Affluent Investor Snapshot 2025 A Quality of Life special report



Foreword

Behind every portfolio lies a story - not just of capital, but of ambitions, priorities, and the decisions that shape our financial journeys and lives. These priorities are always evolving and often pull in different directions between where we are today and where we want to be.

This year's Affluent Investor Snapshot – our second annual report - continues our analysis of how affluent investors are navigating investment and wealth decision-making, and how these choices are reflected in the way they build their portfolios to address short, medium, and longer-term goals.

Among the findings, two things stand out for me. Firstly, affluent investors are becoming more intentional in how they manage their wealth. They are investing more, diversifying across a wider range of asset classes, and using a wider range of instruments to construct their portfolios. Younger generations are also showing increased confidence in their approach to wealth and investment decision-making.

Secondly, in this information-rich environment, investors are happy to source knowledge from a much broader base - including social media but place greater value on where they look for guidance. In this regard, quality expertise matters more than ever.

I hope the insights in this latest Affluent Investor Snapshot provide you with useful perspectives and food for thought on your own financial journey.



Lavanva Chari

Head of Wealth and Premier Solutions, International Wealth and Premier Banking, HSBC





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Key Findings





With financial security remaining a key priority, affluent investors are actively deploying their cash and have reduced their allocation by nearly 40%, particularly in Hong Kong, Mexico, the UK, and the US.



Affluent investors are building more diversified portfolios with a wider range of instruments

Affluent investors have doubled their exposure to alternatives and gold. They are also incorporating more investment instruments into their portfolios, particularly private market funds and multi-asset solutions.



Affluent investors are looking beyond their own borders to build and manage their wealth

42% of affluent investors in major international wealth centres plan to invest more internationally, particularly in the US and their home regions. The US, Singapore, and Hong Kong are preferred locations for an overseas investment account.



Younger generations are investing in their financial futures with greater confidence and control

8 out of 10 Gen Z and Millennial affluent investors are confident they will achieve their financial goals over the short, medium, and long term. They are also branching out into new asset classes and product types.



Affluent investors cast a wide net for information but rely on wealth specialists for decision-making

Social platforms and bank digital channels are the top two information sources overall, although Baby Boomers prefer non-bank channels. However, when it comes to seeking guidance, wealth management specialists are the go-to source (64%), especially in mainland China (72%).

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By the numbers

10,797 affluent investors[^] in 12 markets were surveyed on their investment behaviours, objectives and attitudes.



Market	s surveyed	Sample size
(AU)	Australia	736
(HK)	Hong Kong	1,399
(IN)	India	1,006
(ID)	Indonesia	547
(CN)	Mainland China	1,089
(MY)	Malaysia	506
(MX)	Mexico	509
(SG)	Singapore	701
(TVV)	Taiwan	502
(UAE)	United Arab Emirates	697
(UK)	United Kingdom	2,007
(US)	United States of America	1,098
Total		10,797



Setting the scene

Three big things: The cost of living, global affairs, and macroeconomic issues are top of mind for 8 out of 10 affluent investors.

Top factors impacting investment behaviour[^]



Cost of living concerns High inflation and high interest rates





Satisfaction with Quality of Life[#]



^ Top factors are factors rated as "5" or "4" on a 1-5 scale from "1 - No impact on my investment behaviour" to "5 - Impacts my investment behaviour a lot". # For 2024 and 2025, satisfaction with Quality of Life refers to those who rated "10", "9" or "8" on a 1-10 scale from "10 - Extremely satisfied" to "1 -

Extremely unsatisfied" * For 2023, the satisfaction with Quality of Life score was derived from questions on physical, mental, and financial fitness rather than a single satisfaction question.

[2025] - B8. To what extent the following factors will have an impact on your investment behaviour in the next 12 months?;

A1. How satisfied are you with your quality of life?

[2024] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=11,230; [2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent Investors, n=10,797



"Big picture factors may be beyond our control, but they still shape the choices in front of us. Often, the things that keep us up at night are signals that our financial plans and investment portfolios may need adjusting to stay on track to achieve our life goals."

> Jenny Wang Head of Premier Wealth Solutions, International Wealth and Premier Banking,

Consistent with 2024, financial security is a priority for affluent investors across generations. However, personal well-being – including building savings for leisure activities – is now a top focus.

Top financial goals – by generation

	Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Baby Boomers
1	Savings for vacation or leisure	Savings for vacation or leisure	Preparing for retirement	Savings for vacation or leisure
2	Creating additional / multiple income streams	Gain wealth for financial security	Savings for vacation or leisure	Preserve and protect my wealth
3	Supporting family financially	Supporting family financially	Preserve and protect my wealth	Build extra wealth to fight against inflation
4	Gain wealth for financial security	Creating additional / multiple income streams	Gain wealth for financial security	Gain wealth for financial security
5	Home ownership	Preserve and protect my wealth	Build extra wealth to fight against inflation	Supporting family financially

'Preserve and protect my wealth' is a new goal added in the 2025 survey. To find the definitions for generation, refer here.

