

## The Future of Financial Advice

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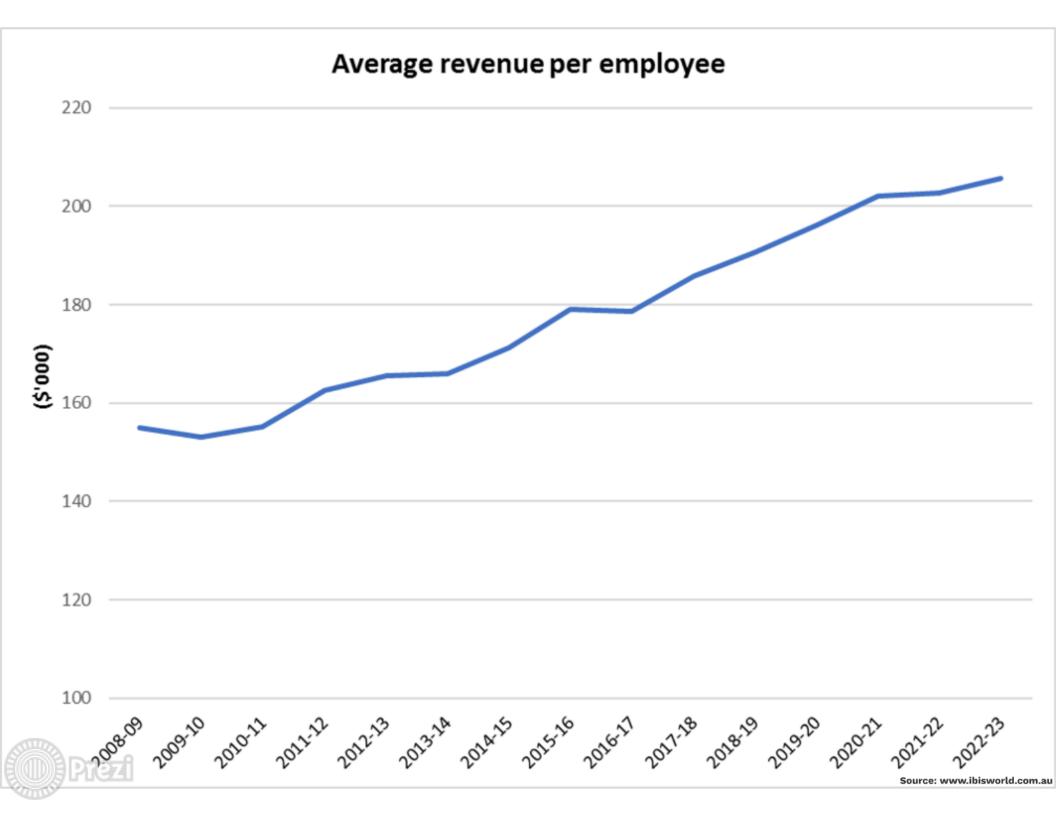


Significant pressure on this industry at the moment.



# Downward pressure on fees





# Regulators & the court of public opinion





#### Super Trustees are alone in the dark 'with our money'

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Supplied video obtained August 6, 2018 of the financial services royal commission. Senior Counsel Assisting Mr Michael Hodge said Australia's \$2.6 trillion superannuation industry is operating in darkness with no dedicated regulator watching the trustees running the funds, a royal commission has heard. Both APRA and ASIC have regulatory overlap and have yet to formalise their understanding of each other's oversight duties. Superannuation trustees self administer their legal duties to act in their members best interests without regulatory oversight. "What happens when we leave these trustees alone in the dark with our money?" Mr Hodge said. (AAP Video/Supplied/Banking Royal Commission NO ARCHIVING, EDITORIAL USE ONLY

