp
Isle of Man	IMN	Moderate	58%	61%	-2,4 pp
Italy	ITA	Moderate	49%	51%	-2,5 pp
Jersey	JEY	Low	63%	63%	+0,6 pp
Kosovo	XKX	Moderate	55%	55%	-0,3 pp
Latvia	LVA	Moderate	58%	59%	-0,7 pp
Liechtenstein	LIE	Low	69%	77%	-7,6 pp
Lithuania	LTU	Low	65%	65%	+0,9 pp
Luxembourg	LUX	Minimal	73%	72%	+1 pp
Malta	MLT	Low	70%	68%	+2,4 pp
Moldova	MDA	High	39%	33%	+5,2 pp
Monaco	MCO	Minimal	81%	78%	+3,5 pp
Montenegro	MNE	Moderate	51%	48%	+2,8 pp
North Macedonia	MKD	Moderate	54%	52%	+2,3 pp
Norway	NOR	Low	67%	71%	-3,8 pp
Poland	POL	Low	62%	60%	+1,5 pp
Portugal	PRT	Low	66%	65%	+1 pp
Romania	ROU	Moderate	49%	53%	-3,3 pp
Russian Federation	RUS	Critical	30%	24%	+5,4 pp

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
San Marino	SMR	Moderate	56%	60%	-4,2 pp
Serbia	SRB	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Slovakia	SVK	Moderate	57%	56%	+0,9 pp
Slovenia	SVN	Low	64%	63%	+0,7 pp
Spain	ESP	Low	65%	64%	+1,2 pp
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	SJM	Low	61%	51%	+9,7 pp
Sweden	SWE	Low	66%	63%	+2,7 pp
Switzerland	CHE	Low	71%	70%	+0,3 pp
The Netherlands	NLD	Low	64%	68%	-3,3 pp
Turkey	TUR	High	41%	39%	+2,2 pp
Ukraine	UKR	Critical	33%	20%	+12,4 pp
United Kingdom	GBR	Low	60%	64%	-3,5 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

Region: Mid East

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Bahrain	BHR	High	53%	57%	-3,8 pp
Iran	IRN	Critical	23%	30%	-7,5 pp
Iraq	IRQ	Critical	34%	37%	-3 pp
Israel	ISR	High	61%	61%	+0,2 pp
Jordan	JOR	Moderate	53%	52%	+1,2 pp
Kuwait	KWT	High	49%	54%	-4,8 pp
Lebanon	LBN	Critical	23%	19%	+4,2 pp
Oman	OMN	Moderate	58%	61%	-2,4 pp
Palestinian Territories	PSE	High	37%	35%	+2,6 pp
Qatar	QAT	Moderate	62%	67%	-5,3 pp
Saudi Arabia	SAU	Moderate	60%	60%	+0,3 pp
Syria	SYR	Critical	25%	14%	+11,5 pp
United Arab Emirates	ARE	Moderate	65%	66%	-1,2 pp
Yemen	YEM	Critical	18%	16%	+2,2 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

Region: Oceanic

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
American Samoa	ASM	Moderate	53%	56%	-2,7 pp
Australia	AUS	Low	68%	70%	-2,6 pp
Christmas Island	CXR	Moderate	57%	51%	+5,7 pp
Cocos (Keeling) Islands (the)	CCK	Moderate	49%	51%	-1,9 pp
Cook Islands (the)	COK	Low	60%	55%	+4,5 pp
Fiji	FJI	Moderate	57%	53%	+3,9 pp
French Polynesia	PYF	Moderate	56%	51%	+5,5 pp
Guam	GUM	Low	63%	61%	+2,2 pp
Kiribati	KIR	Low	60%	59%	+1,3 pp
Marshall Islands	MHL	Moderate	50%	49%	+1,4 pp
Micronesia, Federated States of	FSM	Moderate	53%	46%	+7 pp
Nauru	NRU	Moderate	51%	49%	+2,8 pp
New Caledonia	NCL	Moderate	50%	60%	-9,7 pp
New Zealand	NZL	Low	67%	68%	-1,5 pp
Niue	NIU	Moderate	51%	54%	-2,7 pp
Norfolk Island	NFK	Moderate	54%	51%	+3,5 pp
Northern Mariana Islands	MNP	Moderate	55%	51%	+3,8 pp
Palau	PLW	Low	61%	58%	+3,9 pp

