

2019 EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER

Hong Kong





19TH ANNUAL **EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER**

Methodology

Online Survey in 27 Markets

33,000+ respondents total

All fieldwork was conducted between October 19 and November 16, 2018

27-market global data margin of error: General population +/- 0.6% (N=31,050), informed public +/- 1.3% (N=6,000), mass population +/-0.6% (26,000+), half-sample global general online population +/- 0.8 (N=15,525).

Market-specific data margin of error: General population +/- 2.9 (N=1,150), informed public +/- 6.9% (N=min 200, varies by market, China and U.S. +/- 4.4% (N=500), mass population +/- 3.0 to 3.6 (N =min 739, varies by market).

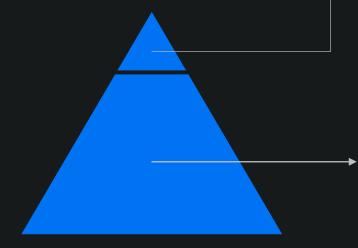
Employee MOE: 27-market = \pm 0.8% (N=16,944) Market-specific = \pm 4.6% (N=min 446, varies by market)

General Online Population

1,150 respondents per market

Ages 18+

All slides show general online population data unless otherwise noted



Informed Public



500 respondents in U.S. and China; 200 in all other markets

Represents 16% of total global population

Must meet 4 criteria

- Ages 25-64
- College-educated
- In top 25% of household income per age group in each market
- Report significant media consumption and engagement in public policy and business news

Mass Population \triangle



All population not including informed public Represents 84% of total global population

2019 Focus on **Employer-Employee** Relationship

55% of global general population are full- or part-time employees (but not self-employed)

Oversample of employees of multinational companies: 500 respondents per market



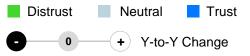
TRUST IN RETROSPECT

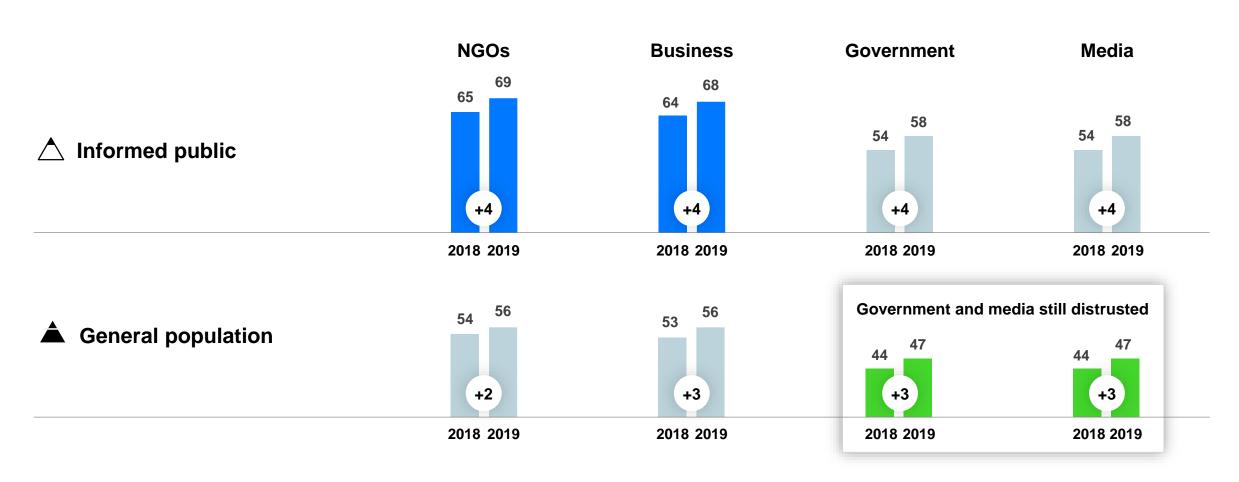
2001 2002 2003 2004 2006 2009 2005 2007 2008 Fall of the U.S. Trust **Business More** Rising **Earned** A "Person Young **Business** Shifts from Celebrity CEO Companies in Trusted Than Influencers **Must Work** Influence of **Media More** Like Me" **Europe Suffer** "Authorities" Government Have More NGOs with Credible **Emerges as Trust Discount** to Peers and Media Trust in Government Than Credible Business to Regain Spokespers **Advertising** Trust on 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2019 2018 Trust is Now Rise of Fall of Crisis of **Business** Trust is Trust in The Battle Growing Trust Essential to Crisis an Essential **Authority** Leadership to Lead for Truth Government at Work Inequality Line of the Debate Innovation **Figures** of Trust Business for Change



