

# Insurance landscape evolution and emergence of MGA/MGU model

Focus on Health insurance and Asia markets





# We will explore the dynamics of the health insurance market and deep dive into the MGA/MGU<sup>1)</sup> landscape in Greater China and SEA

#### Outline

#### **Key questions addressed**

- How has the insurance landscape evolved and what are the new players that emerged?
- What strategies will incumbent and new insurance players pursue in future?
- What is the MGA landscape in Asia and how will that change?
- 4 What are the implications?

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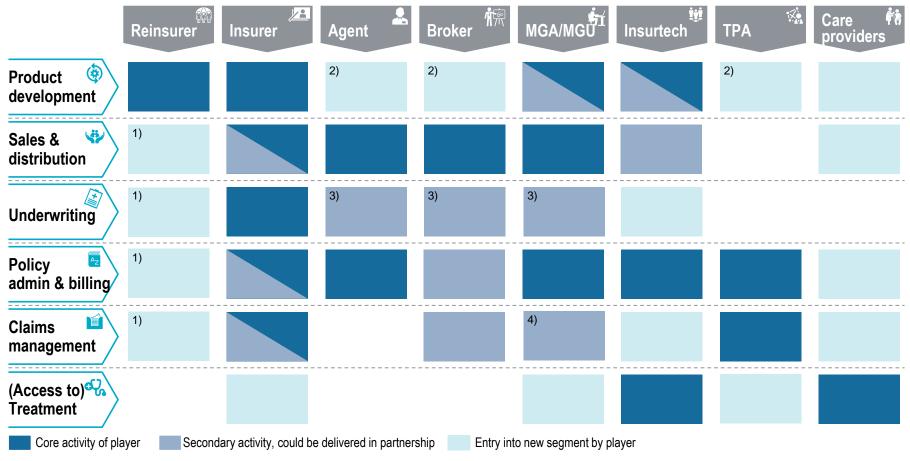
A. Insurance and MGA/MGU macro trends





# Insurance landscape is evolving – All stakeholders are expanding across the value chain to transform their value proposition

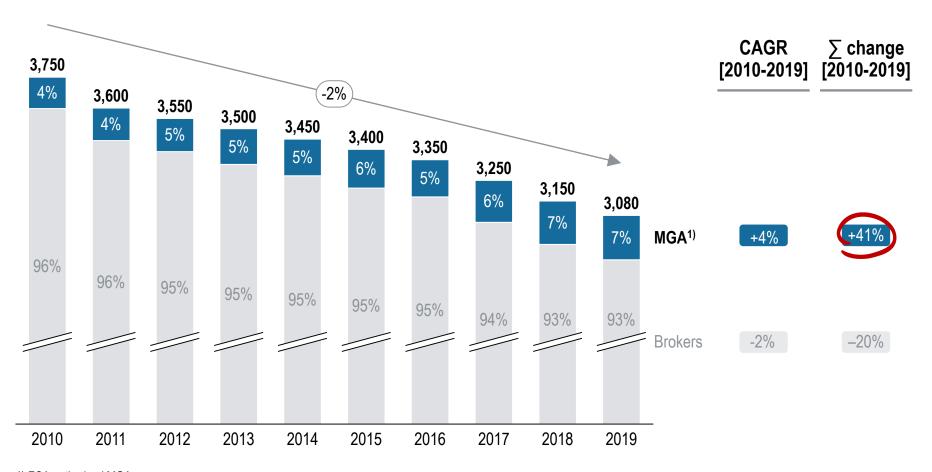
Health insurance value chain trends





# Focusing on MGA/MGU, while it is not new, there are increasingly and proportionally more MGAs

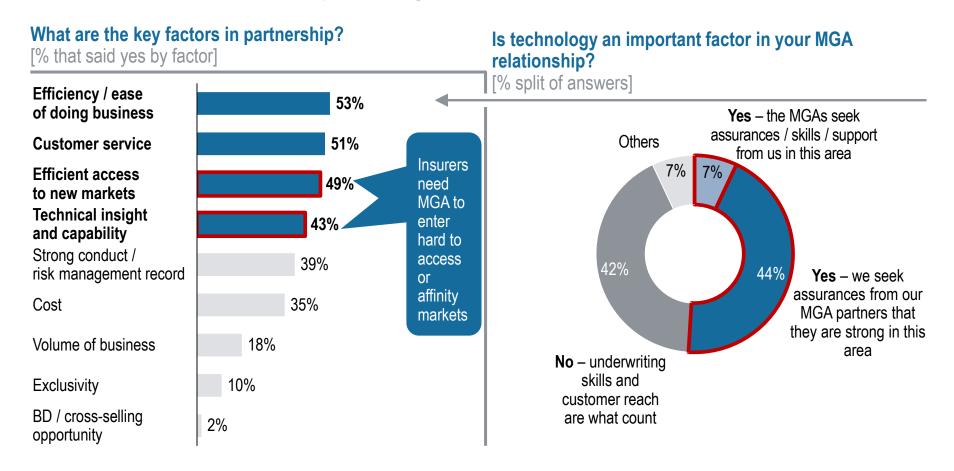
MGA growth relative to brokers in UK [# of MGA firms]





### Insurers not only value eficiency and customer service, but also rely on MGAs to access markets that insurers find hard to access

