Back to Basics 2009

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Methodology

- Survey conducted by The University of Hong Kong's Public Opinion Programme
- Covers people's attitudes towards risk, protection and long-term savings in the context of the current financial crisis
- 503 respondents from the working population aged 18-65 with monthly personal income in excess of HK\$8,000
- Fieldwork conducted in January 2009



Back to basics: survey findings

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Cancer or critical illness is the prime health concern for most Hong Kong people



- Top three leading causes of death in 2007: cancer, heart disease, pneumonia (Source: Department of Health)
- Increasing medical costs can put strain on a family's financial situation and lifestyle



Job losses and investment losses are top financial concerns for Hong Kong people



• Focus on survival and recovery

Retirement worries take a backseat



People going back to basics – buying insurance, saving more



- Shift to financial solutions that offer wealth protection and a safe haven
- Protection a short-term solution in the current crisis, but also a key element of a longterm savings strategy
- Life and medical insurance protection for unforeseen events

Note: Multiple responses allowed for this question



Half of the respondents say their financial plans unchanged over the last 12 months



- Savings, MPF and insurance are key elements of people's long-term financial plans
- Many have not reviewed their plans or sought guidance from a financial planner, despite crisis
- Those who made changes moved to conservative investment strategies to protect assets



In terms of long-term financial goals, people aim for steady and regular retirement income



 Long-term aspirations have not changed – need to prepare for retirement, cover medical bills in old age and secure family's future



Lack of confidence in the markets is the greatest barrier to the long-term financial planning



- Negative sentiment and uncertainty are preventing people from planning for long-term financial security
- Short-term worries are distracting people from planning properly for financial security in the long term

Note: Multiple responses allowed for this question



Reality check – the longer we live, the higher the risk of getting cancer, especially after age 50



Cancer has emerged as a major health problem in HK



Age-specific incidence rate for cancer in 2006

Source: Hong Kong Cancer Registry, Hospital Authority 2006



Reality check – costs of cancer treatment in Hong Kong can run up to at least HK\$500,000

Expenses for critical illness in real cases

Diagnosis	Treatment start date	End date	Duration	Expenses
Lung Cancer	Oct-07	Jan-09	16 Months	HK\$ 1,741,254
Stomach Cancer	Jun-07	Till now	20 Months	HK\$ 3,437,213
Liver Cancer	Jul-08	Till now	7 Months	HK\$ 537,444
Hepatocellular Carcinoma (a kind of common liver cancer)	Mar-07	Till now	23 Months	HK\$ 1,301,000

Source: Quality HealthCare 2009

5 most common cancers in HK, 2006

Rank	Site
1	Lung
2	Colorectum
3	Breast
4	Liver
5	Prostate

Source: Hong Kong Cancer Registry, Hospital Authority 2008



Medical expenses

Major surgery: **HK\$400,000** Doctor's fee: **HK\$1,000 per visit** Drugs/health supplement:**HK\$2,000/month** Laboratory/chemotherapy/radiotherapy: **HK\$5,000 /visit**

Estimated Cost:

Minimum of HK\$500,000

Maximum: ?



Summary of key findings

- People facing increasing financial risk people's worst case scenarios (cancer/job loss/investment loss) have become real and urgent concerns
- People responding to risk by shifting back to basics insurance protection and cash
- Financial planning paralysis hitting Hong Kong people half are not making changes to their plans, and those who do are very cautious
- Long-term aspirations still focused on retirement, medical coverage and family protection
- But economic uncertainty and negative sentiment are greatest barriers to planning for the future



Planning for the future: bridging the gaps

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Financial planning made easy and simple

WealthMaster facilitates regular financial planning

- HSBC's proprietary end-to-end needs analysis and financial planning tool
- From goal setting to product selection
- Over 65,000 sessions logged in 2H08, up 33% from 1H08

Express Goals simplifies needs analysis

- Feature within WealthMaster to set up financial goals and identify financial gaps in 5-10 minutes

Automated application systems developed in 2008

- Shift to Straight Through Processing (STP) from paper application and manual underwriting
- Instant application approval as high as 87% approval rate for selected products



Goal setting in 5-10 minutes

- Express Goals identify the customer needs and tailor a plan appropriate to individual goals, life stage and financial status
- Financial goals for retirement, education and protection identified in 5-10 minutes





A one-stop exercise to understand one's financial status

- After financial goal setting, 10 basic questions will help illustrate customer's financial status
- All data saved automatically and can be accessed during the next financial planning session

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	Funds for your dependent's other goals 🕄	HKD	0
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A snapshot of customers' financial needs

• Express Goals can instantly calculate the financial needs for customer's goal, with charts illustrating any shortfall:

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Comprehensive financial planning report

- After the analysis, a summary report will be available for the customer's reference
 - Analysis of financial gaps and suggested product solutions

Name of Customer /Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms	adf adf	Date of Birth(day/month/year) 03/11/2008	* HKID No. / Passport No./ Other Alternate ID
Nationality	Marital Status	Occupation	Contact telephone
HONG KONG	Single Divorce	ed Architect	(Home)
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Current permanent reside	ential address		(Mobile)

Monthly Income and Expenses		Balance Sheet		
	Amount (HKD equivalent)			Amount (HKD equivalent)
Income[A]	HKD40,000	Assets[X]		HKD0
personal & other types of income		Cash & deposits, investments, provider non-liquid assets (e.g. investment prop property Cash value of life insurance is	erty) excluding self-use	
Expenses[B]	HKD30,000	Liabilities[Y]		HKD0
Personal and family expenses, rental expenses, mortgage payment etc.		Mortgage loans (both for self-use and Investment properties) Other personal I	kans	
Monthly Savings (Disposable Income)[A-B]	HKD10,000		Net Worth[X-Y]	HKD0
			Inflation Rate %	Return Rate %
Protection Planning		Rate Assumption		





Summary

- Changing perceptions of risk concerns over health, job security, loss of wealth
- Coping with risk people moving to simple products that offer protection and wealth preservation
- Planning for the future financial goals remain long-term but short-term worries are distracting
- Finding solutions insurance protects against the unexpected and uncontrollable and is a key element in long-term financial planning, which is now an easy, simple and convenient exercise with WealthMaster

