# MLP - Well positioned in a changing market

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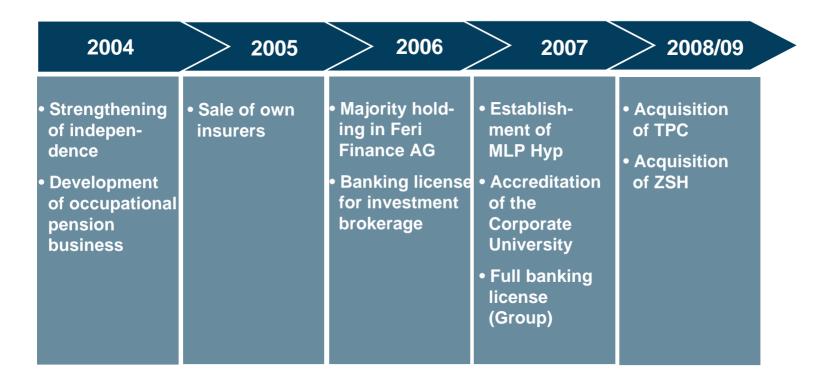
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## **Strategic realignment**

#### Milestones of the past five years





## MLP - A broad-based consulting house



#### Private clients

- · MLP Finanzdienstleistungen
- Feri Family Trust
- · ZSH

### Corporate clients

- MLP Finanzdienstleistungen (Business areas: occupational pensions and corporate clients)
- · TPC
- · Feri Institutional Advisors

### Rating

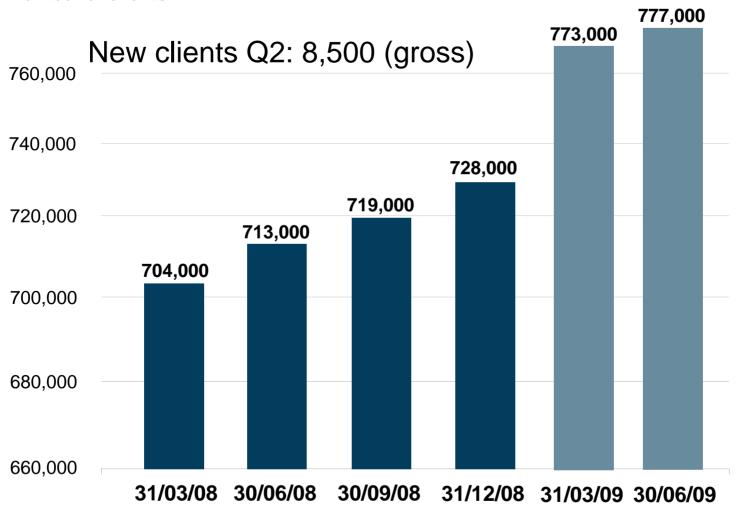
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### Independent investment research