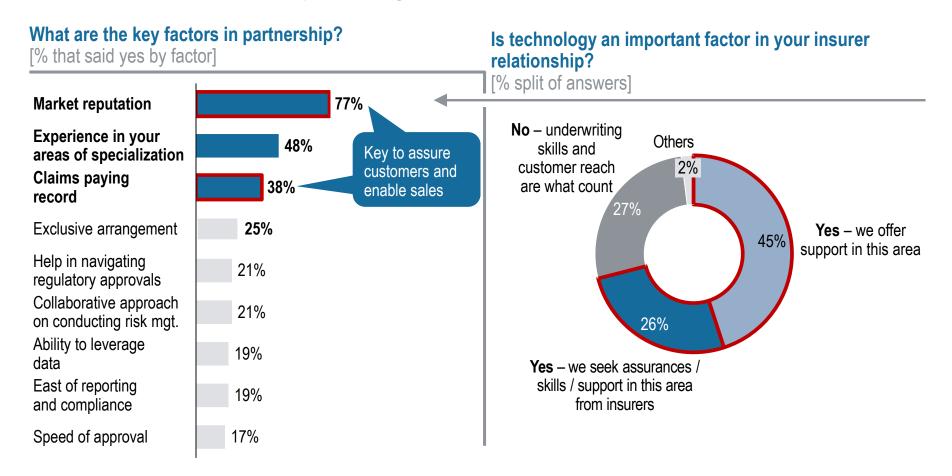
What insurers look for when partnering MGAs





# MGA rely on insurers for reputation and claims record to gain customer trust but offer area of specialization & technology to insurers

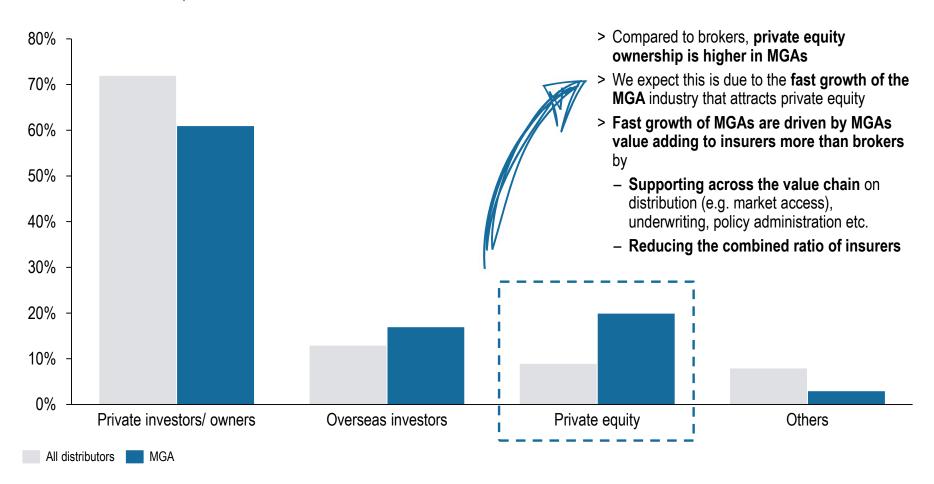
What MGAs look for when partnering insurers





# Funding for MGAs mainly come from private owners/ investors, private equity showing increasing interest in the model

#### Global ownership of MGA





B. Value proposition of the various players in the value chain





# Players across the insurance space are scrambling to be relevant via greater customer focus and relationship, enabled by technology

Strategic intent of players

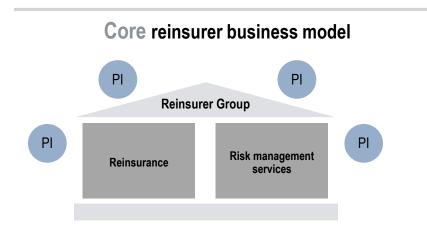
Insurance players		Core activity	Strategic development
Reinsurers	F)	Provide reinsurance and risk management services to insurers	Offer new services to primary insurers, invest in digital ecosystem, to diversify revenues and get access to clients
Insurers	2	Focus on underwriting and using third party distributors e.g. brokers	(re)Build and strengthen direct links to customers via product differentiation and value added service (e.g. prevention)
Agents		Represent insurers to generate leads and sell policies to customers	Become more customer-centric by managing portfolio coverage based on customers' current and future needs
Brokers		Represent insurance buyers to compare policies	Use of technology to compare prices tailored to customers needs and control risks with a low turnaround time
MGA/MGU	3	Position to be experts in their specialty to underwrite and distribute efficiently	Focus on expertise and technology to master product development, achieve efficient distribution and improve CoR
Insurtechs	4	Start of with a niche solution e.g. care network access, Al for claims processing	<b>Expand offering across the value chain</b> to enhance original value proposition and diversify revenues
TPAs		Support insurers on back-end functions to optimize cost	Leverage on scale and technology to expand and provide services (e.g. Al to improve adjudication)
Care providers	5	Provide medical treatment	Provide end-to-end services (treatment to insurance) to improve on patient relationships and stickiness

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# Reinsurers extend their business model by offering more services along the value chain and expanding their reach