B2. What are your top financial goals across different time periods? Please select a maximum of 3 financial goals for each time period. Base (unweighted): Affluent investors Total n=10,797, Gen Z n=1,684, Millennials n=3,686, Gen X n=3,344, Baby Boomers n=2,083

"Whichever generation we're in, building a better life is more than just money - it embraces personal fulfilment, quality of living, and well-being."



Dinesh Sharma Head of International Wealth and Premier Banking (IWPB), Middle East and Interim Chief Commercial Officer, IWPB, HSBC Despite working towards a longer time horizon, younger generations are more confident than other generations that they will achieve their financial goals.



Confidence[^] in achieving financial goals by time frame 81% 76% 2% Short-term Medium-term Long-term (0-3 years) (3-5 years) (>5 years) By generation 80% 75% Gen Z and Millennials Gen Z and Millennials 84% Gen Z and Millennials Gen X and Baby Boomers 78% Gen X and Baby Boomers 69% Gen X and Baby Boomers 73%

Top financial goals by time frame

	Total	Gen Z and Millennials	Gen X and Baby Boomers
Short-term (0-3 years)	Savings for vacation and leisure	Supporting family financially	Savings for vacation and leisure
Medium-term (3-5 years)	Gain wealth for financial security	Gain wealth for financial security	Preserve and protect my wealth
Long-term (>5 years)	Preparing for retirement	Preparing for retirement	Preparing for retirement

^ % refers to those rated "5 – Extremely confident" or "4" in 5-point-scale 'Preserve and protect my wealth' is a new goal added in the 2025 survey. To find the definitions for generations, refer here.

B3. How confident are you in achieving your financial goals across different time periods?

B2. What are your top financial goals across different time periods? Please select a maximum of 3 financial goals for each time period. Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797; Gen Z and Millennials n=5,370; Gen X and Baby Boomers n=5,427



Asset allocation and diversification trends

Affluent investors cut cash levels by nearly 40% as interest rates fell, while doubling their allocations to alternatives and gold.

Mean asset allocation 2025 (change vs. 2024)



Mean asset allocation: Illustrates the distribution of assets expressed as a percentage of the total, with a cumulative total of 100%. * REITs: Real estate investment trusts; ^ Others: Passion assets, insurance and uncategorised responses; † Gold: Gold & precious metals.

[2024] A8A. And approximately what is your current asset allocation for your overall portfolio?
[2025] C1B. Approximately what is your current asset allocation across your overall portfolio?
[2024] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=11,230; [2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797

"Diversification is one of the most effective ways to weather uncertainty, and these findings highlight how affluent investors are building more diversified portfolios. Notably, the increased allocation to alternative assets reflects how affluent investors are taking advantage of new access opportunities, especially to private markets."



Willem Sels Global Chief Investment Officer, Private Bank and Premier Wealth, HSBC

However, there is no clear consensus going forward, with half of affluent investors planning to keep their cash allocation unchanged over the next 12 months.



Cash allocation – 2024 vs. 2025: Total and by generation



To find the definitions for generation and the full names of market abbreviations, refer here.

[2024] A8A. And approximately what is your current asset allocation for your overall portfolio? [2025] C1B. Approximately what is your current asset allocation across your overall portfolio?; C2B. Which of the following best describes how you plan to change your asset allocation within your overall portfolio over the next 12 months? [2024] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=11,230; [2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797

Investors' intention to change cash allocation over the next 12 months



investors will decrease cash allocation over the next 12 months

While investors in IN and UAE will further reduce their cash allocation, this is not the case for investors in CN and TW.

Plan to decrease cash allocation





~5 out of 10

investors will keep cash allocation stable over the next 12 months

Investors in HK, SG, and TW will keep their cash allocation unchanged.



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64% SG тw

~3 out of 10

investors will increase cash allocation over the next 12 months

Investors in CN and IN will increase their cash allocation

Plan to increase cash allocation



Younger generations are leading the adoption of alternative investments, showing a growing interest in private markets versus last year.



Alternatives[^] allocation – 2024 vs. 2025: Total and by generation



^ Alternatives refer to private equity, private credit, or hedge funds. To find the definitions for generation, refer here.

[2024] A8A. And approximately what is your current asset allocation for your overall portfolio? [2025] C1B. Approximately what is your current asset allocation across your overall portfolio?; C3A. Which of the following savings and investment products do you currently have or invest in?; C3B. Which of the following savings and investment products do you intend to have in the next 12 months? [2024] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=11,230; [2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797



~5 out of 10

affluent investors plan to own alternatives[^] within the next 12 months – double the current ownership level.

affluent investors plan to own **private market funds (equity or credit)** within the next 12 months.

affluent investors plan to own hedge funds within the next 12 months.

Gold was favoured amongst affluent investors, who more than doubled their allocations.



Gold[^] allocation – 2024 vs. 2025: Total and by generation





affluent investors plan to own gold within the next 12 months - double

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^ Gold: Gold & precious metals.

To find the definitions for generation, refer here.