## Strong client base

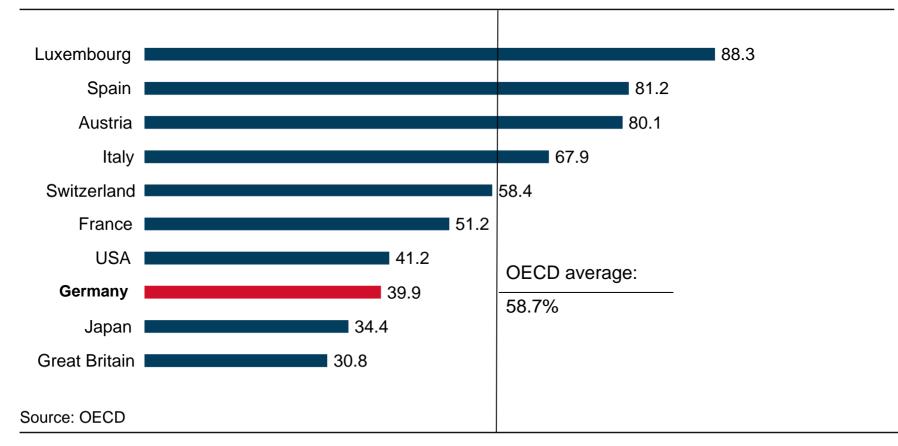
#### **Number of clients**





## High potential in old-age pension provision

The pension level of the future – as a percentage of gross salary\*

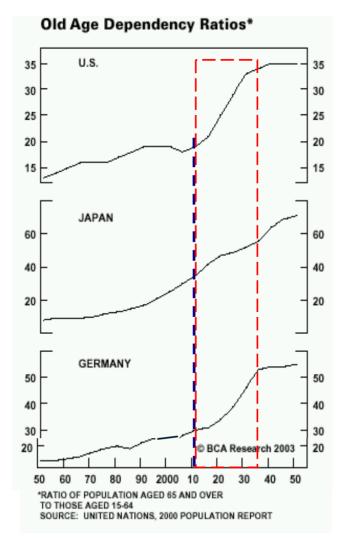


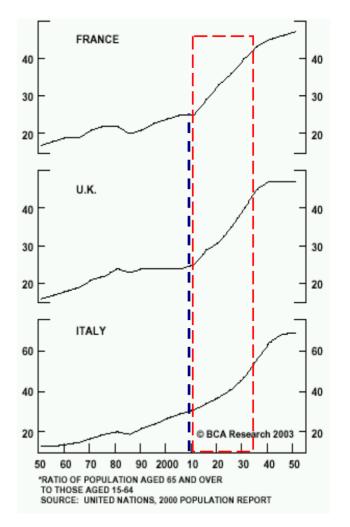
<sup>\*</sup> Level of state pension according to current legislation. Selected countries. Basis for calculation: employee, aged 20 who starts full time work in 2004 and continues working up until the legal pension age (average earner).



## Pressure on social security systems is imminent

Massive increase in the "dependency ratio" for the period 2010 - 2035





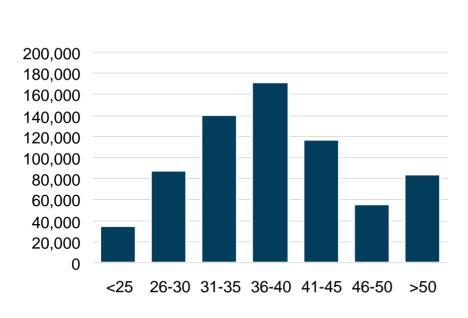


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## Low average age offers high potential

#### **Targeted expansion of MLP Wealth Management**

#### Clients by age



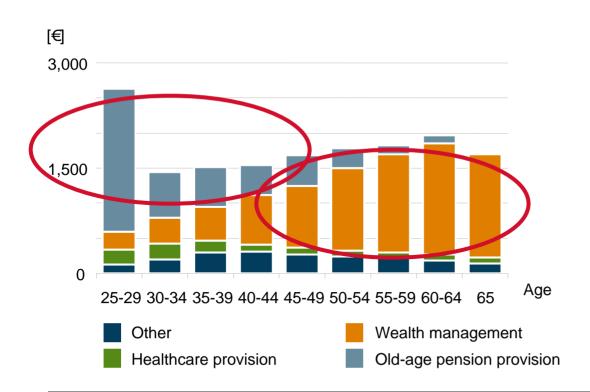
- MLP clients' income and savings quotas clearly exceed average levels
- The average age of an MLP client is 39
- Already 37 per cent of clients are older than 40
- The number of clients over 40 years of age will double within five years



## Growth through a holistic consulting approach

#### Rising revenue potential in Wealth Management

Potential sales revenue - MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG per client and year

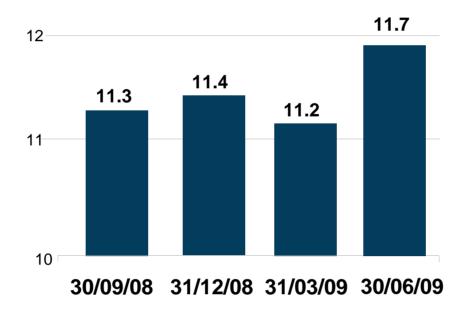




## AuM increased during the capital market and economic crisis

#### Assets under Management

[in €bn]





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## Extensive statutory changes . . .

#### **Regulatory requirements**

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## Insurance Mediation Dir. Insurance brokerage

- Rising requirements concerning the qualification of consultants and the quality of consulting
- Extensive documentation requirements

#### November 1, 2007

#### Banks / Fin. investments

**MiFID** 

- Broadening of the consulting, information and documentation requirements
- Stricter requirements regarding transparency

#### **Beginning of 2008**

## German Ins. Contract Law Insurers/ Brokers

- Increase in cash surrender values / spreading of the distribution and acquisition costs
- Increased cost transparency for life and healthcare insurance policies
- Broadening of the information obligations



# ... lead to radical changes in the German financial industry

Major market trends for banks, insurance companies and IFAs

Increasing regulatory requirements will further change the market place dramatically:

- Further optimisation of cost structure and processes
- Consolidation
- Professionalisation
- Specialisation



## MLP is already implementing the major requirements

Study by the Ministry of Consumer Protection concerning better quality in financial consulting

### **Major requirements:**

- Stronger orientation towards customer requirements and greater transparency for customers
- Adaptation of the regulatory provisions to everyday practice
- Brokerage of investment funds only with banking license
- More comprehensive qualification
- Strengthening of fee-based consulting

#### **MLP** situation:

- Client-oriented consulting as the core of the business model
- High degree of transparency through comprehensive documentation and detailed reporting
- MLP already possesses a German banking license
- Training standards far exceed the legal standards

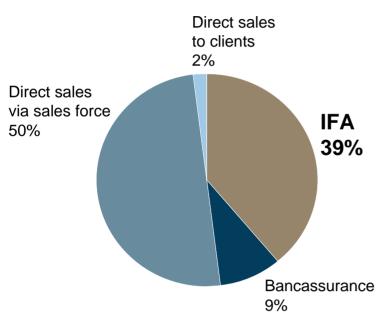


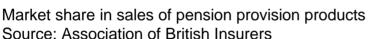
## Independent brokers gain significant market shares

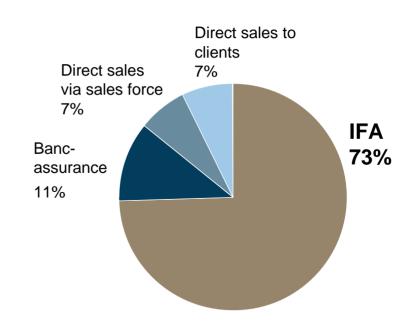
**Effects of the regulation in Great Britain** 

Sales by channel in 1992

Sales by channel in 2006









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## Highlights H1 & Q2 2009

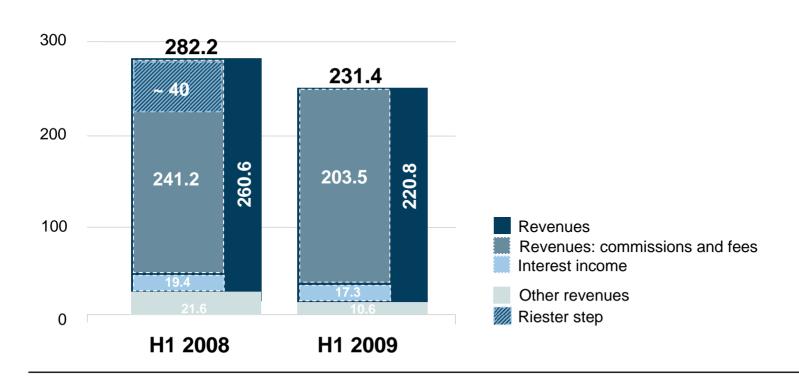
- Financial and economic crisis continued during H1 2009
- Following a sharp downturn in Q1, early indicators show a stabilization of the German economy in Q2 and for the rest of the year
- However, expectations for German GDP growth for 2009 remain at -6%
- Due to uncertainty caused by the ongoing economic crisis, private and institutional clients remained reluctant to invest long-term and invested risk-aversely
- Robust development in core business areas in H1 2009
- Positive cost development in Q2: Successful implementation of cost savings program
- Sale of Austrian subsidiary



## H1: Robust revenue development

#### Total revenues

[in € million]



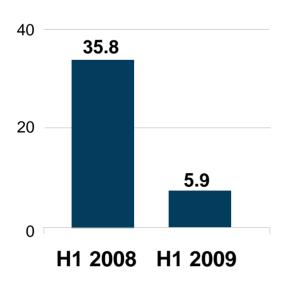


## Earnings influenced by crisis and one-offs

#### **Continuing operations**

#### **EBIT**

[in € million]



- H1 EBIT includes
  - € 3.4m defense costs
  - € 1.1m restructuring charges Q2
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## Strong liquidity and capital base

#### MLP Group - selected balance sheet items

[in € million]		
	31/12/2008	30/06/2009
Intangible assets	162.4	173.3
Financial investments	179.9	194.8
Cash and cash equivalents	38.1	47.4
Other receivables and other assets	147.1	95.1
Shareholders' equity	429.1	391.8
Other liabilities	236.4	181.0