#### Paradigm shift for reinsurers



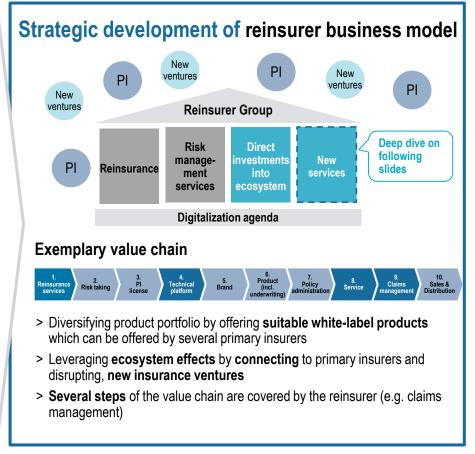
#### Value chain



- > Traditional business model by **only** offering **reinsurance products** and **services** for primary insurers
- > No ecosystem effect

Source: Roland Berger

> Only the first step the insurance value chain is covered by reinsurer



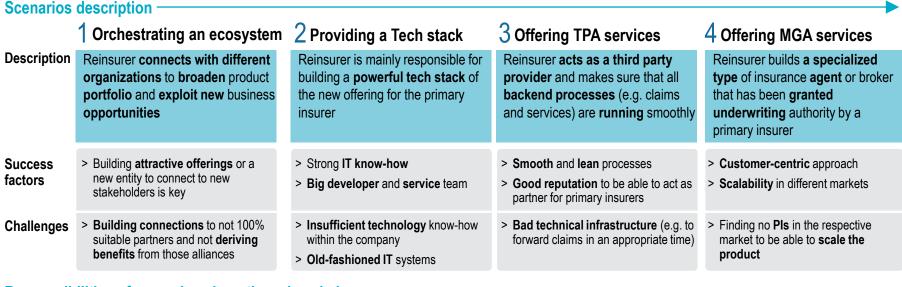
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# Reinsurers focus on four scenarios to reshape and adapt their business model to be ready for the future

#### Development scenarios for reinsurers



#### Responsibilities of scenarios along the value chain



✓ = covered by reinsurer ✓ = can be covered by reinsurer or PI ✓ = covered by PI

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Pillar 1

**Accelerate** 

**Digitalization** 

> Digitalization of

conversion

digital

servicing

> Enhancement of

processing and

lead generation/



# Insurers will need to develop along 6 key pillars, of which, pillars 1, 2 and 4 are more easily achieved by partnering with MGAs/Insurtechs

Future strategic development for insurers 1)

#### **Insurance NEW NORMAL**

RESILIENT

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Pillar 2

Develop

**Services** 

products

coverage

> Growth of

wellness

services

**Prevention** 

> Higher focus on

prevention-based

and protection

> Development of

risk consulting

and cyber-risk

### Pillar 3 Adapt



- > Implement agile and lean types of working
- > Rethink talent management
- > Develop employee engagement
- > Refocus organization on crucial activities

### Pillar 4 Scale-Up in a consolidating

### > Partnership with service providers

economy

- > Domestic and international alliances (e.g. insurance procurement)
- Higher investment in services creating barriersto-entry

#### RESPONSIBLE

### Pillar 5 Define a New Deal with States

and Regulators

- > Contribution to financing of social protection (health, long term care, pension, housing)
- > Evolution of regulatory constraints

### Pillar 6



- > Responsible claim management
- > Protection of communities from climate risks
- > Contributions to social sustainability

based customer journeys

> Extension of Al-

Pillars that MGA/ Insurtech are usually better at – Partnership could be used to accelerate development



### The crisis has shown insurers the potential of digitization and the need to push prevention as a way to be better prepared

Focus on Pillars 1 & 2 & 4



### Accelerate Digitalization

### Pillar 1

- > Distribution:
  - Expected rise in online sales resulting from the duration of the confinement / social distancing measures and the habits reinforced
  - Digital lead generation and lead conversion (for simple products with limited need for advice)
  - Reinforcement of customers' need for intimacy and advice for complex products
- > Administration and operational processes:
  - Digital processing of inbound and outbound documents
  - Must-have distant and digital servicing (e.g. electronic signature in underwriting, policy & claim management, policy renewals)
- > Claim management:
  - DIY/ Selfcare claim reporting (e.g. pictures taken by insured)
  - Al-based damage assessment and Al-based fraud management
  - Tele-health and online services

### Develop Pillar 2 Prevention Services

- Higher focus on prevention-based products; e.g. use of telematics in fleet management and IoT in property insurance –implementation of pay-as-youuse tariffs; satellites for home insurance
- > Cyber risk coverage and prevention in the wake of increased use of data and home working
- Specific protection products such as death, loss of job etc. might offer an opportunity to boost penetration
- > Wellness and wellbeing services to improve health conditions to employees in all dimensions (physical, mental, financial, community):
  - Health prevention on site with check-ups and primary care
  - Support to employees to manage their elderly when dependent
  - Reduction of absenteeism
- > Services allowing facilitation of home working



