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Your strongest growth engine:

Seamless Nexus

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Better Insurance Together.

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Scale faster. Onboard partners in weeks.

Launch and grow without operational complexity—with Seamless Nexus.

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Executive summary

The shift to partner-driven distribution did not happen overnight. It is the result of two decades of compounding technological change.

The question for every carrier and partner is no longer whether to modernise distribution infrastructure — it is how quickly. Insurers are diversifying their distribution strategies, allocating 34% of volume through independent agents and 24% through digital platforms, while maintaining presence across embedded insurance partners and direct-to-consumer channels.

The convergence of agent needs and insurer capabilities points toward a fundamental shift in distribution relationships. Successful distribution partnerships are emerging where insurer investments directly address agent pain points. Agents' top improvement priorities center on streamlined processes, instant bindable quotes, and integrated systems — precisely where 35% of insurers are focusing technology investments,

Seamless Nexus is built for organisations that want to move from being reactive participants to becoming the platform others choose to build on. Speed, scale, control, and efficiency — in one ecosystem.

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Insurance Distribution

The past, present & future

From inefficient manual processes to powered connected ecosystems – two decades of transformation, and the next chapter is already beginning. **How insurance distribution evolved – and where it's heading**



2000 – First digital tools

Paper-based workflows begin moving online. Claim handlers and insurers start their automation journey, but processes remain largely manual and siloed. Carriers still control all distribution channels and customer access.

2010 – Online portals go mainstream

Policyholders gain the ability to interact with their insurer on their own terms. Digital-first brands emerge. Independent agents and brokers begin taking market share. The first Scandinavian insurers deploy partially automated claims flows.

2018–2022 – Partners become distribution leaders

Brokers, MGAs, and affinity groups stop being intermediaries and start building their own portfolios and ecosystems. Embedded insurance – coverage at the point of need – begins rapid expansion. Volume claims automation reaches maturity; complex claims identified as the next frontier.

2023–2025 – The platform becomes the proposition

Partners evaluate carriers on technology, onboarding speed, and data access – not just product. Structured data enables first predictive modelling deployments. Carriers without scalable infrastructure struggle to attract top partners. Seamless Nexus launches to close the distribution gap.

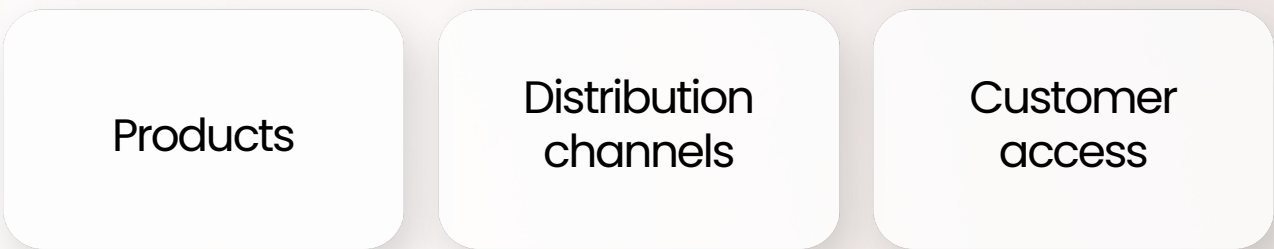
2027 – AI orchestrates the full distribution ecosystem

Leveraging AI and data across volume and complex flows, the first fully automated complex claims become reality. Distribution is orchestrated through connected platforms – not managed by people. Winners are those who built the right infrastructure today.