A MODEST RISE IN TRUST GLOBALLY

Percent trust





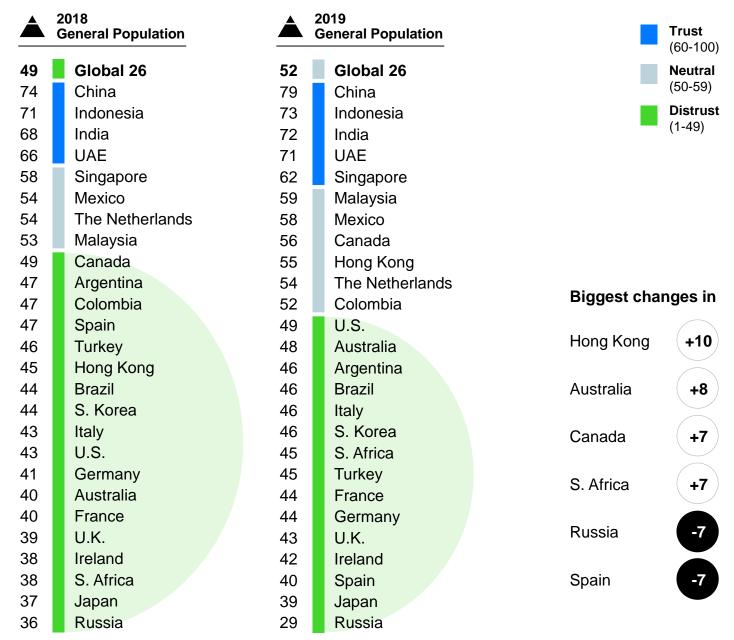
DISTRUST CONTINUES TO DOMINATE

Trust Index

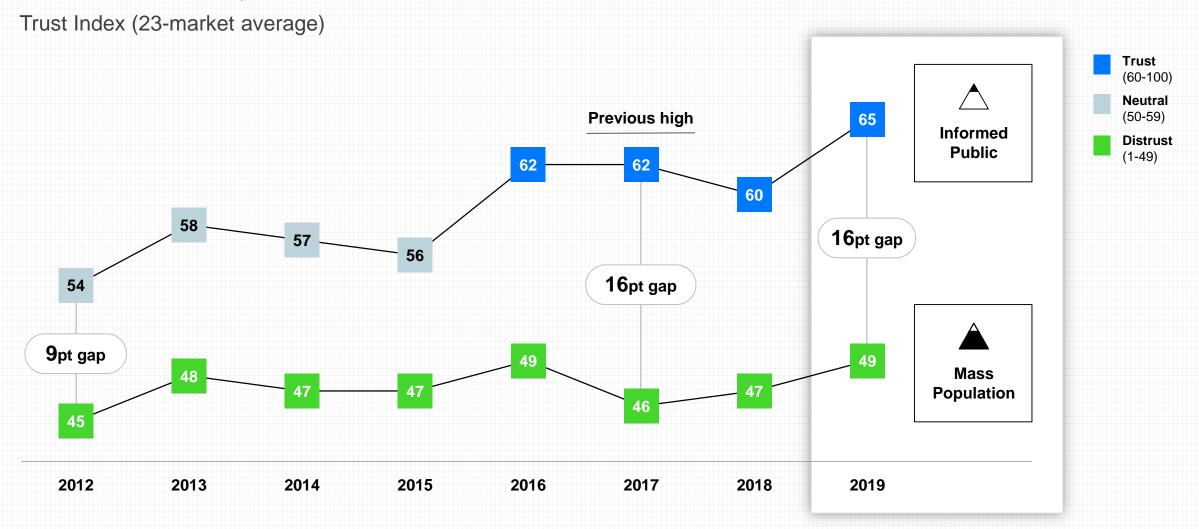
Global Trust Index increases 3 pts to neutral

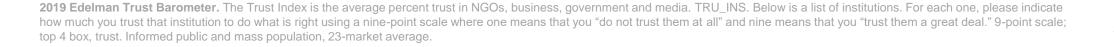
15 of 26 markets are distrusters, down 3 from 2018

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TRUST INEQUALITY RETURNS TO RECORD HIGHS