[2024] A8A. And approximately what is your current asset allocation for your overall portfolio? [2025] C1B. Approximately what is your current asset allocation across your overall portfolio? [2024] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=11,230; [2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797 the current ownership level.

affluent investors plan to own **physical** gold within the next 12 months.

affluent investors plan to own **digital gold** within the next 12 months.

Affluent investors are increasingly using managed solutions as a foundational building block for their investment portfolios.

% affluent investor product ownership by type



* Property only for investment purposes.

Alternatives refer to hedge funds and private market funds (equity or credit); Managed solutions refer to discretionary solutions and multi-asset solutions; Managed investments refer to mutual funds, unit trusts (UTs), and exchange-traded funds (ETFs); REITs refer to real estate investment trusts.

C3A. Which of the following savings and investment products do you currently have or invest in?; C3B. Which of the following savings and investment products do you intend to have in the next 12 months? Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797



"We're seeing a clear shift among affluent investors who want peace of mind as well as performance: more are turning to managed solutions as the foundational block of their portfolios, and to alternatives to access less traditional spaces. In short, a diversified investment portfolio is a balanced, modern approach to long-term wealth.



Nicolas Moreau CEO, Asset Management, HSBC Younger generations are using a broader range of investment products to build their investment portfolios, with high demand for tokenised gold, multi-asset solutions, and alternatives.

Average number of financial product type ownership[^]



Top 5 new product types investors are interested in adding to their portfolios over the next 12 months



^ Cash and cash equivalents, and Others (passion assets, insurance and uncategorised responses) have been omitted. To find the definitions for generation, refer here.

C3A. Which of the following savings and investment products do you currently have or invest in?; C3B. Which of the following savings and investment products do you intend to have in the next 12 months? Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797.

Mutual funds or unit trusts (UTs)





Hedge funds



Beyond the US, affluent investors plan to invest more in their home regions in the next 12 months.







^ Globally focused investment strategies have been omitted

To find the full names of market abbreviations, refer here.

C5B. Exposure to which of these markets/regions would you prefer for your investment products in the next 12 months? Rank Top 3 Base (unweighted): Affluent investors Total n=10,797, HK n=1399, SG n=701, UAE n=697, UK n=2,007, US n=1,098

E	UK	US
%	45%	36%
5	EU	EU
A	US	UK
l	MEA	EM
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The US, Singapore, and Hong Kong are the top locations for affluent investors to open an overseas investment account.

Top 3 markets for overseas investment account(s) for those who already have one

Top 3 markets for overseas investment account(s) for those who plan to have one

1	US	
2	SG	
3	НК	

Total

 1
 US

 2
 SG

 3
 HK

HΚ

💽 US

Data on this slide pertains to overseas investment accounts, i.e., investment accounts maintained outside the investor's home market. APAC includes Australia, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan. The AMERICAS includes Mexico and the United States of America. To find the full names of market abbreviations, refer here.

D4A. Which markets do you have an offshore investment account?; D4B. Which markets do you to plan to have an offshore investment account? Base (unweighted): Affluent investors who have an offshore investment account Total n=3,461, APAC n=2,083, ME n=294, UK n=577, AMERICAS n=507

Base (unweighted): Affluent investors who plan to have an offshore investment account Total n=3,459, APAC n=2,198, ME n=283, UK n=531, AMERICAS n=447

APAC	UAE	UK	AMERICAS
US	US	US	UK
SG	UK	DE	US
НК	SG	СН	CA

US	UK	US	UK
SG	US	UAE	CA
ΗК	DE	CA	US



Information and engagement Affluent investors draw from multiple sources for investment and wealth information, with social platforms and bank digital channels being the most preferred.

Average number of information collection channels currently used



Top 5 information collection channels currently used



Social platforms include Little Red Book/WeChat, groups on WhatsApp/Telegram/Line, X (formerly known as Twitter)/TikTok, and online forums (e.g., Reddit, Quora); Bank digital channels comprise bank instant messenger services (e.g., RM chat on WhatsApp, WeChat) and bank digital interfaces (e.g., bank websites, mobile apps, bank emails); Non-banking digital channels encompass investment product comparison websites/apps (provided by third parties other than banks/investment brokerage firms) and websites/apps of other investment products providers excluding banks (e.g., investment brokerage firms, insurance companies); Online videos or podcasts include investment podcasts and YouTube videos. To find the definitions for generation, refer here.

E5A. Please select the channels that you currently use to collect information related to investment and wealth management. Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797

Affluent investors largely rely on wealth management specialists and relationship managers for guidance in decision-making.

> ŴŶŴŶŴŶŴŶ 8 out of 10 investors seek guidance from experts' when making investment and wealth management decisions.

5 Out of 10 investors seek guidance

from friends and family when making investment

 \cap 64%

of investors seek guidance from wealth or financial specialists or bank RMs.



of investors seek

guidance from stockbrokers.

of investors seek guidance from family members.

72% in CN

of investors seek guidance from friends/colleagues.

