## MPF Survey 2008

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## **HSBC's MPF Survey 2008**

- Survey among MPF members in Hong Kong
- Conducted among 505 respondents, aged 18-65 years old, with a personal income in excess of HK\$5,000/month
- Conducted by The University of Hong Kong, Public Opinion Programme
- Covered MPF members' level of knowledge and involvement in their MPFs; and attitudes on retirement planning



## Respondents' Profile

#### Gender

• 49% male; 51% female

### Age

78% are 18-50 years old

### **Educational Background**

49% secondary; 23% college degree

### **Occupation**

• 32% clerks; 17% service workers; 13% managers; 12% associate professionals; 10% professionals

## Monthly personal income (including bonus)

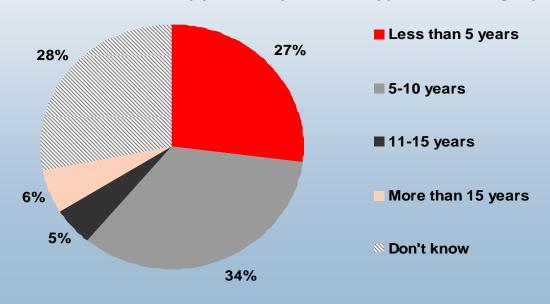
- 37% HK\$5,000-HK\$10,000
- 39% HK\$10,000-HK\$20,000
- 14% HK\$20,000-HK\$30,000
- 10% above HK\$30,000



## MPF savings to last about 8 years after retirement

- On average, MPF members believe their savings will last **7.6 years** after retirement
- Close to 3 in 10 believe their savings will last less than 5 years post-retirement
- 34% believe they are covered for 5-10 years
- Only 6% believe MPF savings will last more than 15 years post-retirement
- 28% do not know for how many years they are covered

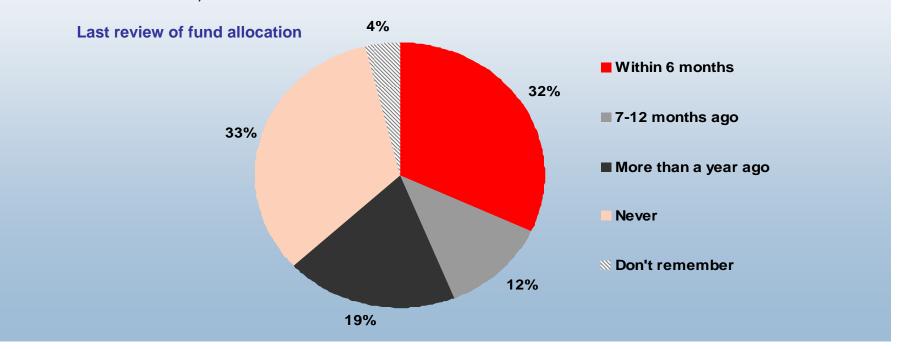
Based on current contribution, how many years can your MPF support basic living expenses at retirement





# Passive MPF management after enrolment among many respondents

- A third never reviewed their fund allocation
- 19% last looked at their fund allocation more than a year ago
- 12% undertook a review between 7 and 12 months ago
- 32% reviewed their fund allocation within last six months
- Of those that did undertake a review: 41% reviewed their allocation via statements, 34% via online, 12% via branch





# Passive MPF management after enrolment among many respondents

- Almost 90% do not make voluntary contributions
- About 10% make voluntary contributions with an average payment of HK\$1,200/month

#### **Voluntary contributions**

Yes – 10%

\* Don't remember – 1%

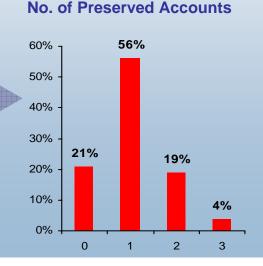
- 57% do not know what a preserved account is
- 37% know about preserved accounts and how many they maintained 56% have 1
  preserved account



