





RUSSIAN ECONOMY
OUTLOOK – 2018-2021:
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Muted growth of economy is the "new normal"

Russian GDP grew in 2017 b	y
1.5%, compared to 3.7%	
world average	

Inflation was tamed below 4%

- lowest rate in decades

Vnesheconombank projects in 2018 – 2021 GDP growth will be confined to 1.5 – 2% range

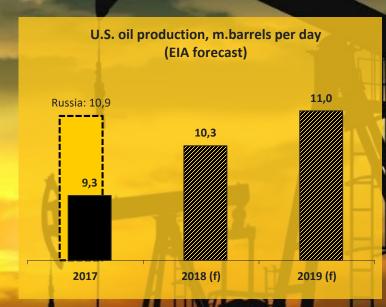
Real disposable incomes are set to return to 2.3% growth rates in 2018

		2017 to 2016
	GDP	1.5%
	Capital investments	5.2%
	Retail turnover	1.1%
	Commercial services volumes	0.1%
	Real wages	3.4%
7 6 10	Inflation	3.9%
	Exports	3.4%
7.5	Imports	17.4%

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Russia remains highly dependent on volatile oil and gas prices

- Russian economy is highly dependent from natural resources exports, primarily oil and gas. Yet as oil price approaches \$70 per barrel, it boosts competitive U.S. oil production
- U.S. is set to become world's #2 oil producer, surpassing Saudi Arabia - and possibly Russia in 2019



Tax burden on population is due to increase

As the windfall of oil & gas revenue vanished, income tax rate is set to increase from 13% to 15%, lowering disposable income and spending

Retirement age will be gradually increased from current 55 and 60 years (females and males, respectively) to 63 and 65 years

It will reduce household incomes in short term, as many pensioners still work after age of 60 to have two income sources 60,65

Male retirement age

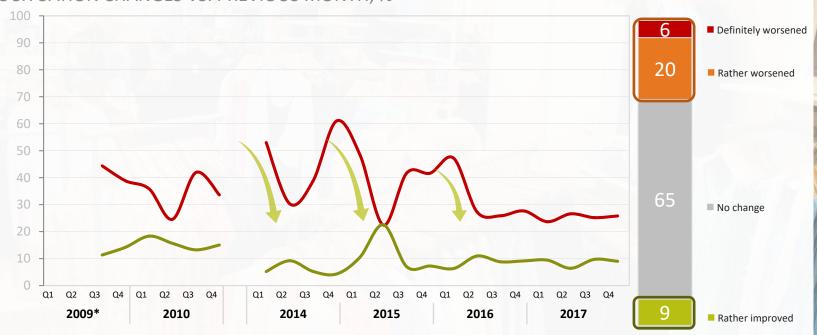
55,63

Female retirement age



Perceptions of the economic situations stabilized since 2016 as Russia is formally out of recession

ECONOMIC SITUATION CHANGES VS. PREVIOUS MONTH, %

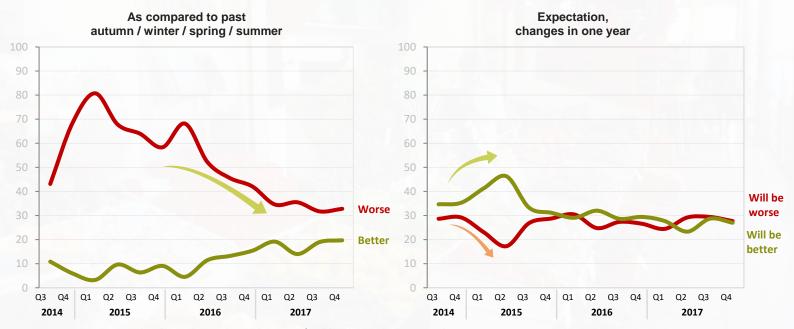


* Covered since July 2009

Q: How did the economic situation change in our country compared with the previous month?