39% in IN, and 35% in both TW and the UAE 39% in IN, and 34% in TW

 * Experts include wealth and financial specialists, bank relationship managers (RMs), stockbrokers, and insurance agents To find the definitions for generations and the full names of market abbreviations, refer here.

E6A. When looking for guidance on making investment and wealth management decisions, which of the following sources or people do you rely on? Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797

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and wealth management decisions.

29%

36% in IN, 34% in CN, and 33% for both Gen Z and Millennial investors globally



of investors seek guidance from insurance agents.

31% in IN, CN, and among Gen Z investors globally

29%





Affluent investors prefer to receive advice that is tailored to them, on a proactive basis, and through multiple channels.

Expert advice

Tailored advice

Via multiple channels

Proactive advice

Timely advice

E9. For the following question, we would like to understand your preference towards financial planning and wealth management advice. Base (unweighted): Affluent investors, n=10,797

69%

of investors prefer receiving advice from wealth or financial specialists.

75%

of investors prefer advice that directly addresses their circumstances.



of investors want to receive advice through multiple channels-online and offline.



of investors prefer to receive advice without requesting it.



of investors prefer receiving advice as and when they need it.

Market snapshots



Market views summary (1)

	Global	AU	CN	нк	IN	ID	MY	МХ	SG	TW	UAE	UK	US	Expats
Quality of Life														
Level of satisfaction	76%	▼ 68%	78%	73%	▲ 85%	▲ 84%	78%	▲ 87%	▼ 66%	▼ 61%	▲ 85%	▼ 72%	76%	78%
Change vs. 2024	+3pts	NA	No change	+14pts	-1pts	+2pts	+1pts	No change	+6pts	+4pts	+3pts	+4pts	+3pts	+5pts
Confidence in achieving fi	nancial goals b	by time frame							•		•	•		
Short-term (0-3 years)	81%	▼ 77%	84%	▼ 75%	▲ 92%	▲ 87%	▼ 77%	▲ 89%	▼ 71%	▼ 68%	▲ 86%	81%	80%	82%
Medium-term (3-5 years)	72%	▼ 67%	69%	▼ 68%	▲ 83%	▲ 80%	▼ 68%	▲ 81%	▼ 61%	▼ 58%	▲ 78%	71%	▲ 76%	▲ 78%
Long-term (>5 years)	76%	73%	75%	73%	▲ 86%	▲ 85%	77%	▲ 80%	▼ 64%	▼ 60%	▲ 85%	75%	75%	▲ 80%
Top 2 factors impacting	Cost of living (83%)	Cost of living (74%)	Economic uncertainty (83%)	Cost of living (86%)	Cost of living (90%)	Cost of living (84%)	Cost of living (84%)	Cost of living (86%)	Cost of living (82%)	Cost of living (85%)	Cost of living (89%)	Cost of living (79%)	Cost of living (77%)	Cost of living (85%)
investment behaviour	Economic uncertainty (78%)	Economic uncertainty (68%)	Cost of living (83%)	Economic uncertainty (85%)	Economic uncertainty (87%)	Economic uncertainty (79%)	Economic uncertainty (80%)	Global uncertainty (83%)	Global uncertainty (80%)	Economic uncertainty (81%)	Economic uncertainty (89%)	Global uncertainty (72%)	Global uncertainty (71%)	Economic uncertainty (83%)
	Savings for vacation / leisure (47%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (53%)	Gain wealth for financial security (53%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (46%)	Investing in properties (41%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (43%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (51%)	Investing in properties (44%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (47%)	Gain wealth for financial security (57%)	Home ownership (38%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (49%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (52%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (53%)
Top 3 financial goals	Gain wealth for financial security (43%)	Gain wealth for financial security (46%)	Creating extra income streams (52%)	Creating extra income streams (43%)	Supporting family financially (41%)	Preparing for retirement (41%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (46%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (43%)	Preparing for retirement (47%)	Preparing for retirement (54%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (38%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (47%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (46%)	Home ownership (48%)
	Preserve and protect my wealth (43%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (46%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (50%)	Preserve and protect my wealth (41%)	Savings for vacation / leisure (40%)	Gain wealth for financial security (41%)	Creating extra income streams (43%)	Creating extra income streams (42%)	Gain wealth for financial security (46%)	Creating extra income streams (53%)	Supporting family financially (35%)	Gain wealth for financial security (44%)	Preparing for retirement (42%)	Creating extra income streams (43%)
Requirements for a comfo	rtable and sec	ure retirement												
Average savings needed - 2025	USD 1.05M	USD 1.23M	USD 1.09M	USD 1.11M	USD 401K	USD 656K	USD 986K	USD 486K	USD 1.39M	USD 1.02M	USD 1.17M	USD 1.13M	USD 1.57M	USD 1.53M
Average savings needed – 2024	USD 780K	NA	USD 872K	USD 1.08M	USD 380K	USD 446K	USD 900K	USD 425K	USD 1.02M	USD 993K	USD 895K	USD 744K	USD 1.13M	USD 789K

To find the full names of market abbreviations, refer here; NA: AU was not surveyed in 2024; Expats: Those who are living in a market other than their native market.

