THE END OF INSURANCE AS WE KNOW IT

Rob Galbraith, CPCU, CLU, ChFC

Author & Insurance Futurist

28th National Conference on Insurance and Development 6 December 2021



Agenda

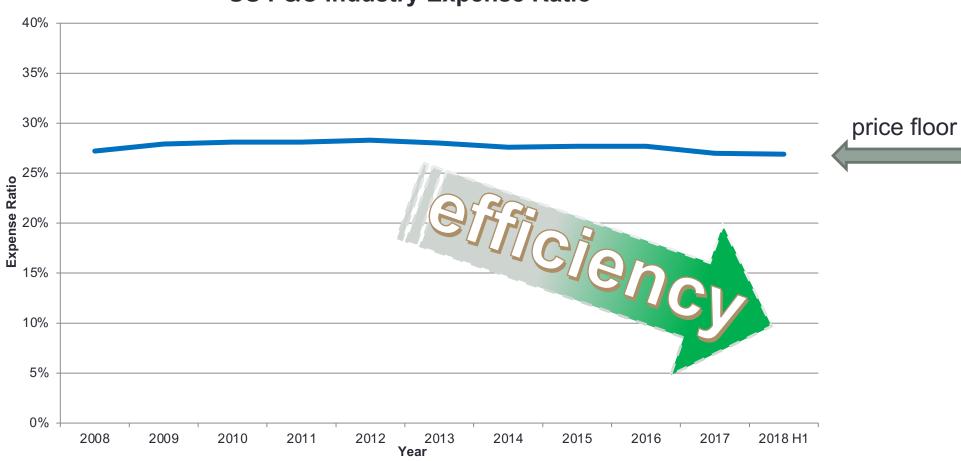
- 1. Thoughts on digital transformation in the insurance industry
- 2. Challenges and opportunities in the insurance industry
- 3. Insurance agents and insurtech: friends or foes?
- 4. Insurance industry's rivals in the following decade

Agenda

- 1. Thoughts on digital transformation in the insurance industry
- 2. Challenges and opportunities in the insurance industry
- 3. Insurance agents and insurtech: friends or foes?
- 4. Insurance industry's rivals in the following decade

"Massive, unloved and unspoiled by innovation"





Source: National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)

The gate agent problem



Technological changes: think SCALED

Streaming data from sensors

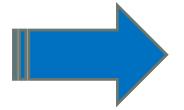
Cloud computing

Algorithms and Al

Localized knowledge

Efficiencies in operations

Digital distribution and assets



Agility

New technologies are solving old problems



- Telematics
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Remote sensing, aerial imagery & smart phones
- Artificial intelligence (AI)



- Platforms & ecosystems
- Parametric solutions
- Blockchain / DLT
- User reviews

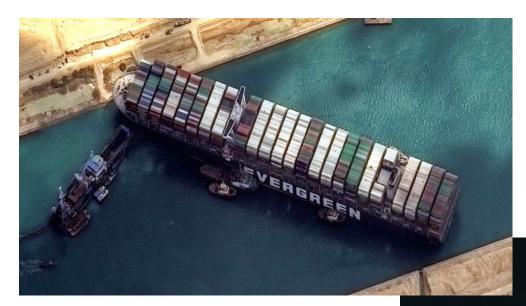


- Digital marketing
- Chatbots
- Embedded insurance

Agenda

- 1. Thoughts on digital transformation in the insurance industry
- 2. Challenges and opportunities in the insurance industry
- 3. Insurance agents and insurtech: friends or foes?
- 4. Insurance industry's rivals in the following decade

What's not changing: the demand for insurance



Creditt: Maxxar Technologies



"Coronavirus" by danielfoster437 is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0

The 7 fatal flaws of insurance

- 1. Too expensive
- 2. Too confusing
- 3. Too easy to game the system
- 4. Cash drain
- 5. Doesn't cover all causes of loss
- 6. Doesn't cover everything
- 7. Doesn't cover everyone

What are the barriers to innovation?

Short answer: insurance is **complicated**!

- Insurance is a financial instrument and legal contract all rolled into one
- Carriers do not know "true" cost of goods sold until <u>after</u> product is sold

Common reasons cited based on survey of experts:

- Complexity
- Capital requirements
- Regulation / regulatory environment
- Low return on equity
- Insurance consumers
- Need for trust

The 4 most common mistakes in innovation



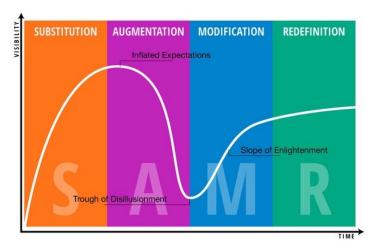
Fear Of Missing Out



Sprinkle Strategy



Pet Projects



Hype Cycle

Offensive vs. defensive innovation

Offensive innovation

- Potentially "game changing"
- Provides competitive advantage
- Stretches your organization
- Requires vision & dedication
- Makes people uncomfortable
- High risk vs. high rewards
- Needs disciplined process with focus on experimentation

