## 2025 DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING CONFERENCE </br> Shaping Our Future

### Unlocking Growth Together







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#### Four key messages for today



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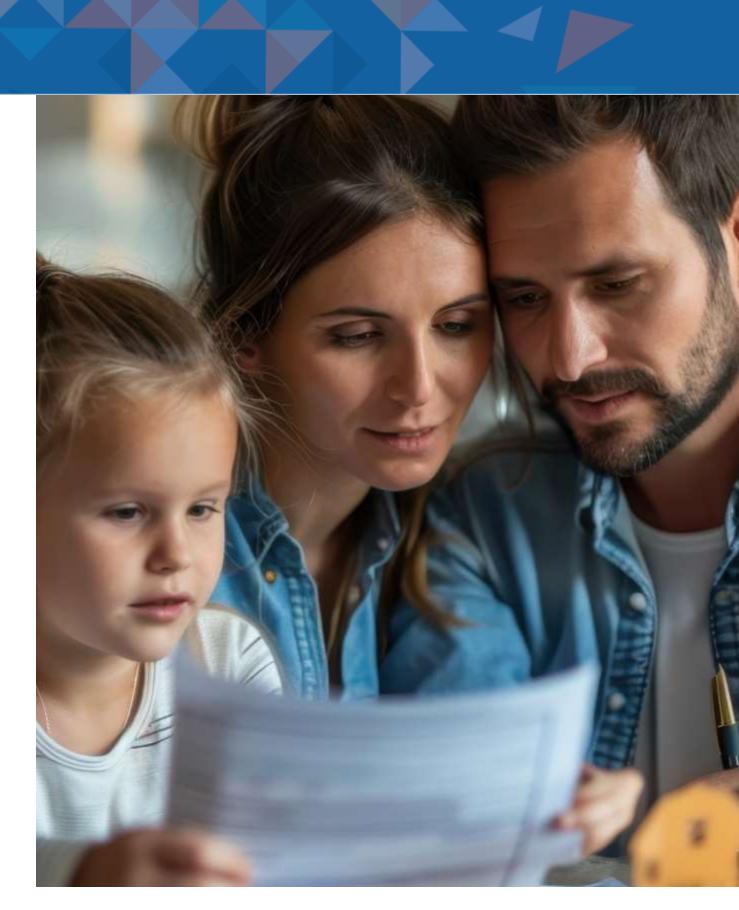
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Done right, the payoff can be significant!