Comparatively lower than global average

On par with global average

Comparatively higher than global average

Market views summary (2)

	Global	AU	CN	НК	IN	ID	MY	МХ	SG	TW	UAE	UK	US	Expats
Mean asset allocation														
% of cash allocation in portfolio – 2025	20%	23%	▲ 25%	20%	▼ 15%	19%	22%	17%	▲ 24%	▲ 25%	▼ 13%	19%	20%	17%
Change in cash allocation vs. 2024	-13pts	NA	-6pts	-14pts	-10pts	-6pts	-6pts	-20pts	-4pts	-9pts	-5pts	-19pts	-15pts	-13pts
% of investors intention to	change cash	allocation ove	r the next 12	months	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Decrease cash allocation	18%	16%	▼ 12%	20%	▲ 25%	17%	20%	▲ 22%	17%	▼ 12%	▲ 28%	18%	18%	21%
Stable cash allocation	55%	▲ 64%	54%	▲ 60%	▼ 42%	56%	▼ 51%	56%	▲ 59%	▲ 64%	▼ 51%	56%	58%	48%
Increase cash allocation	26%	▼ 20%	▲ 34%	▼ 21%	▲ 33%	27%	29%	▼ 22%	24%	24%	▼ 21%	26%	24%	▲ 31%
Asset classes which investors reported an	Gold & precious metals (+6pts)	NA	Gold & precious metals (+8pts)	Gold & precious metals (+7pts)	Gold & precious metals (+7pts)	Gold & precious metals (+12pts)	Gold & precious metals (+8pts)	Real estate (for investment) (+8pts)	Gold & precious metals (+2pts)	Equities (+7pts)	Gold & precious metals (+5pts)	Real estate (for investment) (+4pts)	Alternatives (+4pts)	Gold & precious metals (+4pts)
increase in allocations compared to 2024	Alternatives (+4pts)	NA	Real estate (for investment) (+6pts)	Crypto- currencies (+3pts)	Alternatives (+4pts)	Crypto- currencies (+2pts)	Alternatives (+6pts)	Gold & precious metals (+5pts)	Crypto- currencies (+2pts)	Gold & precious metals (+3pts)	Alternatives (+4pts)	Crypto- currencies (+4pts)	Gold & precious metals (+4pts)	Alternatives (+4pts)
	Stocks (44%)	Stocks (44%)	Time deposits (49%)	Stocks (47%)	Managed investments (53%)	Physical gold (44%)	Stocks (39%)	Stocks (35%)	Stocks (45%)	Stocks (67%)	Managed solutions (37%)	Stocks (43%)	Stocks (47%)	Stocks (40%)
Product types investors currently own (top 3)	Managed investments (30%)	Time deposits (27%)	Stocks (46%)	Time deposits (32%)	Stocks (50%)	Time deposits (33%)	Physical gold (36%)	Local property* (32%)	Time deposits (34%)	Time deposits (41%)	Alternatives (36%)	Bonds (29%)	Managed investments (40%)	Managed investments (34%)
	Time deposits (28%)	Local property* (25%)	Local property* (43%)	Managed solutions (28%)	Physical gold (39%)	Managed investments (31%)	Local property* (35%)	Alternatives (28%)	REITs (33%)	Managed investments (38%)	Managed investments (34%)	Managed investments (26%)	Bonds (30%)	Managed solutions (29%)
Product types investors plan to own over the next 12 months (top 2)	Managed solutions (44%)	Alternatives (37%)	Investment linked insurance (41%)	Managed investments (46%)	Alternatives (62%)	Investment linked insurance (47%)	Managed solutions (46%)	Managed solutions (45%)	Managed investments (47%)	Managed solutions (378%)	Local property* (47%)	Managed solutions 428%)	Alternatives (41%)	Alternatives (51%)
	Alternatives (43%)	Managed solutions (36%)	Managed solutions (37%)	Physical gold (38%)	Managed solutions (60%)	Managed solutions (43%)	Alternatives (46%)	Time deposits (36%)	Managed solutions (36%)	Physical gold (35%)	Overseas property* (43%)	Alternatives (42%)	Managed solutions (39%)	Local property* (43%)

To find the full names of market abbreviations, refer here; NA: AU was not surveyed in 2024.

Expats: Those who are living in a market other than their native market.