### Scale-Up Pillar 4 in a consolidating economy

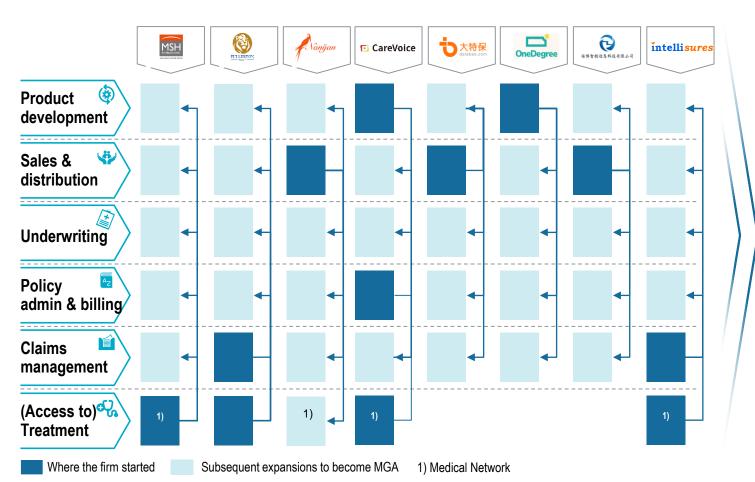
- > Partnership with service providers close to insurance in order to increase customer base and develop customer loyalty
  - Motor: with mobility players
  - Home: with security services or telecom providers
  - Health: with healthcare providers
- Alliance with competitors (nationally or internationally) to increase buying power in Insurance Procurement, for car repair or home repair in particular
- > To create barriers to entry, higher investment in services which can be bundled with insurance products or be sold stand-alone (e.g. teleconsultation services)
- Continued cooperation with InsurTechs to accelerate solution development, including cooperation for advanced data collection

Source: Roland Berger 20200525 MGA model evolution Asia vf.pptx



# MGA will change dramatically – Players are originating from and expanding to all across the value chain

MGA future development



### In future, we expect MGAs to be

- > Tech-focused as when insurtechs enter the industry, incumbents are forced to digitally innovate
- Strong capability in distribution/ Medical Network
- > Large and provide end-to-end service across the value chain for economies of scale





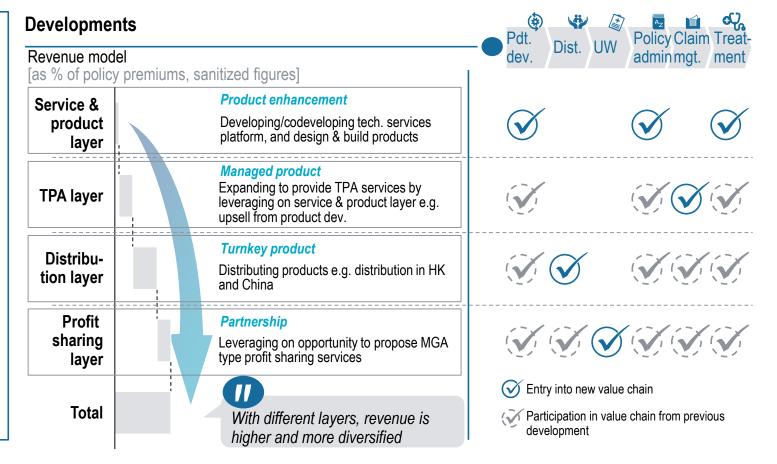
# We also see insurtechs leveraging their technology and partner with insurers to expand their value proposition

Insurtechs expanding across value chain

#### CareVoice

#### **Overview**

- > CareVoice started as an Insurtech firm using mobile and data driven solutions to improve customer journey
- > By leveraging on data and capabilities with partnerships, CareVoice expanded its services and revenue model

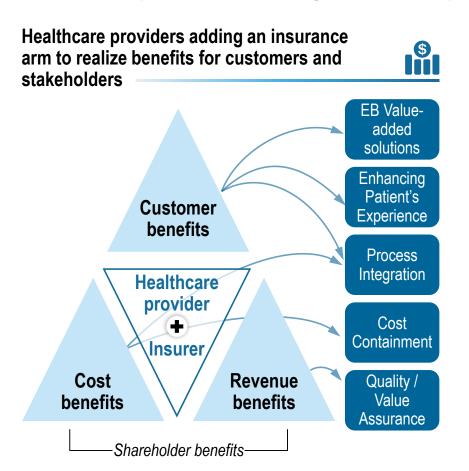


XXX : Value proposition for insurers



# Healthcare providers are developing stronger insurance capabilities, via inhouse or partnership, to drive patient and shareholder benefits

Healthcare providers entering insurance space



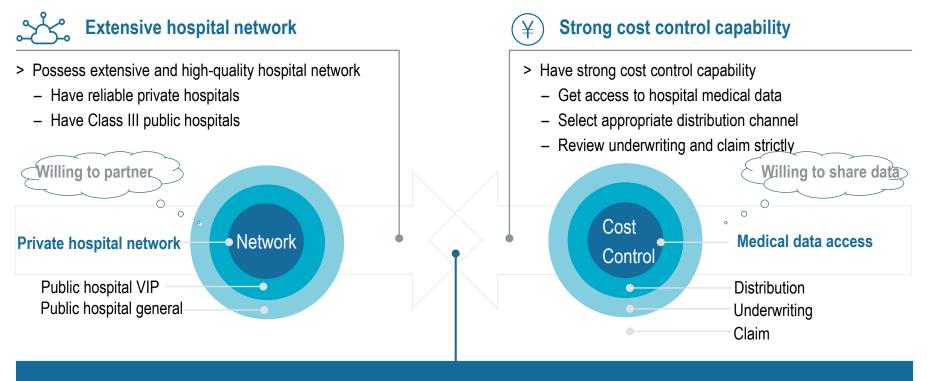


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### Relationship between hospitals and insurers is growing, with shared interest, especially around specific products

Rationale of partnership with between private hospitals and insurers



Successful partnerships provide shared advantages and interests to the trio: Patient-Hospital-Insurer by providing both transparency (on prices) and efficiency (on processes)