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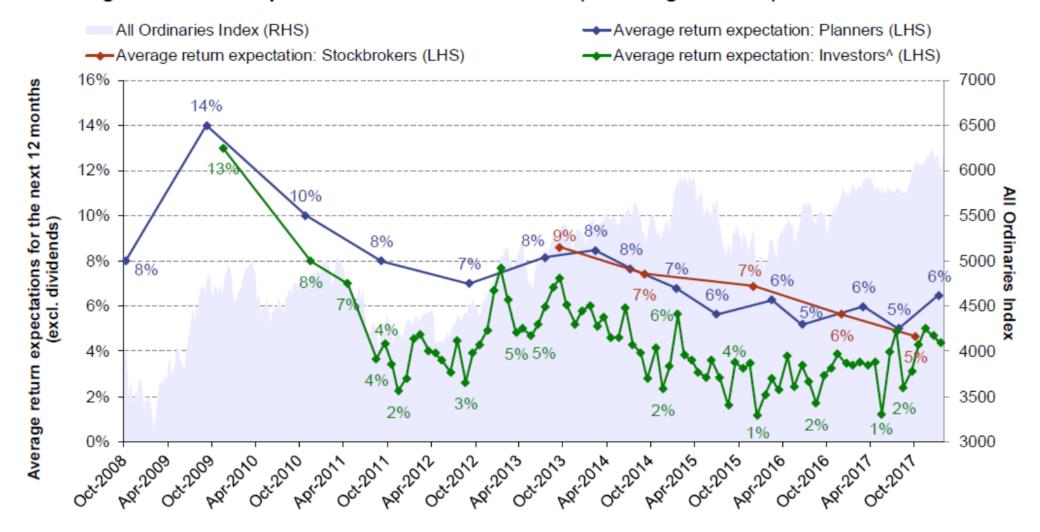


### Investment headwinds



### While still subdued, planners' capital gain expectations from the Australian stock market are at the highest level since October 2014

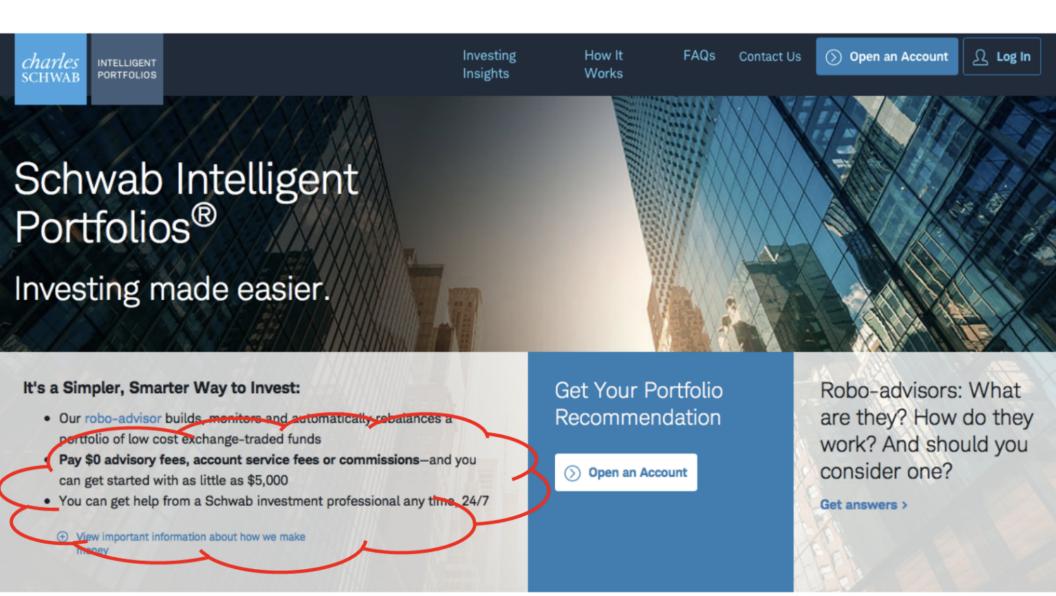
#### Average stockmarket expectations for the next 12 months (excluding dividends) vs All Ordinaries Index