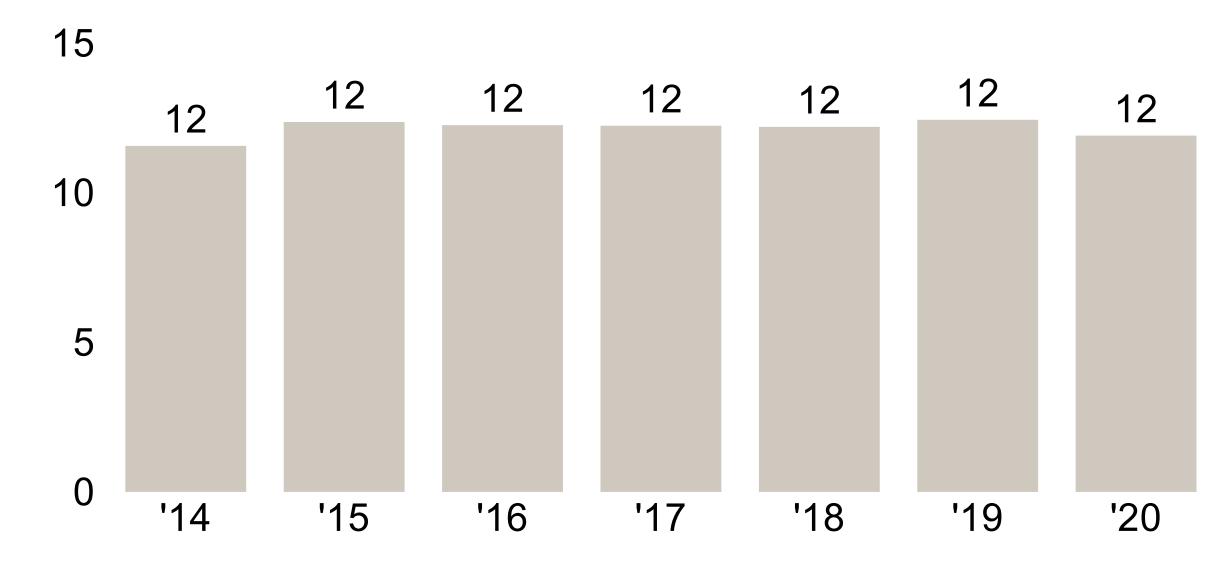




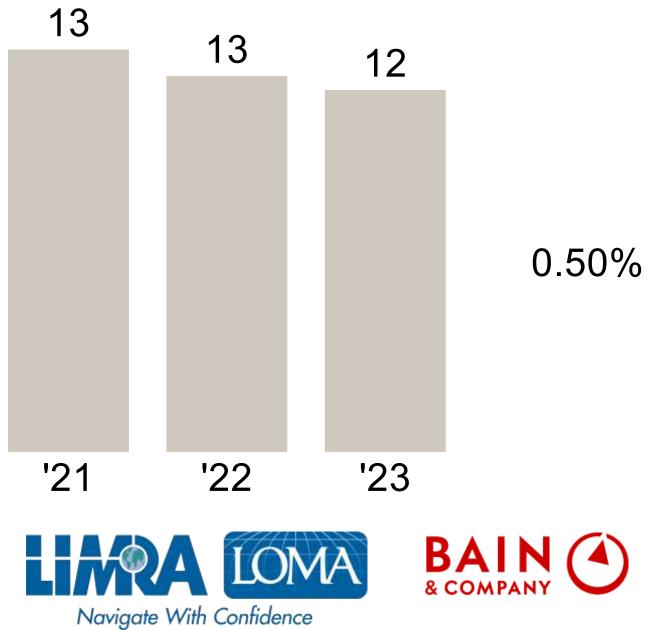


#### The life insurance industry has a growth challenge

US individual life insurance APE, inflation-adjusted (\$B) 20

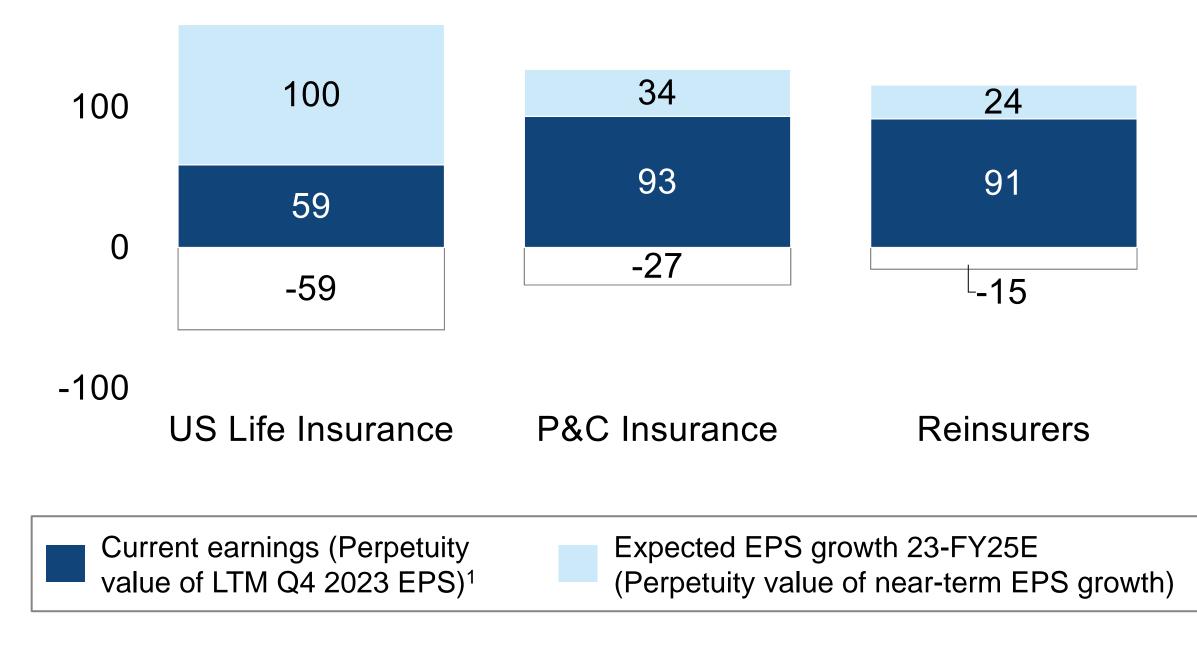


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### Investors do not see a forward-looking growth story either

Share price contribution from current earnings vs. expected future growth (%) 200%

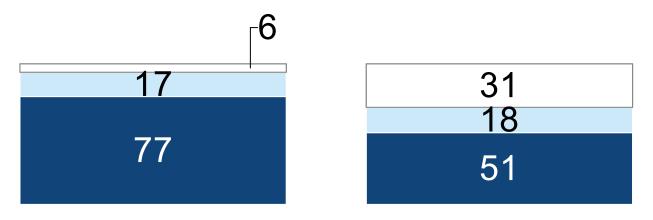


Note: Bars represent weighted average; EPS taken as of 31st Dec 2023 and cost of equity taken as of 30th Sep 2024; EPS forecasts sourced from analyst reports and S&P Cap IQ Pro; Market cap. considered for 30th Sep 2024.

Source: S&P Capital IQ Pro, Company financial supplements, Refinitiv, Analyst reports, Lit. search, Bain analysis



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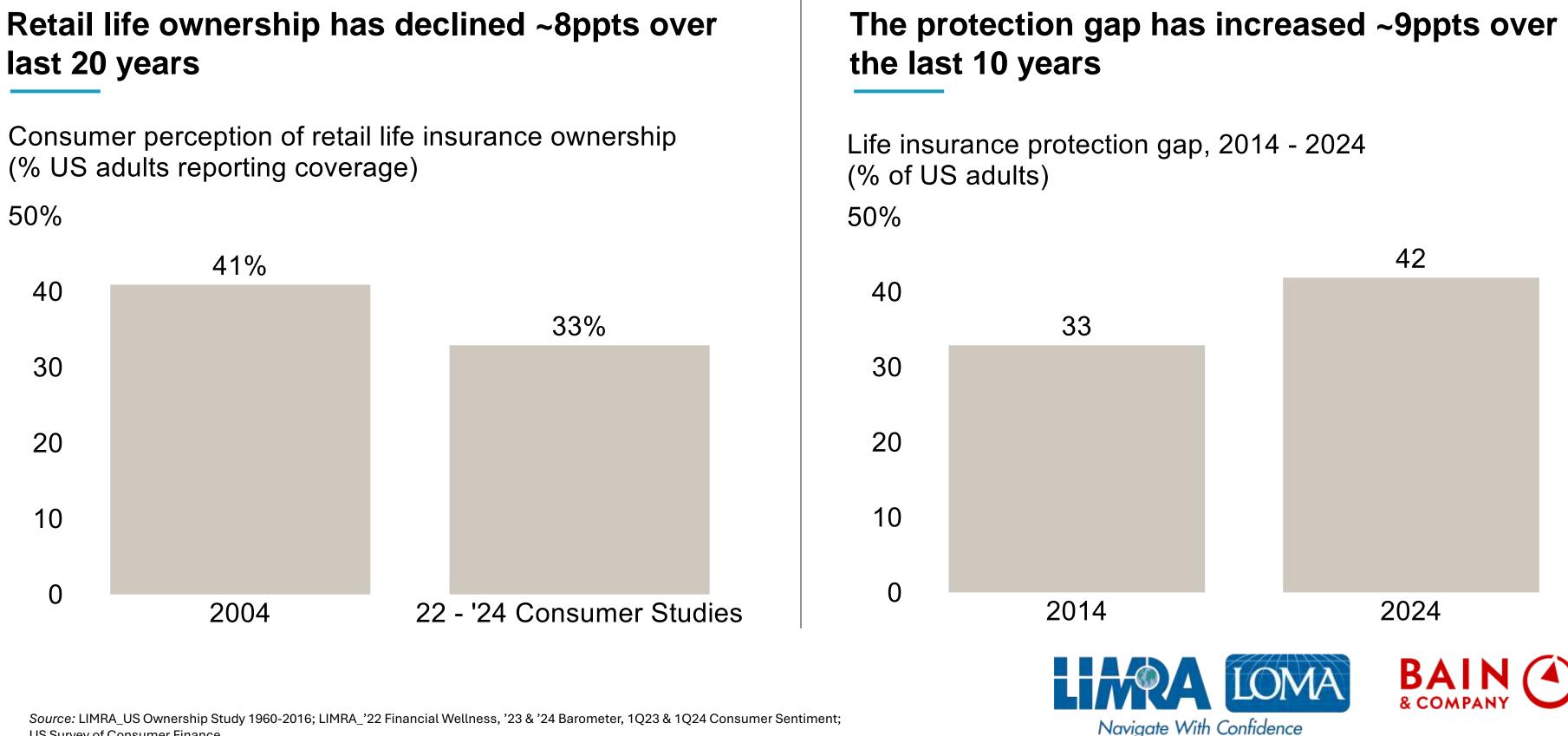
#### **Multi-liners**

