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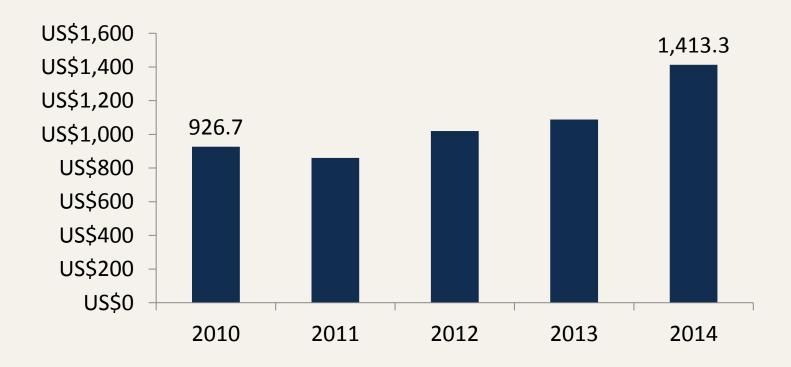
# Retail Product and Distribution Trends in Asia-Pacific

### Agenda

- Quick recap of 2014
- Recent trends in retail investor appetite
- How distributors are responding to investor needs
- How prepared fund selectors are for potential economic events in 2015?
- What asset managers should be doing to get onto distributors' shelves.

# Phenomenal 30% AUM growth in 2014

Asia Ex-Japan Mutual Fund Assets Under Management (US\$ billions)



### But, not out of the woods

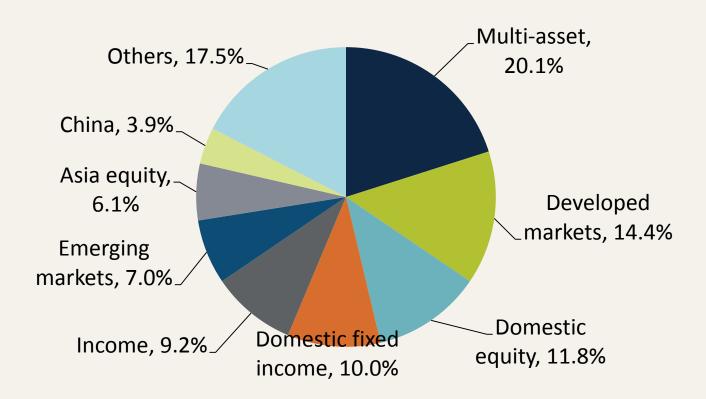
Asia Ex-Japan Mutual Fund Net New Inflows by Investment Objective (US\$ billion)



Analyst Note: (1) Others includes guaranteed, real estate, derivatives, and index funds.

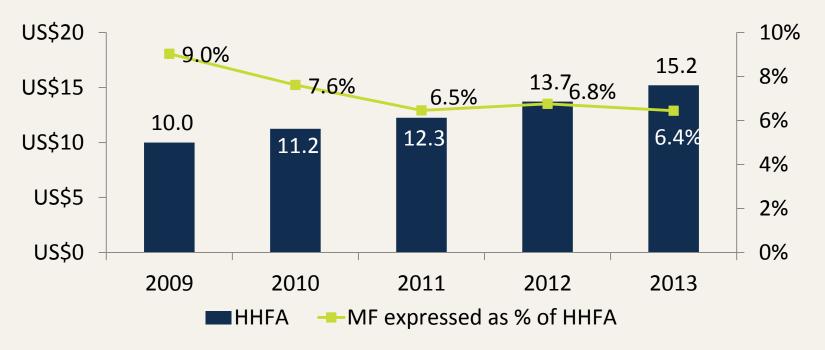
### **Product themes: Mutual funds**

#### Top Product Themes for 2015



### Affluence not an indication of fund use

Mutual fund penetration as a percentage of HHFA (US\$ trillions)



Analyst Note: Data only takes into consideration assets in Singapore, China, Korea, India, and Taiwan.

## Anatomy of retail investors

#### **Short-term traders**

An understanding of risks involved Reactive to market conditions

Investment horizon? What's that?

Fees and commissions paid Investment strategy

Risks vs RETURNS Why the need to invest overseas?

#### Performance, Performance

Who is my asset manager? Investing according to my life stage? Why do I need advice?

# **Product themes: Competing products**

- China: Wealth management products, P2P loans
- India: Deposits, protection products, gold
- Korea: Securities companies' structured products (e.g. ELS)

### Distributors finding an intricate balance

#### What investors want

Regular income

Variety of share classes

Early payouts once target is reached

"Fixed horizon, fixed yield"

#### Distributors' response

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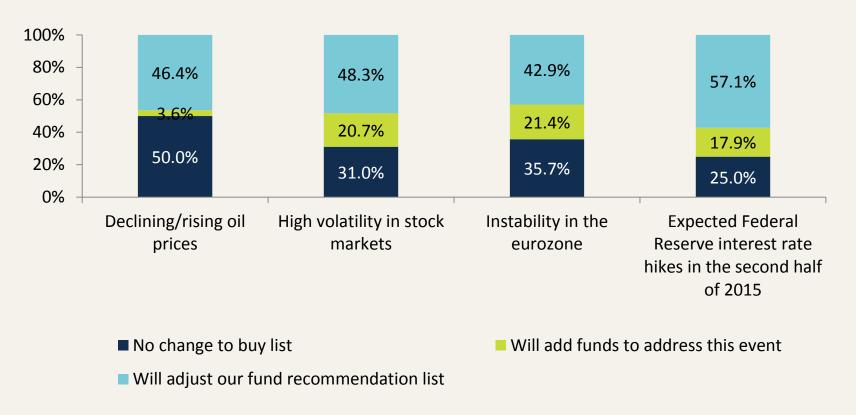
Yes!

Maybe, depends on markets

No!

### Adjustments more than additions

Impact of Major Macroeconomic Events on Distributors' Current Buy Lists



### Disconnect trickles downstream

#### **Marketing and Servicing Support Fund Selectors Most Value**

#### **Fund Selectors**

Quick turnaround for occasional requests

Timely and relevant materials for public dissemination

Timely reporting for internal monitoring

#### **Asset Managers**

More regular training of sales staff

On-site visits by product specialists or portfolio managers

Greater marketing, advertising, sponsorship budget support

# Summary: Having a big picture view is necessary



### Questions



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