



future society

New Consumers

The ageing population



The world's population is ageing, and the number of older people (65 and over) is growing faster than any other demographic group. This phenomenon is not confined to Europe alone but has a global dimension as evidenced by the population pyramids of China or Japan.

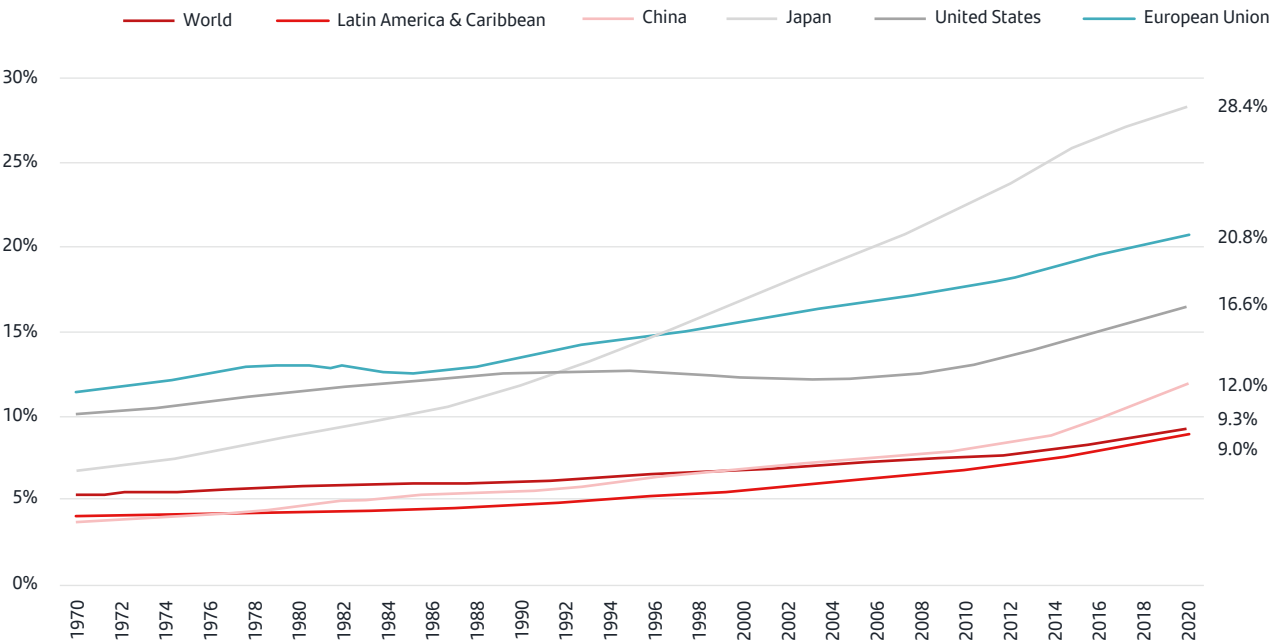
According to data from the United Nations report "World Population Prospects 2019", virtually every country in the world is experiencing growth in the proportion of older people. In 2019, there were 703 million people aged 65 and over in the world. The number of older persons is projected to double to 1.5 billion by 2050. Globally, the proportion of the population aged 65 and over increased from 6 per cent in 1990 to 9.3 per cent in 2020. It is estimated that this proportion will continue to increase to 16 per cent in 2050, so that one in six people in the world will be 65 years of age or older

In economic terms, ageing is usually perceived by experts as something very negative. However, the reality is that there are many positive aspects and opportunities linked to active and healthy ageing. This process is creating an increased demand for certain goods and services aimed at improving quality of life in a variety of areas such as appropriate housing solutions, mobility, leisure, travel, health and medical care, finance and education. All these changes in the consumption priorities of this growing segment of the population –that has spending power– represent investment opportunities for those who want to take advantage of this megatrend.

Global aging will transform consumer spending. On the other hand, not only are the number of older households growing and outpacing their younger counterparts, but they are also putting their purchasing power to work in very different areas, creating profound changes to the composition of the global economy.