The insurance distribution shift

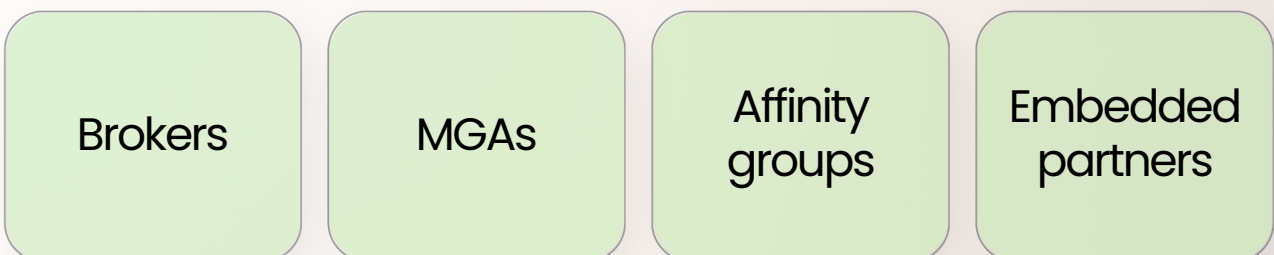
Insurance distribution is undergoing a structural transformation. For decades, insurers controlled how products were sold, who sold them, and how customers were reached. Today, that control has shifted toward brokers, MGAs, and embedded partners—those closest to the customer. These players are no longer intermediaries. They are ecosystem builders and growth drivers. This shift is not temporary. It is driven by technology, customer expectations, and the rise of platform-based business models.

Insurance distribution isn't evolving—it's being fundamentally redefined. For decades, insurers controlled:



..That model is now structurally broken.

Today, distribution power sits with those closest to the customer:



This shift is not theoretical—it's **measurable**.

- Insurers now allocate 34% of distribution through independent agents and 24% through digital platforms (*source: state of the industry report 2025*).
- Digital ecosystems and embedded insurance are rapidly expanding as core distribution channels

Control has moved from carriers → ecosystems.

Why traditional distribution fails

Despite the shift in power, most insurers still operate on legacy distribution infrastructure. Systems are fragmented, onboarding is slow, and processes are manual. This creates friction at every stage of growth. Each new partner requires custom integration, duplicated effort, and operational overhead. The result is simple: growth becomes expensive, slow, and difficult to scale.

34%

volume through independent agents in 2025 (Risk & Insurance)

Brokers, MGAs, and affinity groups are no longer just intermediaries. They are becoming distribution leaders for insurance schemes. At the same time insurers struggle to scale their insurance distribution efficiently:

Today's challenges:

Cost

Continuously rising acquisition cost

Tech Landscape

Fragmented distribution networks

Speed

Slow onboarding processes

Control

Loss control of data, policies and underwriting

Scalability

The lack of supporting tools ultimately leads to limited scalability

The result?

A growing mismatch between how distribution operates today and what the market demands. Seamless Nexus' goal is to make insurance distribution a strategic advantage.

Insurance distribution is being fundamentally redefined

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"The insurer with the best platform often wins the best partners. In today's market, the platform is the proposition."

The traditional model is breaking down

- ✘ Continuously rising acquisition costs with no efficiency gains
- ✘ Fragmented networks – each broker runs on a different system
- ✘ Slow, manual onboarding – months per new partner
- ✘ Loss of visibility over data, policies, and underwriting
- ✘ Growth demands proportional headcount – not scalable

Platform driven model is the new standard

- ✓ Distribution becomes a strategic advantage, not a cost centre
- ✓ All carriers, partners, and schemes connected in one ecosystem
- ✓ Partners onboarded in weeks using AI tooling
- ✓ Full real-time portfolio visibility across every scheme
- ✓ One team manages 50 partners with the effort it took for 5

Modern partners are no longer intermediaries

Modern partners are no longer intermediaries. They expect more than access to products—control, flexibility, and independence. They want to own their customer relationships, scale across multiple markets, and operate without being constrained by insurer systems. This changes the competitive dynamic. Insurers are no longer chosen solely based on product—they are chosen based on how easy they are to work with.

