

## UK PROTECTION - REALISING OUR POTENTIAL

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BRAVE IN A WORLD OF RISK

## AGENDA



- UK Protection Market global perspective
- Challenges, trends and opportunities
- Lessons from other markets
- Immediate priorities

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

How does the UK market compare?





## **UK PROTECTION MARKET**

Better than you might think!





## **UK PROTECTION MARKET**

Particularly strong on consumer focus





## SO WHY ARE WE SO DEPRESSED?

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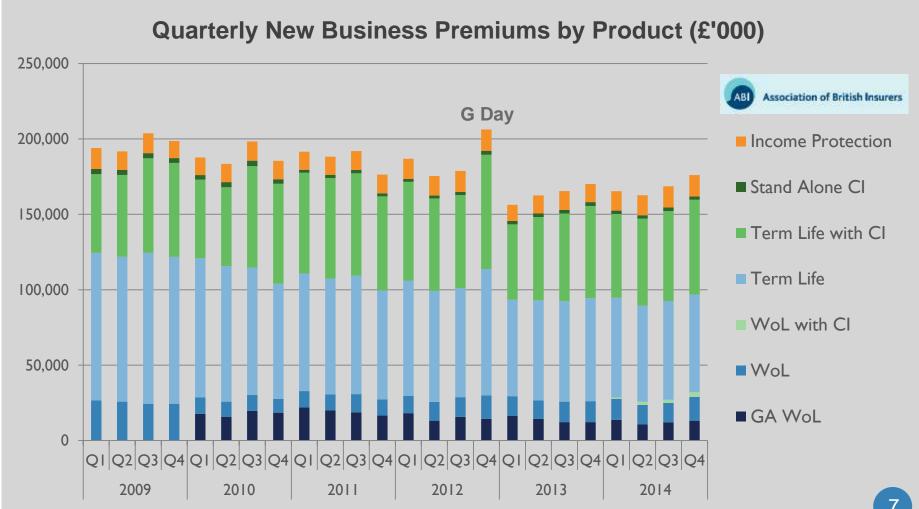
Challenges to healthy growth...



## LONG PERIOD OF STAGNANT SALES



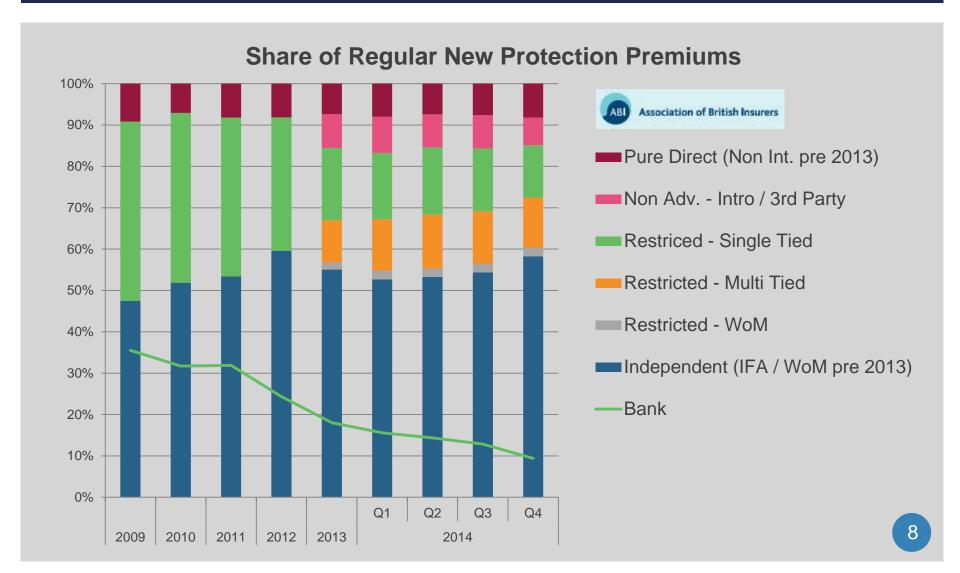




## WHAT'S DRIVING SALES TRENDS?



## Distribution mix

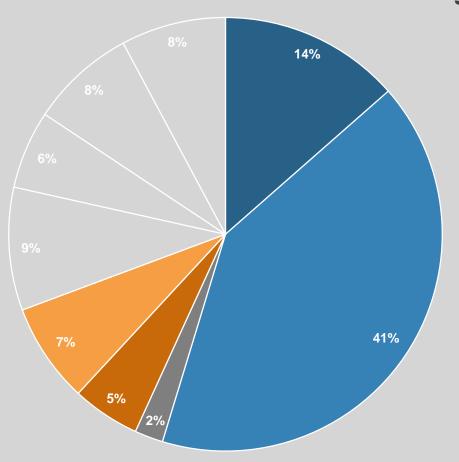


## WE NEED TO HELP ADVISERS

Source of 70% of our business...