Countries (in alphabetical order)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Papua New Guinea	PNG	Moderate	49%	48%	+0,5 pp
Pitcairn	PCN	Moderate	52%	43%	+8,1 pp
Samoa	WSM	Low	66%	62%	+3,4 pp
Solomon Islands	SLB	Low	60%	55%	+5,2 pp
Tokelau	TKL	Moderate	48%	42%	+5,8 pp
Tonga	TON	Moderate	50%	49%	+1,1 pp
Tuvalu	TUV	Low	60%	57%	+3 pp
United States Minor Outlying Islands (the)	UMI	Moderate	53%	49%	+3,1 pp
Vanuatu	VUT	Low	60%	56%	+4,6 pp
Wallis and Futuna	WLF	Moderate	50%	50%	-0,2 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

Country Overview: RRF-i 2026 ranking

Countries (Business Vulnerability Class sorted)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Singapore	SGP	Minimal	72%	71%	+1,5 pp
Monaco	MCO	Minimal	81%	78%	+3,5 pp
United States of America	USA	Minimal	77%	76%	+1,2 pp
Luxembourg	LUX	Minimal	73%	72%	+1 pp
Iceland	ISL	Minimal	72%	74%	-2,5 pp
Ireland	IRL	Minimal	78%	71%	+6,4 pp
Macao	MAC	Low	68%	68%	-0,1 pp
Liechtenstein	LIE	Low	69%	77%	-7,6 pp
Korea, Republic of	KOR	Low	62%	61%	+0,8 pp
The Netherlands	NLD	Low	64%	68%	-3,3 pp
Kiribati	KIR	Low	60%	59%	+1,3 pp
Sweden	SWE	Low	66%	63%	+2,7 pp
Jersey	JEY	Low	63%	63%	+0,6 pp
Spain	ESP	Low	65%	64%	+1,2 pp
United Kingdom	GBR	Low	60%	64%	-3,5 pp
Slovenia	SVN	Low	64%	63%	+0,7 pp
Tuvalu	TUV	Low	60%	57%	+3 pp
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	VIR	Low	61%	52%	+8,4 pp
Guam	GUM	Low	63%	61%	+2,2 pp
Samoa	WSM	Low	66%	62%	+3,4 pp
Grenada	GRD	Low	63%	62%	+0,7 pp
Saint Lucia	LCA	Low	60%	59%	+1,2 pp
Greenland	GRL	Low	61%	57%	+3,6 pp
Portugal	PRT	Low	66%	65%	+1 pp
Gibraltar	GIB	Low	64%	63%	+0,7 pp
Panama	PAN	Low	59%	57%	+2,6 pp
French Guiana	GUF	Low	59%	49%	+9,7 pp
Norway	NOR	Low	67%	71%	-3,8 pp
Falkland Islands	FLK	Low	61%	55%	+5,1 pp
Vanuatu	VUT	Low	60%	56%	+4,6 pp
Dominica	DMA	Low	62%	60%	+2,3 pp
Malta	MLT	Low	70%	68%	+2,4 pp
Denmark	DNK	Low	71%	72%	-0,8 pp
Åland Islands	ALA	Low	63%	54%	+8,4 pp
Czech Republic	CZE	Low	63%	60%	+2,9 pp
Lithuania	LTU	Low	65%	65%	+0,9 pp
Cyprus	CYP	Low	67%	60%	+7,1 pp
Switzerland	CHE	Low	71%	70%	+0,3 pp
Croatia	HRV	Low	64%	62%	+2,3 pp
Solomon Islands	SLB	Low	60%	55%	+5,2 pp
Cook Islands (the)	COK	Low	60%	55%	+4,5 pp

