

The Wealth management Industry and Today's Wealth-Owning Families: Perspectives and Outlook.

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ABOUT THE INDUSTRY:

...the good news is that the asset management industry today (i.e. in 2006) is remarkably healthy, with ample capacity to tackle many of the challenges that lie ahead. "



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ABOUT WHAT LIES AHEAD:

...the asset management industry will be crowded, with investment banks and insurers playing a much more visible role;..



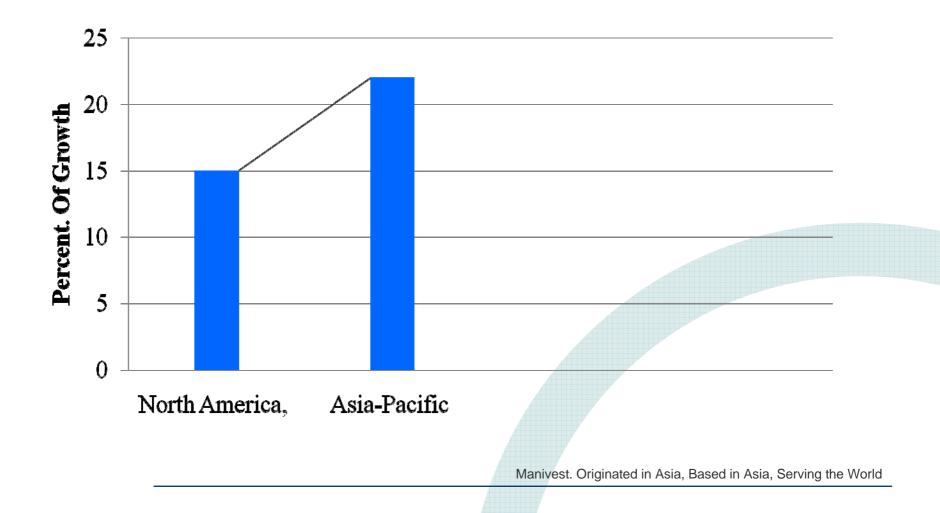
The new wealthy families in Asia.

Boston Consulting Group Regaining Lost Ground – Resurgent markets and New Opportunities", Published June 2010

- A survey about the global wealth in 2010
- Clearly states that after the financial meltdown in 2007-2008, there is a clear signal of "coming back",
- The bulk of the wealth has shifted to Asia.