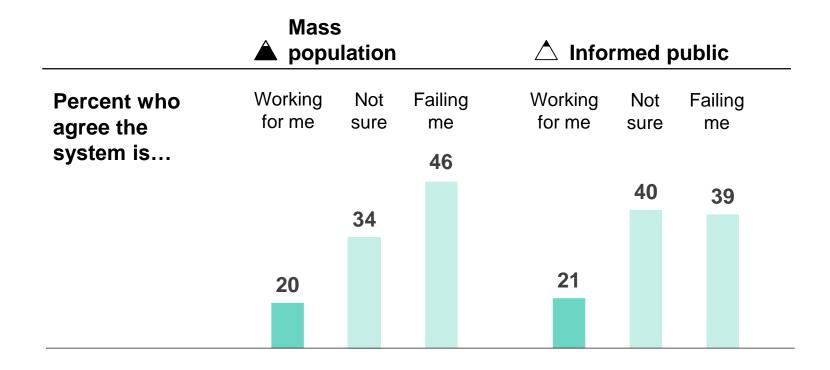


WOMEN SIGNIFICANTLY LESS TRUSTING

Percent trust Distrust Neutral Trust

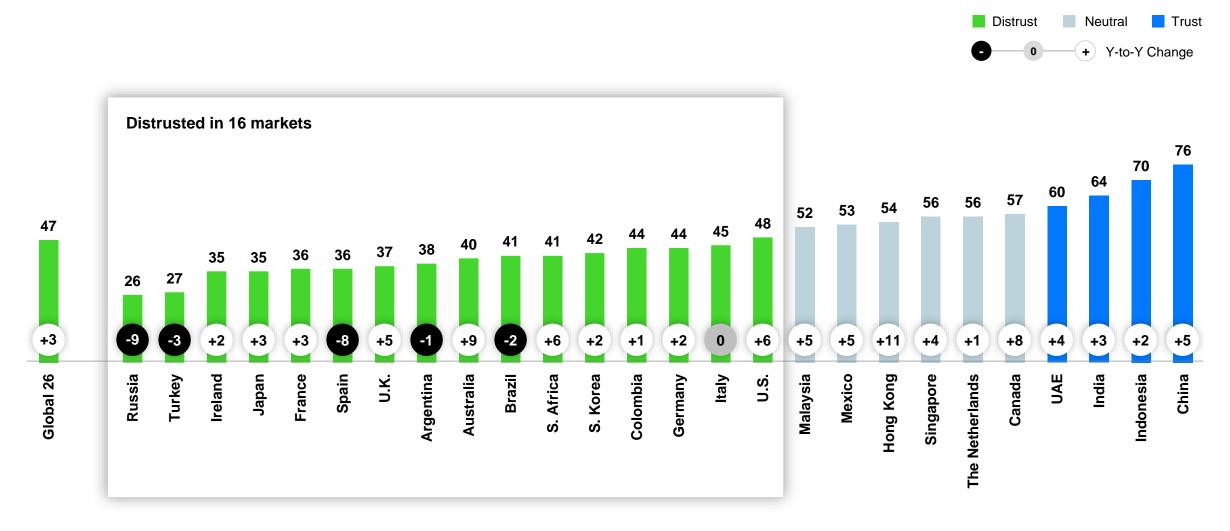


ONLY 1 IN 5 HAVE FAITH IN THE SYSTEM



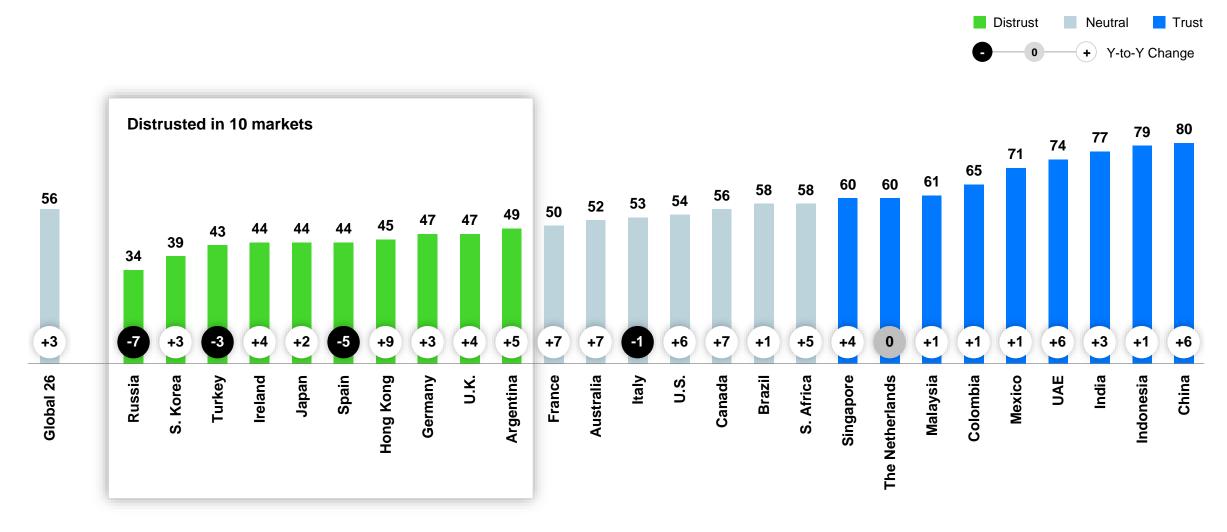
TRUST IN MEDIA RISES, REMAINS LEAST-TRUSTED INSTITUTION

Percent trust in media



TRUST IN BUSINESS INCREASES IN 21 OF 26 MARKETS

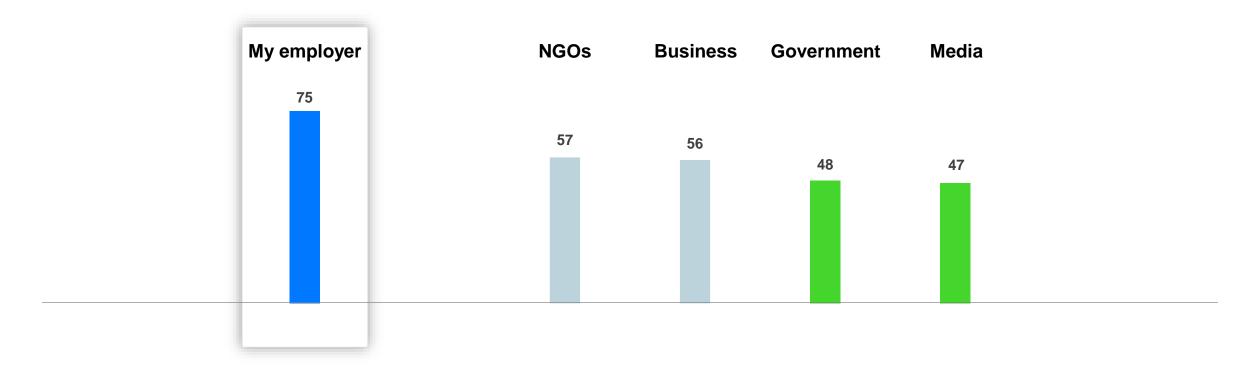
Percent trust in business



MY EMPLOYER IS NOW THE MOST TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP GLOBALLY

Distrust Neutral Trust

Percent trust



Looking for Leadership from CEO and Employers

%

of employees agree

It's critically important for my CEO
to respond to challenging times

- Industry issues
- Political events
- National crisis
- Employee-driven issues

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Data shown is a net of "when there is major news or an event that affects our industry or sector," "when there is a major social or political event that affects our country," "when there is a crisis in the country," and "when employees demand that the CEO publicly take a stand on an important issue".



TRENDS SHAPING 2019

1

Trust is diverging with a gulf opening up within countries between the haves and have nots

2

Women are less trusting of every institution with the biggest trust gap in business 3

System failure underpins societal fears about job security and cybersecurity

4

Huge rise in people seeking out trusted information

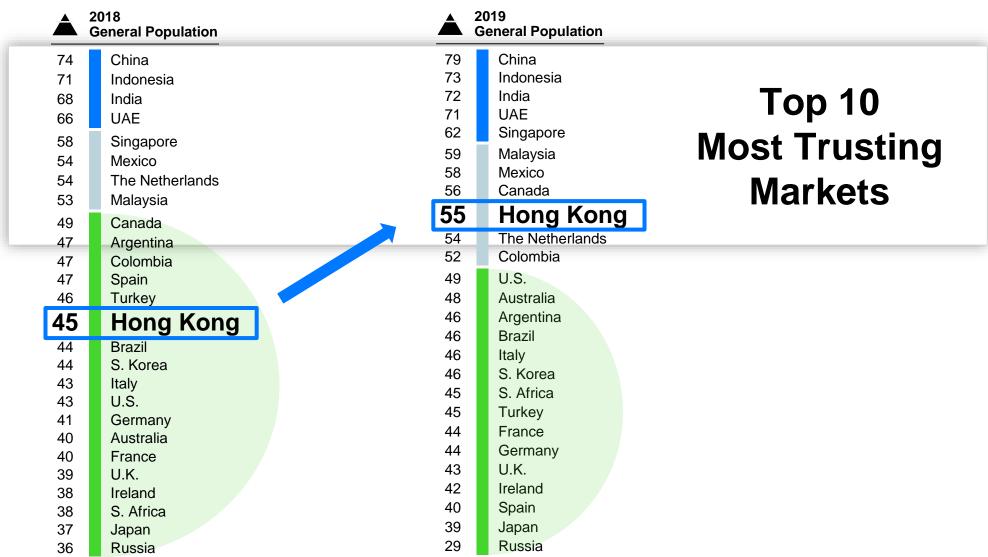
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Increased expectations on employers and CEOs to lead change on societal issues