Countries (Business Vulnerability Class sorted)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Seychelles	SYC	Low	66%	64%	+2,4 pp
Chinese Taipei	TWN	Low	61%	60%	+0,9 pp
Saint Kitts a. Nevis	KNA	Low	63%	58%	+5,1 pp
Chile	CHL	Low	60%	56%	+3,8 pp
Palau	PLW	Low	61%	58%	+3,9 pp
Cayman Islands	CYM	Low	70%	69%	+1,1 pp
Mayotte	MYT	Low	59%	52%	+7 pp
Canada	CAN	Low	66%	66%	-0,2 pp
Virgin Islands Brit.	VGB	Low	64%	57%	+7 pp
Brunei	BRN	Low	64%	62%	+1,8 pp
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	SJM	Low	61%	51%	+9,7 pp
Bermuda	BMU	Low	65%	69%	-4,1 pp
Saint Vincent	VCT	Low	59%	58%	+1,7 pp
Barbados	BRB	Low	62%	60%	+1,7 pp
New Zealand	NZL	Low	67%	68%	-1,5 pp
Bahamas	BHS	Low	60%	57%	+2,5 pp
Turks & Caicos Island	TCA	Low	63%	57%	+6,2 pp
Australia	AUS	Low	68%	70%	-2,6 pp
Poland	POL	Low	62%	60%	+1,5 pp
Antigua and Barbuda	ATG	Low	60%	58%	+1,7 pp
Sint Maarten	SXM	Low	63%	54%	+9,2 pp
Anguilla	AIA	Low	64%	63%	+1,2 pp
Malaysia	MYS	Low	60%	59%	+1,4 pp
Andorra	AND	Low	62%	65%	-3,4 pp
Latvia	LVA	Moderate	58%	59%	-0,7 pp
Guatemala	GTM	Moderate	52%	51%	+1,4 pp
Romania	ROU	Moderate	49%	53%	-3,3 pp
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	SGS	Moderate	53%	44%	+9 pp
Qatar	QAT	Moderate	62%	67%	-5,3 pp
Guadeloupe	GLP	Moderate	49%	53%	-4,5 pp
Greece	GRC	Moderate	55%	55%	+0,1 pp
Algeria	DZA	Moderate	51%	47%	+4,5 pp
United States Minor Outlying Islands (the)	UMI	Moderate	53%	49%	+3,1 pp
Philippines	PHL	Moderate	51%	52%	-1,6 pp
Ghana	GHA	Moderate	50%	45%	+4,7 pp
Paraguay	PRY	Moderate	55%	52%	+2,8 pp
Germany	DEU	Moderate	58%	59%	-1,1 pp
Tonga	TON	Moderate	50%	49%	+1,1 pp
Georgia	GEO	Moderate	52%	53%	-1 pp
Oman	OMN	Moderate	58%	61%	-2,4 pp
Gambia	GMB	Moderate	52%	48%	+4 pp
Northern Mariana Islands	MNP	Moderate	55%	51%	+3,8 pp
Gabon	GAB	Moderate	52%	49%	+3,1 pp
Norfolk Island	NFK	Moderate	54%	51%	+3,5 pp
French Southern Territories (the)	ATF	Moderate	53%	47%	+5,6 pp
Timor-Leste	TLS	Moderate	54%	53%	+1,1 pp
French Polynesia	PYF	Moderate	56%	51%	+5,5 pp
Nauru	NRU	Moderate	51%	49%	+2,8 pp
France	FRA	Moderate	57%	57%	-0,2 pp
Morocco	MAR	Moderate	54%	50%	+3,8 pp
Finland	FIN	Moderate	58%	59%	-1,4 pp
Montenegro	MNE	Moderate	51%	48%	+2,8 pp
Fiji	FJI	Moderate	57%	53%	+3,9 pp
Micronesia, Federated States of	FSM	Moderate	53%	46%	+7 pp
Faroe Islands	FRO	Moderate	57%	61%	-3,9 pp
Mauritania	MRT	Moderate	49%	46%	+3,4 pp
Slovakia	SVK	Moderate	57%	56%	+0,9 pp
Marshall Islands	MHL	Moderate	50%	49%	+1,4 pp