^Source: Investment Trends Monthly Investor Intentions Index

# Newcompetition



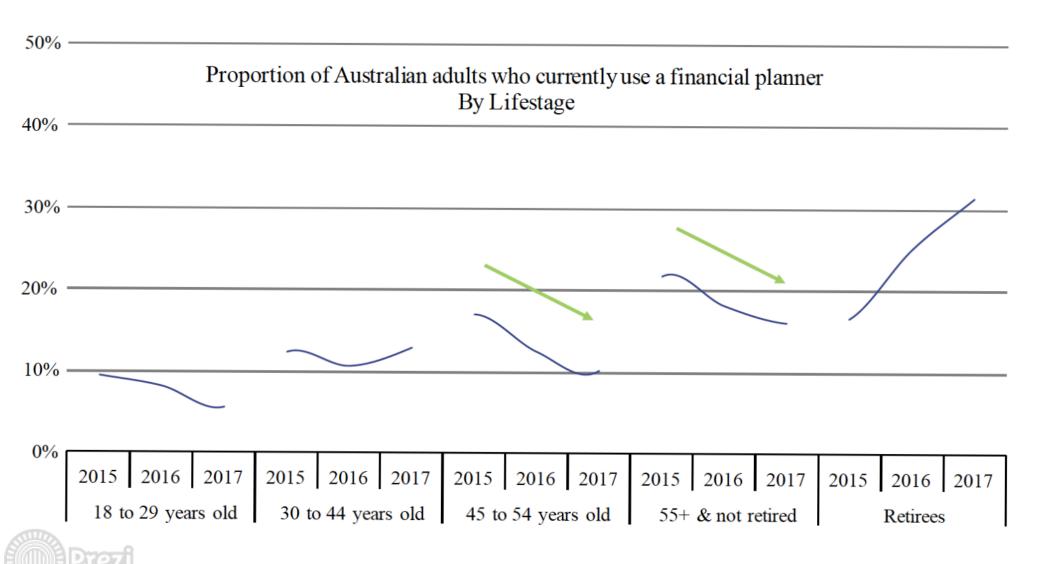




# Changing consumer



# Financial planners are finding it especially difficult to retain clients in the accumulation and pre-retirement life stages



Source: Investment Trends

# Focus on the customer



# How do you respond?



# What do you do today





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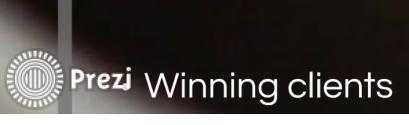
What are you looking for?

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 Financial & non-financial objectives



## Customer Engagement



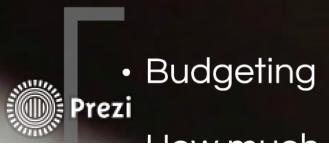
Winning clients

Customer service

Keeping clients engaged



## Non-Investment Advice



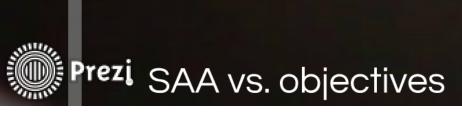
Budgeting

How much do I need?

Structures



## Investment Advice



SAA vs. objectives

Investment selection

Administer investments



## Reporting

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How have my investments

 How have my investments been performing?





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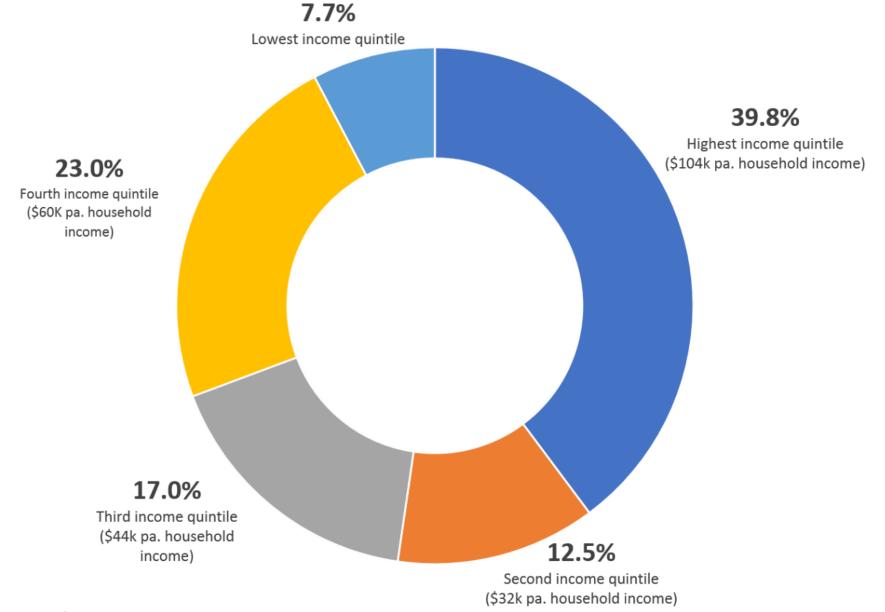
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## Triage