HONG KONG JUMPS BACK INTO TOP 10 MARKETS



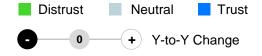


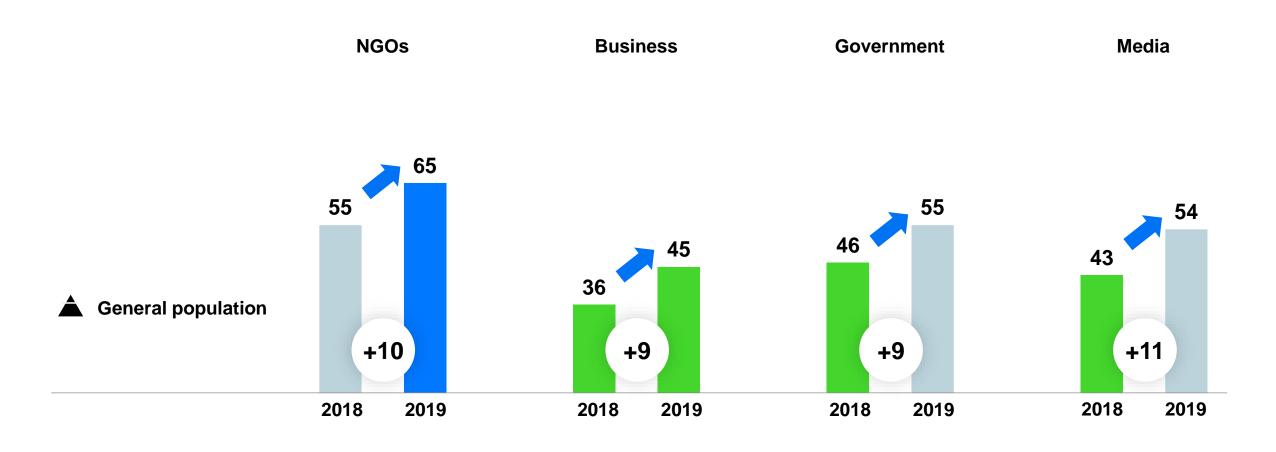
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INCREASE IN TRUST SPANS ALL INSTITUTIONS

Percent trust



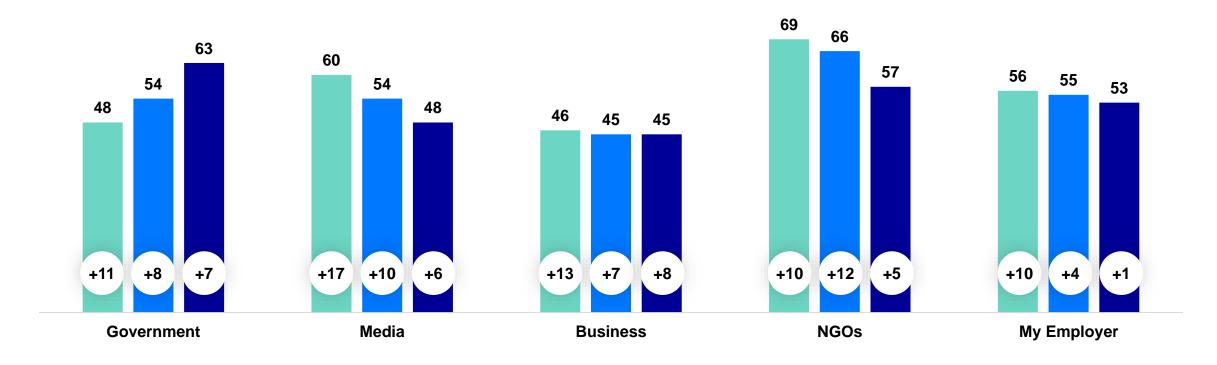


YOUNG PEOPLE SHOW BIGGEST INCREASE

Percent trust in each institution







INCREASE IN TRUST MORE PROFOUND IN INFORMED PUBLIC

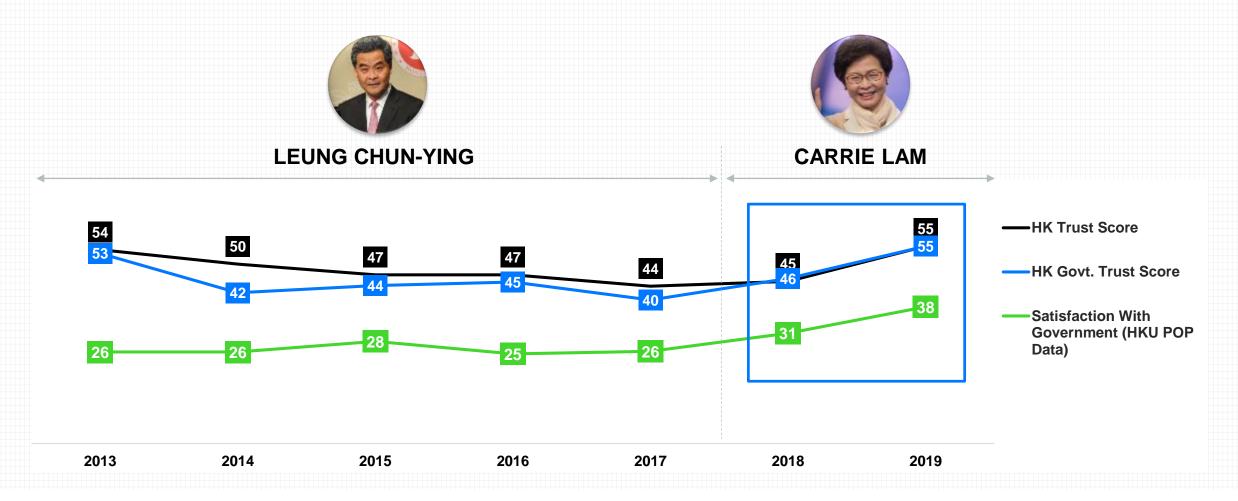
Hong Kong Trust Index Trust (60-100)Neutral (50-59)Informed **Distrust Public** (1-49)15pt gap 59 14pt gap 10pt gap 52 52 52 51 50 Mass **Population** 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019





REBOUNDING TRUST AND RISING GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION

Trust data and HKU government satisfaction polling data



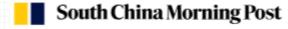
Source: People's Satisfaction with the HKSAR Government (1997 - 2019); HKU POP

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A SOLID ECONOMY

External Data



Hong Kong regains global IPO crown from New York in 2018 thanks to its listing reforms



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Hong Kong has world's Most BusinessFriendly Tax System, says World Bank,
PwC