Yet as Russians see the economy becoming less volatile, they don't expect rapid improvements soon

ECONOMIC SITUATION, %



Q: How the economic situation in Russia has been changed since last year / will be changed in one year?

Despite stabilization, Russia still ranks low on global Ipsos Consumer Confidence Index

Top-3 performers:

India

US

Bottom-3 performers:

Saudi Arabia

Argentina

Russia









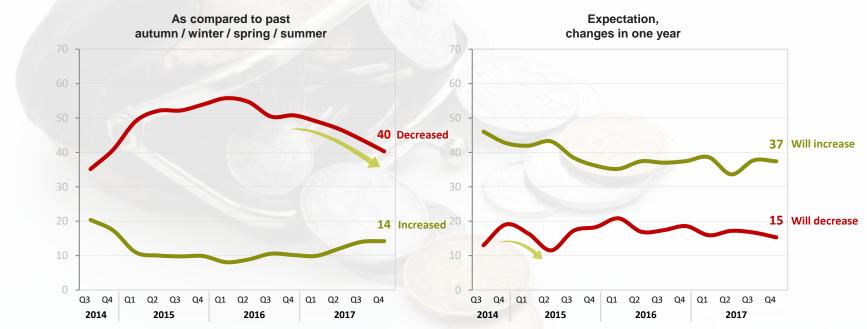


Global average: 50.5

China

Modest improvements in incomes haven't yet translated in positive income growth expectations

MONTHLY INCOME, %

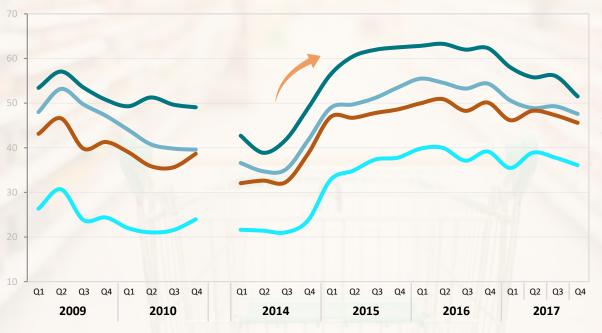


Q: How your monthly income has been changed since last year / will be changed in one year?



As the result, consumers are slow to abandon "saving pattern" in their FMCG & durables spending

SAVE MONEY ON, % (AGGREGATED INDEX BY CATEGORIES)



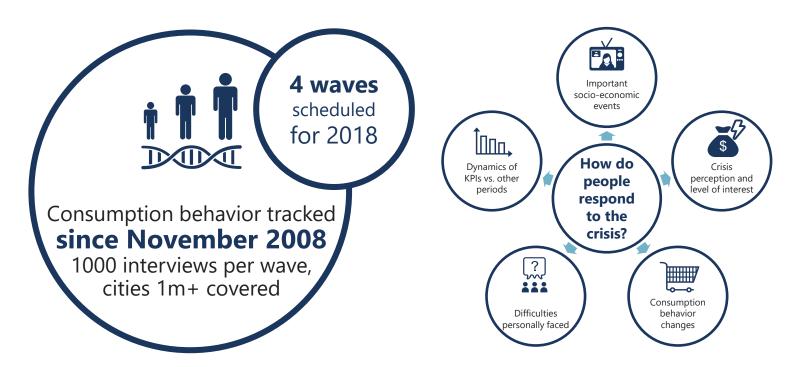
51.5 Durables

47.6 Services **45.6** FMCG food

36.1 FMCG non-food

Q: Thinking of the last month, did you change the purchases of the following categories?