Yes, but don't know how many accounts I have – 6%

Yes – 37%

Don't know what it is - 57%

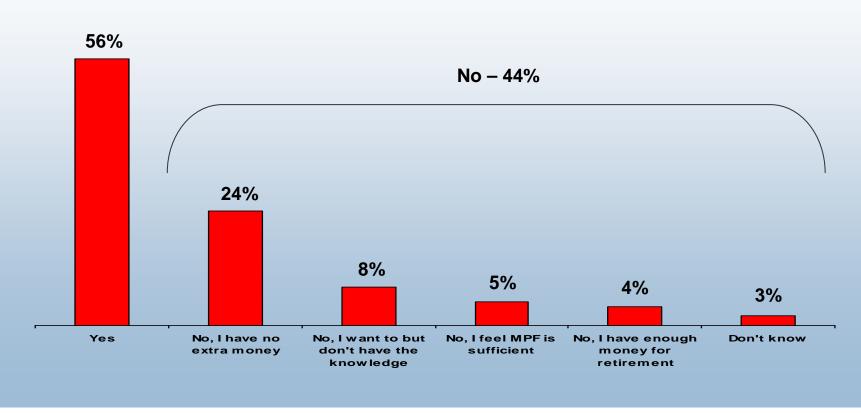




## Many members rely solely on MPF for retirement

 Over 4 out of 10 do not have plans aside from MPF to prepare for retirement

**Preparation for retirement aside from MPF** 

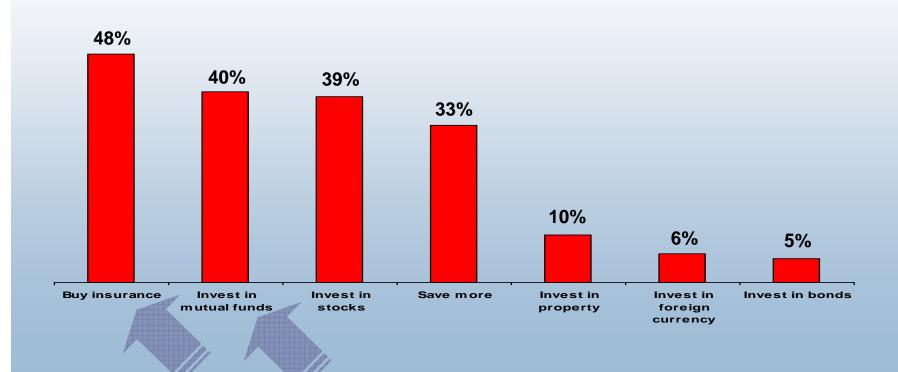




# MPF members buy insurance, invest, to augment retirement fund

 Of the 56% with plans, 48% bought insurance and 40% invested in mutual funds

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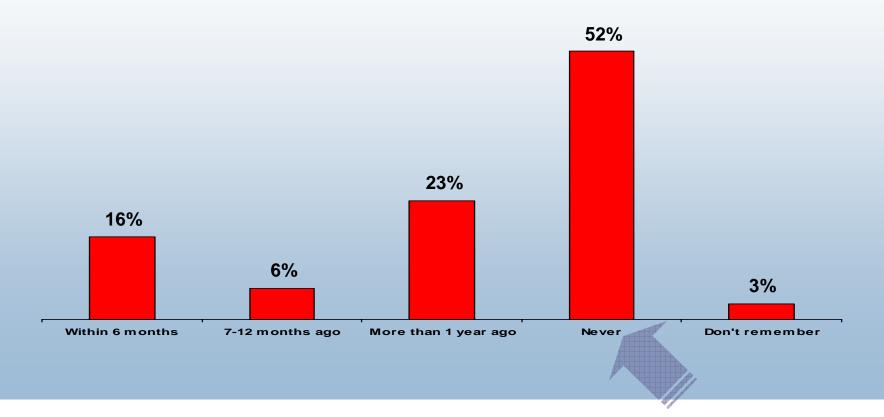