Help clients articulate their objectives



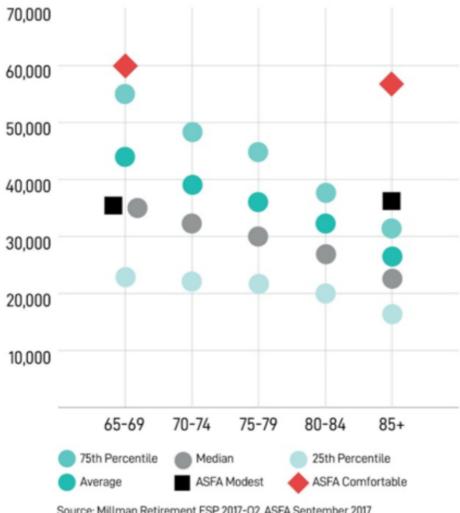
#### Major market segmentation (2017-18)





SOURCE: WWW.IBISWORLD.COM.AU

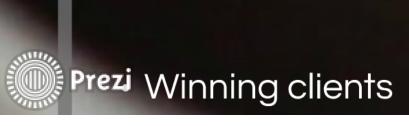
#### What do retireed need? Reality vs benchmark Couples annual spend by wealth and age band







# Customer Engagement



### Customer Engagement

- Access to advice
- Stay the course



"I FEEL THAT FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANIES UNDERSTAND MY NEEDS"

2.00%

Customers

"WE'RE COMPLETELY CUSTOMER-CENTRIC - THE CUSTOMER IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO"

18.18%

**Marketers** 

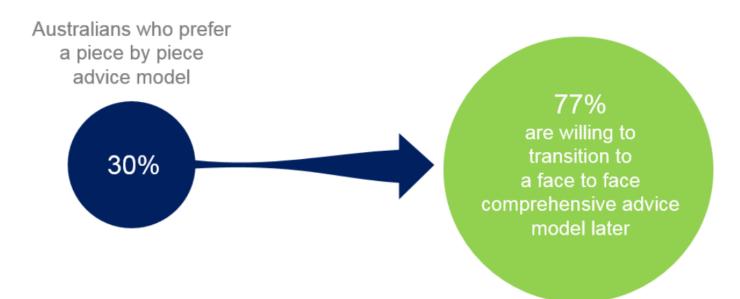
Source: Roy Morgan - Australian Financial Attitudes & Behaviour Tracker Key Findings Report 2017



#### In reality, the dominant model of the advice industry (and of the regulator) doesn't match the preferences of ordinary Australians

Australians who prefer a face to face comprehensive advice model





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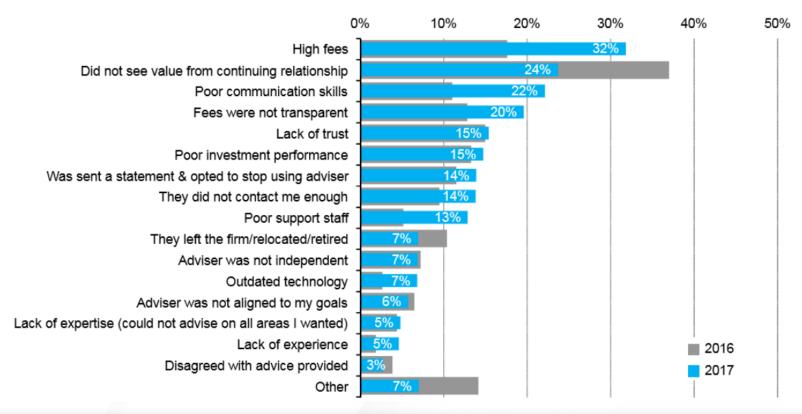






#### Fees, price transparency and value are already drags on the planning industry, even before accounting for trust issues