Source: Roland Berger





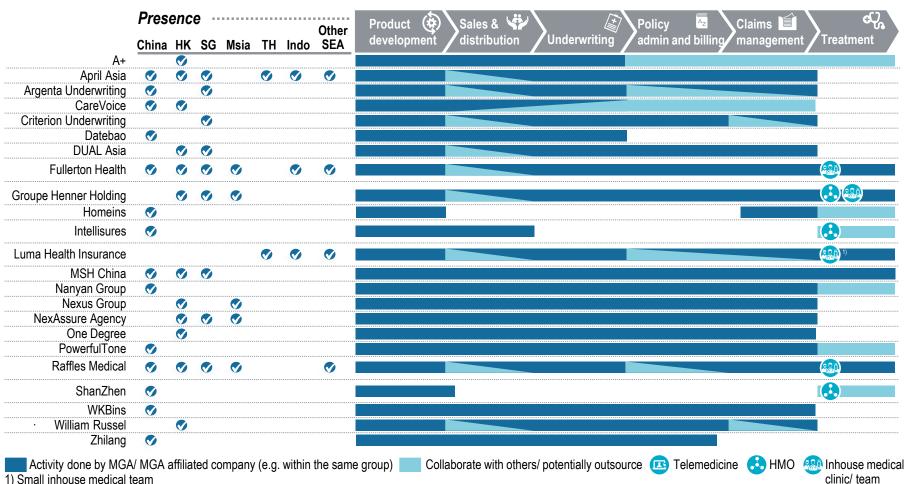
C. MGA landscape in Asia



# MGAs mainly partner to provide end-to-end services, except for large MGAs with affiliate companies to perform activities such as underwriting

MGAs in Greater China and SEA by geography and value chain

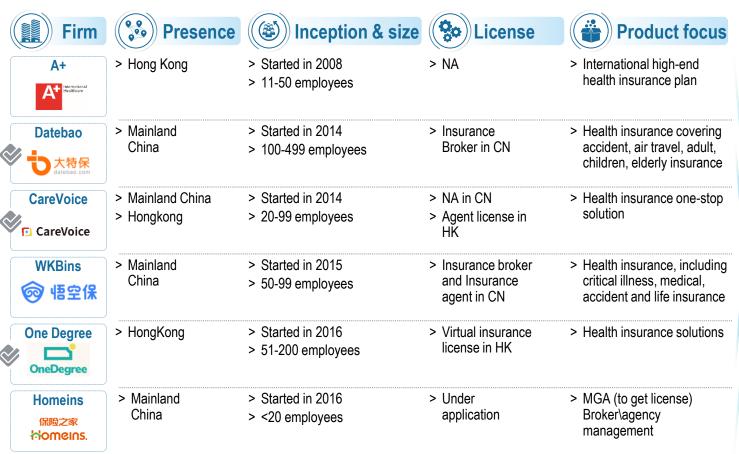
Source: Respective MGAs, Roland Berger





# In China MGA market, MGA model is still in the early stage, most existing players are startups and no dominant player by now

MGA landscape in Greater China (1/2)



#### **Takeaway**





Players started as or close to MGA model are almost independent MGAs and in small size

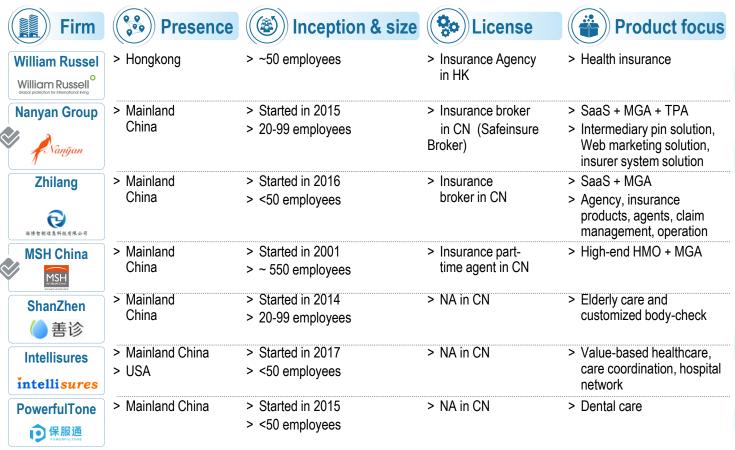


These players partnership with leading health insurance companies, and focus on niche, uncovered health protection demand, and cut in from the product side



# At the same time, several TPAs are trying to enter MGA market by leveraging their healthcare data and network

MGA landscape in Greater China (2/2)



#### **Takeaway**





Some players started as broker and IT solution provider, and then turn into SaaA + MGA model