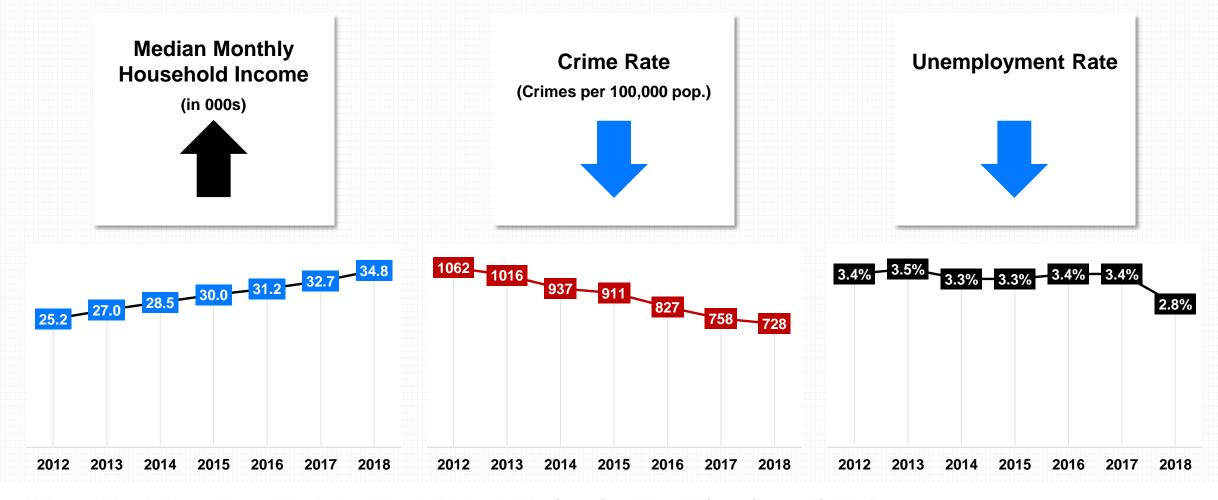
South China Morning Post

No one saw this bull coming, so does Hang Seng Index have the legs to keep running in 2018?



STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN KEY SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS

External Data



Median monthly household income of economically active domestic households by household size. Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department Crime Rate - https://www.police.gov.hk/ppp_en/09_statistics/csd.html;



RELATIVE JOB SECURITY

Percent of employees who worry about job loss due to each issue

Not having the **TRAINING** and skills necessary to get a good paying job

AUTOMATION and/or other innovations taking your job away

International conflicts
about TRADE POLICIES
AND TARIFFS hurting the
company you work for



51%

48%

51%



59%

55%

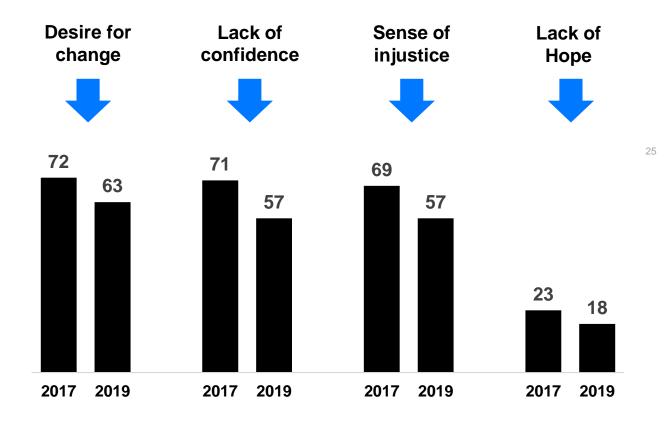
2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. POP_EMO. Some people say they worry about many things while others say they have few concerns. We are interested in what you worry about. Specifically,

57%

HONG KONGERS ARE LESS SCEPTICAL OF 'THE SYSTEM'

A Mass population

		• •		
Percent in Hong Kong who agree the system is	Working for me	Not sure	Failing me	
		50		
	26		23	
Global 26	19	34	47	
Singapore	29	40	31	
UAE	35	37	28	
China	37	39	24	
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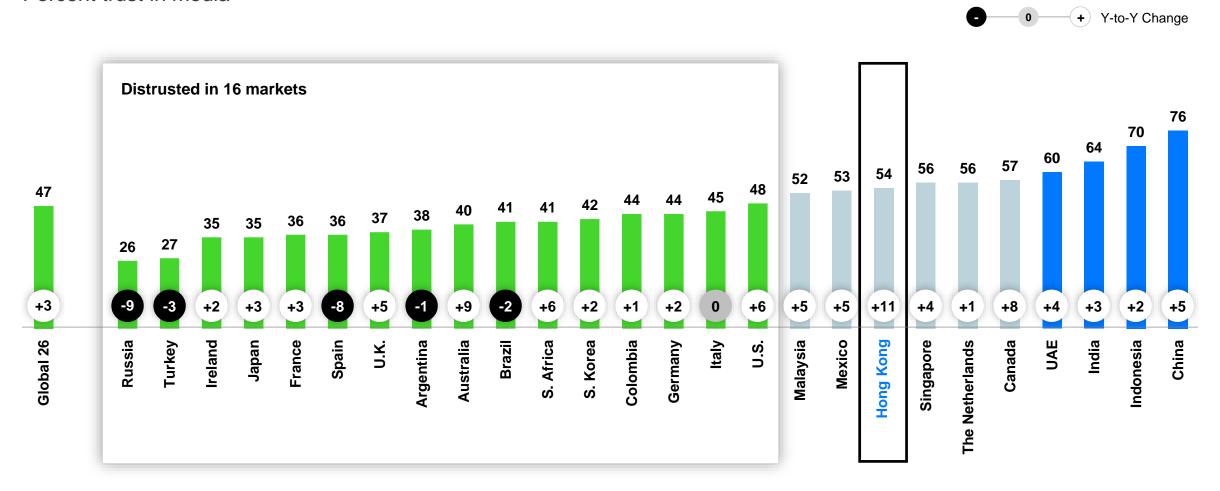
2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. "System failing" measure. For full details on how the "system failing" measure was calculated, please refer to the Technical Appendix. POP_MDC. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how true you believe that statement is using a nine-point scale where one means it is "not at all true" and nine means it is "completely true". 9-point scale; top 4 box, true. Mass population, 26-market average and Hong Kong. Sense of injustice is an average of POP_MDC/1,2,3,8; Desire for change is POP_MDC/9; Lack of confidence is POP_MDC/10; Lack of hope is an average of POP_MDC/18,19,20 [reverse scored].