#### Reasons Australians stopped using a financial planner in the last 12 months



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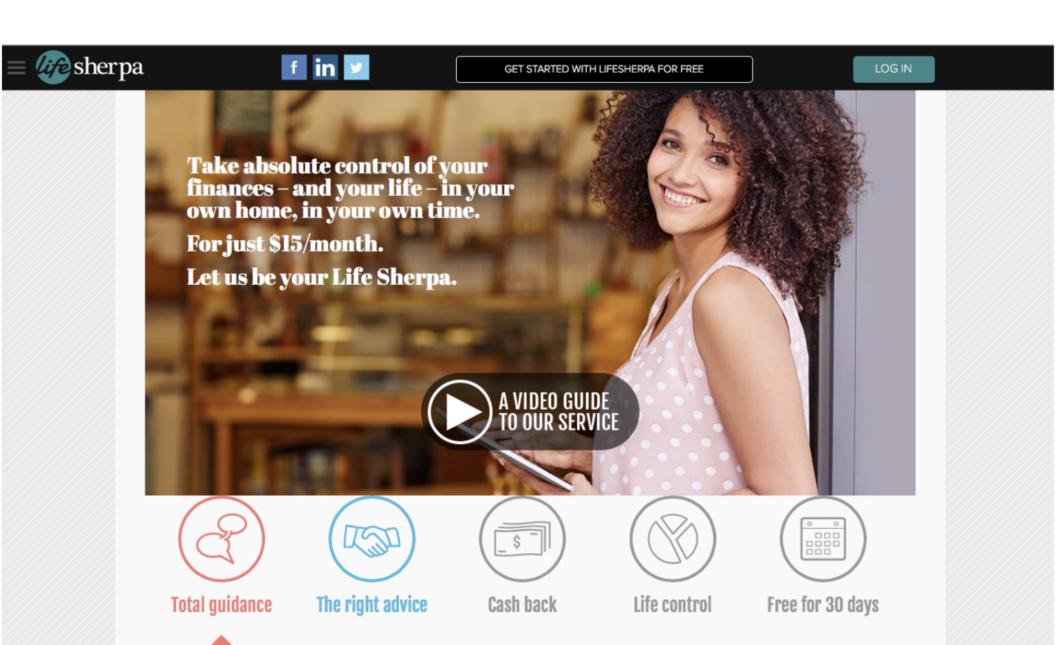
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- Understand their own cashflows
- Understand risk v return