"New reality" survey offers in-depth outlook on how Russians adapt to financial crises

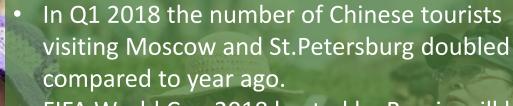




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- Unemployment is already minimal, 5.5% in 2017
- Capacity utilization in manufacturing is at the peak
- Inflation is at the lowest in decades, curbing the potential of active monetary policy
- Role of state in economy doubled since 2005 and reached 70%
- The only viable growth engine is productivity, yet it needs investments, including foreign

Yet ruble devaluation made Russia attractive spot for tourism, boosted by FIFA World Cup



- FIFA World Cup 2018 hosted by Russia will be another opportunity for host cities
- Few Russian companies and brands account for tourists in their business planning so far
- Exceptions Azbuka Vkusa and DIKSI retailers are testing Chinese AliPay payment system

Economy: implications

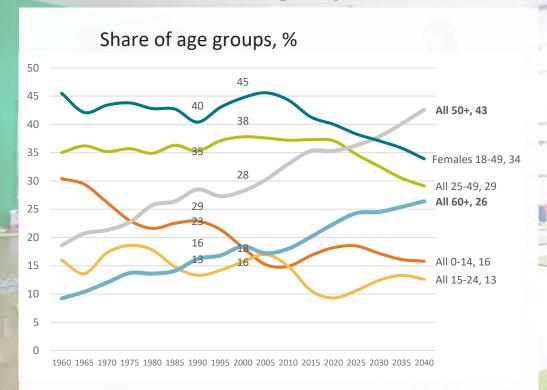
- Companies need to adjust for muted growth as the GDP won't be adding above 2% annually in 2018-2021.
- For global companies this will mean disadvantage compared to other global markets with better GDP growth rates
- Sales forecasts needs to account for decreasing purchasing power of households as tax burden is set to increase and higher pension eligibility age would mean lower added incomes from social payments
- Brands need to be creative about breaking the customers from "crisis mode". As the households have adjusted and inflation rates are steady customers need to be reminded that the life goes on and urged to look beyond saving





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Russian demographics is set to change



- Russia's demographics will soon resemble today's Japan
- Population in working age (20-64) will drop from 95m peak of 2012 to 82-85m by 2030
- Russia also enters 15-year decline in number of females of child-bearing age
- Their number will shrink by 7-8 million compared to a 2010-2012 peak



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Russians retired and left the workforce in 2017 alone

average annual forecasted decrease of Russian workforce in 2018-2030



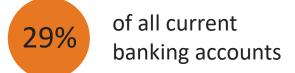
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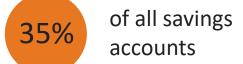
It is time to rethink stereotypes about older audience that brands may have

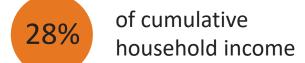
- People who are 65 now were just 38 as the Soviet Union dissolved
- Those approaching pre-retirement age of 55 were in their twenties in 1991
- They lived through the modern Russian history in their active age and embraced modern consumer culture

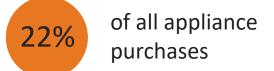


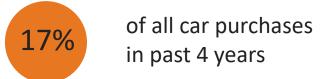
55+ age group has significant purchasing power

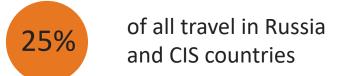


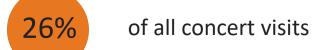


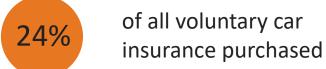












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"RusIndex" syndicated survey by Ipsos Comcon offers readily available insights & trends on senior consumers

Target group	All 10-75		
Method	Home interview + self-completed online or paper questionnaire		
Geography	47 cities with population of 100K and up		
Periodicity	Four waves a year - winter, spring, summer, autumn		
Sample (current wave)	24 900 respondents, 13 600 households per year covered		
Universe	60.2m people		

3 questionnaires:

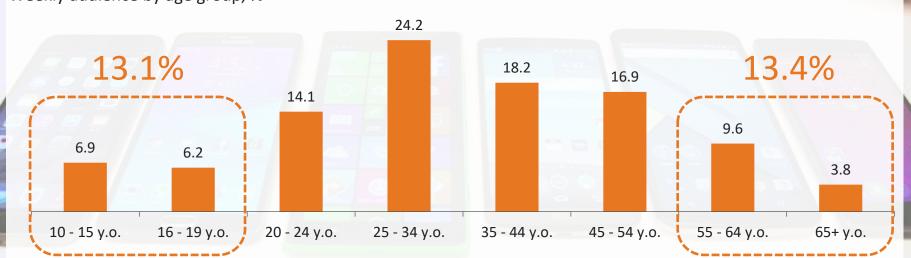
- · Family consumption
- Individual consumption and preferences
- Individual consumption and preferences of children aged 10-15 y.o.



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Older age group surpassed teenagers by Internet audience size

Weekly audience by age group, %

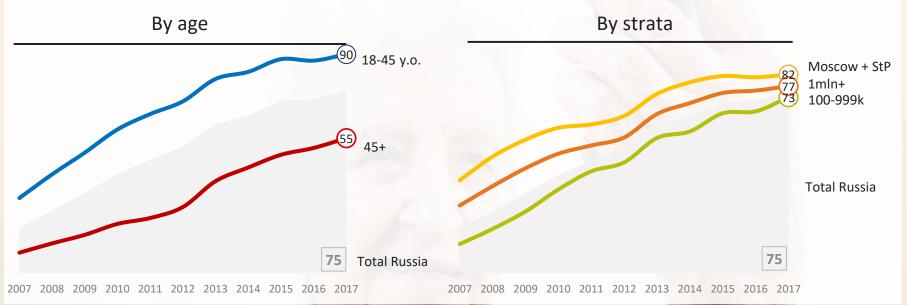




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Internet audience growth in 2017 was largely sourced from oldest age group

Accessed Internet in the past week, %





"OnLife" syndicated survey by Ipsos Comcon provides insights on online consumers of all age groups

Target group	16+, active Internet users (at least weekly users)			
Method	Self-completed online questionnaire			
Geography	Cities with population of 100K and up			
Periodicity	2 times per year (March and October)			
Sample (current wave)	5 000 per year			
Universe	34.5m people covered			



Ipsos Comcon syndicated surveys portfolio at a glance











Target group	All 10-75	18-65, top 10% by social status (SEL)	16+, active Internet users	Children and teens 4-15 y.o. & mothers	Mothers of children under 4 y.o.
Method	Home interview + self- completed paper or online questionnaire	Self-completed online questionnaire	Self-completed online questionnaire	Self-completed paper questionnaire	Home interview + self- completed paper or online questionnaire
Geography	47 cities of 100K+	Cities 500K+	Cities 100K+	6 megacities (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Rostov-on-Don, Samara)	Russia's megacities + Kiev, Minsk, Almaty
Periodicity	4 times per year (winter, spring, summer, autumn)	1 time per year (April)	2 times per year (March and October)	2 times per year (spring and autumn)	2 times per year (spring and autumn)
Sample (current wave)	24 900 respondents, 13 600 households per year	2 900 per year	5 000 per year	2 800 per year (children and mothers)	11 000 per year
Universe	60.2m people	1.24m people	34.5m people	2.44m children	1.55m people

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Ageing population: implications

- Take a hard look at your brand's audience did it change over time? How much sales do different age brackets generate compared to 10 years ago? Is your positioning up to speed?
- It is time to reconsider the old "18-55" boilerplate in your research briefs, too!
- Marketing needs to learn how to appeal to an older yet savvy audience. Remember, it creates new opportunities as the wealthy and sophisticated customers approach pre-retiring (55+) and retiree age.
- Examine how "age friendly" your product is are you putting at least same level of attention to the needs of senior consumers compared to 25-45 y.olds?
- Evaluate tone of voice. Be discreet and reminded that 60-year olds' idea of, say, youthfulness may be more complex than wanting to look and behave like they did 10 or 20 years before.



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