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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – INSURANCE MARKET IN POLAND IN 2007-2008**

- **Growing market.** With over 12 billion EUR in total annual premium written and ~40% share within CEE14\* area, Poland is clearly the biggest single insurance market in this part of Europe. During the period of 2003-2007 the insurance sector in Poland performed very well, both in life (31% premium CAGR\*\*) and non-life segment (~15% premium CAGR\*\*). The total insurance premium per capita reached 317€ in 2007, while the life /non-life (premium) ratio advanced to 139%.
- Falling concentration. The initially almost monopolized market is continuing to de-concentrate. The major player PZU is still dominating on the market with: 25-50% share depending on segment. Its position is however gradually eroding thanks to mid-size and smaller players aggressively challenging the giant with better sales skills, lower prices, client friendly service and alternative sales channels. It is also worth mentioning that few mid-size groups including: Vienna IG, HDI Gerling and ERGO grow fast by engaging in M&A activity and consolidating smaller players
- **Profitability**. After setting new records in 2005/2006 the profitability indicators of both non-life and life players deteriorated in 2007. The combined profit of non-life insurers fell down by almost 50%, affected mostly by quickly rising claims, higher acquisition costs and lower than expected investment result. In the life business insurers grunt stir grow their profits by 14%, but their average return on equity declined on lower than expected investment results
- **Distribution.** Entry of aggressive direct players in 20 (200), growing price competition and increased role of banks initiated a structural shift in insurance sales channels. Although during 2005-2007 the traditional sales structures could still defend themselves (especially in non-life segment), the increasing competition and price pressures force even established players to redesign distribution systems, including introduction of low cost / direct sales priess, especially for most simple / lower margin products
- Still good perspectives. Strong economy, good condition of enterprises and increasing wealth of individuals driven by rising employment and higher wages will contribute to further growth of premiums. In mid-term perspective especially the non-life segment (property and motor insurance) is expected to show a solid premium growth following the revival on new cars market and increased property prices. In life insurance business the volatility of stock market is likely to temporarily negatively affect premium collection of unit-linked products. At the same time it is possible that tax friendly "deposit-like", structured products with low risk profile will become more important in life insurance segment

Intelace Research expects that insurance premiums in Poland will grow by 8% & 13% in life and non-life segments respectively until 2010, while overall profitability of insurers is likely to go down

<sup>\*</sup> Not including: Macedonia, Bosnia &H, Russia and the former Soviet Republics (with exception of Baltic countries)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Compound Annual Growth Rate; Calculated after conversion of LCU to EUR

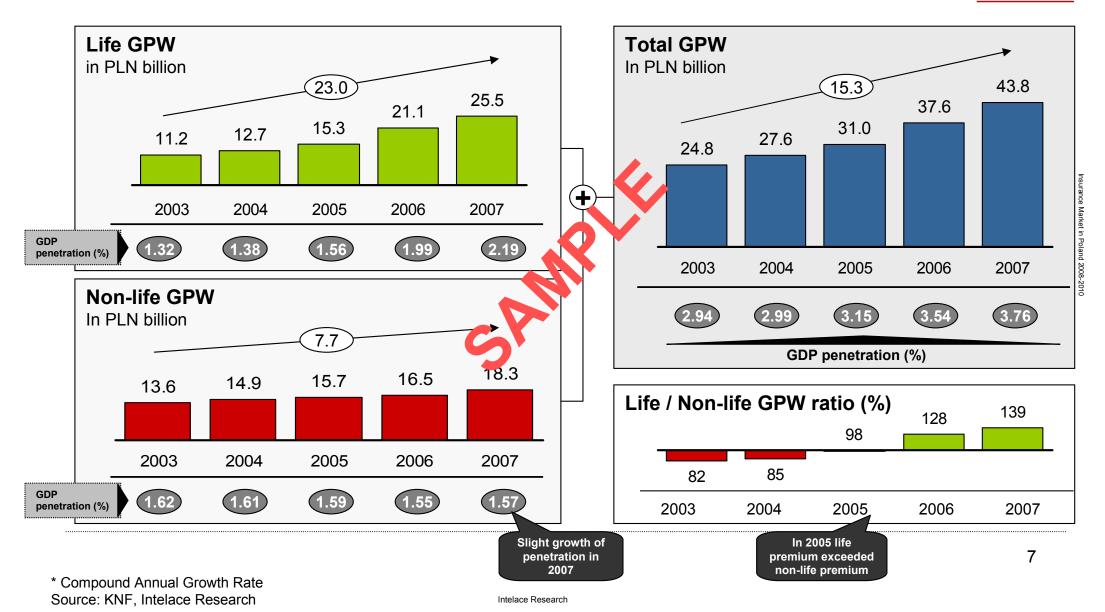
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# GROWTH OF THE INSURANCE MARKET HAS BEEN RECENTLY DRIVEN MOSTLY BY LIFE BUSINESS