% Population over 65 years of age

Source: World Bank





Opportunities linked to the ageing population



Real Estate

This demographic trend will have a profound impact on society and the social fabric of cities. According to the OECD, by 2030 all major urban centers in member countries will see a sharp increase in the number of older people. These **cities will need to adapt** and develop a range of short and long-term strategies to ensure an adequate response to both the challenges and opportunities presented by the ageing population. There is an untapped potential market for **quality housing adapted to the needs of older people**. There is a **fundamental mismatch between the large, under-occupied homes that seniors currently own and the mid-sized, affordable housing they need**. This may explain why the **assisted living industry** has exploded in recent years according to Jones Lang LaSalle data, with total available supply increasing by more than 4% per year over the past five years.



Silver Tech

Many of the innovations that have made headlines in Silicon Valley have been aimed at Millennials, as they have grown up with technology. However, a new wave of startups is developing **platforms, apps and devices that look to help seniors live independently, combat diseases like dementia, and improve their quality of life**. For example, telemedicine and mobile clinics to help improve health care in underserved areas. **Home health monitoring through smart devices and wearable technologies and communication with health professionals can enable more personalized care**. Artificial intelligence (AI) and data-driven innovation will provide practical **solutions to improve quality of life for older persons and facilitate independent living**, while reducing financial costs and freeing up family time.



Financial advice

Wealth management in developed economies is an increasingly important activity in the **financial industry** according to studies by leading strategic consultancies. The Deloitte Center for Financial Services, in its paper "The Future of Wealth in America"¹ expects US household assets to grow from \$87 trillion in 2015 to more than \$140 trillion in 2030, of which nearly \$64 trillion will be in investable financial assets. **Boomers will continue to be the wealthiest generation in the United States until at least 2030**. Their share of net household wealth will peak at 50.2% in 2020 and decline to 44.5% in 2030.

Baby Boomers, especially the youngest, will remain top consumers of financial services until at least 2030. Then they will range in age from 66 to 84, and nearly 60 million will still be alive. *Baby Boomers* are likely to consult financial advisors more widely in the coming years, to learn about safe investments to protect their wealth, but also to discuss how to plan for **wealth transfer to the next generation**.



Ageing-related companies



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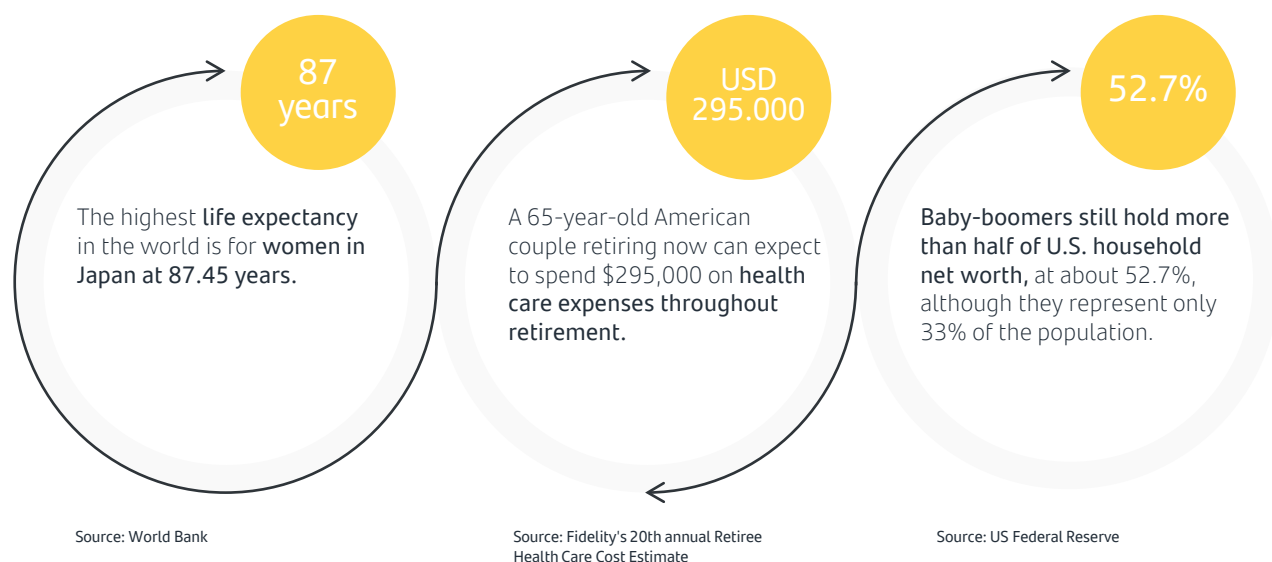


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