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Global economic recovery looking increasingly rosy with growth projection upgrades



World Economic Outlook Update Report (July 2021): Fault Lines Widen in the Global Recovery Global Economic Prospects Report (June 2021): A Strong but Uneven Recovery

Sources: IMF and World Bank

Growth of Asia and MENA region projected to rebound...



Source: IMF July 2021 WEO Update, IMF April 2021 WEO

...but downside risk to growth still fairly elevated



Vaccination rate in Asia and MENA still lags behind advanced economies



Sources: Our World in Data, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, RAM

Unevenness within the same region as well: "Winners and Losers"



Sources: Our World in Data and RAM

Potential "economic scarring" might risk leaving some countries behind



Sources: Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford and RAM

Unwinding of QE – Will it trigger another round of financial market volatility?



Sources: US Federal Reserve, CEIC Data and RAM

Employment conditions remain under pressure





Pandemic will likely widen income gap, notably in developed countries



Education disrupted, also moving online



Note: Duration from Mar 2020 to Jun 2021

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Geopolitical Risk – US-China relations again in the spotlight



- Both countries competing in supremacy in:
 - Global trade the Asian supply chain
 - Technology specifically in 5G and semiconductor production
 - Exerting "soft-power" notably with China's vaccine diplomacy

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China has not met its agreement to expand purchases of US exports signed in early-2020

2021 Purchase commitment (total, Chinese imports) \$207.4 billion

US-China phase one tracker: China's purchases of US goods in 2021

US exports and China's imports of all goods covered by the phase one deal as of June 2021

a. US exports and China's imports of all covered goods, billions USD

220

200

180

160 140 120

100

80

60

40 20 69% (Chinese imports)

Feb

Jan

64% (US exports)



Nov

Dec

Oct

- Would this trigger a revival of the US-China trade tit-for-tat?
- Chances are low under the leadership of President Biden.
- Nonetheless, US remains "tough" on its relations with China



Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Mar

June target, Chinese imports **\$99.0 billion** June target, US exports **\$84.1 billion**

Key Takeaways

- Global economy to recover in 2021.
- Recovery across regions and within the region to remain **uneven**.
- Resurgence in COVID-19 infection remains key downside risk.
- Unwinding of COVID-19 stimulus measures could potentially introduce financial market volatility.
- Socio-economic disparity exposed and aggravated due to the pandemic might pose downside risk over the longer-term
- **US-China relations** might come to the forefront again once COVID-19 dissipates



THANK YOU

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Brighton Park Lane PCC Limited is managed by Brighton

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A captive insurance company is effectively an in-house insurance provider formed primarily to insure its owner and affiliated companies and can be viewed as a form of formalized self-insurance.

The Labuan Financial Services & Securities Act 2010 (LFSSA) defines the Labuan Captive insurance business as:-

"where the insured is a related corporation or associate corporation of the Labuan insurer or where the insured is any other persons in respect of whom the Labuan insurer is authorized by Authority to provide insurance or reinsurance"

Captive can transact general insurance or life insurance whether as direct business or as reinsurance accepted business.

Captive cannot transact Malaysian domestic business except as reinsurance and Malaysian permitted risks such as risk relating to international MAT, liability deriving from such risk and risk relating to goods in international transit, subject to approval from Bank Negara Malaysia

Under the insurance guidelines issued by Authority, a Labuan Captive may underwrite a limited amount of third party risk provided it is approved by Authority.







Captive Structures in the Labuan IBFC

The captive in Labuan IBFC is governed by **Part vii** of Labuan Financial Services & Securities Act 2010 (LFSSA), which was specially drafted in a manner designed to provide a simple and helpful operating environment.

The LFSSA provides for the establishment of the following:-

- ✤ Pure/Single Captive
- Group Captive/Association Captive
- ✤ Rent-a-Captive
- Protected Cell Captive / Master Rent-a-Captive
- Multi-Owner Captive

The PCC was introduced in the Labuan IBFC in 2010. The jurisdiction is the <u>first</u> to do so in the Asian region and is aiming to evolve to become the PCC Centre for Asia.









Heightened Interest in Captive Insurance

According to Marsh's 'Global Insurance Market Index', in the last quarter 2020, global commercial insurance prices had jumped by 22% which was the largest premium hike since the index was launched in 2012. This was preceded by a year-on-year average increases of 20% in the third quarter and 19% in the second quarter of 2020. Reference: "https://www.marsh.com/us/insights/research/global-insurance-market-index".

Typically, in a "hard" insurance market, characterized by sustained and significant rate increases, reduced capacity, coverage restrictions, and increased reinsurance costs among others, companies tend to seek relief in alternative risk transfer. Thus, we had witnessed a heightened interest in companies looking at self-insurance (retaining more of their own risk) or by setting up a captive insurance company.