Countries (Business Vulnerability Class sorted)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Eswatini	SWZ	Moderate	51%	50%	+1,6 pp
Maldives	MDV	Moderate	54%	53%	+1,1 pp
Estonia	EST	Moderate	56%	56%	+0,4 pp
Uzbekistan	UZB	Moderate	53%	48%	+4,6 pp
El Salvador	SLV	Moderate	51%	49%	+1,3 pp
Liberia	LBR	Moderate	50%	41%	+8,7 pp
Dominican Republic	DOM	Moderate	53%	53%	+0,4 pp
Laos	LAO	Moderate	49%	46%	+3,4 pp
United Arab Emirates	ARE	Moderate	65%	66%	-1,2 pp
Kosovo	XKX	Moderate	55%	55%	-0,3 pp
Djibouti	DJI	Moderate	52%	51%	+0,3 pp
Kazakhstan	KAZ	Moderate	52%	51%	+1,5 pp
Sierra Leone	SLE	Moderate	50%	46%	+3,9 pp
Japan	JPN	Moderate	53%	54%	-1,2 pp
Curacao	CUW	Moderate	56%	51%	+5 pp
Isle of Man	IMN	Moderate	58%	61%	-2,4 pp
Cote d'Ivoire	CIV	Moderate	52%	45%	+7,1 pp
Indonesia	IDN	Moderate	57%	56%	+0,3 pp
Costa Rica	CRI	Moderate	60%	60%	-0,1 pp
Hungary	HUN	Moderate	52%	53%	-1,1 pp
Senegal	SEN	Moderate	51%	53%	-1,8 pp
Holy See (the)	VAT	Moderate	57%	47%	+9,3 pp
Congo (Republic of Congo)	COG	Moderate	50%	46%	+4,5 pp
Guernsey	GGY	Moderate	58%	50%	+8,4 pp
Comoros	COM	Moderate	58%	55%	+3,8 pp
Albania	ALB	Moderate	54%	53%	+1,3 pp
Cocos (Keeling) Islands (the)	CCK	Moderate	49%	51%	-1,9 pp
Peru	PER	Moderate	53%	51%	+1,5 pp
Christmas Island	CXR	Moderate	57%	51%	+5,7 pp
Tokelau	TKL	Moderate	48%	42%	+5,8 pp
Saudi Arabia	SAU	Moderate	60%	60%	+0,3 pp
North Macedonia	MKD	Moderate	54%	52%	+2,3 pp
China	CHN	Moderate	54%	54%	+0,1 pp
New Caledonia	NCL	Moderate	50%	60%	-9,7 pp
Sao Tome a. Principe	STP	Moderate	54%	48%	+5,8 pp
Montserrat	MSR	Moderate	53%	54%	-0,9 pp
San Marino	SMR	Moderate	56%	60%	-4,2 pp
Mauritius	MUS	Moderate	58%	56%	+2,2 pp
Cape Verde	CPV	Moderate	58%	55%	+2,9 pp
Tanzania	TZA	Moderate	51%	48%	+3 pp
Bulgaria	BGR	Moderate	56%	54%	+1,8 pp
Uruguay	URY	Moderate	55%	54%	+0,5 pp
Vietnam	VNM	Moderate	55%	51%	+3,7 pp
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	Moderate	47%	47%	+0,7 pp
British Indian Ocean Territory (the)	IOT	Moderate	52%	50%	+2,6 pp
Jordan	JOR	Moderate	53%	52%	+1,2 pp
Brazil	BRA	Moderate	50%	47%	+2,8 pp
Wallis and Futuna	WLF	Moderate	50%	50%	-0,2 pp
Bouvet Island	BVT	Moderate	53%	47%	+5,1 pp
Hongkong	HKG	Moderate	55%	51%	+3,7 pp
Botswana	BWA	Moderate	52%	51%	+0,9 pp
Réunion	REU	Moderate	57%	52%	+4,7 pp
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	BES	Moderate	55%	49%	+5,5 pp
Papua New Guinea	PNG	Moderate	49%	48%	+0,5 pp
Bhutan	BTN	Moderate	55%	54%	+1,3 pp
Niue	NIU	Moderate	51%	54%	-2,7 pp
Saint Pierre	SPM	Moderate	50%	48%	+2,3 pp
Mongolia	MNG	Moderate	53%	51%	+2,3 pp

