

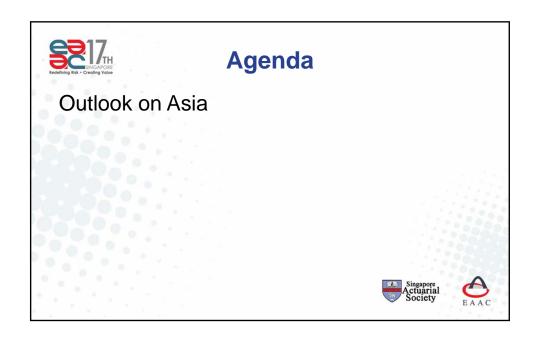


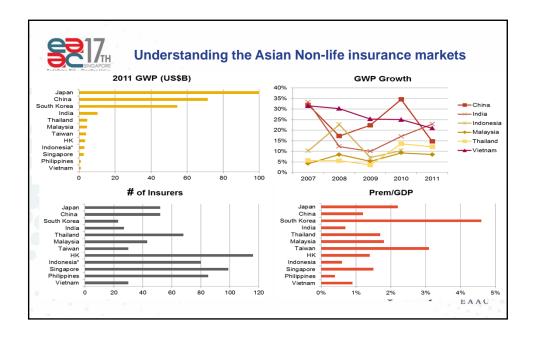
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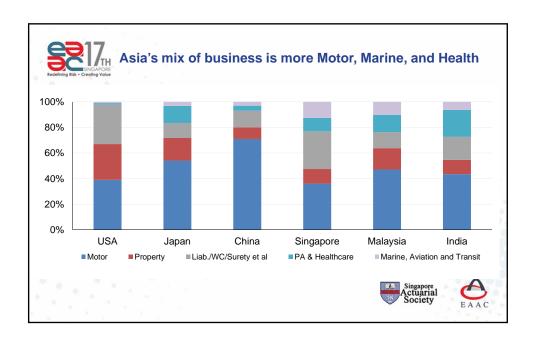
- Outlook on Asia
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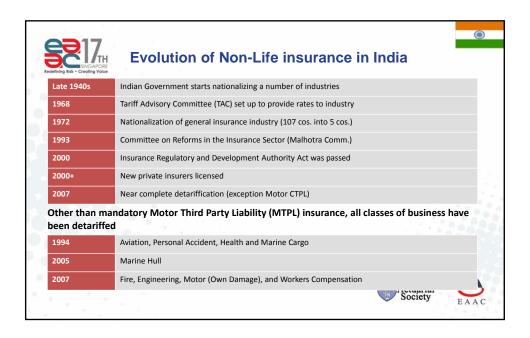
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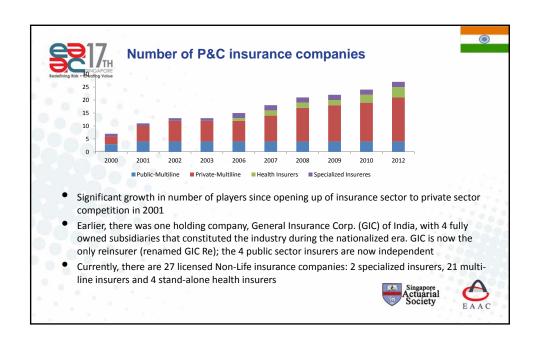
## India

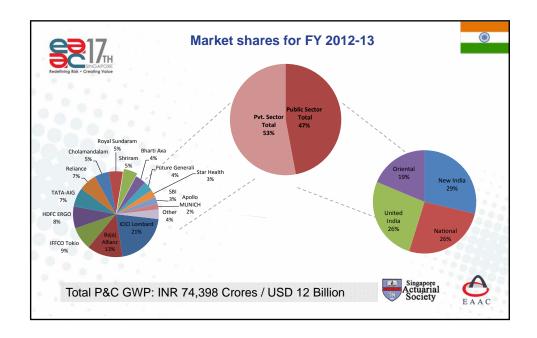
- Evolution of P&C industry
- Market snapshot
- · Detariffication: background and outcome
- Changes: Rating structure, distribution
- · Regulations: recent and expected













### **India Detariffication - Background**

All tariffs were removed, except mandatory Motor Third Party Liability, effective April 1, 2007. Further comments:

- · Detariffication implemented by the Regulator in a phased manner
- Phase I: Variation in prices within +/- 20% of tariff rates allowed, subject to prior regulatory filing and approval of proposed rates under File & Use process
  - No flexibility in altering the tariff defined product
  - New parameters allowed for rating
- Phase II: Removal of restriction of +/- 20% variation; subject to prior regulatory filing and approval
- Phase III: Removal of restriction in product alteration, subject to regulatory File and Use process
  - Meant freedom for insurers in product design
- However, Motor Third Party (TP) risk continues to be governed. Regulators decided to set up India
  Motor (TP) Pool for Commercial Vehicles (CVs) in which all licensed GI companies were required to
  participate, subscribing to the extent of their respective market shares. This Pool is now disbanded
  and replaced with Declined Risk Pool.