As at mid-2020, the Labuan captive business continued its growth momentum with premiums increasing by 14.2% to USD457.5 million, where 64.5% of its total premiums originated from international markets including Europe.

At the end of 2020, the Labuan IBFC had recorded 10 new captives comprising of three pure captives, two master-rent-a-captive and five protected cell captives, which represented a growth of more than 300% in terms of numbers compared to the whole of 2019. This growth momentum continued to the new year and by mid-2021, the jurisdiction recorded an additional five new subsidiary-rent-a-captives.







Establishing A PCC And Cell in the Labuan IBFC





Typical Structure Of A Protected Cell Company

Share Participation & Cell Management Agreements



Investment Income & Underwriting Result

The Share Participation & Cell Management Agreement may cover the following matters:

- Calculation of the protected cell's experience account;
- Calculation of cell shareholder fund and right to dividends;
- Investment management of cell's funds;
- Maintenance of solvency margins;
- Financial reporting to the regulator.



How a Cell Captive Can Be a Profit Centre

Share Participation & Cell Management Agreements







Case View #1 Cells Representing Different Business Segments

- 1. A listed company that has many business interests with different subsidiaries may adopt PCC and cell captives for its insurance risk solutions.
- 2. The intention is to ring fence each subsidiaries' insurance risks instead of co-mingling in a pure captive as their businesses are quite distinct from each other.
- 3. In this case, the Core may not underwrite any risks. The cells will underwrite the insurance / reinsurance businesses that the PCC is authorized to underwrite.
- 4. The Core maintains and controls all the activities of the PCC including the minimum capital requirement at all times for regulatory purposes.
- 5. An exit strategy for cells would be for the cells to convert to pure captives once a certain level of insurance premiums and economies of scale are achieved.





Case View #2 Cells Representing Different Localities

- 1. A local company that manufactures and distributes motorcycles in 4 different geographical markets.
- 2. The intention is to ring fence each business locations' insurance risks instead of co-mingling in a pure captive to address different geographical business risks peculiar to each location.
- 3. In this case, the Core will underwrite its own insurance / reinsurance business notwithstanding each cell will underwrite its own insurance / reinsurance businesses that the PCC is authorized to underwrite.
- 4. The Core maintains and controls all the activities of the PCC including the minimum capital requirement at all times for regulatory purposes.
- 5. An exit strategy for cells would be for the cells to convert to pure captives once a certain level of insurance premiums and economies of scale are achieved.





Case View #3 Cells Representing Different Business Owners

- 1. A Labuan Insurance Company establishes a PCC special purpose vehicle or commercial PCC to rent cell captives to its clientele.
- 2. The insured parties have the opportunity to self-insure through a captive without the need to establish one themselves but in lieu, by renting cell captives from a service provider.
- 3. In this case, the Core would not underwrite any risks. The cells will underwrite the insurance / reinsurance businesses that the PCC is authorized to underwrite.
- 4. The Core maintains and controls all the activities of the PCC including the minimum capital requirement at all times for regulatory purposes.
- 5. The cell captive benefits by insuring risks that would otherwise be uninsurable, establishing a captive when the premiums do not justify a pure captive and experimenting captive insurance solution guided by a professional service provider.





Park Lane PCC Limited (Park Lane) received approval from the Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA) on 25 February 2020. Park Lane is licensed as a protected cell company, captive insurer, with a takaful window.

The cell under Park Lane may conduct the following businesses viz. a. viz. :-

- general insurance,
- life insurance,
- takaful, and
- family takaful.

A cell can transact either in general/takaful or life/family takaful. If the cell owner wishes to transact both general/takaful and life/family takaful then more cells are required, one for each business segment.

Park Lane is a 100% owned subsidiary of Brighton International Group Limited and is managed by Brighton Management Limited (Brighton). As at 30th June 2021, Brighton manages 93 insurance and insurance related companies including 23 captives. For the captives clientele, 4 are Protected Cell Company (PCC) including Park Lane.

Brighton has been shortlisted as Captive Manager of the Year category for the Asia Captive Review Awards for 2018 and 2019. Captive Review has recently announced the result and we are pleased that Brighton is shortlisted for 2021 Captive Manager of the Year category.





Benefits of Cells in Park Lane PCC Limited

"The cell captive structure holds a number of benefits from the cell owner's perspective. It is an **entry route** into the insurance market that provides for **direct control** of the business and participation in the **economic benefits** of insurance, at **lower cost** and with **fewer compliance hurdles** than a full insurance license. The cell owner also has the **autonomy to tailor** the product offering to their vision and/or customer needs (as opposed to a pure distribution relationship), as well as the ability to **innovate** in a **nimble structure** that **sits outside** of the corporate culture and legacy systems of "traditional" corporate insurers."