Non-US Life Insurance

Expected EPS growth beyond Dec-25E (Implied value of EPS growth post 2025E)





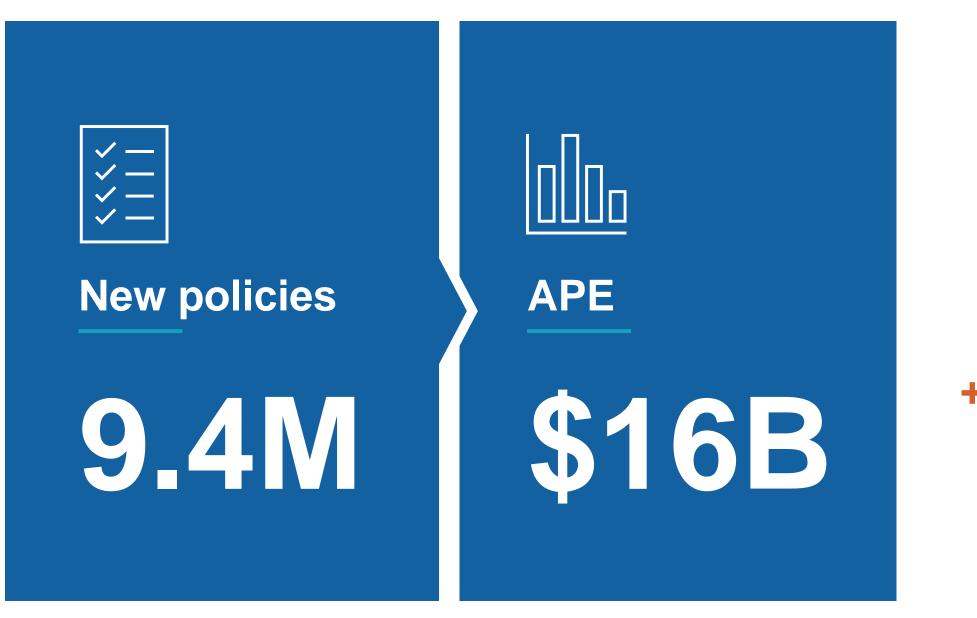


US Survey of Consumer Finance



#### **Current US individual life market**

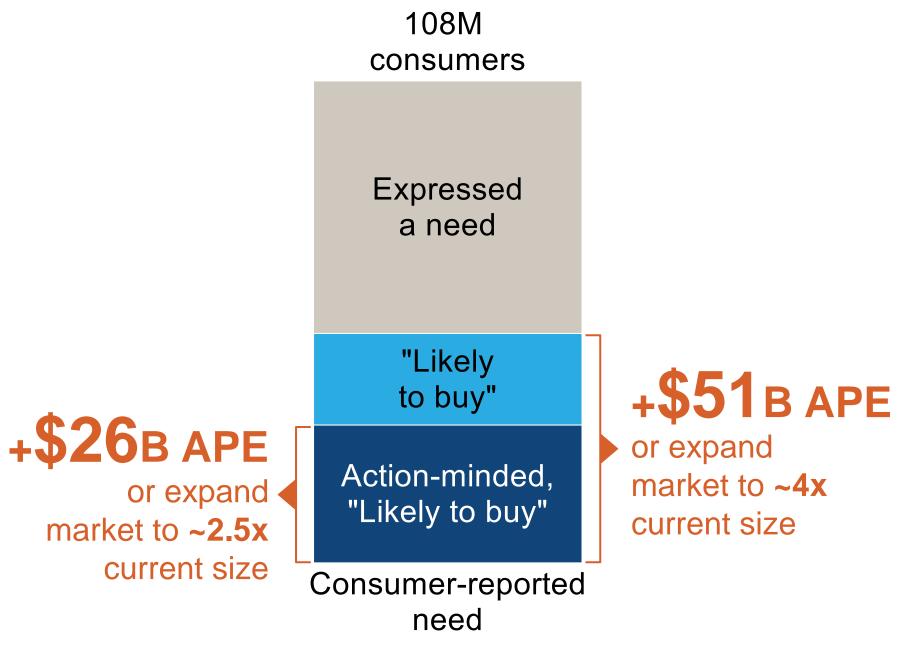
Sales estimates (2024)



Note: Protection gap includes non-owners who say they need coverage and owners who say they need more coverage. Source: LIMRA's 2024 Insurance Barometer, LIMRA's Quarterly Consumer Sentiment Study, both April 2024, LIMRA's U.S. Retail Life Insurance Sales Survey and LIMRA estimates