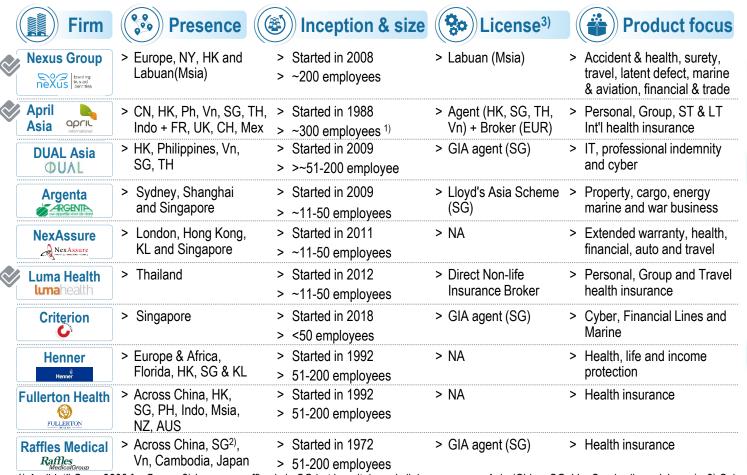


Some players started as TPA or HMO, then expand into MGA model



### MGAs in SEA are mainly large firms from other regions or healthcare providers and there are limited MGA insurtechs

#### MGA landscape in SEA



#### **Takeaway**





MGAs in SEA are mainly from other regions as local start ups are relatively few



There are also notable healthcare providers turned MGAs in SEA (Fullerton and Raffles Medical)





### Datebao is the first in China to implement MGA model by connecting scenarios and insurance product to cover the protection demands

#### Case study on Datebao



#### **Overview**

- > China
- > Founded in 2014
- > First to implement MGA model in China
- > Internet health insurance platform, providing operational service to insurers by its InsurTech and provide health management service to customers by leveraging health insurance.
- > 8M customers



#### **Key takeaway**



#### Develop creative product and cover the whole value chain

- > Its first medical insurance "Family Big Box", provide healthcare protection to whole family (3 members at least)
- > Datebao almost covers the whole value chain, from product design, pricing ,re-insurance aggrangement, risk control and online promotion
- > It has its **own distribution** to ensure "**zero-commission**", so that premium is cheap enough to attract cusomters.





#### Partnerships with leading insurers and health agencies to build an eco-system

- > Parnters with 10 re-/ insurers
- > Connect and partnership with health management platforms and hospitals

































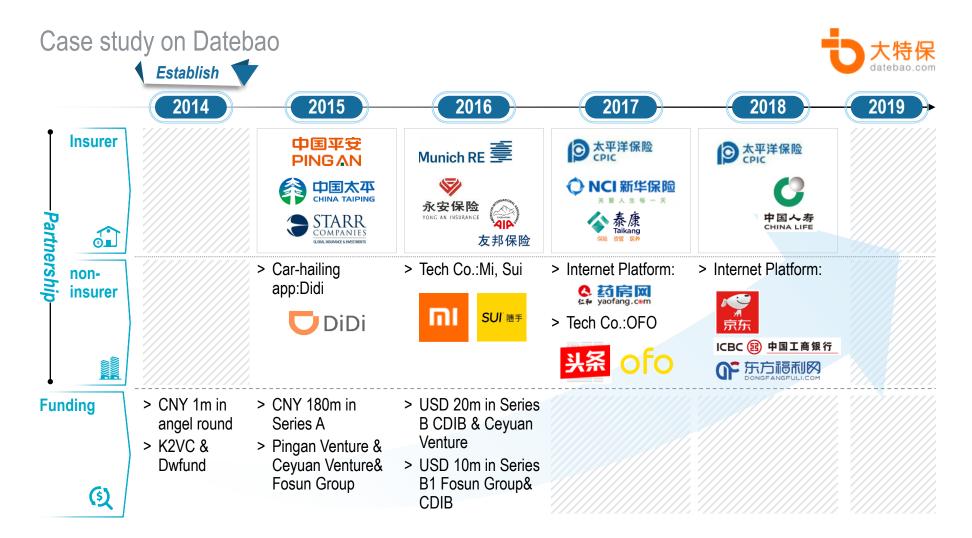








### Datebao built partnerships with both insurers and non-insurers, to connect insurance with user scenarios





### CareVoice launched in 2019 the first healthcare operating system transforming health experience to be more consumer-centric

Case study on The CareVoice



#### **Overview**

- > China
- > Founded in 2014
- > Expanded into Hong Kong in 2018
- > Backed by top VC, Asian and Chinese healthcare investors
- > Unique "Care" and "Cure" offering
- > In 2019 launch of the CareVoice OS as the first healthcare operating system so that insurers can deliver more tailored, efficient and compelling health plans



#### **Key takeaway**



#### Focus on consumer centricity solutions .....

- > The independent health platform started to provide ratings and recommendations on medical providers so that consumers can find hospitals and doctors with confidence
- > Unlike many mobile health solutions. CareVoice did not engage in costly direct to consumer marketing. Rather, CareVoice partners with insurers in order to on-board their policyholders (individual and employees)
- > Through partnering with CareVoice, health insurers / reinsurers can design and launch new health insurance products, improve members' satisfaction, engagement rate whilst lowering their operating costs



Partnerships with leading insurers and health agencies to













> +25 insurers / reinsurers / TPAs













> +300 medical providers network



























# OneDegree is a HK based in start-up, launched is 1st insurance product in April 2020

Case study on OneDegree



#### **Overview**

- > Offices in Hongkong,
- > Founded in 2016
- Focuses on homegrown online pet insurance, personalline general insurance and health insurance for customers through an online insurance platform

#### TE TechCrunch

- Offered insurance cover to more than half a million dogs and cats in Hongkong.
- > First to receive a virtual insurance license



#### **Key success factors**



### Target the unique market demand and develop creative insurance product

> Targeting 510,000 dogs and cats in Hognkong, its pet insurance is designed to cover veterinary bills and other expenses, with premiums ranging from a few hundred dollars to several thousand. (launched in 15th April, 2020)





#### Technology Capability to make it easy for both customers and insurers

- > Get a quote, buy a policy, and make claims easily from customers' laptop or mobile phone;90% of claims approved will be paid in 2 working days.
- > Its end-to-end digital platform is easily customizable and is designed to seamlessly integrate into any insurance company's existing system
- > Obtains virtual insurance license to become the first TechInsurer



#### Partnerships with leading insurers and reinsurers

- > Partnership with Cigna HK, as its online distribution platform to get access to China market
- > Working with two global giants in the reinsurance space, Munich Re and Scor Re, to make sure customer' money is protected.