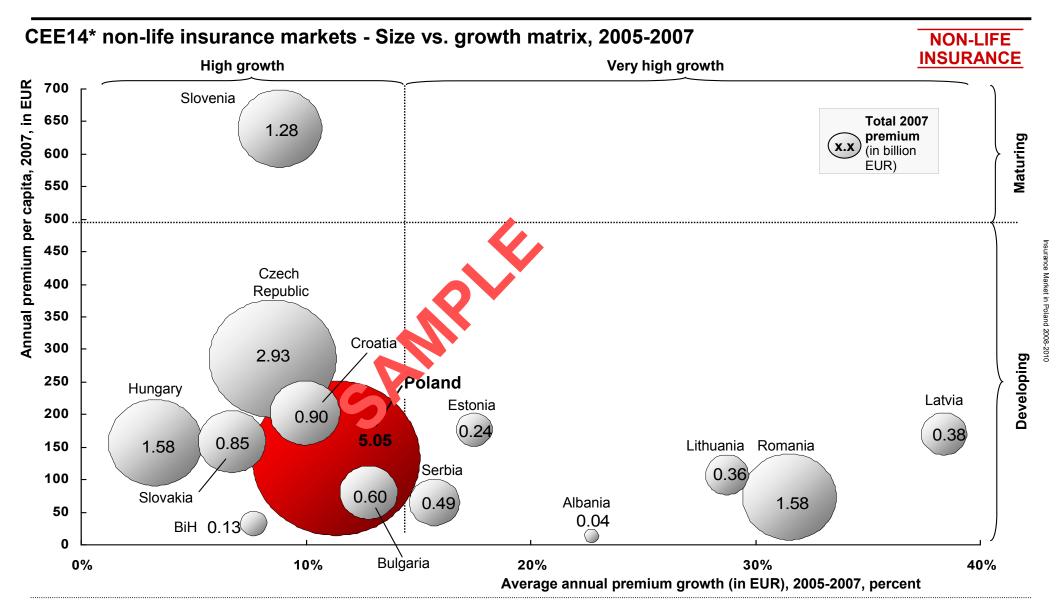


#### Evolution of gross premium written (GPW) and GPW/GDP penetration, 2003-2007

IN LOCAL CURRENCY



#### POLAND HAS THE LARGEST NON-LIFE INSURANCE MARKET IN CEE14\*



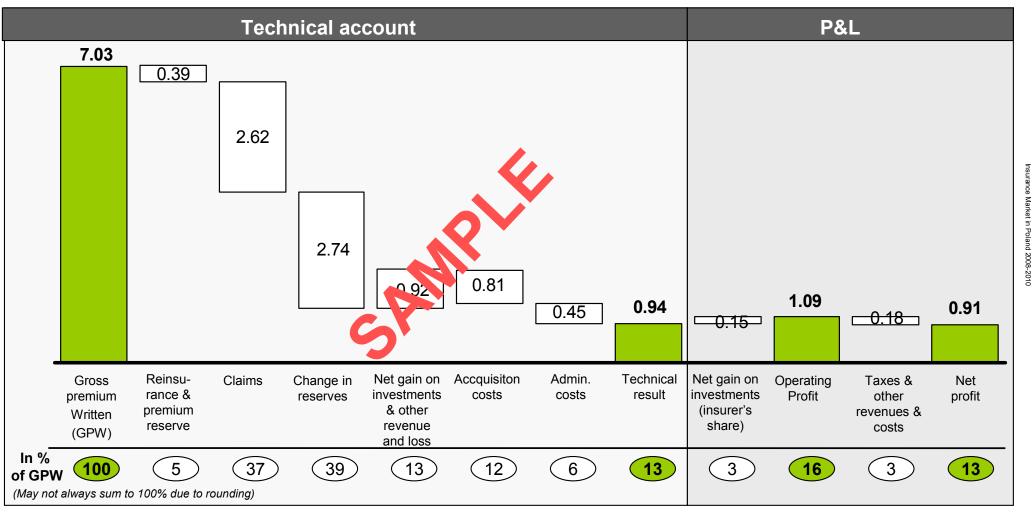
<sup>\*</sup> Major 14 CEE countries. Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Macedonia not included Source: National supervision authorities, IMF, Intelace Research

# IN 2007 LIFE INSURERS EARNED EUR 0.94 BN ON TECHNICAL LEVEL AND EUR 0.91 BN IN NET PROFITS

#### Life insurance accounts, 2007

LIFE INSURANCE

**EUR** billion



#### MOTOBANK IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF INNOVATIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION CONCEPT



#### Motobank - Stand design



Are you paying to much on your Tile Casco insulance.



