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**BMI View:** We expect to see healthy growth in Kuwait's insurance market throughout the forecast period to 2019, though the market will remain small in both regional and global terms, with life insurance in particular reflecting low rates of penetration and density. Kuwait's insurance market is highly fragmented, and a lack of sufficient regulatory oversight continues to undermine the operating environment and deter potential investment. There is, however, substantial growth potential, including via the expanding takaful lines. The country is undertaking reform of the financial sector, including implementing the Basel III banking sector regulation and supervision framework, which will help to improve the operating environment.

### Key Updates And Forecasts

The government is reportedly considering further restricting expatriate access to public healthcare under ongoing austerity measures, a measure which has come under criticism from private health practitioners in the country.

Non-life insurance premiums are expected to grow by around 5% annually throughout the forecast period to reach USD1.1bn in 2019, up from USD0.9bn in 2015.

The smaller life sector is expected to show slower growth, meaning premiums will remain low at around USD320mn throughout the forecast period.

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