HONG KONG SEES HIGHEST INCREASE IN MEDIA TRUST GLOBALLY

Percent trust in media



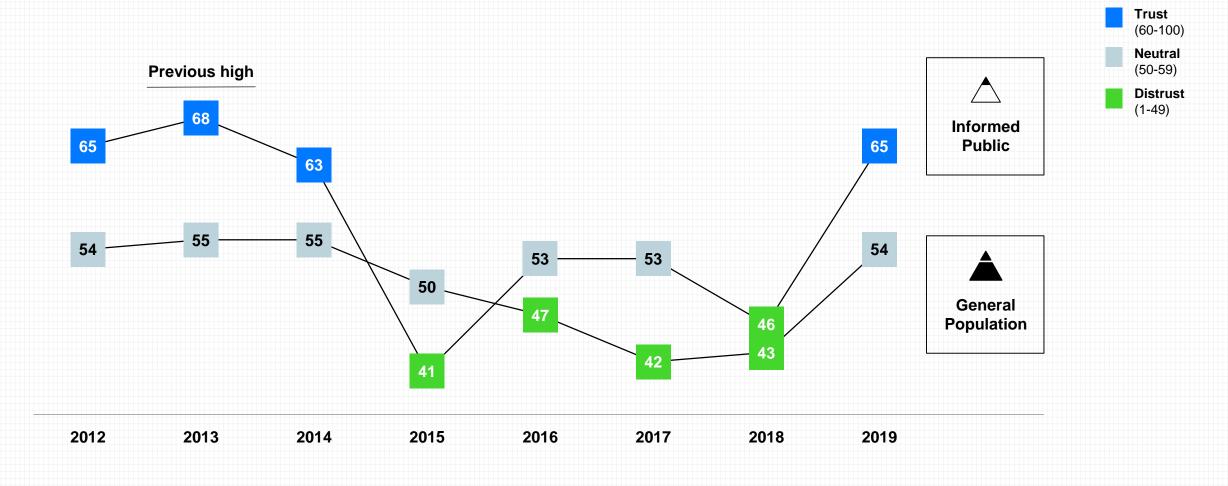
Distrust

Neutral

Trust

TRUST IN MEDIA BACK TO PREVIOUS HIGH

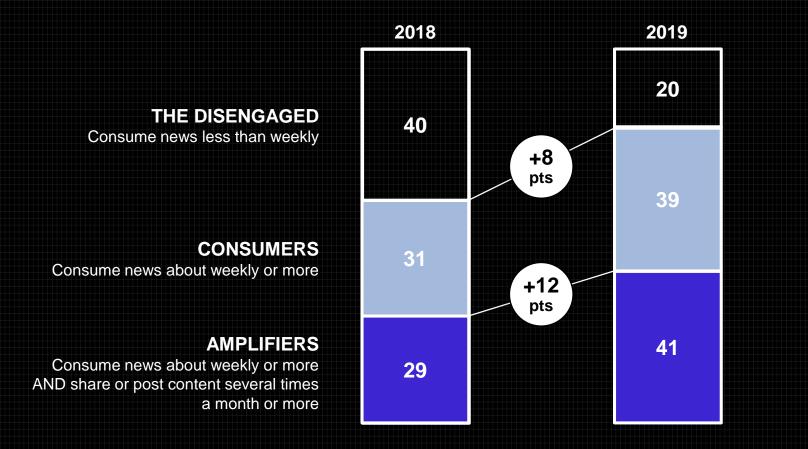
Percent trust



PROFOUND SHIFT IN NEWS ENGAGEMENT

Number of disengaged halved as more people consume and engage with news



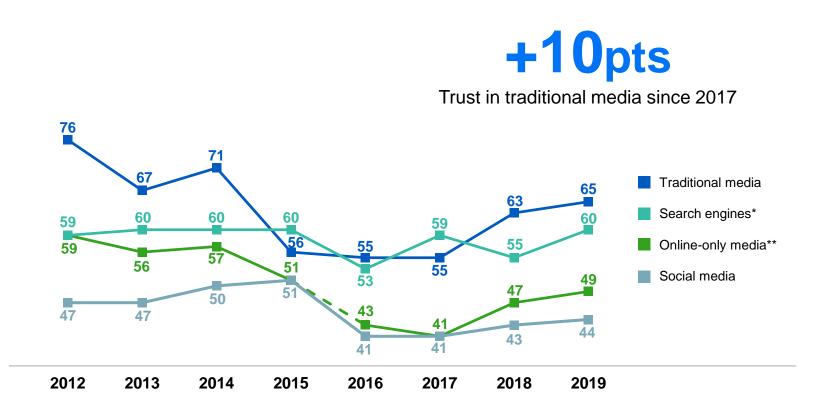


+20pts

More engaged with the news

TRADITIONAL MEDIA IS MOST TRUSTED

Trust in Traditional media and Journalist credibility increases for second year in a row



+13pts
since 2017

Stable Media Credibility

5.73 = 5.78

2017

2018

*HK Media Credibility Rating (HKU Pop Data)

2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. COM_MCL. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal." 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Hong Kong. CRE_PPL. Below is a list of people. In general, when forming an opinion of a company, if you heard information about a company from each person, how credible would the information be—extremely credible, very credible, somewhat credible, or not credible at all. 4-point scale; top 2 box, credible. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Hong Kong.

*From 2012-2015, "Online Search Engines" were included as a media type. In 2016, this was changed to "Search Engines."
**From 2012-2015, "Hybrid Media" was included as a media type. In 2016, this was changed to "Online-Only media."