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Comparatively lower than global average

- On par with global average
- Comparatively higher than global average

Market views summary (3)

	Global	AU	CN	НК	IN	ID	MY	МХ	SG	тw	UAE	UK	US	Expats
Average number of information collection channels currently used	3.9	▼ 3.2	4.0	▼ 3.4	▲ 5.0	4.0	▲ 4.2	3.9	▼ 3.4	3.9	3.8	3.7	▼ 3.5	3.7
	Social platforms (49%)	Social platforms (38%)	Social platforms (54%)	Social platforms (48%)	Social platforms (66%)	Social platforms (56%)	Social platforms (54%)	Social platforms (52%)	Social platforms (42%)	Social platforms (51%)	Social platforms (53%)	Social platforms (43%)	Social platforms (43%)	Social platforms (50%)
Top 3 information collection channels currently used	Bank digital channels (39%)	Bank digital channels (34%)	Bank digital channels (51%)	Bank digital channels (35%)	Online videos or podcasts (50%)	Non-bank digital channels (40%)	Bank digital channels (42%)	Non-bank digital channels (44%)	Bank digital channels (34%)	Bank digital channels (44%)	Bank digital channels (38%)	Bank digital channels (37%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (36%)	Bank digital channels (37%)
	Non-bank digital channels (36%)	Non-bank digital channels (31%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (39%)	Non-bank digital channels (33%)	Bank digital channels (48%)	Bank digital channels (38%)	Non-bank digital channels (40%)	Bank digital channels (40%)	Search engines (31%)	Online videos or podcasts (37%)	Non-bank digital channels (35%)	Non-bank digital channels (36%)	Bank digital channels (31%)	Online videos or podcasts (36%)
Top 2 people or sources relied on for guidance on investment and wealth management decisions	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (64%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (61%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (72%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (60%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (66%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (63%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (66%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (66%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (65%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (56%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (62%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (63%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (68%)	Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (65%)
	Friends / colleagues (29%)	Friends / colleagues (26%)	Social media financial influencers / experts (41%)	Friends / colleagues (31%)	Social media financial influencers / experts (41%)	Social media financial influencers / experts (34%)	Social media financial influencers / experts (33%)	Stockbrokers (32%)	Stockbrokers (28%)	Family members (35%)	Family members (35%)	Stockbrokers (28%)	Family members (30%)	Family members (34%)

Comparatively lower than global averageOn par with global average

Comparatively higher than global average

(AU) Australia



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors currently allocate 23% of their assets to cash, with the majority intending to maintain this level over the next year.
- Equities and real estate each account for 15% of the allocation, followed by gold (9%) and bonds (9%).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



NA: AU was not surveyed in 2024;

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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in AU, n=736.



- financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering alternatives and managed solutions in the future.

Portfolio

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Investor

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· Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels. while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

(CN) Mainland China



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors in mainland China retain 25% of their assets in cash, the highest level globally, and the majority plan to either maintain or increase it over the next year.
- Additionally, there has been an increased allocation to gold (+8pts) and real estate (+6pts) over the past year.

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in CN, n=1,089.

Global CN 76% 78% Satisfaction with Quality of Life Top 2 factors impacting investment behaviour

- Economic uncertainty (83%)
- Cost of living (83%)



Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

Investor

context

goals.

 Investors are concerned about economic

uncertainty and the cost of living. Compared to the global outlook, they

remain confident in their ability to achieve financial

• The focus is on acquiring

and preserving wealth

for financial security, as

sources of income.

well as creating additional

- Time deposits, stocks, and real estate are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering insurance and managed solutions in the future.
- Social platforms, influencers, and wealth or financial specialists are crucial for information and investment guidance.

Top 3 currently owned financial product types by investors

- Time deposits (49%)
- Stocks (46%)
- Local property* (43%)

Top 3 currently used channels on information collection

- Social platforms (54%)
- Bank digital channels (51%)
- Financial planner / advisors / bank RMs (39%)



wealth management decisions • Wealth / financial specialists /

- bank RMs (72%)
- Social media financial influencers / experts (41%)

(HK) Hong Kong



Asset allocation 2025

- Hong Kong investors have decreased their cash allocation to 20%, with most planning to maintain this level over the next 12 months.
- Equities (20%) and bonds (13%) are leading the allocations, while a significant increase is observed in gold (+7pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in HK, n=1,399.



context Investors are concerned about economic uncertainty and the cost of living. Compared to the global outlook,

they remain confident in

their ability to achieve

financial goals.

Investor

• The focus is on acquiring and preserving wealth for financial security, as well as creating additional sources of income.





Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

- Stocks, time deposits, and managed solutions are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering managed investments and gold.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

(IN) India



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors' cash allocation has decreased to 15% over the past 12 months, with no clear consensus for the next 12 months.
- Meanwhile, gold (+7pts) saw the highest increase in allocation over the past 12 months, followed by alternatives (+4pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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Global IN 85% 76% Investors are concerned living and economic uncertainty. Compared to the global outlook, they are extremely confident in their ability to achieve Satisfaction with Quality of Life • The focus is on property investments, financially supporting their families, and savings for personal Top 2 factors impacting investment behaviour • Cost of living (90%) Economic uncertainty (87%) 9 Top 3 currently owned financial product types by investors and investment • Managed investments (53%) (includes mutual funds / UTs Managed investments, @45%) stocks, and gold are the top financial products • Stocks (50%) currently owned, with • Physical gold (39%) investors additionally considering alternatives

• Social platforms, online videos, and podcasts are preferred for information collection.

and managed investments.