#### Latent demand represents an opportunity to grow market by a factor of 3-5x (or more)



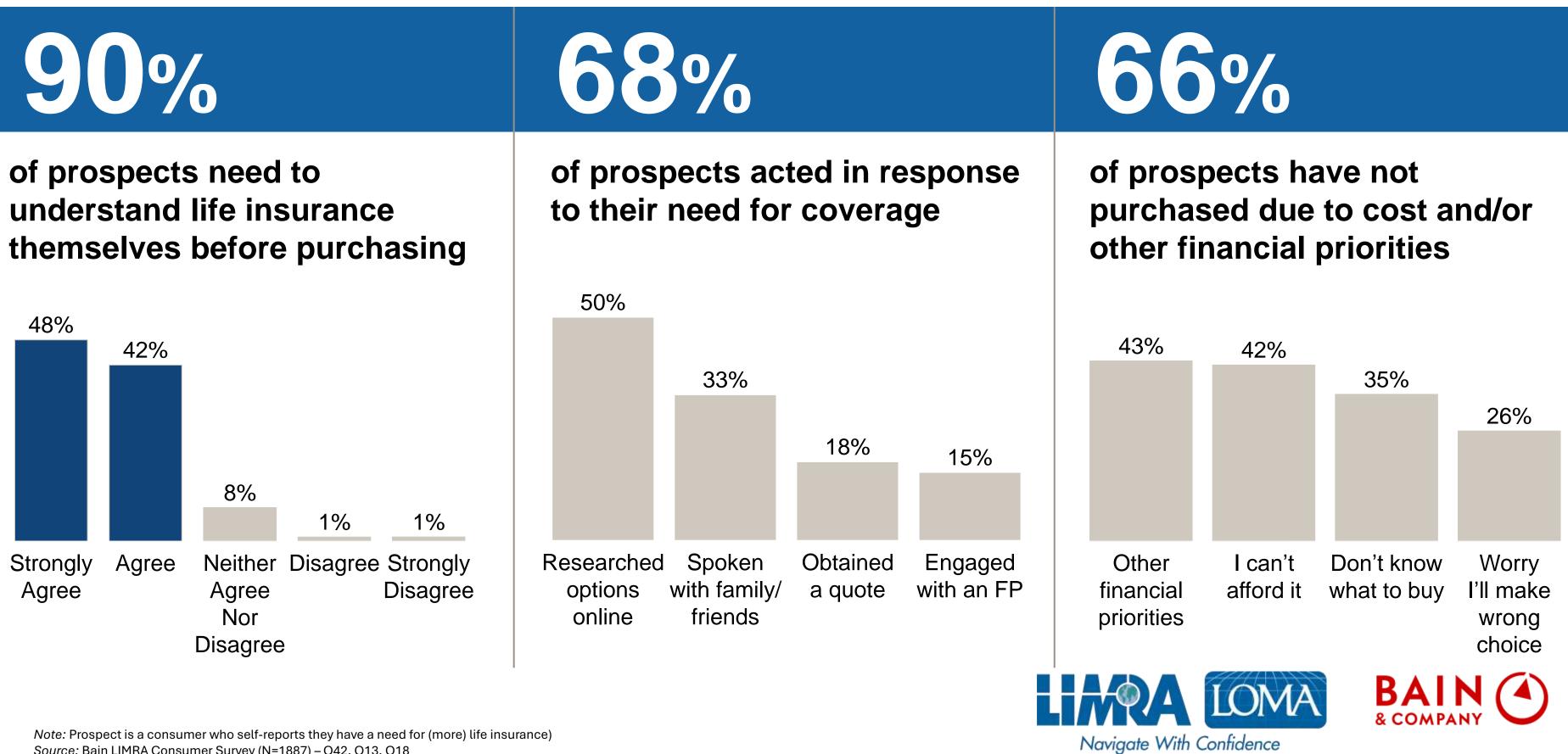




### This need exists across all segments – not just a "middle market" issue

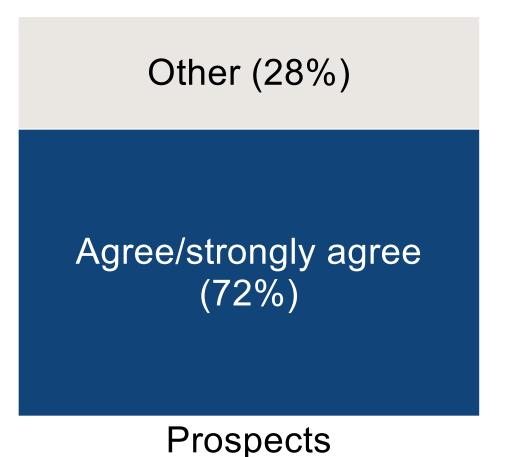
% of opportunity*	Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Baby boomers	Total
Less than \$50K HHI	3%	4%	3%	3%	13%
\$50K-149K HHI	10%	18%	17%	9%	54%
More than \$150K HHI	5%	11%	11%	6%	33%
Total	18%	33%	31%	18%	100%
*Percentages based on % of US adults in each segment r Source: Limra_2024 Insurance Barometer Study Report 1				TOMA TOMA avigate With Confidence	BAIN () & COMPANY

### Why the persistent gap? Failure to convert interest into action



#### Prospects want to engage an **FP** before purchasing

% prospects who need to engage an FP to purchase



#### When clients seek coverage, But very few prospects FPs indicate they convert sales are engaging with an FP

% FPs who agree that most clients who ask for coverage purchase from them

#### Other (14%)

Agree/strongly agree (86%)

FPs

*Note:* 'Other' includes the following responses: neither agree nor disagree, disagree, and strongly agree. Source: Bain LIMRA FP Survey (N=512) - Q43; Bain LIMRA Consumer Survey (N=1887) - Q43, Q13

% prospects who met or corresponded with an FP

> Have not met/ corresponded (85%)

Met/corresponded (15%)