# Most MPF members lack professional advice in retirement planning

 Over half have not talked to a financial planner about retirement savings

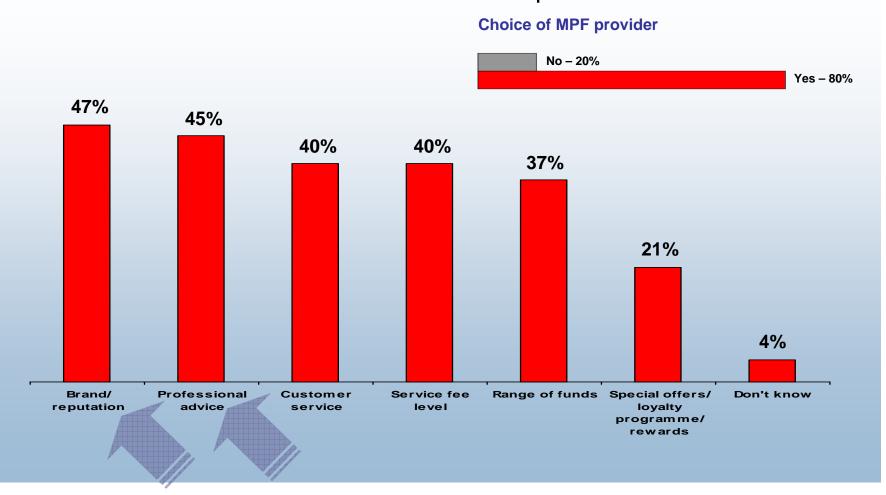
Last consultation with a financial planner about retirement and MPF





# Most MPF members want choice; brand and professional advice drive choice

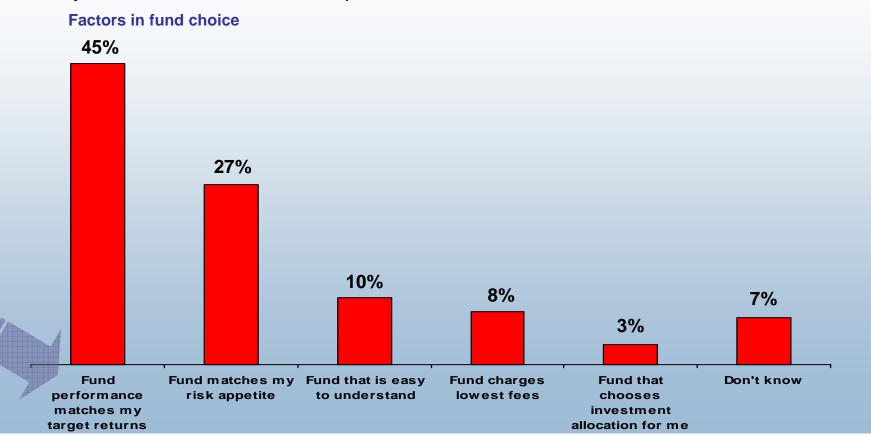
80% would like to choose their own MPF provider





# Fund performance is key factor in fund choice for many respondents

- 45% say "fund performance matching target returns" was most important factor in choosing funds
- Only 8% considers "fees" as important





## **Key Findings**

A significant proportion of **MPF members** think their MPF funds will last them **8 years on average** after retirement.

Many MPF members became passive about reviewing investments, managing preserved accounts and making voluntary contributions, after enrolment.

Many MPF members in general have no retirement plans apart from MPF.

A significant proportion of **MPF members want choice** in MPF providers.

**Brand and professional advice**, more than fees, drive choice of MPF provider among many MPF members.

For many MPF members, **fund performance**, more than fees, is the key factor in choosing funds.



## Our take as the leading MPF provider

MPF is a most important part of planning for retirement

MPF members need to be **more involved** in managing their MPF investments

- » Choose where to invest
- » Review investments regularly
- » Consider voluntary contributions
- » Monitor and consolidate preserved accounts
- » Push for choice

### MPF is just the **beginning**

- » Speak to a financial / retirement planner regularly
- » Learn more about MPF and retirement planning
- » Aim to build a retirement nest egg to cover at least 20 years after retirement



## **MPF Education Activities 2007 – Now!**

Over 50 days of Roadshow in 18 residential and commercial locations



Newsletters for employers and members



Investment seminars for employers and members



### Regular columns on MPF tips!





## **MPF Education**

- HK\$20 million set aside to support MPF education
- Coming soon! Creative school programme to reach parents, teachers, students and the general public