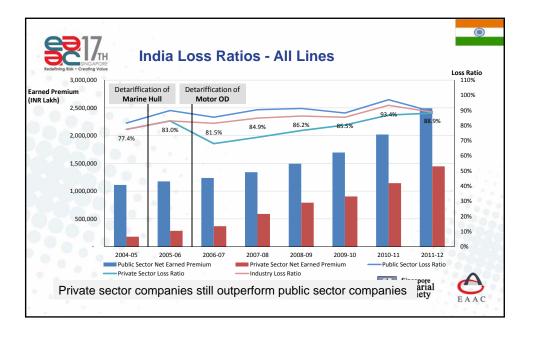
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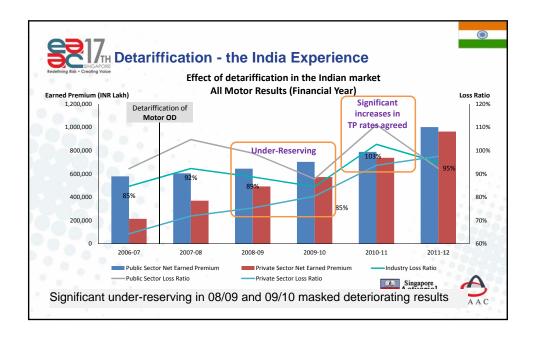
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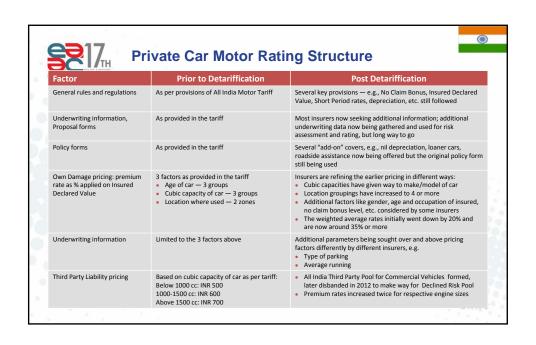


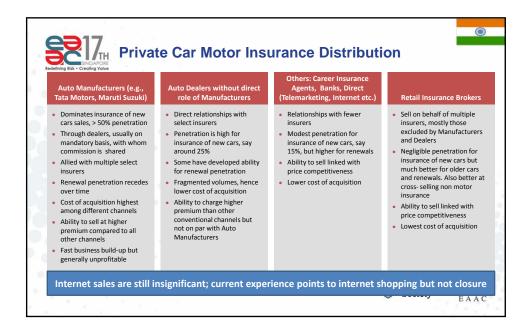
#### **India Detariffication - Results**

- Intense price competition in almost all classes of business previously governed by tariff leads to near free fall in premium rates. Loss ratios progressively worsen
- Fire/Engineering risks had the largest fall in pricing, up to 90% discount on erstwhile tariffs
- In Motor, insurers decreased rates for Own Damage (OD) for select cars and commercial vehicles by 20% – 40%, depending on risk segment
- Car prices kept artificially low, causing low insurance premiums to be collected
  - Manufacturers under severe competition kept car prices artificially low but charged more for parts / labor. This twin effect led to sharp increase in loss ratios
- With the setting up of Motor TP Pool, nearly all insurers started competing for commercial vehicle business. Private sector insurers that historically shunned commercial vehicles due to very high loss ratio for Third Party (TP) risk, even though the OD experience was acceptable, now competed for this segment.
- Entry of new insurers led to competition getting fiercer. Older insurers from the private sector
  and PSUs who had built up benefited from the tariff regime pricing earlier were in a relatively
  better position initially to withstand the outcome of downward pricing spiral.











### India P&C Market — Regulatory update

#### Some of the recent and expected developments:

- Amendments in the Insurance Act allowing higher cap on foreign equity (FDI) from 26% to 49% awaited for a long time but held up due to political issues
- Lowering of obligatory cession to GIC Re, the national reinsurer
- Regulators have recently set up Insurance Information Bureau (IIB) as the official source of all information at transaction level on industry-wide basis. IIB will seek, analyze and disseminate relevant information to stakeholders
- · Product filing and approval process expected to be eased, some fast tracked
- Revised guidelines issued: health insurance, listing, bancassurance.
- Consolidation of players in the market expected. The owner of four public sector insurers, viz. Min.
  of Finance, Govt. of India, intends to disinvest but not immediately. Some partners in new private
  sector companies have exited, some more expected to follow
- RBC / Solvency committee set up by to ensure enhanced risk and capital management in line with developed markets