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Top 3 currently used channels on information collection

- Social platforms (66%)
- Online videos or Podcasts (50%)
- Bank digital channels (48%)

58



(ID) Indonesia



Asset allocation 2025

- Indonesian investors have 19% of their assets in cash, and they aim to either maintain or increase this in the next year.
- Gold (+12pts) grew significantly over the past 12 months, making it the top asset class with 25% allocation.

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in ID, n=547.



Global

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Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

Investor

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 Investors are concerned about the cost of

living and economic

the global outlook, they are highly confident in

their ability to achieve financial goals.

• The focus is on savings

for personal well-being, preparing for retirement,

and acquiring wealth for

financial security.

- Gold, time deposits, and managed investments are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering insurance and managed solutions.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

Top 3 currently owned financial product types by investors

- Physical gold (44%)
- Time deposits (33%)
- Managed investments (31%) (includes mutual funds / UTs @22%)

Top 3 currently used channels on information collection

- Social platforms (56%)
- Non-bank digital channels (40%)
- Bank digital channels (38%)

60



(MY) Malaysia



Asset allocation 2025

- Malaysian investors maintain 22% of their assets in cash, and aim to either maintain or increase this in the next year.
- Allocations to both gold (+8 points) and alternatives (+6 points) grew significantly over the past 12 months.

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in MY, n=506



(MX) Mexico



Asset allocation 2025

- Cash allocation has reduced by more than half in the past year, with investors aiming to keep it stable over the next 12 months.
- Real estate (+8pts) had the highest allocation increase in the past 12 months, followed by gold (+5pts), cryptocurrency (+4pts), and alternatives (+4pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in MX, n=509.

context Investors are concerned about the cost of living and ongoing global uncertainty. Compared to the global outlook, they are extremely confident in their ability to achieve financial goals.

Investor

• The focus is on property investments, savings for personal well-being and creating extra sources of income.





Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

- Stocks, local property, and alternatives are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering managed solutions and Time deposits.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

- Bank digital channels (40%)

(SG) Singapore



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors currently allocate 24% of their assets to cash, with the majority intending to maintain this level over the next year.
- Cash is followed by equities (18%) and bonds (17%), while gold (+2pts), cryptocurrency (+2pts), and REITs (+2pts) saw an increase in allocation over the past 12 months.

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in SG, n=701.

Investor Global SG context Investors are concerned about the cost of living and ongoing global uncertainty. Compared to the global outlook, they are less confident in their ability to achieve financial goals. • The focus is on savings for personal well-being, preparing for retirement, and acquiring wealth for Top 2 factors impacting financial security. investment behaviour • Cost of living (82%)



76%

66%

Satisfaction with

Quality of Life

Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

- Stocks, time deposits, and REITs are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering managed investment and managed solutions.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

Top 3 currently owned financial product types by investors

- Stocks (45%)
- Time deposits (34%)
- REITs (33%)

Top 3 currently used channels on information collection

- Social platforms (42%)
- Bank digital channels (34%)
- Search engines (31%)



(TW) Taiwan



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors currently allocate 25% of their assets to cash, with majority intending to maintain this level over the next year.
- Equity (29%) saw a significant increased (+7pts) allocation over the past 12 months. Gold (+3pts) and real estate (+2pts) also experienced an increase.

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in TW, n=502.

Investor Global TW context 76% Investors are concerned 61% about the cost of living and economic uncertainty. Compared to the global outlook, they are least confident in their ability to achieve financial goals. Satisfaction with Quality of Life • The focus is on acquiring wealth for financial security, preparing for retirement, and creating Top 2 factors impacting additional sources investment behaviour of income. • Cost of living (85%) Economic uncertainty (81%) 9 Portfolio Top 3 currently owned financial composition product types by investors and investment behaviour • Stocks (67%) • Stocks, time deposits, and • Time deposits (41%) managed investments are • Managed investments (38%) the top financial products (includes ETFs @29%) currently owned, with investors additionally considering managed solutions and gold. · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, Top 3 currently used channels while wealth or financial on information collection specialists are preferred for guidance. • Social platforms (51%) • Bank digital channels (44%) Online videos or podcasts (37%)



(UAE) United Arab Emirates



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in UAE n=697.

Investor Global UAE context 76% Investors are concerned about the cost of living and economic uncertainty. Compared to the global outlook, they are highly confident in their ability to achieve financial goals. Satisfaction with Quality of Life • The focus is on home ownership, savings for personal well-being, and financially supporting Top 2 factors impacti their families. investment behaviour • Cost of living (89%) • Economic uncertain

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Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

- Managed solutions, alternatives, and managed investments are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering property investments in the future.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

Top 3 currently owne product types by inve

- Managed solutions (includes discretion solutions @28%)
- Alternatives (36%) (includes private m funds - equity / cre
- Managed investment (includes mutual fu @25%)

Top 3 currently used on information collect

- Social platforms (53)
- Bank digital channe
- Non-bank digital ch

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(UK) United Kingdom



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors reduced their cash allocation by half, now at 19%, with most planning to maintain this level over the next year.
- Meanwhile, notable increases in 2025 were seen for alternatives (+3pts), real estate (+4pts), gold (+3pts), and cryptocurrencies (+4pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors in UK n=2,007.

