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#### **European Motor**

- q Market summaries
  - q Products
  - ${\tt q} \ {\hbox{\it Distribution}}$
  - q Size
- q Profitability
- ${\tt q}$  Current issues



#### Market - Products (UK)

- q Two Basic Product Systems
  - ${\bf q}$  Comprehensive / Non-comprehensive
  - q TPL / Own Damage / Fire & Theft sold separately
  - ${\tt q}$  Sale of add-ons increasing
  - q Increasing number of rating factors



#### Distribution

Method	UK	Germany	France	Spain	Italy	Ireland
Broker	50%	10%	15%	25%	5%	25%
Tied Agents	15%	70%	75%	65%	85%	50%
Direct	20%	5%		5%	5%	
Banks / Other	15%	15%	10%	5%	5%	25%

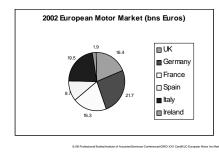
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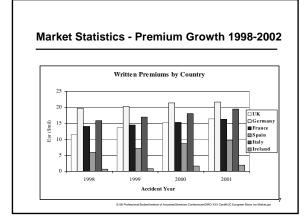
- ${\tt q}$  UK heavily broker & direct
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{q}}$  Direct increasing in all other countries
- ${\bf q}$  Continentals dominated by tied agents

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## Market Statistics



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#### Market Statistics - Premium Growth 1998-2002

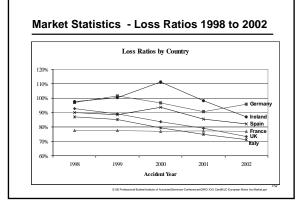
	Country	GWP 1998	GWP 2002	Growth 1998- 2002	Annual Growth
ĺ	UK	10.4	16.4	58%	12%
	Germany	19.9	21.7	9%	2%
	France	13.9	16.3	17%	4%
	Spain	4.4	9.7	120%	22%
	Italy	14.4	19.5	36%	8%
	Ireland	1.0	1.7	80%	16%

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#### Market Statistics - Gross Written Premium

- ${\bf q}\,$  Italy has surprisingly high written premium
- ${\bf q}\,$  Ireland and Spain high growth
- ${\tt q}\ \text{UK}$  and Italy have shown significant growth
- ${\bf q}$  France and Germany are flat
- q How does this feed into loss ratios?

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#### Market Statistics - Loss Ratios 1998-2002

Country	Loss Ratio 1998	Loss Ratio 2002	Effective Rate Increase	Average Annual Rate Increase
UK	93%	73%	26%	6%
Germany	97%	96%	1%	0%
France	78%	77%	1%	0%
Spain	90%	82%	10%	2%
Italy	87%	71%	22%	5%
Ireland	98%	87%	12%	3%

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#### Market Statistics - Loss Ratios

- ${\tt q}$  Italy and UK show biggest improvement in loss ratios
- ${\bf q}$  Ireland and Spain loss ratios are surprisingly high given premium increases
- ${\tt q}$  France and Germany are flat mirroring premium

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#### **Market Concentration**

Country	Top 5	Top 10
UK	51%	73%
Germany	30%	45%
France	43%	64%
Spain	45%	65%
Italy	32%	50%
Ireland	77%	99%

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#### **Market Concentration**

- ${\bf q}\,$  Germany least concentrated and poor performance
- ${\tt q}\>\>$  Irish loss ratio surprisingly high given market concentration
- q France very stable
- q No significant cross-border trade



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#### Current Issues - Europe-wide

- q Historic lack of profitability
- q Improving road safety
- q New markets ?
- ${f q}$  Claims process improvement
- q Harmonisation
- q Reduced investment income



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#### **Current Issues**

- ${\tt q} \ \textbf{United Kingdom}$ 
  - $\ensuremath{\mathtt{q}}$  Increasing social inflation
  - $\ensuremath{\mathtt{q}}$  Claw-back of state costs
  - $\bar{\mathbf{q}}$  Maintaining profitability



- ${\tt q} \; \textbf{Germany}$ 
  - q Possible anti-selection between old and new rating systems
  - ${\bf q}$  Limited data for new rating factors
  - q Loss-leading

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#### **Current Issues**

- q France
  - ${\tt q}$  Low churn rate
  - q Companies declining risks rather than raising premiums
- q Spain
  - ${\bf q}$  Problems with motor-cycles
  - q Scope for improving road infra-structure and safety
  - q Maintaining profitability

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#### **Current Issues**

- q Italy
  - ${\bf q}$  Market rates starting to soften
  - q Claims frequency has reduced
  - q Penalty points system introduced July 2003
- ${\tt q} \ \text{Ireland}$ 
  - ${\bf q}$  Penalty points system introduced Nov 2002
  - $\ensuremath{\mathtt{q}}$  Historically high claim inflation but steps to control
  - ${\tt q} \; \text{Political reform}$