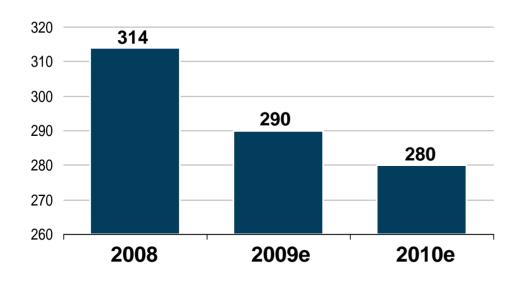
- Liquid funds € 188m
- Equity ratio 27.6%
- Seasonal decline in other receivables and other liabilities



## Targeted cost reduction of €34 m

### Fixed costs (excluding acquisition-related cost increases)

[in € million]



- Cost savings of € 12 m in 2009 and a further € 10 m in 2010
- In addition: No re-occurrence in 2009 of € 12 m of one-time expenses incurred in 2008



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## **Summary**

- MLP is very well positioned in structural growth markets in Germany:
  - Old-age pension provision, health provision, wealth management
- Regulatory changes lead to market consolidation and pressure on earnings
- Capital markets and economic crisis burden revenue and earnings development
- MLP will benefit from the crisis:
  - Strong capital base and liquidity allow rapid adjustment to new market environment and external growth
  - Short-term cost savings protect bottom line



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### **Outlook**

- Market environment remained difficult during H1 2009
- Cost-cutting program shows first success:
  - Fixed cost base reduced in Q2
  - Target: Reduce fixed costs by €34m by the end of 2010
- Pick-up in business expected, especially in Q4
  - Leverage of business model fully in place in Q4
- Sales focus in H2 on higher disposal income of clients due to federal economic stimulus packages ("Bürgerentlastungsgesetz")
- Outlook 2009 reiterated: MLP aims to outperform the market



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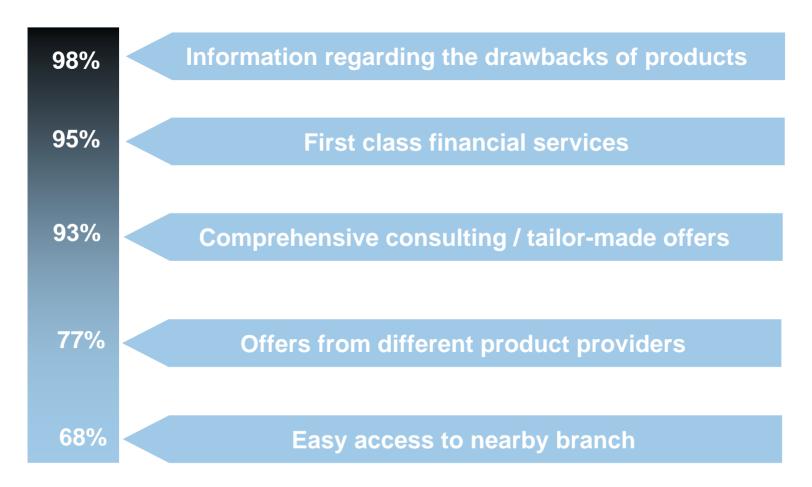
## Independent business model and one-stop for lifetime financial solutions

Independent business model is unique in the German Market



## Independence is key for MLP's client group

The most important demands of clients with a university degree



Source: Spiegel-Studie Soll & Haben, 2004



# MLP is optimally prepared to meet the new requirements

#### **Extensive new regulations:**

- Brokerage guideline, MiFID, VVG
- Flat-rate capital gains tax, healthcare reform

#### **Increasing competition:**

 Banks and new providers are entering the market

#### **High client requirements:**

Clients demand quality and comprehensive consultation

#### **High complexity:**

Numerous products/high tax complexity



- Capability to adjust rapidly to changed framework conditions
- Highly developed IT systems and processes
- Unique positioning in the market
- Industry-leading education and further training
- High quality target group and excellent quality parameters

→ Excellent prospects through clear positioning and targeted further development



## TPC boasts first-rate reference clients - nationwide

**Extract** 

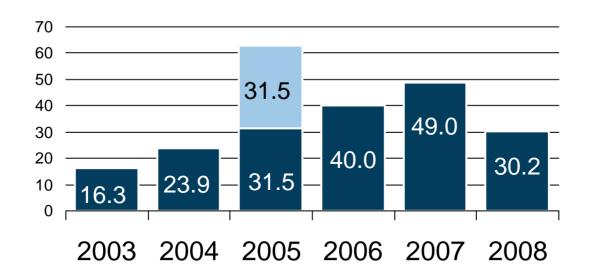
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## Extensive shareholders' participation

