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“In terms of premium income, the domestic home insurance market has stagnated over the past decade. Technological-driven innovation is needed to achieve real growth potential and to enable insurers to better respond to changing consumer needs in the digital era, as well as shifting demographics and tenure patterns.”

– **Sarah Hitchcock, Senior Financial Services Analyst**

This report looks at the following areas:

- **Extend cover to address people’s fear of cybercrime**
- **Sustainable pricing could reduce churn and encourage loyalty**

The market for domestic property insurance in the UK is large and stable, with around two thirds of adults owning a policy. It is also fairly consolidated, with the top five insurers underwriting around three fifths of premium income in 2018. Despite this concentration in supply, there is fierce competition between distributors, particularly in the online space. This, along with the influence exerted by price comparison sites and changing buyer behaviour, has served to suppress real premium growth in recent years. At the same time, cost pressures remain high. In 2018, the market barely made an underwriting profit, while a loss could be on the cards for 2019, due to an increase in weather-related claims in the final quarter.

In this Report, Mintel considers what insurers need to do to drive growth going forward, whether through new product innovation or by adopting more sustainable pricing models. The market and company analysis is supplemented by the findings of an online consumer survey. The latter provides insight into product ownership and renewal behaviour, and assesses people’s interest in cybercrime cover. Additionally, it identifies opportunities for new business, by revealing people’s plans for the coming year, such as moving home, undertaking a major renovation and acquiring high-value items.

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