# Nanyan is another leading MGA player in China, it focuses more on systematic solutions and now it extends business model into TPA

Case study on Nanyan



#### **Overview**

- > China
- > Founded in 2015
- Acquired an insurance broker in 2018, and TPA Medilink-global in 2019
- Received investment from Bluerun Venture, SIG, Starr and Boci Group from 2015 to 2020.
- > First to implement SaaS+MGA model in China
- > Provide comprehensive third-party insurance e-commerce services.



#### Key takeaway



#### Expanding value chain coverage to scale up

- > In its early stage, Nanyan focus more on broker enablement and systematic solutions, which is a relatively easy cut-in for new entrants
- > When Nanyan got more and more fundings, it started to make strategic moves by acquisition, obtaining broker and TPA who have already had strong precense in China
- > With its SaaS, geogracphical coverage of broker, TPA capability, Nanyan have the full capability of MGA and relatively large scale comparing to other players in China market.



### Partnerships with leading insurers and health agencies to build an eco-system

> Partners with 55 re-/ insurers









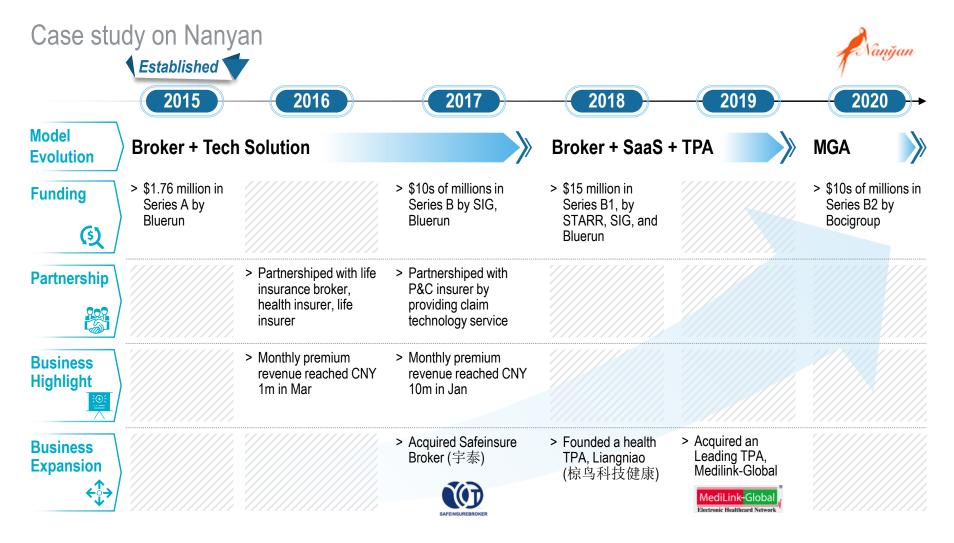
> Connects and partners with different distributors







# It entered the market by providing tech solution to brokers, and expand business by acquisition after getting more and more funding





# The acquisition of an insurance broker and TPA helps Nanyan to gain core capability along insurance value chain quickly

#### Case study on Nanyan



#### **Company overview**

- > **Insurance broker**, founded in 2004; Headquarter in Beijing and branches in Shanghai, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Jiangsu.
- > Its broker business includes traditional insurance (life, P&C, health insurance), internet insurance, and reinsurance
- > Partnership with leading insurers:





- > Regional presence in China countrywide
- > Access to its broad clients portfolio and product coverage



#### **Company overview**

- > TPA and medical network for mid and high-end medical insurance
- > Previously owned by MediLink Global before selling **51% of shares to Selfdoctor Technology Co., Ltd in 2014** (price: USD 300k)
- > Large client base, handling TPA for 30+ life and health insurers including:

























- > Regional presence in China and South-East Asia
- > Access to MediLink's broad clients portfolio



### MSH China is now the largest high-end health insurance provider, leveraging on its scale, network and TPA capabilities.

#### Case study on MSH China



#### **Overview**

- > Entered China in 2001
- > Headquarter in Shanghai, branch offices in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Singapore, and service offices in Suzhou, Wuhan, Dalian, Hefei, Harbin and Wenzhou
- > Largest market share of high-end health insurance in China



#### **Key success factors**



#### Most in-depth local healthcare network

- > MSH"s first move when entering China market 20 years ago, was to build up its healthcare network, connecting to both public and private hospitals and clinics
- > The healthcare network makes its unique advantage when dealing with both insurers and customers



#### **Partnerships with leading insurers**

> MSH takes partnership with local insurers as its second step in China. With its partnership with global insurers, MSH makes itself a best choise for foreigners in China.



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#### high- quality TPA service

> Its full range TPA services include Sales and Marketing Support, Enrollment, Claim, Customer Service, Claim Control and Risk Management, IT System Support, all of which benefit from economies of scale and help lower insurers' combine ratio.