The rise of partner-led growth

They are:

- Portfolio owners
- Ecosystem builders
- Growth engines

They build:

- Embedded insurance journeys
- Multi-market schemes
- Digital-first customer experiences

They expect:

- Ownership of customer relationships
- Freedom to scale across carriers
- Technology that enables growth—not restricts it

60%

of agents report clients expect same-day quotes and issuance
(*Risk & Insurance*)

Speed is no longer a differentiator—it's a baseline expectation.

Partners build and scale:

- Affinity programs
- Member-based insurance offerings
- Multi-market schemes

In doing so, they are becoming the fastest-growing distribution channel in insurance.

The new competitive reality

In today's market, the platform is the proposition. Brokers and partners increasingly evaluate insurers based on technology, onboarding speed, and data access. The insurer with the best platform often wins the best partners. This represents a fundamental shift in how competition works in insurance.

When distribution is platform-driven, it stops being a bottleneck—and becomes a growth engine. This creates a fundamentally different dynamic



Distribution is no longer a cost-center



Distribution becomes a strategic advantage

Partners increasingly evaluate insurers

This transformation is being driven by technology at scale.

- The digital transformation market in insurance is projected to grow from \$47B to \$176B by 2035 - 14% CAGR. (*Cervicorn Consulting*)
- AI, data, and automation are becoming core to underwriting, distribution, and operations
- Digitalisation is now central to how insurance products are designed, sold, and delivered

Technology is not supporting distribution anymore—it is defining it. Partners increasingly evaluate insurers based on:

Platform capabilities

Ease of onboarding

Data access and ownership

Operational flexibility

The distribution gap

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Compatible with any core system: Nexus sits between any carrier core system and the partner/customer layer. Carriers define products and underwriting rules. Partners run branded portals, schemes, and member programmes. Customers access everything through modern digital interfaces — all within one platform, compatible with any existing core system.



Works with any core system

Nexus layers on top of any existing carrier core — no rip-and-replace needed to go live.



Carrier control, partner autonomy

Carriers own products, pricing rules, and policy data. Partners control distribution, branding, and customer relationships.



Real-time portfolio visibility

Every policy, scheme, and partner on one live dashboard. No more waiting weeks for broker reports.



Multi-carrier, multi-scheme

Partners run multiple schemes across different carriers from a single environment — with no lock-in.



Modular by design

Start with the core platform and add payments, claims, CRM, and white-label portals as you grow.