Defensive innovation

- Incremental / adjacent possible
- Avoid falling behind
- Less risky & reward is clearer
- Ideally should be "quick wins"
- Led by subject matter experts
- Look to reap benefits that can "fund" riskier initiatives
- Allows you to "earn your keep"

Top-down vs. bottom-up innovation

Top-down innovation

- Use for "Henry Ford" innovation
- Involves more C-suite direction
- Must haves:
 - Clear learning objectives
 - Accountability
 - Protection of resources
 - Safety to speak up
 - Cognitive diversity
- Target small success, then scale

Bottom-up innovation

Support for "intrapreneurship"

Solicit ideas from everyone

Product and process focus

Encourage business challenges

Set up "feedback as a feature"

Foster "ownership mentality"

Hold hack-a-thons & other events

Provide tangible rewards

Talent recruitment & retention



The race to hire millennial talent is on, and the insurance industry needs to participate

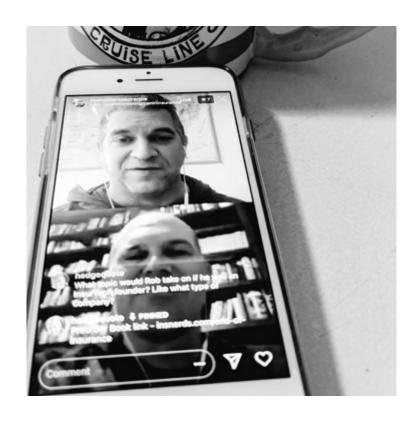
What is your experience working with young people?

Agenda

- 1. Thoughts on digital transformation in the insurance industry
- 2. Challenges and opportunities in the insurance industry
- 3. Insurance agents and insurtech: friends or foes?
- 4. Insurance industry's rivals in the following decade

Why is insurtech happening now?

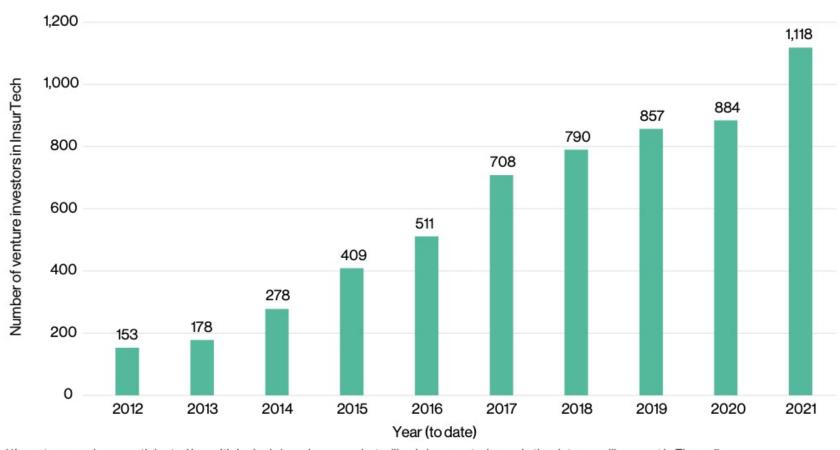
Unparalleled convergence of emerging tech, youthful talent & investment capital





Growth in insurtech investors

Figure 5: Venture investors in InsurTech

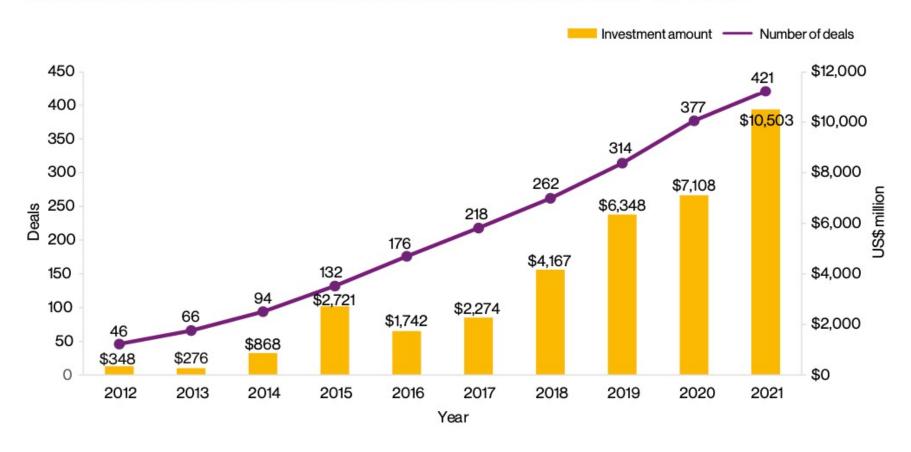


^{**}Investors may have participated in multiple deals in a given year, but will only be counted once in the data we will present in Figure 5

Source: Willis Towers Watson Quarterly Insurtech Report Q3 2021

Insurtech funding trends since 2012

Figure 3: Annual InsurTech funding trends, including transaction volume and dollar amount, 2012 - Q3 2021