Countries (Business Vulnerability Class sorted)	ISO	Total Business Vulnerability Class	RRF-i (2026)	RRF-i (2025)	Change
Belize	BLZ	Moderate	53%	57%	-3,8 pp
Tajikistan	TJK	Moderate	50%	46%	+4,1 pp
Belgium	BEL	Moderate	59%	61%	-2,2 pp
Suriname	SUR	Moderate	50%	48%	+1,4 pp
Saint Martin (French part)	MAF	Moderate	59%	50%	+8,9 pp
India	IND	Moderate	53%	52%	+1,1 pp
Turkmenistan	TKM	Moderate	50%	45%	+5,9 pp
Pitcairn	PCN	Moderate	52%	43%	+8,1 pp
Azerbaijan	AZE	Moderate	50%	50%	+0,3 pp
Namibia	NAM	Moderate	58%	54%	+4 pp
Austria	AUT	Moderate	58%	61%	-3,2 pp
Lesotho	LSO	Moderate	48%	43%	+4,6 pp
Aruba	ABW	Moderate	58%	58%	+0,6 pp
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	HMD	Moderate	53%	43%	+9,9 pp
Armenia	ARM	Moderate	54%	52%	+1,7 pp
Martinique	MTQ	Moderate	53%	51%	+2,1 pp
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	SHN	Moderate	53%	41%	+12,1 pp
Togo	TGO	Moderate	51%	48%	+3 pp
Saint Barthelemy	BLM	Moderate	56%	47%	+9,2 pp
Italy	ITA	Moderate	49%	51%	-2,5 pp
American Samoa	ASM	Moderate	53%	56%	-2,7 pp
South Africa	ZAF	High	42%	42%	-0,3 pp
Trinidad and Tobago	TTO	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Benin	BEN	High	53%	50%	+2,6 pp
Palestinian Territories	PSE	High	37%	35%	+2,6 pp
Madagascar	MDG	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Moldova	MDA	High	39%	33%	+5,2 pp
Sri Lanka	LKA	High	41%	35%	+6,1 pp
Honduras	HND	High	49%	48%	+0,2 pp
Uganda	UGA	High	47%	45%	+2,7 pp
Cameroon	CMR	High	47%	44%	+2,9 pp
Bangladesh	BGD	High	44%	42%	+2,4 pp
Mexico	MEX	High	46%	45%	+1,4 pp
Bahrain	BHR	High	53%	57%	-3,8 pp
Kenya	KEN	High	46%	48%	-1,3 pp
Western Sahara	ESH	High	51%	50%	+0,7 pp
Malawi	MWI	High	43%	43%	+0,3 pp
Cuba	CUB	High	36%	30%	+5,7 pp
Bosnia Herzegovina	BIH	High	47%	45%	+1,8 pp
Serbia	SRB	High	47%	46%	+1 pp
Puerto Rico	PRI	High	47%	49%	-2,5 pp
Turkey	TUR	High	41%	39%	+2,2 pp
Zambia	ZMB	High	47%	48%	-1,1 pp
Jamaica	JAM	High	36%	43%	-6,8 pp
Mozambique	MOZ	High	38%	40%	-1,6 pp
Thailand	THA	High	46%	47%	-0,9 pp
Guyana	GUY	High	51%	49%	+1,9 pp
Argentina	ARG	High	45%	42%	+3,6 pp
Egypt	EGY	High	45%	45%	--
Israel	ISR	High	61%	61%	+0,2 pp
Nigeria	NGA	High	42%	38%	+4 pp
Pakistan	PAK	High	39%	38%	+1,3 pp
Cambodia	KHM	High	50%	51%	-0,8 pp
Angola	AGO	High	45%	44%	+1,5 pp
Ecuador	ECU	High	44%	41%	+3 pp
Rwanda	RWA	High	51%	51%	-0,4 pp
Equatorial Guinea	GNQ	High	35%	33%	+2 pp
Nepal	NPL	High	46%	50%	-3,4 pp

