







Thailand











Thailand: Emergence of new distribution channels

Life industry

Penetration: 2.0% GDP

Density: US\$ 55 per cap

Total premium: US\$ 3.5 bn

New business: US\$ 0.8 bn

Policies: 3.2 million

Liberalization: 1995

Players: 25 (13 JV)

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Characteristics

- Dominated by agency distribution but channel stagnant in recent years
- Strong emergence of bancassurance and direct marketing channels
- Slow pace of product innovation still dominated by traditional guaranteed products

Top players H1 2006

- 1. AIA 39%
- 2. Thai Life Insurance 16%
- 3. Muangthai Life 8%
- 4. Ayudhya Allianz C.P Life 8%
- 5. Bangkok Life 6%
- **10. Prudential 1.5%**

Recent developments

- Recent political development has had little impact
- Multi distribution companies increasing market share
- Agency poaching significantly reduced due to cost and persistency issues

Source: Swiss Re Sigma No 5/2006, FY 2005 Jan 1 – 2005 Dec 31, Thailand Life Industry Association.



Thailand: Challenges & strategy

Challenges

- Market dominated by long entrenched, traditional agency players
- Difficult for new entrants to establish agency distribution profitably

Prudential strategy

- Build best in class DM capabilities and establish first mover advantage in this emerging channel
- Rapidly expanding PruCall centre currently with 400 TSRs





Thailand: Building best in class DM operation

Developments

- Growth in agency distribution has been stagnant
- Bancassurance and direct marketing channels taking off
- Pace of product innovation remains disappointing; linked products not yet approved by regulators

Prudential's position

- Prudential is investing to become the leader in direct marketing
- Continue to build a diversified distribution capability