Media Credibility – HKU POP Data



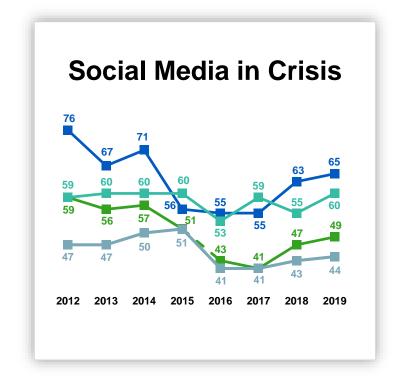
FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO A TRUST IN TRADITIONAL MEDIA

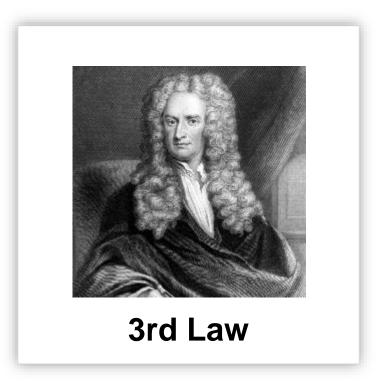
Fear of Misinformation, Declining Trust in Social, and a Less Divisive Media Agenda

Fears of Misinformation

69%

worry about false information or fake news being used as a weapon (HK)





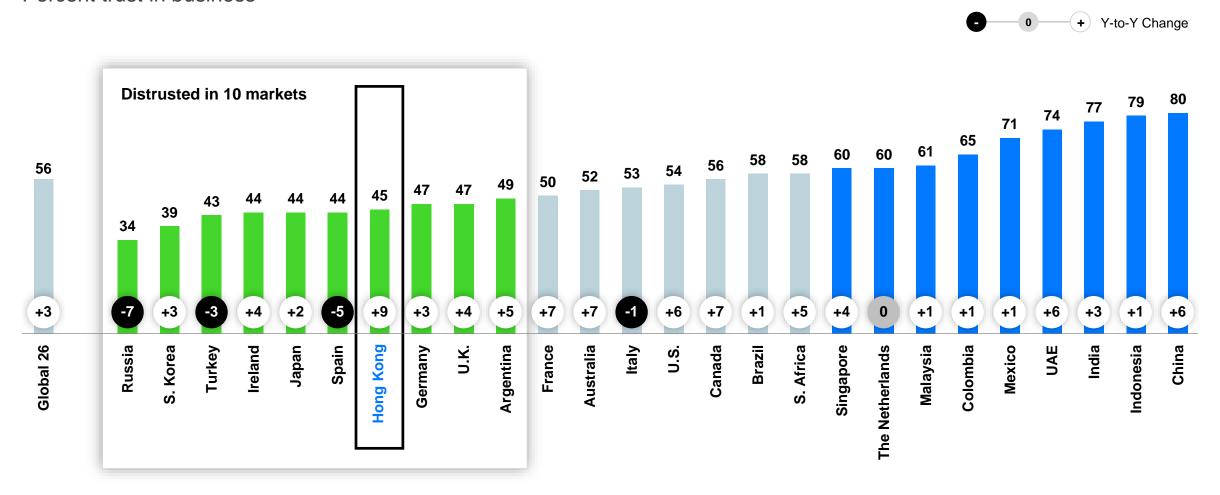
2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. ATT_MED_AGR. Below is a list of statements. For each one, please rate how much you agree or disagree with that statement using a nine-point scale where one means "strongly disagree" and nine means "strongly agree". 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Hong Kong. COM_MCL. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a 9-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal". 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, Hong Kong.





BIGGEST INCREASE IN TRUST IN BUSINESS GLOBALLY BUT STILL DISTRUSTED

Percent trust in business



Distrust

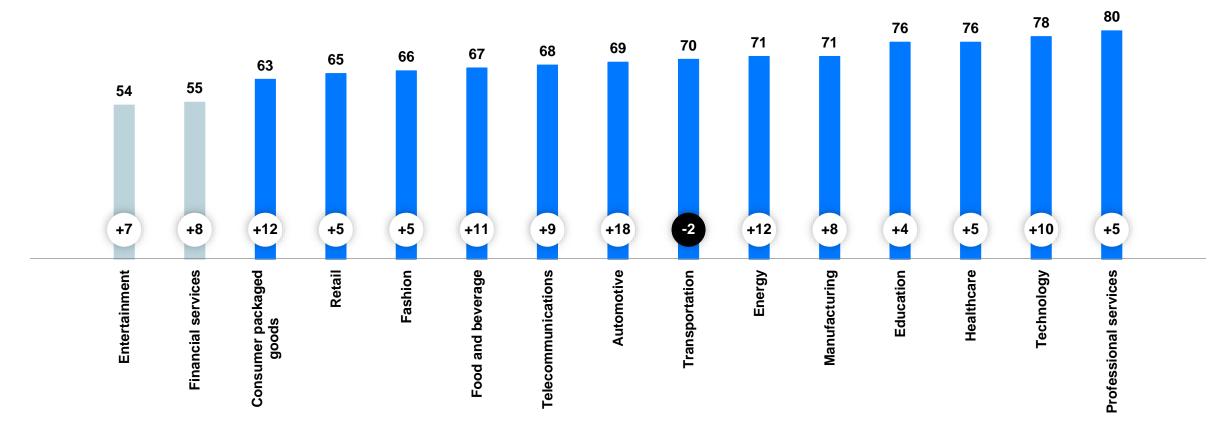
Neutral

Trust

INDUSTRIES ARE TRUSTED

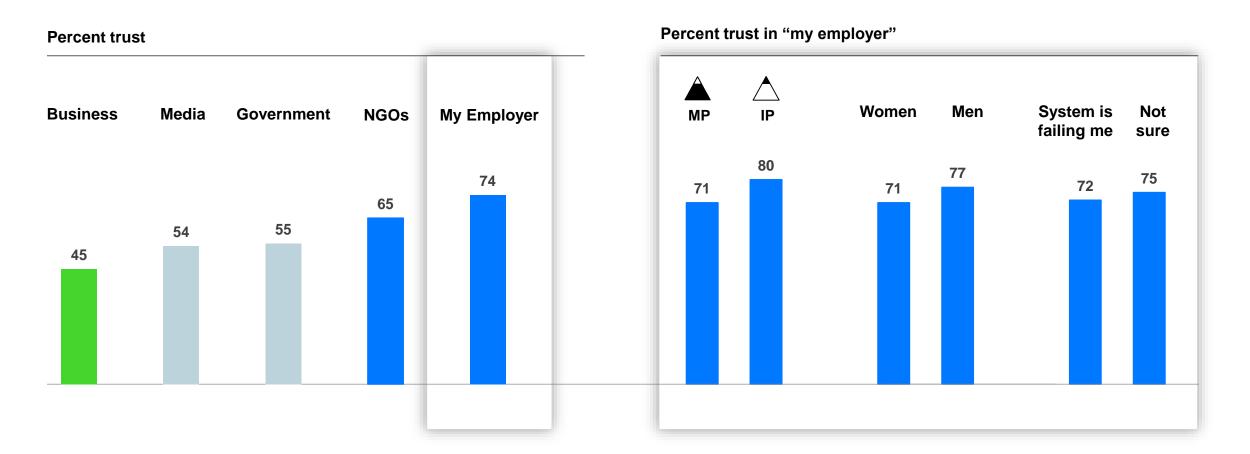
Percent trust in each sector





WE TRUST OUR EMPLOYERS ABOVE ALL OTHERS





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EMPLOYEES EXPECT CEOS TO TAKE A LEAD

of employees agree
It's critically important for my CEO to respond to challenging times