#### Dividend sum

[in € million]



Extra dividend



# Old-age pension provision and wealth management affected by crisis

Revenues - commissions and fees

#### [in € million]

	Q2 2008	Q2 2009	in %	H1 2008	H1 2009	in %
Old-age pension provision	63.2	60.1	-4.9	150.6	123.0	-18.4
Health insurance	11.4	9.1	-20.3	22.8	22.8	-0.1
Non-life insurance	3.2	3.4	7.0	18.8	18.7	-0.7
Wealth management	21.0	15.9	-24.3	41.5	33.1	-20.3
Loans and mortgages	2.7	2.5	-6.2	5.8	4.5	-21.9
Other commissions and fees	1.0	0.8	-14.1	1.7	1.5	-13.8



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#### Income statement

[in € million]

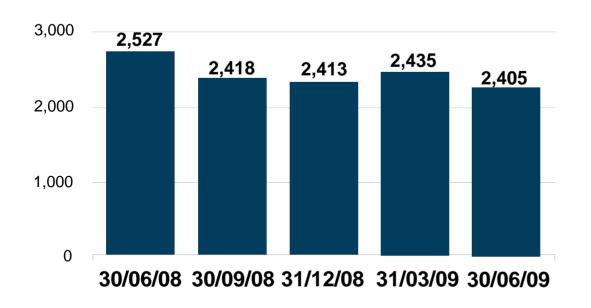
	Q2 2008	Q2 2009	H1 2008	H1 2009
Total revenues	126.4	105.9	282.2	231.4
EBIT	10.7	2.4	35.8	5.9
Finance cost	-0.8	-0.6	-8.9	-2.1
EBT	9.9	1.8	26.9	3.8
Taxes	-1.2	-2.2	-9.5	-3.9
Net profit	8.8	-0.4	17.4	-0.1
EPS in € (diluted)	0.09	0.00	0.18	0.00

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## Sales force: Focus on quality

#### Number of consultants



 Revenue per consultant H1 2009: €86,000



### Management agenda 2009

Consistent and full utilisation of revenue potential



Strict cost discipline – package of measures for reducing expenditure

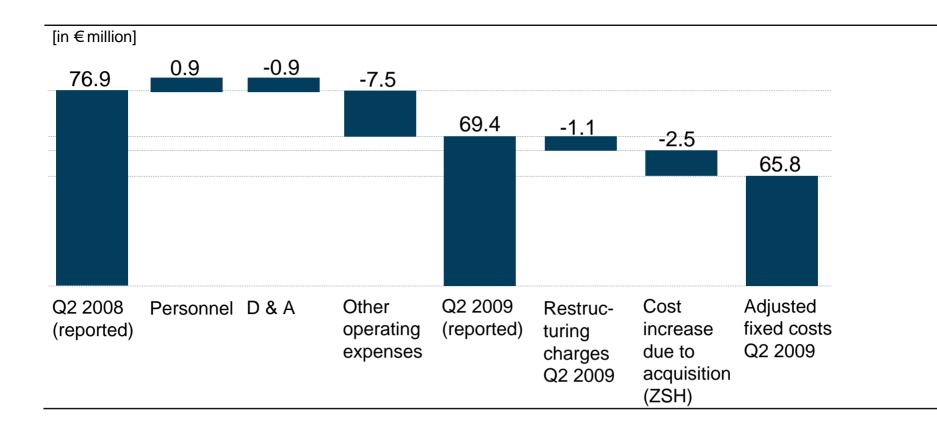


External growth through active participation in the industry consolidation



# Successful cost cutting in Q2: Fixed costs down by €11m

**Development of fixed costs** 





## **Optimally equipped for consolidation**

#### **Growth through acquisitions**

#### **Trend**

#### **Quality and Independence**

- → Numerous statutory changes
- → Independent providers are gaining market share

#### **Size and Capital Strength**

- → High costs due to regulatory requirements
- → "Critical mass" necessary

#### **Technology and Infrastructure**

- → Processes and organisation are gaining in significance
- → Legal standards necessitate extensive infrastructure

#### **MLP Strengths**

- MLP is subject to the highest qualitative requirements (independent broker, banking license)
- MLP has long exceeded numerous legal standards
- Strong capital base (liquid funds: €210 m)
- No risk positions on the balance sheet
- Largest financial consulting company that is registered as an independent broker
- Excellent infrastructure (Sales support, training, product portfolio)
- · Technology leader



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