Onboard in weeks, not months

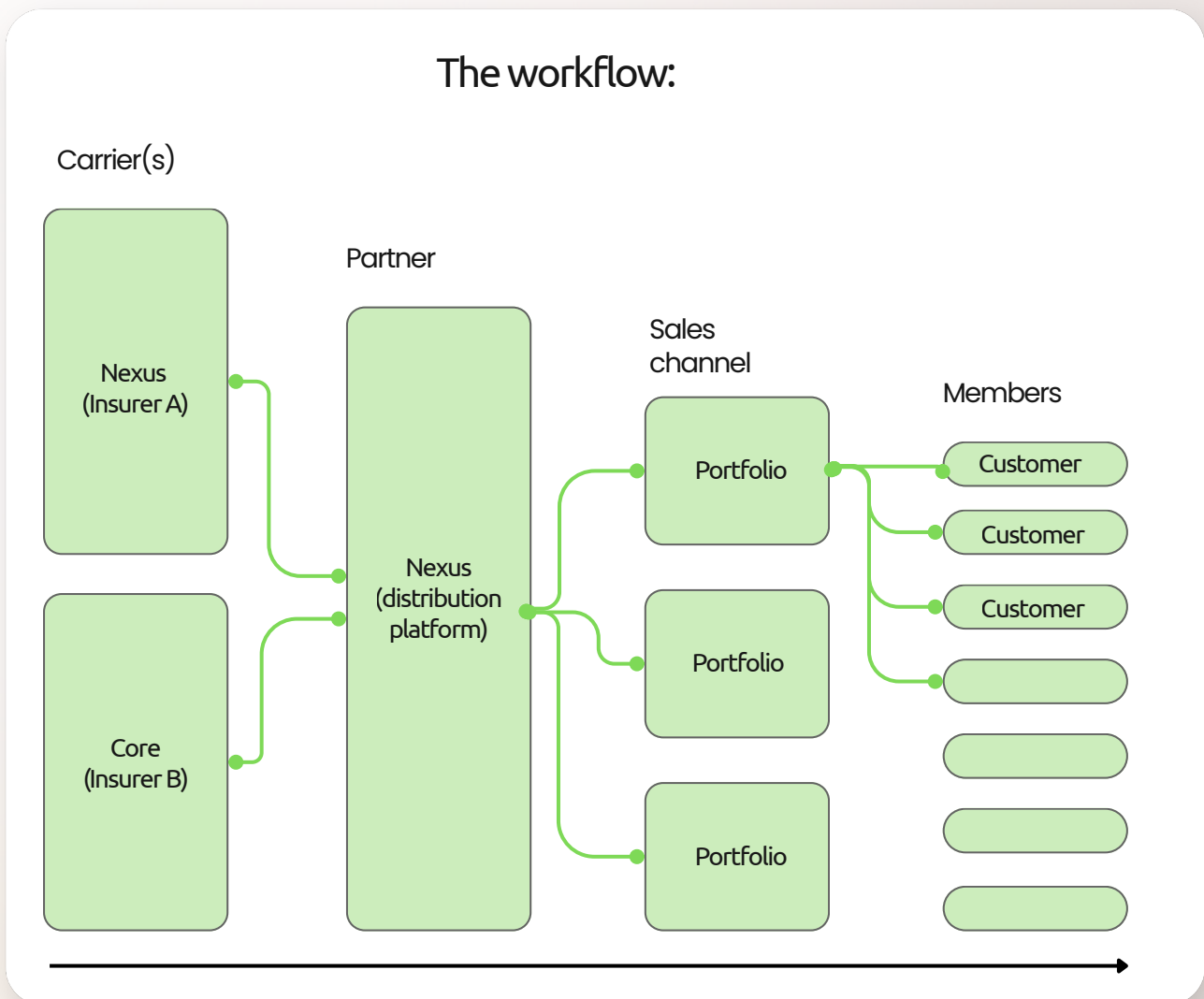
Standard scheme rollouts from agreement to live in under 3 weeks — no custom IT project per partner.

Introducing: Seamless Nexus

To compete in this new environment, the industry is moving toward connected ecosystems—a distribution nexus. This is a shared platform where insurers, partners, and customers operate within a single environment. It allows insurers to maintain control over products and underwriting, while partners control distribution and customer engagement.

Seamless Insure is now introducing “Nexus”. The platform that connects insurers, partners, and customers into one scalable distribution ecosystem.

It's more than a system: It's a growth strategy, a competitive differentiator, and a foundation for long-term success. It will allow insurers to scale faster, become a better partner, and compete stronger in today's highly competitive industry. Insurers can simply utilize Nexus on top on any core system to onboard partners. At the same time, the modular set-up makes sure partners can utilize Nexus independently of the insurance provider.



Built for carriers. Built for partners.

For Carriers

Scale your partner network without scaling complexity

For insurance companies distributing through brokers, MGAs, and affinity groups

For Partners

Own your distribution – not just participate in it

For brokers, MGAs, and affinity groups who want full control of their portfolios.

Core platform covers everything out of the box. Add modules as you scale.

Included in Nexus

Add-on Modules

Nexus Core:

- ✓ Product management & configuration
- ✓ Partner & scheme management
- ✓ Quote, issue & full policy lifecycle
- ✓ Partner back-office (BOP) portal
- ✓ Co-branded / white-label sales portals
- ✓ Document management
- ✓ Standard reporting & analytics
- ✓ Role-based data access & separation
- ✓ Member Self-Service (“My Pages”)

Accounting & Reconciliation

Payments Processing

Claims Management

API & Integrations

CRM & Communications

What a scalable platform enables

A platform model unlocks profitability. Not only does it drive down onboarding cost, client servicing cost reduces through operational efficiencies and better risk management leads to higher underwriting profit.