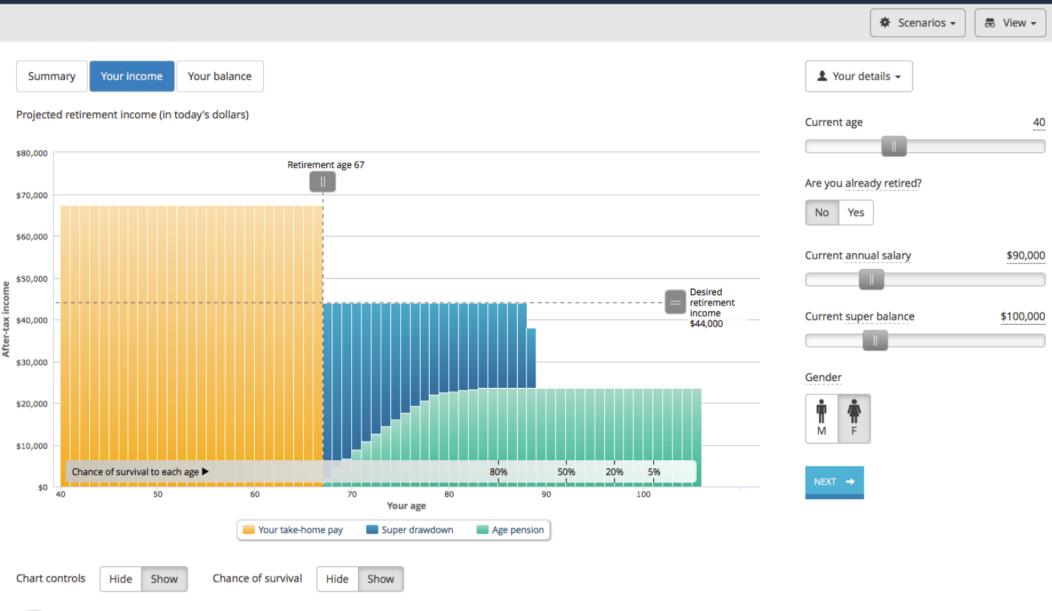






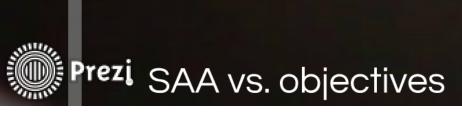
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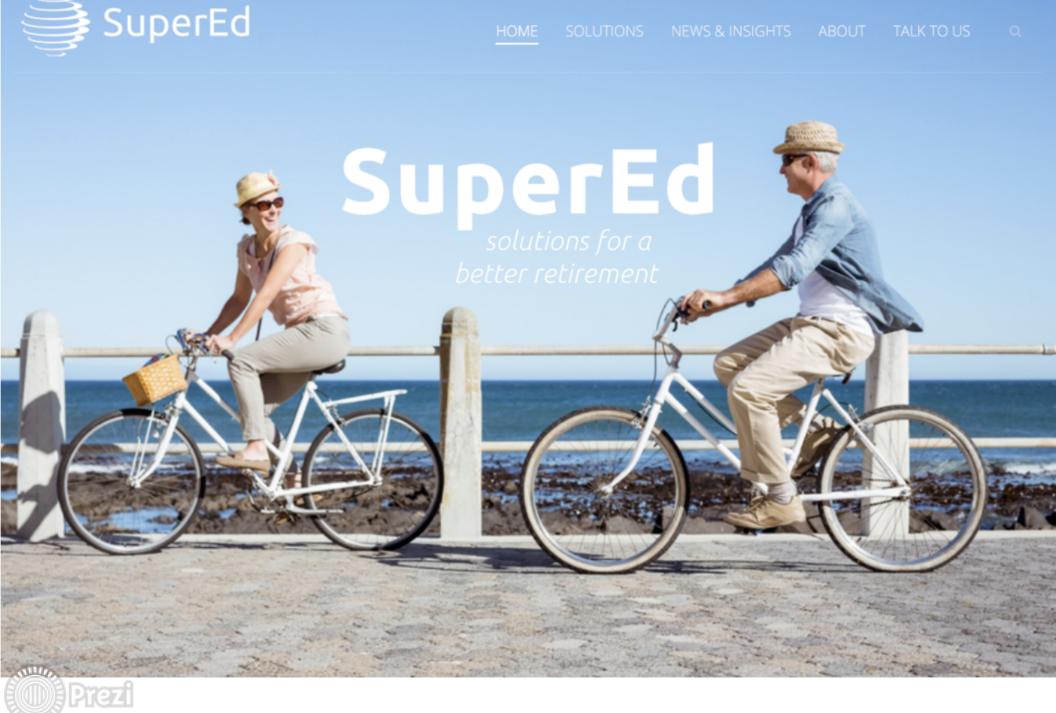
# Investment Advice



## Investment Advice

- Focus on what we do well & outsource to experts
- Where are you creating most marginal value



