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**Report description:**

Global reinsurance market is projected to witness a CAGR of 7.80% during the forecast period 2025-2032, growing from USD 549.27 billion in 2024 to USD 1001.70 billion in 2032F, prompted by an increased demand for effective management of risk and capital efficiency. The reinsurance market is strengthening across the globe owing to the increasing impact of climatic disasters, the growth of insurance adoption in developing countries, and the progressive regulatory attention to financial stability. In addition, insurers are utilizing reinsurance to bolster their balance sheets, as well as to mitigate exposure to catastrophic or unpredictable losses.

There is strong momentum in the global reinsurance market for insurers as it reduces the risk of a large loss and its impact on their financials. With growing claims, it also forces insurers to act and make deals with a reinsurer. Increasing regulatory scrutiny and economic pressures will also accelerate growth for new and existing reinsurers because it allows them to share the risk with another entity. It also demonstrates that there is an increasing appetite for insurance in Asia-Pacific and presents opportunities for fresh players to enter the market and create disruption while changing the structure of competition worldwide.

For instance, General Insurance Corporation of India reported an underwriting loss of USD 45.8 million for Q4 FY2025 in June 2025 due to higher claims and catastrophe losses. This illustrates the pressure on reinsurers to rethink their underwriting practices and pricing strategies in an increasingly variable risk environment.

**Rising Climate-Related Disasters Drive the Growth of the Reinsurance Market**

The global reinsurance market is experiencing tremendous growth, propelled by the increasing demand for dealing with

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large-scale risks in an uncertain world. One of the biggest accelerators of this growth is the rising threat from climate-related events. Countries are witnessing more floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural calamities, which further drives the market growth.

For primary insurers, this means increased exposure to significant claims that could strain their finances. Reinsurers offer a vital safety valve for primary insurers in helping share high-risk events. This safety valve protects the viability of insurers but also helps individuals, businesses, and communities affected by disasters to recover faster through timely claim payments. Given that climate change will continue to reshape global risk, reinsurers are investing in their understanding of these financial exposures with predictive data analytics and climate models, and scenarios.

For instance, in June 2025, credit rating agency AM Best reported that the U.S. property and casualty (P/C) insurance industry posted a net underwriting loss of USD 1.1 billion in the first quarter of 2025, marking a sharp downturn from the USD 9.4 billion gain recorded during the same period in 2024. This decline was attributed to elevated catastrophe losses stemming from the devastating wildfires in California in January.

#### Stringent Regulatory Regulations Surge Global Reinsurance Market Demand

Around the globe, reinsurance is gaining acceptance much faster, due to a rising tide of regulatory requirements concerning capital adequacy, solvency, and risk management. Regulatory bodies worldwide have identified reinsurance as a significant factor in promoting a sound financial framework and are developing new compliance frameworks that will either encourage or mandate insurance companies to limit their exposure through a reinsurance strategy.

These regulatory interventions take three forms: required solvency thresholds, risk-based capital frameworks, and supervisor stress-testing. To cite but two examples, the EU Solvency II directive obligates companies to have, and maintain, levels of capital relating to their chances of default due to the risks they underwrite. In India, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) announced guidelines that encourage bluntly with reinsurance arrangements to support solvency margins and avoid overly large catastrophe exposure.

These frameworks serve as a strong impetus for greater reinsurance uptake, as they provide clarity regarding capital standards and emphasize the importance of risk sharing, driving the market growth in the forecast period. Risk-based supervision and stress testing, as regulatory practices, are complementary tools that further motivate insurers to hedge against excessive peak risk via reinsurance programs. In emerging markets, these frameworks tend to be part of a process of capacity development and often receive assistance from global financial institutions. The capacity development activities help domestic insurers access reinsurance and align with international best practices.

#### Property and Casualty Continue to Dominate the Reinsurance Market

Property and Casualty (P&C) remain the dominant application area of reinsurance, especially considering the ever-increasing frequency and severity of natural catastrophes and climate-related events globally. The demand for reinsurance in the P&C space is stable, in that there is always demand as P&C reinsurance gives financial protection against unpredictable large losses from hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and severe convective storms (SCS).

For example, globally reported insurance losses from natural catastrophes reached an unprecedented USD 146 billion in April 2025, according to Swiss Re. The uptake of P&C reinsurance is considered important to mitigate systemic shocks in the example cited by Swiss Re, as losses were led by hurricanes and SCS in the U.S. and other areas. In May 2025, the Insurance Council of Australia ('ICA') announced that the New South Wales floods were to be treated as an insurance catastrophe where there were nearly 5,000 claims lodged over few days, underscoring the uniqueness of P&C insurance to allow insurers to manage risk and lines of solvency for economic resilience in the face of climate change and increased volatility. The demands related to climate risk, systematically compounded by geography, could therefore incentivize reinsurance within the P&C space, so P&C is expected to not only remain the predominant segment but move into a high-value niche, given it can be objectively and arbitrarily deemed the most important and high-value application segment.

#### Europe Leads the Global Reinsurance Market Size

Europe remains the world's reinsurance power center, fueled by its existing sophisticated and mature insurance ecosystem, robust regulation, dynamic leadership, global yardstick-setting developments, underwriting innovation, capital adequacy, and management of climate risk. For example, in June 2025, a USD 228 million sustainable loan was mobilized for the Republic of Togo, with Lloyd's insurers helping to fund climate-resilient infrastructure, signalling the obvious development of the region's

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response in developing new and sustainable, development-linked, reinsurance solutions.

Moreover, the Europe market continues to consolidate strongly through acquisitions and expansion, such as Miller Insurance's acquisition of Alston Gayler (AHJ) in June 2025. All to enhance specialty and reinsurance capability in the Lloyd's London Market. These developments reinforce Europe's market share dominance, while emphasizing its strategic development in 'new thinking' in innovation, sustainability, and global risk-sharing.

#### Key Players Landscape and Outlook

The global reinsurance landscape is concentrated in a small handful of incumbent firms that utilize a combination of scale, diversified portfolios, and deep underwriting expertise to retain their dominant market position. The leaders of the industry have demonstrated relative resiliency through their capital base, innovation in risk models and management, and careful responses to new global threats, including climate change and pandemic risk.

The recent developments in the market are indicative of the rapidly evolving competitive landscape. In May 2025, Japan's Itochu Corporation invested in Neo Insurance, which shows the growing interest of non-traditional players and conglomerates in reinsurance-linked investments and insurtech collaborations.

According to Britam's 2024 Annual Report, Britam Holdings had purchased a 30% stake in Continental Reinsurance, seeking to diversify its earnings and enhance its reinsurance capacity in the African market, also indicative of higher competition and new capital in the region.

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