Enabling partner-led distribution - Through a single platform

Insurers maintain control over products and underwriting

- Partners manage multiple distribution schemes and customer relationships
- Customers access services through modern digital interfaces
- Scale distribution efficiently, onboard partners faster, maintain full control over products and data, and gain complete visibility across all portfolios

Everything operates within one platform.



From cost center to growth engine

When distribution is platform-driven, it stops being a constraint and becomes a multiplier. Insurers can scale without increasing complexity. Partners can grow independent portfolios. Both sides benefit from a shared infrastructure. This alignment is what defines the future of distribution.

The operational benefits of Seamless Nexus:

Carriers



Insurance Companies:

- Product set up & pricing management
- Fast onboarding of new partners in a scalable and efficient way
- Improved and timely risk data to allow portfolio optimization
- Better visibility of broker and scheme portfolios
- A multi-broker environment in one platform.
- Control over payments and accounting

Partners



MGA, Broker, Affinities:

- Portfolio Ownership
- Quote, issue & light policy administration for scheme policies
- Fast onboarding of new schemes/union etc in a scalable and efficient way
- Partner (BOP) portal, co-branded sales portals, and API-connected partner portals
- Structured reporting and data for capacity providers

Sales channel



Schemes/Portfolios:

- Offer tailored insurance products to members
- Launch branded insurance programs quickly
- Seamless integration into existing ecosystems
- Transparent access to performance and data
- Minimal operational burden
- Central communication and management of members

Policies



Customers/members:

- Easy access to policies through digital "My Pages"
- Clear overview of coverage, documents, and claims
- Consistent experience across schemes and partners
- Faster onboarding and service
- Products tailored to their specific group or needs

Action framework

The commercial upside is significant. Insurers can reach new customer groups faster. They can test new propositions with lower operational risk. They can scale successful schemes across markets. And they can reduce the cost and complexity of managing partner distribution manually. But only if the operating model is built for it. Without the right platform, partner growth quickly becomes operational debt.

Contact us to do an audit:

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Step 1 – Audit Your Current Model

- Where are the bottlenecks?
- Where does onboarding slow down?

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Step 2 – Identify Friction Pointd

- Data access?
- Integration challenges?
- Operational inefficiencies?

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Sep 3 – Define Your Distribution Strategy

- Broker-led?
- Embedded?
- Multi-market?

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Step 4 – Select the Right Platform Model

- Scalable
- Configurable
- Ecosystem-ready

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Step 5 – Execute in Phases

- Start with pilot partners
- Scale across portfolios



Conclusion: The future of insurance distribution

The insurance industry is entering a new phase where distribution is no longer controlled—it is orchestrated. The winners will not be those with the best products alone, but those who enable ecosystems, remove friction, and scale efficiently. The question is no longer how to distribute products—but how to become the platform others choose to build on.

Speed

- Onboard partners in weeks, not months
- Launch schemes rapidly

Scale

- Support multiple partners and brands
- Expand across markets

Control

- Centralized data
- Full portfolio visibility

Efficiency

- Reduced manual processes
- Lower operational cost

Launching a new scheme: from deal to live



The risk of standing still

In a partner-led world, inaction is not neutral. The gap between platform-enabled and legacy distribution widens every quarter.



Top partners choose competitors

Partners evaluate carriers on platform quality. Without modern tooling, you lose bids before the conversation starts.



Costs keep compounding

Every new partner onboarding is a custom project. Manual processes compound – costs scale faster than GWP



Growth decelerates

Without scalable infrastructure, growth requires proportional headcount – becoming harder to operate at pace.

Meanwhile, investment continues to flow into broker-led distribution models—highlighting where the market is heading

👉 The gap widens over time.





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