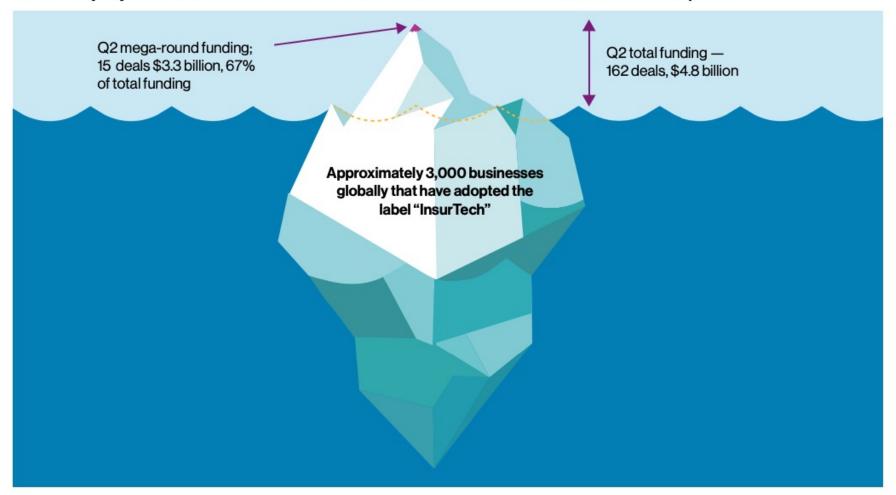


The volume of investment capital in the first three quarters of 2021 has surpassed the \$10 billion mark for the first time in a single year in InsurTech investment history.

Source: Willis Towers Watson Quarterly Insurtech Report Q3 2021

Growth and maturity of insurtech startups

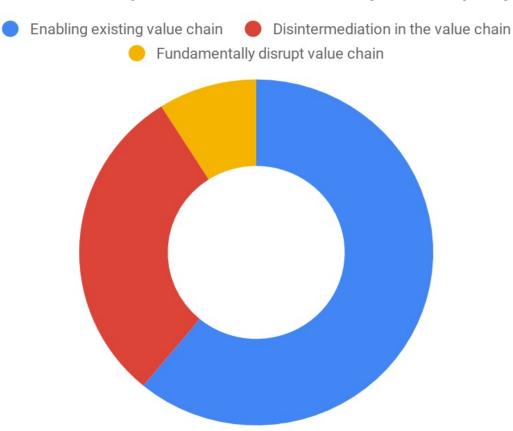
The vast majority of the InsurTech investment in 2021 Q2 was concentrated into a small number of companies.



Source: Willis Towers Watson Quarterly Insurtech Report Q3 2021

Insurtech: friends or foes?

Goal of insurtech startups based on McKinsey & Company survey

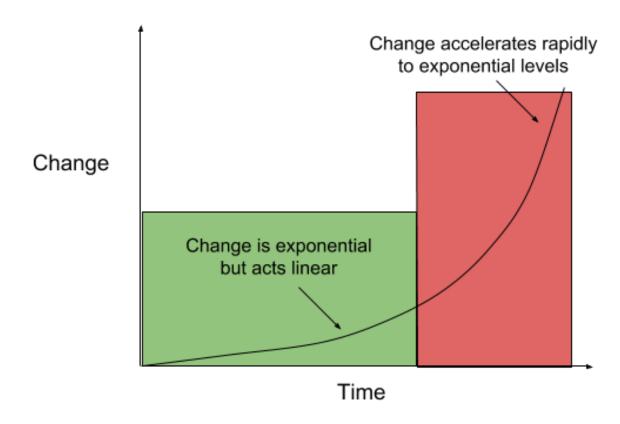


Agenda

- 1. Thoughts on digital transformation in the insurance industry
- 2. Challenges and opportunities in the insurance industry
- 3. Insurance agents and insurtech: friends or foes?
- 4. Insurance industry's rivals in the following decade

The mindset shift that must occur

- We live in a world of accelerating change
- Our mindset is linear, but needs to be exponential
- Incremental change is no longer sufficient to effectively compete



Technological trends – past & future

- 1970s mainframe computing
- 1980s personal computing
- 1990s the Internet and e-commerce
- 2000s mobile computing and nanotechnology
- 2010s cloud computing and the Internet of Things (IoT)
- 2020s decentralized finance (DeFi)? non-fungible tokens (NFT)?

Key unknown: how society shapes tech and vice versa

"Software eats the world" mindset – continued merging of online and offline

What has changed since the pandemic began?

- Overnight we went from relative stability to global stress
- What was considered "nice to have" is now a necessity
- Firms largely succeeded in pivoting in the short term
- Some innovation efforts delayed while others accelerated
- Challenge: capture "cognitive diversity" doing remote work

True innovation springs from necessity, not abundance

Who will determine the future of insurance?



Run for cover

The future of insurance is happening without insurance firms

The industry's plodding giants face mounting threats from restless reinsurers and Big Tech

Bottom line: If incumbents do not adapt and shape the future of insurance, others will.

Insurance is an ideal product for our digital age

Source: The Economist, 20 July 2019

Discussion Q&A

Contact info for Rob:

- Email: rob@endofinsurance.com
- WhatsApp: +12109135275





in Search "Rob Galbraith"