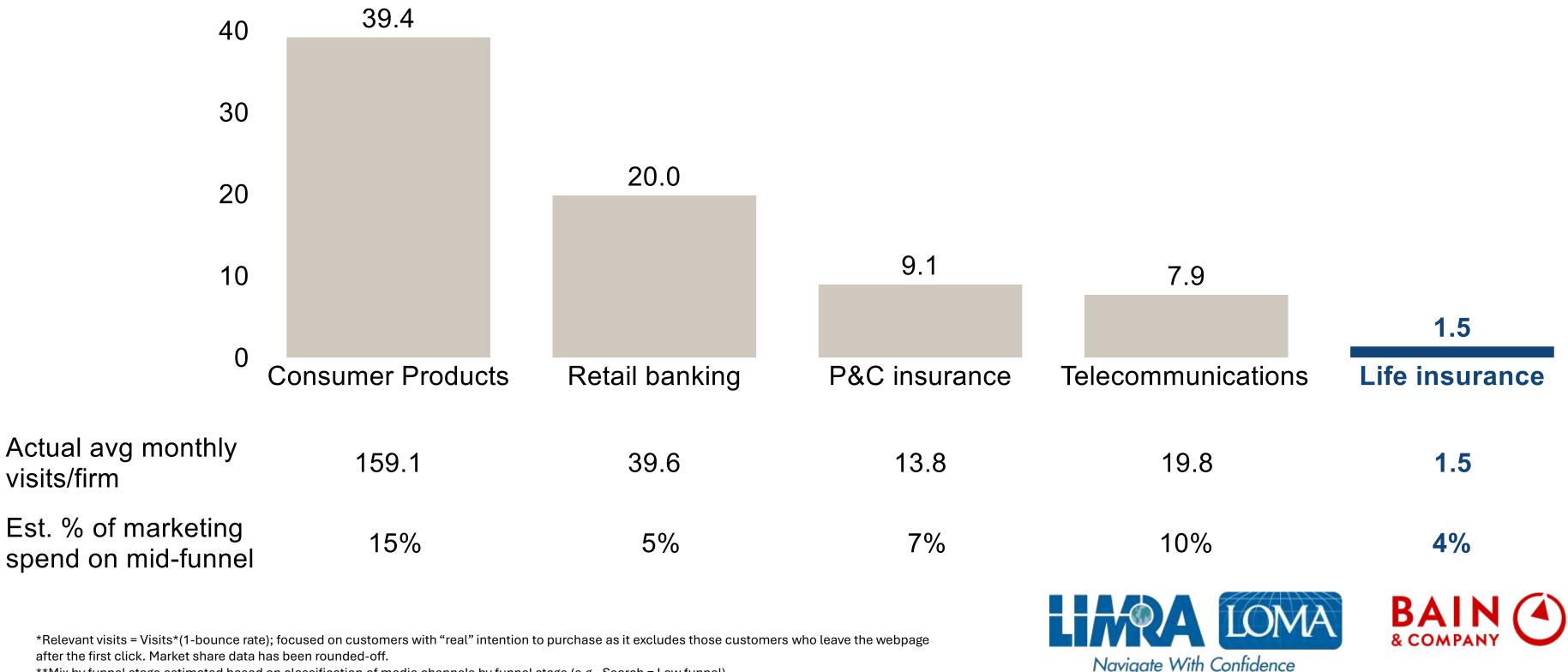
Prospects





### Life insurers drive significantly less traffic on their websites vs. other consumer industries, despite consumers citing their sites as a primary source of self-education

Average number of monthly relevant\* website visits for a firm by industry (M, scaled for avg. revenues/firm), Dec. '23 - Nov. '24



\*Relevant visits = Visits\*(1-bounce rate); focused on customers with "real" intention to purchase as it excludes those customers who leave the webpage after the first click. Market share data has been rounded-off.

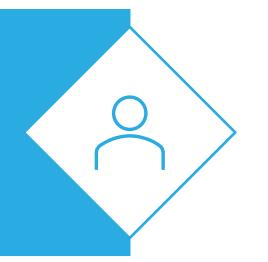
\*\*Mix by funnel stage estimated based on classification of media channels by funnel stage (e.g., Search = Low funnel) Source: SimilarWeb; Vivvix, 2023

#### Four areas for improved coordination between Marketing and Distribution

#### **Awareness and interest**

#### **Engagement and education**

Conversion



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Optimize outbound marketing to reach consumers when they have a felt need for coverage

Help consumers self-educate and find a well-matched FP

Focus on both expanding FP networks and driving additional share among existing FPs

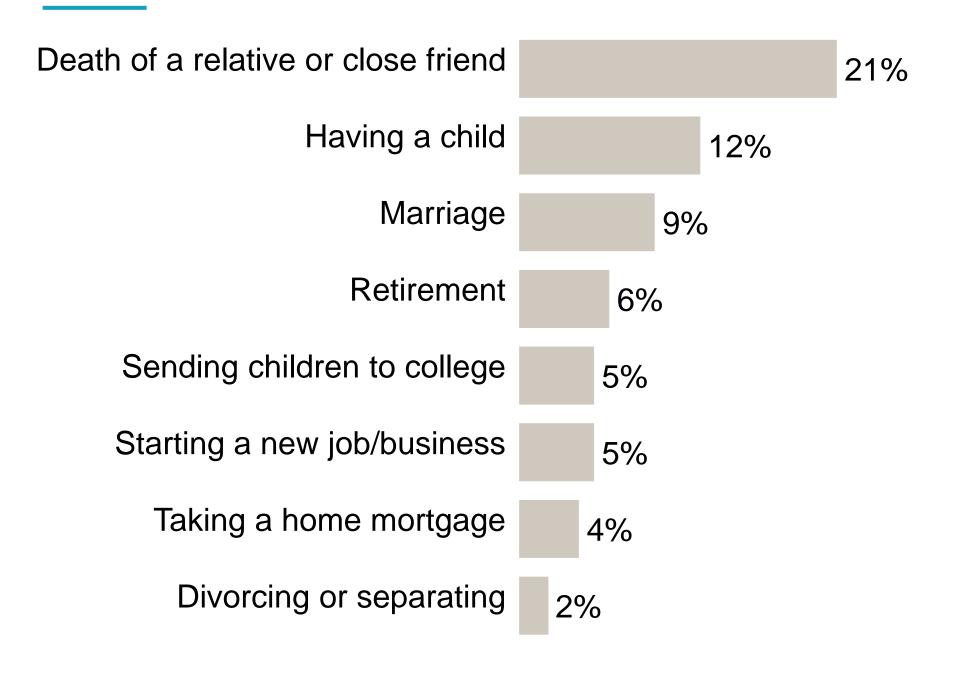
Leverage alternative channels for low-cost test & learn





### Outbound consumer marketing via digital channels to better target consumers around life events

#### 2 in 5 prospects cite life event(s) as a key driver of life insurance need



#### Performance marketing can help precisely target key segments

- More precise messaging can address factors driving drop-out and pose direct calls to action
- A/B testing can be used to refine messaging and **identify** the most effective approaches for different audiences

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Our ability to slice and dice the audience is greatly increasing. We can now easily find that 32-year-old who's just had their first child and specifically target them with our messaging