- Industry issues
- Political events
- National crisis
- Employee-driven issues

Percent in Hong Kong who say that CEOs should take the lead on change rather than waiting for government to impose it

73%

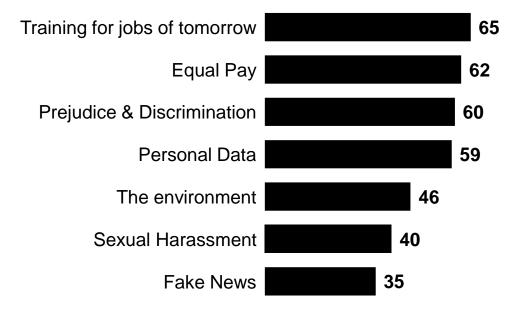


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CEOS SEEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE ON BIG ISSUES

Believe a company can take specific actions that both increase profits and improve the economic and social conditions in the communities where it operates

Percent who agree CEOs can create positive change in:



EMPLOYEES DEMAND PURPOSE

Percent of Hong Kong employees who expect each from a prospective employer

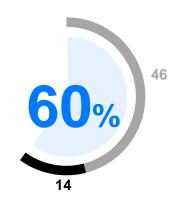
You would have to pay me a lot more to work for an organization that does not offer this

Deal breaker
I would never work
for an organization
that does not offer this

2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. EMP_IMP. When considering an organization as a potential place of employment, how important is each of the following to you in deciding whether or not you would accept a job offer there? Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, Hong Kong. Buckets are the sum of the average of codes 1 & 2 for the items that make up each dimension. For details on the full list of items that went into each of the three dimensions, please refer to the Technical Appendix.

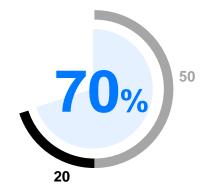
Shared Action

My employer has a greater purpose, and my work has a meaningful societal impact



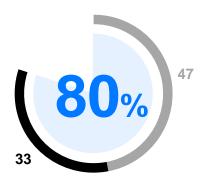
Personal Empowerment

I know what is going on, I am part of the planning process, and I have a voice in key decisions; the culture is values-driven and inclusive



Job Opportunity

My employer offers wage growth, training, career growth and work which I find interesting & fulfilling



HONG KONG EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS IN DETAIL

Personal Empowerment

Expectation Score

Employees have a voice

High Expectations

Regular communications

77%

76%

Performance Score

Including employees in planning

Improve Performance Upon

Organization to act on its values

50%

44%

Shared Action

High Expectations

Shared Values

Meaningful Work

Improve Performance Upon

Opportunity to address social problems

Listen to employee objections

Expectation Score

69%

63%

Performance Score

47%

42%

2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. EMP_IMP. When considering an organization as a potential place of employment, how important is each of the following to you in deciding whether or not you would accept a job offer there? 3-point scale; code 1, very important (I would never work for an organization that lacked this characteristic); code 2, important (The pay or other benefits would have to be significantly higher than my other options to compensate for this not being a characteristic of the organization). Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). EMP_VAL. Thinking about your current employer, to what extent do you agree with the following statements? 9-point scale; top 4 box, agree. Question asked of those who are an employee, but do not run their own business (Q43/1 AND NOT Q28/7). General population employees, Hong Kong.



INVESTING IN EMPLOYEE TRUST IS INVESTING IN BOTTOM LINE

An organization will never be able to keep its customers or clients happy if it does not first make sure that its EMPLOYEES FEEL VALUED

How a company TREATS ITS

EMPLOYEES is one of the best indicators of its level of trustworthiness

Percent who agree that "a good reputation may get me to try a product, but unless I come to TRUST THE COMPANY BEHIND THE PRODUCT, I will soon stop buying it"

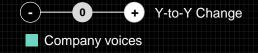
70%

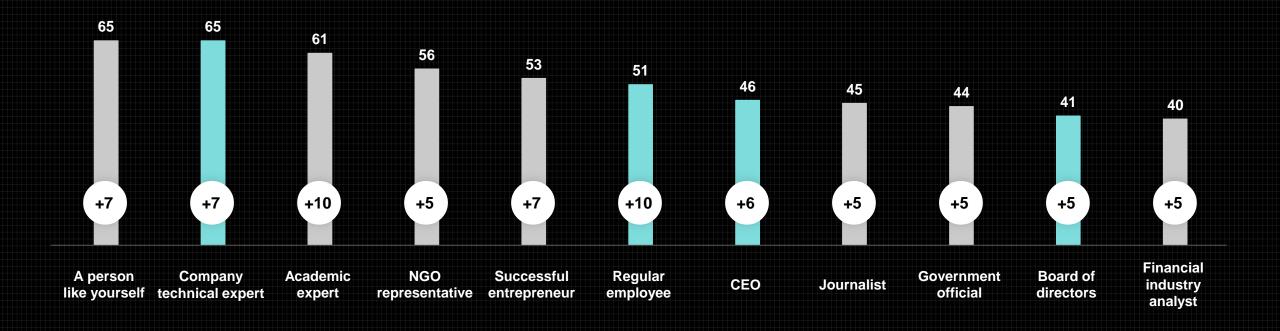
75%

63%

THE POWER OF VOICES BEYOND THE C-SUITE

Percent in Hong Kong who rate each source as very/extremely credible







WHAT SHOULD BUSINESS DO?

1
Lead change
on issues
that matter

Focus on your employees

3
Engage
stakeholders
as advocates

4 CEOs take a stand



THANK YOU

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