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Hong Kong Small Business Insurance Survey November 2007



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The HSBC Commercial Banking Small Business Insurance Survey in Hong Kong

- Survey of small businesses on the type of insurance they have, their attitudes towards insurance and the extent of their contingency planning
- 500 SMEs surveyed by telephone in the third quarter of 2007, including HSBC customers and non-customers
- SME defined as a private company with staff of 50 or less for nonmanufacturing, and 100 or less for manufacturing
- We believe there is huge potential for the business insurance market to grow in Hong Kong



Business disruption

1 in 3 SMEs say they have experienced a significant disruption to their business.



Note: Multiple responses allowed. Graph base=160

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Insurance coverage

More than half of SMEs (54 per cent) do not have insurance coverage beyond the minimum legal requirements for employee compensation, motor insurance and Mandatory Provident Fund. The majority said it's not important.



Note: Multiple responses allowed. Graph base=237

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Insurance claims

3 in 10 SMEs have filed an insurance claim for their business.



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Types of insurance coverage

Insurance for accidents or injuries to workers and physical damage to property or stock are the most popular. But third-party liability coverage is also important.



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Insurance benefits for staff

Less than half of SMEs (48 per cent) offer insurance benefits to employees, but 62 per cent of those say benefits help to attract and retain staff.



Note: Multiple responses allowed. Graph base=500



Contingency planning

Nearly half of SMEs think Hong Kong could be hit by a pandemic in the next 10 years, but only eight per cent have a contingency plan for their business – and less than half of those plans include insurance.



Note: Graph base=499



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FlexiCommercial Insurance

- Innovative
- Flexible
- Simple
- Instant cover upon purchase
- Enhanced coverage



Features

• Innovative and flexible:

- Combination of life and non-life products
- 190 possible combinations covering 3 insurance categories
 - physical assets, public liability and employee benefits
- 3 levels of coverage
 - Diamond, Gold, Silver
- Protecting SME business under 8 insurance lines
 - Property All Risks, Business Interruption, Money, Fidelity Guarantee, Public Liability, Group Medical, Group Life and Group Personal Accident
- All of the choices are included in one single policy
- Saves small businesses time and administration costs

Example 1

Operations-oriented industries (eg retailers) are often exposed to risk of theft or damage to goods, business interruption and employee fidelity.

	Physical Assets	Public Liability	Employee Benefits
Diamond			
Gold			
Silver			
No Cover			
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Example 2

People-oriented businesses (eg accounting firms) cannot afford to overlook employee benefits, public liability and other human resources needs.

	Physical Assets	Public Liability	Employee Benefits
Diamond			
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Gold		\equiv	
Silver			
No Cover			
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Other features

- Simplicity
 - Easy to understand
 - Easy to choose
- Instant cover upon purchase
 - Simplified underwriting procedures
- Enhanced coverage
 - Operating on first loss basis
 - Claims amount can be reimbursed up to 100% of insured amount