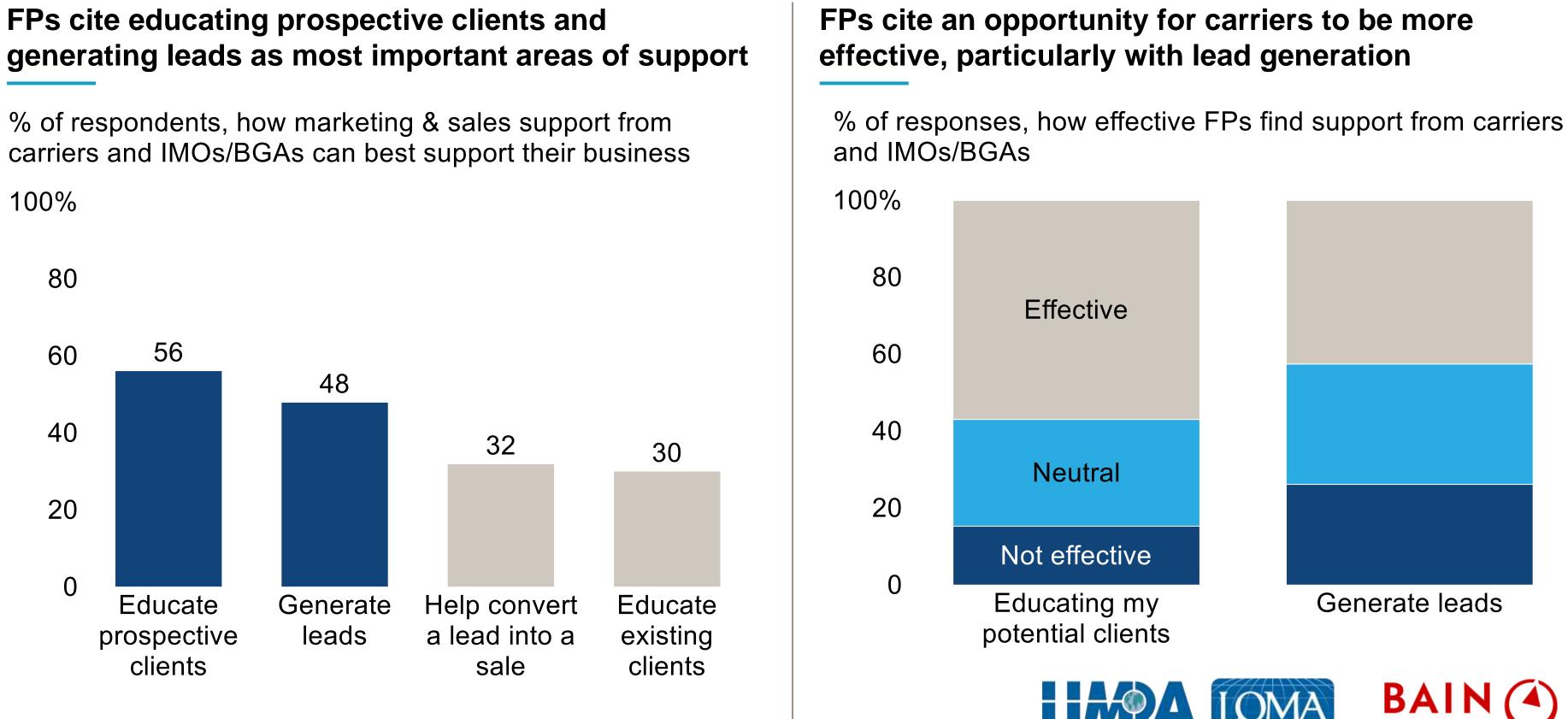
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Digital channels enable tailored outreach at relatively low cost at key life events