#### 2014 ABI Individual Life New Regular Premiums by Channel



- Independent Advice Mortgage
- Independent Advice Other
- Restricted Advice WoM All
- Restricted Advice Multi Tied Mortgage
- Restricted Advice Multi Tied Other

#### ...make it easier for IFA's to sell:

- Stable & proportionate regulation
- Improved tools to support advice
- Better conversion rates

## REGULATION CREATING AN ADVICE GAP



### Core Protection advice triggers under regulatory pressure:

- Mortgages
- Retail investments

**MMR** 

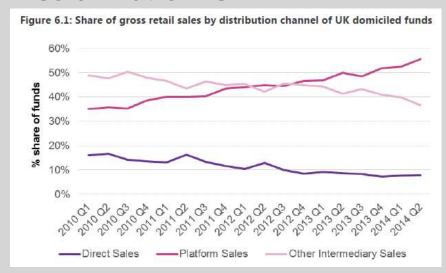
Protection opportunity being crowded out

**RDR** 

Drop in UK citizens using professional advice

10-13% **→** 7-10%\*

#### Rise of Platforms\*



\*Sources:

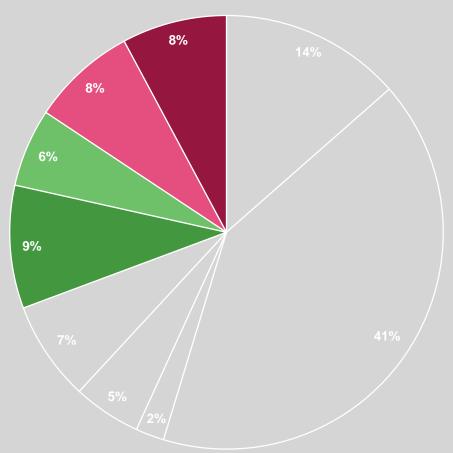
Fundscape "Navigating in the post-RDR landscape in the UK" (2014) Europe Economics "RDR Post Implementation Review" (2014)

## **UK PROTECTION MARKET**





#### 2014 ABI Individual Life New Regular Premiums by Channel



- Restricted Advice Single Tied Mortgage
- Restricted Advice Single Tied Other
- Non-advised Introduced/3rd Party All
- Non-advised Pure Direct All

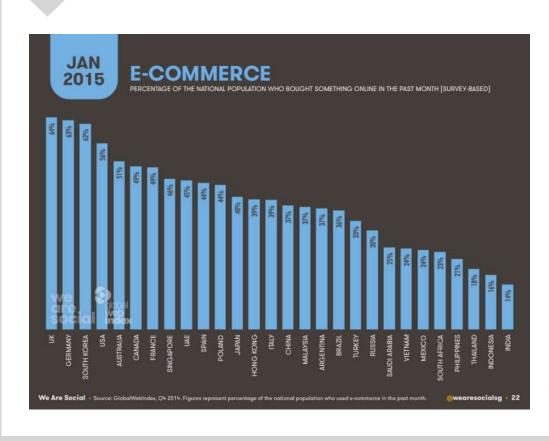
#### ...establish new markets:

- Bank direct
- Auto-enrolment/worksite
- Creditor & general insurance

**Substantial growth potential** 

## UK LEADING WAY ON E-COMMERCE





#### **UK** in the vanguard

- High propensity to buy on line
- Mobile digital beginning to dominate

\*Sources:

We Are Social GlobalWebIndex

## AUTO-ENROLMENT HAS BARELY STARTED

Opportunity to provide easy access to protection cover



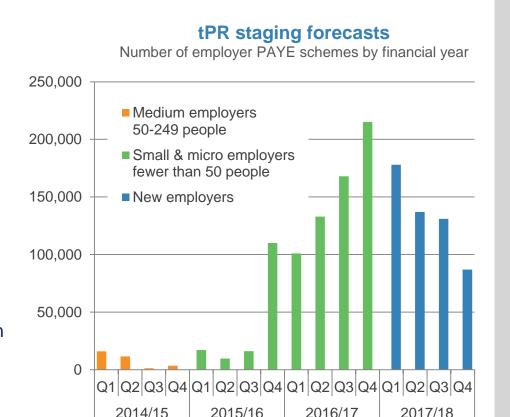
#### Good progress to date\*:

- Large employer staging essentially complete
- Covers nearly 11,000 employers with over 15 million employees
- Over 3 million employees auto-enrolled so far