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Kuwait	KWT	High	49%	54%	-4,8 pp
Colombia	COL	High	47%	50%	-3,2 pp
Tunisia	TUN	Critical	32%	29%	+3 pp
Sudan	SDN	Critical	21%	16%	+5,1 pp
Haiti	HTI	Critical	17%	16%	+0,4 pp
Venezuela	VEN	Critical	27%	20%	+7,1 pp
Guinea-Bissau	GNB	Critical	42%	42%	-0,2 pp
Chad	TCD	Critical	45%	41%	+4,3 pp
Niger	NER	Critical	46%	44%	+3 pp
Central African Rep.	CAF	Critical	38%	30%	+8,8 pp
Korea, D P R	PRK	Critical	25%	31%	-5,7 pp
South Sudan	SSD	Critical	32%	19%	+13,5 pp
Congo (Democratic Republic-DRC)	COD	Critical	36%	31%	+4,8 pp
Myanmar	MMR	Critical	24%	20%	+4,5 pp
Iraq	IRQ	Critical	34%	37%	-3 pp
Yemen	YEM	Critical	18%	16%	+2,2 pp
Iran	IRN	Critical	23%	30%	-7,5 pp
Lebanon	LBN	Critical	23%	19%	+4,2 pp
Somalia	SOM	Critical	33%	35%	-1,9 pp
Zimbabwe	ZWE	Critical	38%	35%	+3,3 pp
Guinea	GIN	Critical	39%	41%	-2,5 pp
Burundi	BDI	Critical	37%	34%	+3,1 pp
Libya	LBY	Critical	34%	28%	+5,4 pp
Burkina Faso	BFA	Critical	47%	45%	+2,1 pp
Belarus	BLR	Critical	30%	30%	+0,3 pp
Ukraine	UKR	Critical	33%	20%	+12,4 pp
Nicaragua	NIC	Critical	40%	42%	-2 pp
Syria	SYR	Critical	25%	14%	+11,5 pp
Ethiopia	ETH	Critical	38%	34%	+4,2 pp
Mali	MLI	Critical	39%	37%	+1,9 pp
Bolivia	BOL	Critical	26%	38%	-12 pp
Russian Federation	RUS	Critical	30%	24%	+5,4 pp
Eritrea	ERI	Critical	40%	37%	+2,2 pp
Afghanistan	AFG	Critical	28%	27%	+1,4 pp

Source: MA-4Consult country-based business risk assessment for 2026 (insurance industry)

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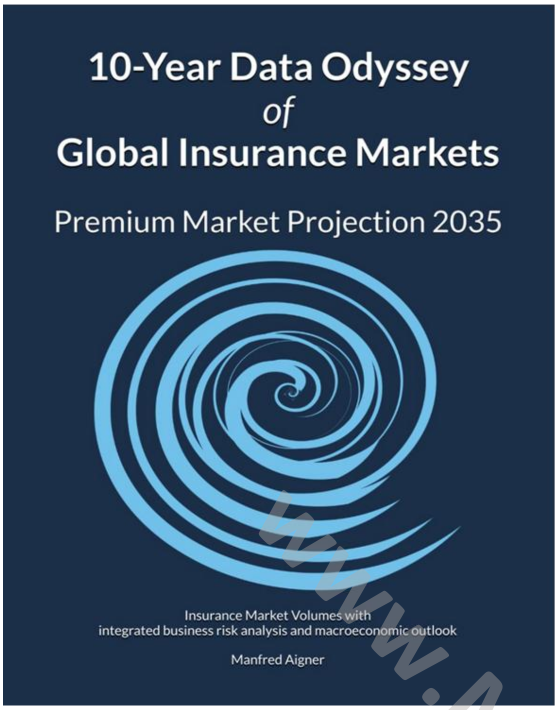

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