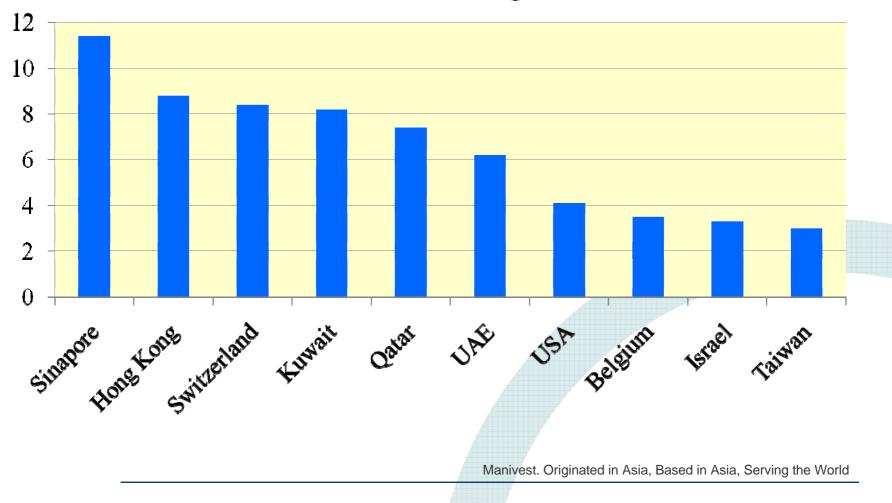


Gain in net wealth of households with assets under management



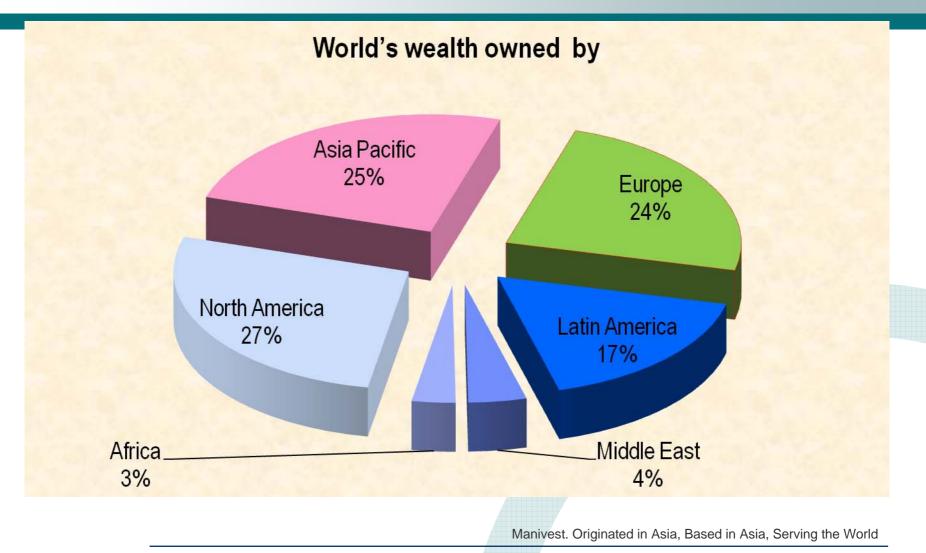


Percent of households being millionaires





Merrill Lynch Wealth Management / Capgemini Report (June 2010)





Family : Culture, language and wealth

- A clear distinction between personal wealth and company (business) wealth does not exist
- Cultural difference don't apply the same "European" strategies to Asia



Assertions:

- The concept of "family" of the Asian, especially the Chinese, have family value difference from Europeans.
- 2. They say that there are sexual discrimination and the preference of male descendents over female.



The Concept of a Chinese Family

- the concept of a Chinese family is
 - Not a nuclear family
 - But an extended family
 - extended to
 - a clan,
 - a village
 - a town.
 - The inheritance law of Taiwan



- the basic social unit of Chinese culture is
 - a family,
 - not an individual.
- The head of family usually considers that he / she is managing the wealth as a trustee only.



Implications

• Marketing trust products –

- who wants a third party instead of a relative to look after the family's wealth?

 if the family is large enough, there must be a family member who knows how to look after the wealth efficiently, if not professionally.



Implications

- Setting decision rules for the family
 - the family has a head, or de facto head.
 Although there are family meetings, it will be too "un-family" if the rules are written down as laws.
 - the words of the family head have to be respected.



Implications

- Succession problem.
 - Most of the family wealth passed unnoticed and smoothly.
 - most of the second / third generation members
 - received good education
 - occupying different management positions in the family business, and
 - have accumulated their own wealth or
 - already got a part of the family wealth before the heads of the family pass away.



New riches in China

- Concerns for the riches in HK, Singapore and Taiwan : the riches are the first / second generation. The wealth accumulation process has been completed and the concerns of the riches are inheritance and maintenance.
- For the new riches in the Mainland China, they are young and are the first generation. Their concerns are accumulation and protection.



Male dominance

- Positions in the generation are more important than male dominance.
- the family heads had no hesitation to pass their wealth to the son-in laws, which are considered as "half-sons".
- The changing role of female : female descendants are receiving better education and they too occupy management positions in the family business after graduation



The internationalization of RMB the wealth management industry

- RMB becoming an international exchangeable currency and will appreciate creates a dilemma.
- 1. RMB is not a freely convertible currency, the Chinese new riches would like to keep their wealth in a freely convertible currency, but
- 2. anticipating the appreciation of RMB, they may want to keep their assets in RMB.



The internationalization of RMB the wealth management industry

- Hong Kong has provided very good opportunities for wealth management
- Hong Kong has been appointed as the offshore centre of RMB.
- RMB products are available and are easily assessable in Hong Kong.
- Looking into the next 3-5 years, products offered to the Mainland Chinese should be a balanced portfolio with RMB investment products, or at least hedged / linked with RMB.

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