#### More to come...

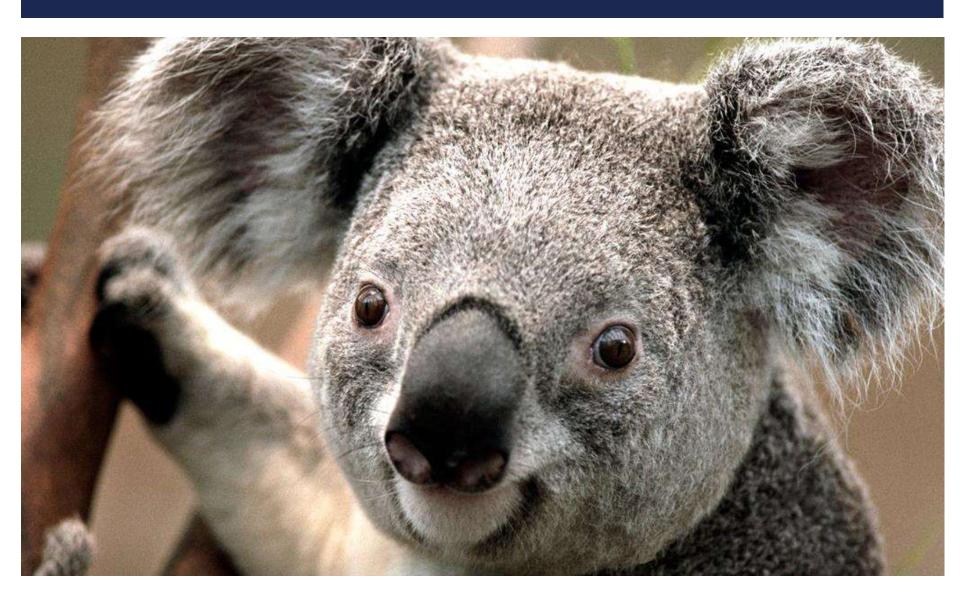
 DWP estimates of ultimate impact of reforms: 8-9 million extra employees saving





## CAN WE LEARN FROM OTHER MARKETS?





## LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## PACIFIC LIFE RE

#### Australia

- Superannuation linked group protection cover was a great success from 1980s through early 2000s
- Very high penetration means little anti-selection risk
- But lack of advice meant low customer understanding which eventually ended in disaster
- Group market now correcting and likely to stabilise
- Retail (individual) segment may also grow from low base

## LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD United States



- Mainly a "preferred life" market supported by "invasive" underwriting
- Low penetration below high net worth / healthy segments
- Very different consumer regulation regime
- Much higher IP penetration than UK

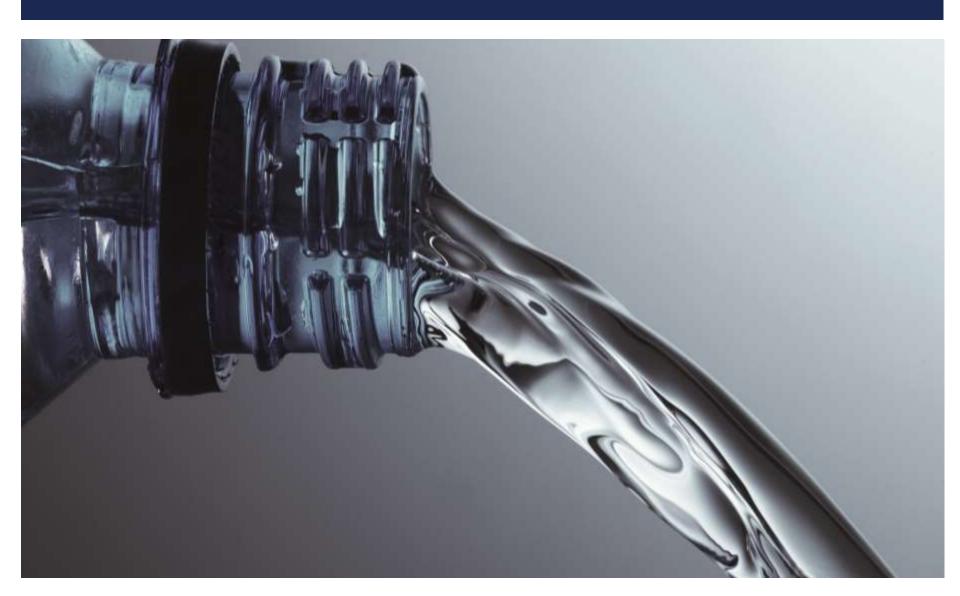
## LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD Asia



- Seen as high growth potential
- Generally much more prolific in product innovation
- Direct sales have achieved high penetration in some markets
- Very different consumer regulation regimes

## IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES





## **UK PROTECTION**

# PACIFIC LIFE RE

### Immediate priorities

### 1. Help advisors sell

• Better tools & a regulatory reprieve!

#### 2. Increased focus on D2C

- Capitalise on Auto Enrolment
- Simpler products clearly served-up that are "safe to buy"

#### 3. Be realistic!

- Ours is a successful market with plenty of strengths to build on...
- ... so please let's stop beating ourselves up!