Reference: "Third-party cell captives as an enabler for transformation in the insurance sector"., Cenfri, July 2018.





law under Part VIIIB of the Labuan Companies Act 1990 (LCA).



	Pure Captive	Cell Captive		
Paid-up Capital/Working Funds	RM 300,000 (minimum)	RM 500,000 (minimum) for Core , no minimum prescribed for Cell		
Annual Licence Fee	USD 3,000	USD 9,500 Core / USD 3,000 Cell		
Solvency Capital Requirement (Surplus of assets over liabilities for Cell)	 Maintain all times a surplus of assets over liabilities or more than the amount of its working fund 10% of Net Premium Income or 10% of provision for OS Claim for preceding year iro General Insurance 2.5% of the Cells' actuarial valuation of the liabilities for life insurance/ family takaful business as at the last valuation date 			
Business Plan	 Objective of Establishment Type of Insurance i.e. Life or General Class of Insurance i.e. Fire, Marine, Engineering, Motor, Accident, Miscellaneous, Others Retention Level (%) Reinsurance Arrangement i.e. Structure, Proposed Reinsurer & Shares, Fronting Arrangement, Loss History 	 Target Market i.e. Individual or Corporate Client Territorial Scope i.e. Country and Percentage Marketing Strategy Proposed Manpower Planning Three Year Financial Projection i.e. Income Statement & Balance Sheet including basis of assumption in deriving the projected figures. 		
Corporate Tax Rate (irrevocable upon election)	3% of the profits as disclosed in the audited financial statement for the year. g substance requirements in Labuan:			
	 Establish an office Minimum 2 full time employees Minimum operational expenditure of RM100,000 			
	24% shall apply if substance requirements are no	ot met.		
	Or Income Tax Act 1967 - 24% of the chargeat	ole income in the audited financial statement for the year.		

Pure Captive versus Cell Captive Cost Comparison



			Pure Captive	Cell
	a) At times of incorporation and first year of operations	RM	USD	USD
i	To Trust Company		3,750	1,800
ii	To Labuan FSA		3,350	3,000
iii	Labuan International Insurance Association	2,500	625	n/a
iv	To Insurance Manager (minimum and based on business volume)		10,000	10,000
v	To External Auditor (negotiable depending on size of operation)		3,000	1,500
vi	Internal Audit (negotiable depending on size of operation)		3,000	1,000
vii	Tax Agent (LBATA, where required)		250	250
viii	Payroll Services		500	n/a
ix	Miscellaneous/Retainer/Processing Fees etc		9,000	5,000
	Total		32,975	22,550

* Please note costs are best estimates. For pure captive, costs do not include others like BOD meetings/traveling in Labuan and compliance function costs.

Pure Captive versus Cell Captive Cost Comparison



			Pure Captive	Cell
	b) Annually thereafter	RM	USD	USD
i	To Trust Company		1,300	300
ii	To Labuan FSA		3,800	3,000
iii	Labuan International Insurance Association	2,500	625	n/a
iv	To Insurance Manager (minimum and based on business volume)		10,000	10,000
v	To External Auditor (negotiable depending on size of operation)		3,000	1,500
vi	Internal Audit (negotiable depending on size of operation)		3,000	1,000
vii	Tax Agent (LBATA, where required)		250	250
viii	Payroll Services		500	n/a
ix	Miscellaneous/Retainer/Processing Fees etc		3,000	3,000
	Total		25,475	19,050

* Please note costs are best estimates. For pure captive, costs do not include others like BOD meetings/traveling in Labuan and compliance function costs.

Pure Captive versus Cell Captive Cost Comparison



				Pure Captive	Cell
		c) Estimated Annual Costs to comply with Substance Requirements in Labuan	RM	USD	USD
i	Rent a	serviced office from Brighton			
	a)	Office Rental (RM1,000 to RM1,800 per month)	21,600	5,400	n/a
	b)	Telephone Line (RM50 per month)	600	150	n/a
	c)	Electricity & Water (RM100 per month)	1,200	300	n/a
ii	Staff C	ost			
	a)	1 staff must be at the managerial capacity i.e. Principal Officer (RM10,000 per month minimum for expatriate)	120,000	30,000	n/a
	b)	1 other staff can be non-managerial/clerical (RM1,200 minimum wage)	14,400	3,600	n/a
ii	Travelling Cost				
	a)	1 staff at managerial capacity i.e. Principal Officer (estimate 4 trips a year)	4,000	1,000	n/a
		Total		40,450	n/a

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