# MSH China cut in the market by building up healthcare network and strengthened its unique competitive advantage in local market

Case study on MSH China



2001~ 2004



### 2017 ~

#### Building local healthcare network > 2001 1st international health insurance

- > 2001 1st international health insurance service center
- > 2002 1st direct billing network with topranking local hospitals 2004 1st local medical case management practice















#### Partnership with local insurers

- > 2005 1st International Health Insurance policy approved by the CBIRC
- 2006 1st Long Term Disability policy approved by CBIRC
   2011 1st international health insurance service provider with ISO 9001 Certification in China
- > 2013 1st international health insurance service provider with ISO27001 Certification in China
- > 2016 Partnership with Boc Insurance and Yongan Insurance on various overseas insurance plans.







#### Today



#### **Expanding Affiliation**

- > 2017 Launch new operation system 2.0 iHealth
- > 2019 Strategic partnership with 111 group (a leading integrated online and offline healthcare platform in China) on health insurance and PBM



#### Today



Is expanding its eco-system and value chain



### April operates all over Asia, its strong partnership with distributors and medical service provider forms its competitive advantage

Case study on April International Care Asia



#### **Overview**

- April reinforced its presence in Asia in 2012 through acquisition
- Operations in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia
- Provides international personal medical insurance for individuals, families, SMEs and groups in Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam



#### **Key success factors**



#### Comprehensive coverage of insurance value chain

> Its business model covers from product design, distribution and manage & assistance 24/7, so that it could get almost every data along insurance value chain, customers could have one-stop experience with April and insurers could leverage on April totally



#### in-depth network locally and globally ......

- > Operating in Asia for 25+ years, April has developed a strong network with insurers, network providers and medical service providers and managed to develop products adapted to their customers' needs, wherever they are in the Asia Pacific region
- > With its integrated and regional footprint, April owns the advangtage of ecnomics of scale, which helps to lower insurers' CoR



#### High- quality service capability ······

> April make life easier for their internationally-mobile aware customers by insuring their health and travel wherever they are in the world and whatever the nature and duration of their trip



### For MGAs in Asia should note that a sizable competitor with large ambitions is expanding in the region as well

#### Case study on Nexus



#### Overview

- > Presence in Europe, USA, China (inc. Hong Kong Singapore, Malaysia
- > Founded in 2008
- > Offers insurance on accident & health. surety, travel, latent defect, marine and aviation, financial lines and trade credit
- > >USD 400m gross written premium

"Aims to be the largest specialty MGA in Asia, achieving USD 50m in GWP"

#### **Key success factors**

#### **Buv** and build over organic growth maintaining profit margins

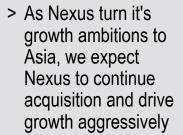
- > Nexus has preferred acquisitions fuel growth, from 2014 to 2019.
  - Nexus's EBITDA grew from USD 3m to USD 18m in 2019
  - Nexus completed ~19 acquisitons
  - Nexus's EBITDA to gross written premium margins maintained at 4-5% consistently
- > Funds mainly came from investment firms such as B.P. Marsh & Partners, an investor in early stage financial services businesses (~19% shareholding stake in Nexus)

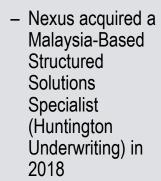
#### with underwriters

Partnerships > Nexus partners with more than 30 specialist underwriters to support product offerings

#### Distribution > via brokers

Brokers are a key distribution channel for Nexus e.g. started Xenia Broking Group and acquired Credit & Business Finance (a specialist insurance broker) in 2019







# A smaller startup has also seen success in the MGA market with both internal and external factors contributing to its growth

Case study on Luma Health



#### **Overview**

- Offices in Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia
- > Founded in 2012
- Focuses on health insurance for individuals, corporates and for travelling
- Focuses on Thailand, where it insurers
   5,000 families and companies

#### **Key success factors**

#### Value-formoney offering(s) via digital channels

- > In-house doctors who provide free consultation and recommend best medical facilities
- Consumers view Luma's plans to be value-formoney due to cheaper premiums and lifetime renewal guarantee unlike other insurance companies with age renewal limits
- Leveraging of mobile app and social media to engage consumers and provide lifestyle advice e.g. exercising

### Focus on expats

- > Thailand imposed a mandatory health insurance requirement<sup>1)</sup> for expats with long stay visas<sup>1)</sup>with
- > As a result, Luma has focused on expats by offering attractive insurance packages
  - Expats can also choose to receive treatment in certain countries in Europe
  - Offices are staffed with multi-lingual speakers e.g.
     German and French to support expats

- > There is an increasing expat population in Thailand, especially among the Chinese, which doubled in size from 2011 to 2016, with the average expat's income increasing by 28k USD in 2018
- > The increasing attractiveness of Thailand for expats would lead to more demand for expat health insurance and boost Luma's performance

<sup>1)</sup> Coverage requires a minimum of THB 40,000 for out-patient and THB 400,000 for in-patient medical bill coverage



D. RB perspectives and key questions





### MGA model is now getting traction in Asia while key developments drivers still remains "in the making"



- What are the key insurance segments and **products** where MGAs will provide the most value to insurers?
- How do reinsurers will embrace the transformation of this ecosystem?
- What level of expansion to expect in the value chain either vertically or horizontally?
- What regulatory evolutions to expect?
- Which Asian markets and at what pace will evolve towards this model?



### In case you have further interest...



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