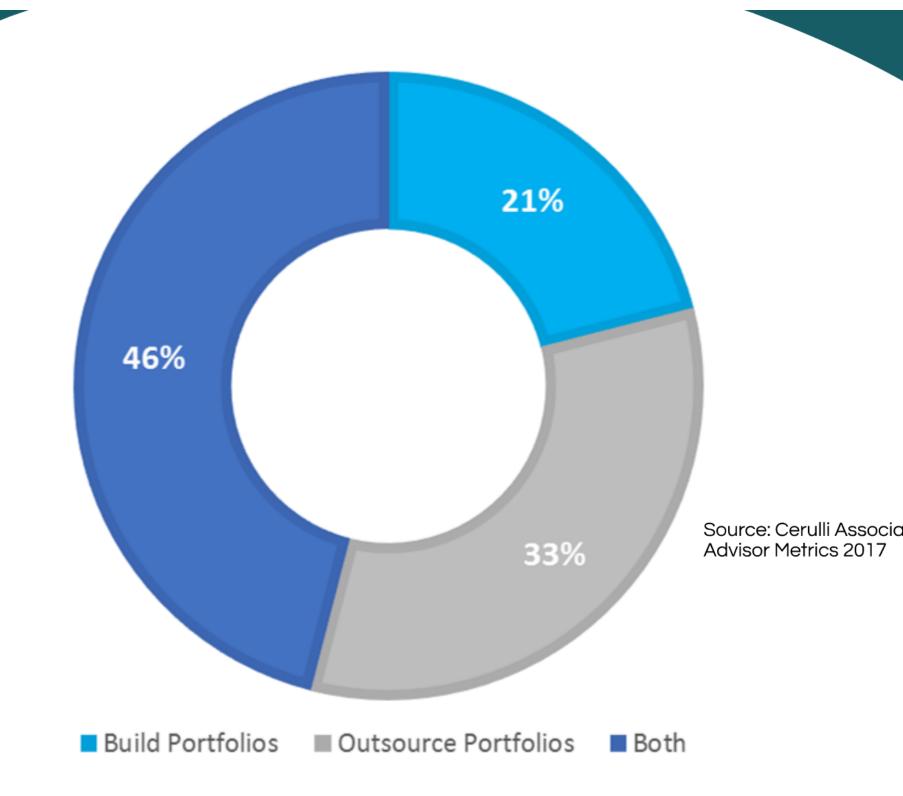


2012 2017 26% 33%

Percentage of advisers that exclusively outsource Investment Management

Source: Cerulli Associates, Adviser Metrics, 2012-2017







# Reporting

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How have my investments

## Reporting

- Report against their objectives
- Help clients get "peace of mind"

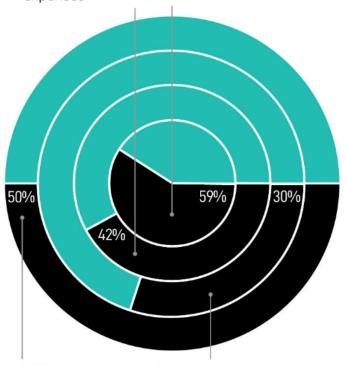


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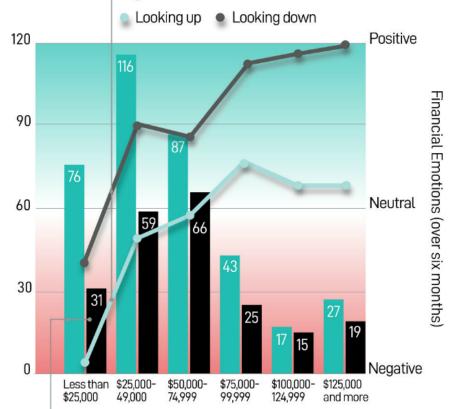
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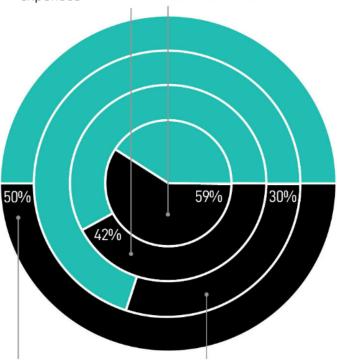


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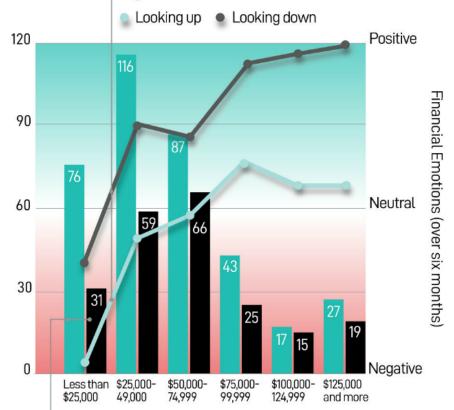
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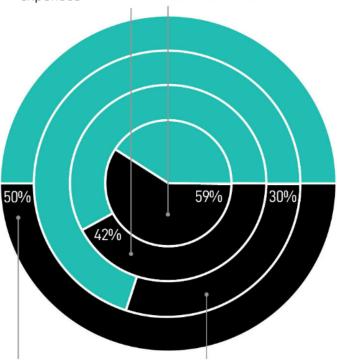