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Investor Global UK context 76% 72% Investors are concerned about the cost of living and ongoing global uncertainty. Like the global outlook, they are highly confident in achieving their financial goals in the short-term. Satisfaction with Quality of Life Their focus is on savings for personal well-being and acquiring and preserving wealth for Top 2 factors impacting financial security. investment behaviour • Cost of living (79%) • Global uncertainty (72%) 9 Portfolio Top 3 currently owned financial composition product types by investors and investment behaviour • Stocks (43%) • Stocks, bonds, and • Bonds (29%) managed investments are • Managed investments (26% the top financial products (includes mutual funds / UTs currently owned, with @17%) investors additionally considering managed solutions and alternatives. Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels, Top 3 currently used channels while wealth or financial on information collection specialists are preferred for guidance. • Social platforms (43%) Bank digital channels (37%) Non-bank digital channels (36%)



(US) United States of America



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors reduced their cash allocation by half, now at 19%, with most planning to maintain this level over the next year.
- Meanwhile, notable increases in 2025 were seen for alternatives (+3pts), real estate (+4pts), gold (+3pts), and cryptocurrencies (+4pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



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Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

Investor

context

 Investors are concerned about the cost of living

achieving their financial goals in the short-term.

Their focus is on savings

for personal well-being, wealth preservation, and

preparing for retirement.

and ongoing global uncertainty. Like the global outlook, they are highly confident in

- · Stocks, managed investments, and bonds are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering alternatives and managed solutions in the future.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels. while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.

Top 3 currently owned financial product types by investors

Global US

76% 76%

Satisfaction with

Quality of Life

• Cost of living (77%)

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- Stocks (47%)
- Managed investments (40% (includes mutual funds / UTs @ 27%)
- Bonds (30%)

Top 3 currently used channels on information collection

- Social platforms (43%)
- Wealth / financial specialists / bank RMs (36%)
- Bank digital channels (31%)



Expats



Asset allocation 2025

- Investors have reduced their cash allocation significantly, now at 17%, and are unsure on whether to maintain or alter this allocation over the next year.
- Notable allocation increases in 2025 were recorded for alternatives (+4pts), and gold (+4pts).

% of investors intention to change cash allocation over next 12 months



Expats: Those who are living in a market other than their native market.

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[2025] Base (unweighted): Affluent investors who are expats n=911



Investor context Expat investors are concerned about the cost of living and economic uncertainty. Like the global outlook, they are highly confident in

 Their focus is on savings for personal well-being, home ownership, and creating extra sources of income.

achieving their financial

goals in the short-term.





Portfolio composition and investment behaviour

- Stocks, managed investments, and managed solutions are the top financial products currently owned, with investors additionally considering alternatives and property investments.
- · Social platforms and bank digital channels are key information channels. while wealth or financial specialists are preferred for guidance.



Appendix



Glossary of market abbreviations and generation definitions

Market	Abbreviation
Asia Pacific	APAC
Australia	AU
Canada	CA
Emerging markets	EM
Europe	EU
Germany	DE
Hong Kong	НК
India	IN
Indonesia	ID
Mainland China	CN
Malaysia	MY
Mexico	MX
Middle East and Africa	MEA
Singapore	SG
Switzerland	СН
Taiwan	TW
United Arab Emirates	UAE
United Kingdom	UK
United States of America	US

Generation	Definition
Gen Z	Age 21-28
Millennials	Age 29-44
Gen X	Age 45-60
Baby Boomers	Age 61-69



Research background and methodology

The Affluent Investor Snapshot 2025, a global Quality of Life special report by HSBC, delves into the investment portfolios, behaviours, and priorities of affluent individuals worldwide. Conducted in March 2025 through an online survey across 12 markets, the research captures insights from 10,797 affluent investors aged 21 to 69, each possessing investable assets ranging from USD 100K to USD 2M.

HSBC launched the inaugural edition of the Quality of Life report in 2023 to explore the concept of a good Quality of Life across different generations of affluent individuals and investigate the relationship between physical and mental wellness, and financial fitness. The Affluent Investor Snapshot, started in 2024, explored financial planning and preparedness across different generations of affluent individuals, and examined changes in investment behaviours and attitudes, legacy planning, and international education for children. The Affluent Investor Snapshot 2025 continues to track changes in financial planning and investment behaviours. It also explores investment trends and international wealth among affluent individuals.

The study was conducted by Ipsos Asia Limited.

Total sample size n=10,797 Fieldwork: 3 – 30 March 2025

Respondent criteria:

- Aged 21-69
- Financial decision makers for themselves
- Have invested in financial products
- Affluent individuals: USD100K - USD2M investable assets

Methodology: Online access panels



• CN, n=1,089

MY, n=506 • SG, n=701 • ID, n=547

• AU, n=736

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