### Carrier support with driving qualified and educated leads is a top request from FPs

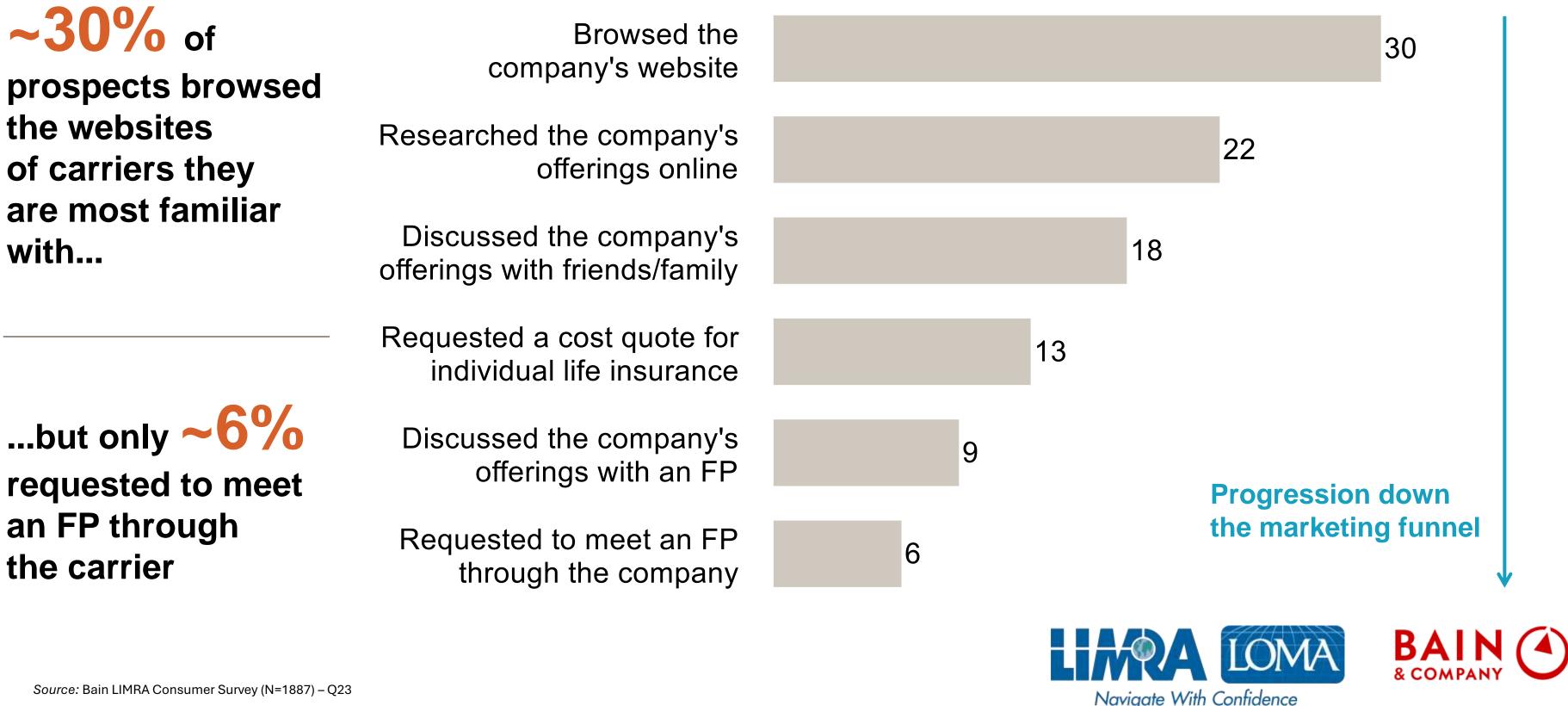


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### Carriers are generating website traffic through investments in top-of-funnel awareness marketing, however meaningful engagement is less frequent

% prospect respondents, interaction with insurance companies they are most familiar with



### Carriers can reduce the friction preventing consumers from engaging with an FP

#### ~40% of prospects have searched for but not engaged with an FP

% of prospects, level of engagement in search process/with FPs

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100%	
100 /0	Have met /corresponded with an FP
80	Have searched
60	for but not met with an FP
40	
20	Have not searched for an FP
0	Prospects

#### Challenges with **FP** search today

- Prospects struggle to find an FP that they trust, largely relying on word of mouth
- Cost of engaging FPs is unclear, leading to **misconceptions about** affordability and eligibility
- Many carrier websites do **not** provide an option to match and/or don't provide prospects with **choice** as to how they engage

#### **Opportunities** to improve



Publish client reviews online and encourage FPs to join other online review forums



**Increase transparency** around cost before consumers fill out forms and meet with FPs





Meet prospects where

they are – e.g. more userfriendly follow-up processes (e.g., text message outreach, digital calendars to schedule appointments in advance)





For independent distribution, opportunity to intentionally balance reaching more FPs and driving greater share of book

#### **B2B Marketing and Commercial** Excellence

Carriers using independent distribution **allocate** the vast majority (>80%) of marketing spend to **B2B** (FP and Intermediary focused) vs. B2C

Within their B2B spend, carriers tend to **make a** binary choice of whether to focus more on FP base expansion or driving greater production from their existing FP base

**Carriers should focus on both vectors** to generate meaningful growth

#### Generating leads for FPs can both attract new FPs and enhance a carrier's value prop. to its existing FP base



Preferred lead flow



**Co-marketing** (e.g., local events)



Better wholesaling support



Better marketing & sales enablement

\*Programs require cross-functional effort beyond marketing



**Concierge services** (including tech and CX)\*



Tailored products\*

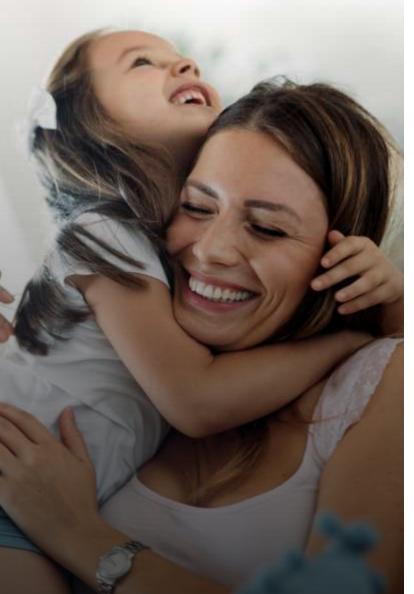


Preferred **pricing**/ commissions\*





### Modern tools can improve lead quality and conversion



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Lead generation **best practices** 



Use predictive models to identify and score leads



Share lead profile with FPs in structured, high-fidelity way



Monitor leads to **ensure FP follow through** 



Make initial meeting logistics seamless for both consumers and FPs



#### **Collect data to build a consumer profile** beyond demographic information





### Alternative channels (e.g., direct, embedded) are effective ways for low-cost experimentation and test & learn



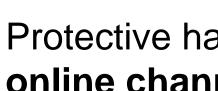
% of prospect respondents, willingness to buy directly through a carrier's website

do not know

No

100%

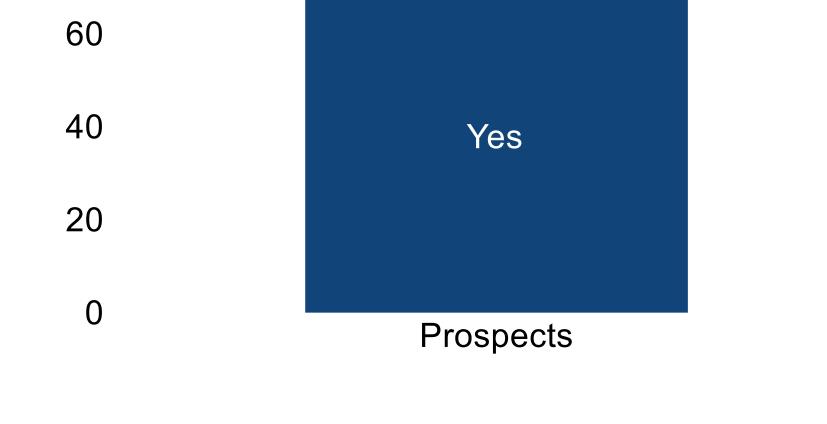
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**Test & learn channel** for marketing: direct access to consumers provides insight on efficacy of marketing content / messaging



Source: Bain LIMRA Consumer Survey (N=1887) – Q44; LIMRA US Retail Individual Life Insurance Sales Survey; Prudential Simplified Solutions; Protective Costco Life Insurance; Costco Life Insurance

#### **Carriers are beginning to do this with success**



Protective has **exclusive products and direct** online channel for Costco members