#### Overview

- MotoBank is an insurance multi-agency offering mostly car insurance bundled with basic advisory
- The concept relies on direct comparison of multiple insurer's offers according to the specific client situation. Client gets the most favorable offer.
- Project started with one branch in 2004 in Warsaw, expanded in 2005 by few other stands and in 2006/2007 by 3 new cities

#### Channels

- The stands located in high traffic places -shopping malls: 12 stands in 4 major cities: Warsaw (7), Katowice (2),
  - Poznań (1) and Kraków (2) as of May 2008
- Announced plans of rollout to other major cities
- Sales staff (2-3 prople per stand)
- Call center opened in 2007

#### **Products**

- TPL, Casco and Travel insurance from 12 insurers
- Special discount packages: motor+home/accident

#### Other features

- · Convenient payment with credit card
- Optional payment in installments
- "Low-price guarantee"

#### **NON-LIFE INSURANCE PLAYERS - PZU**



#### **Background**

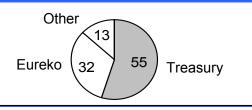
- PZU is the largest, traditional local insurer in Poland with extremely high brand awareness (91%)
- Its previously dominant position is slowly eroding with market share falling below 44% in 2007

#### History

- 1991 State-owned insurer PZU converted to public joint-stock company
- 1999 Partial privatization of PZU holding

   30% share in the mother company
   PZU SA has been sold to Eureko and
   Big Bank Gdanski
- 2003 Claims handling centralization
- 2004 Launch of repair-shops network
- 2005 New strategy for the whole PZU group, further claims h. centralization
- 2008 Development of direct sales model for selected products

#### Shareholders (share in %)



#### **Products**

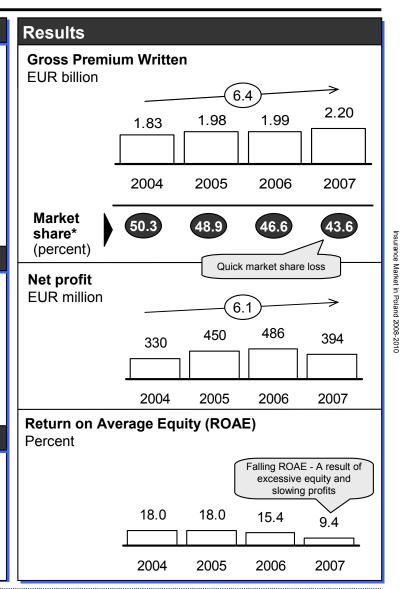
- PZU offers ~80 various products in the non-life retail business. Products offered cover all 18 non-life insurance classes
- Car insurance (MTPL+Casco) is dominating within non-life business with <60% share in the total GPW</li>

#### **Channels:**

- Insurance is districted arough own network of 350 cal-life PZU branches

#### **Customers**

- PZU is traditionally serving mass market clients in retail business (mostly motor and property) and all segments in corporate business
- Total number of clients in the whole PZU Group (life+nonlife) exceeds 15 million



<sup>\*</sup> Non-life insurance share by gross premium written

<sup>\*\*</sup> Compound Annual Growth Rate Source: Company, Press, Intelace Research

#### **NOTES ON METHODOLOGY**

#### **FX** rates:

- For the purpose of convertion of balances expressed in local currency (PLN) into EUR the <u>end of year</u> exchange rates have been used
- Exchange rates used in the report:

EUR / PLN	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
End of year	3.90	3.53	4.03	4.72	4.09	3.86	3.86	3.63
Average	4.02	3.68	3.85	4.40	4.53	4.03	3.91	3.79

#### **Estimates and Forecasts:**

- In some cases, recent or verified data was not available. Therefore, necessary short-term estimations have been done to fill the gaps. Estimates are always indicated with the letter "E"
- When preparing forecasts/estimates we have built models using latest observed trends, available forecasts of main economic indicators, seasonal changes observed in the past and other specific factors considered important.

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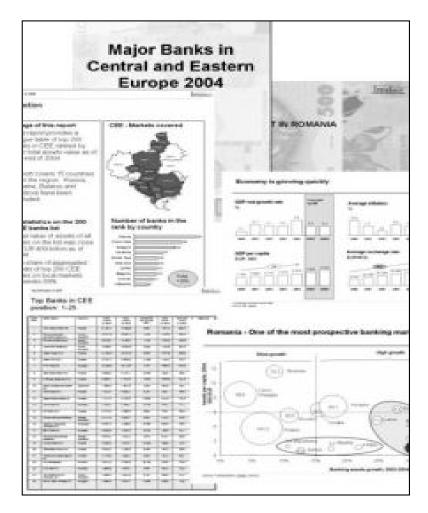
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