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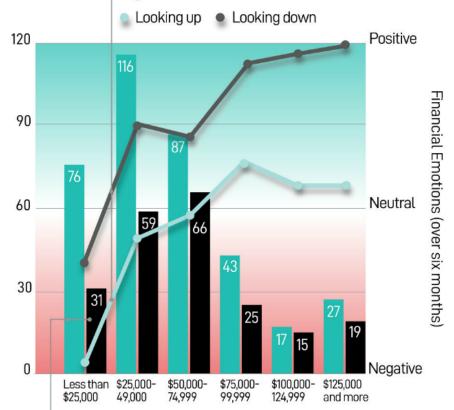
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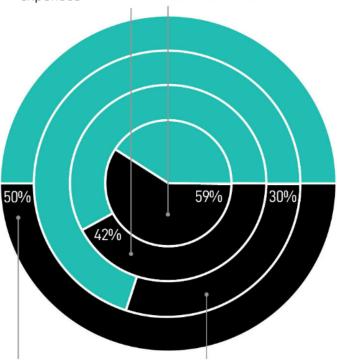


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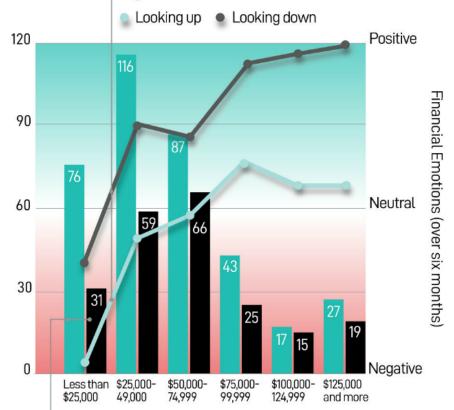
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## While the point of it all – the planner client and the potential planner client – also wants transparency and a convenient, feature-rich solution

Q96 What are the minimum features you require from an online portal your planner gives you access to?

Among potential planner clients



^Percentages account for overlaps
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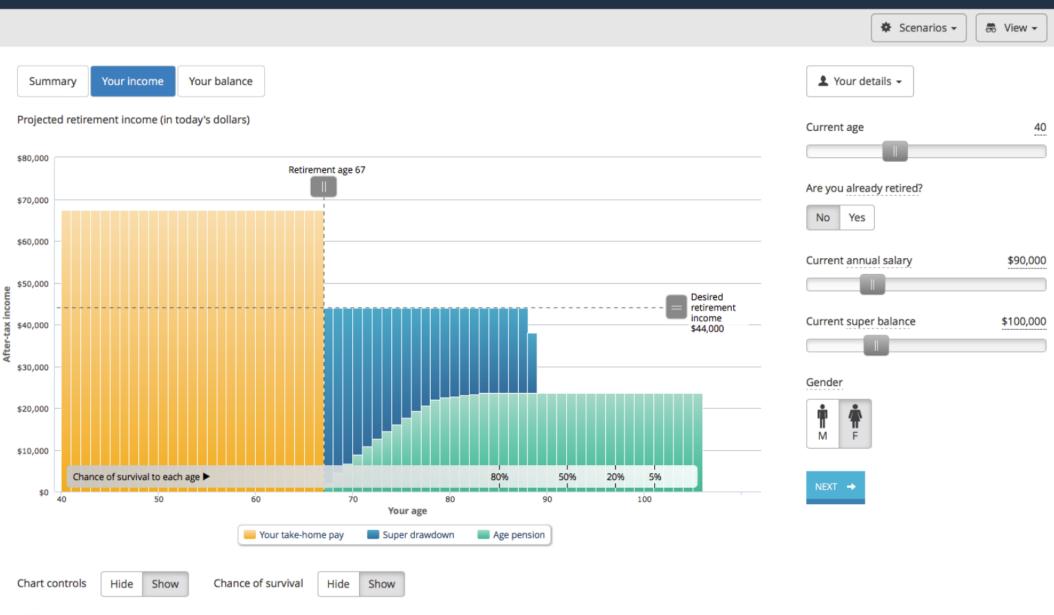






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## Who wins:

#### The Advisers who:

- Seek to fully understand their clients financial and nonfinancial objectives
- Help your clients understand:
  - cashflow and savings
  - risk v return
  - staying the course
- Embrace technology
- Focus on where you add value, outsource where you don't
- Give your clients 'peace of mind'.





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