**Streamlined application and discounts** directly through Protective's website





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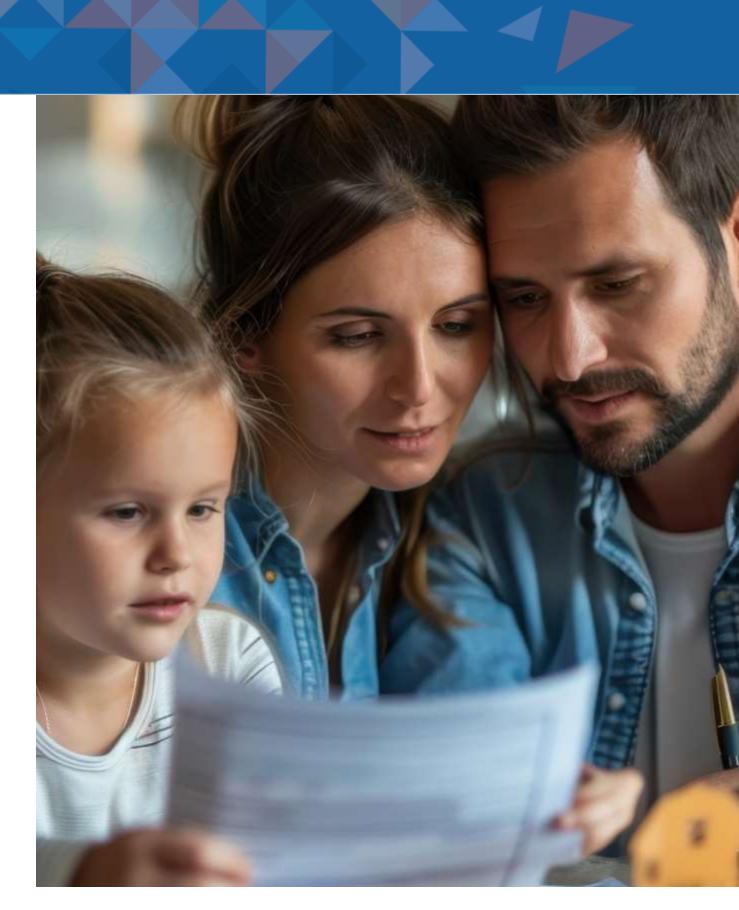
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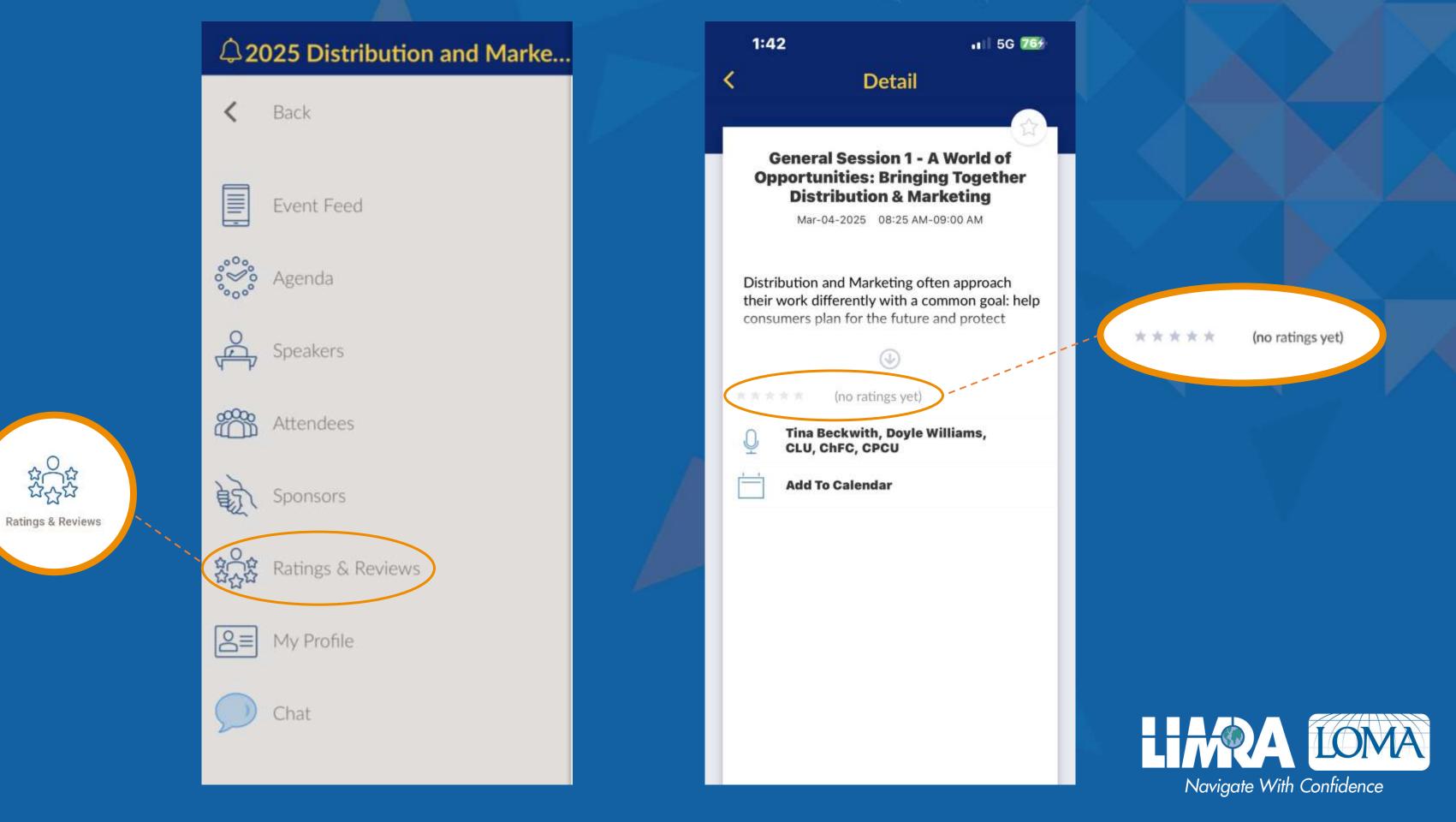
Done right, the payoff can be significant!







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