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**FINANCIAL SECURITY RISES AS JOB FEARS EASE  
Confidence in job security and meeting household bills surge, MetLife's UK Financial Security Index shows**

Workers are feeling more secure in their jobs amid tentative signs that the worst of the UK recession is over, new research\* from MetLife Europe Limited (MetLife) shows.

The percentage of people feeling secure in their jobs has risen 17% to 59% in the past three months from a low point of 42%, according to the latest findings from MetLife's UK Financial Security Index. The increase in job security coupled with a rise in confidence in being able to comfortably meet regular household bills has boosted the UK's overall feeling of financial security to 28% from 25%.

The latest findings from MetLife's UK Financial Security Index, which takes the temperature of UK financial security across a range of 12 measures of how secure or insecure people feel, shows confidence has increased in four out of the twelve.

However, confidence in being able to buy a new home, contribute to pensions and in stock market investment remains low, the research from the retirement savings group reveals.

Dominic Grinstead, Managing Director, UK, MetLife, says: "Job security is the cornerstone for economic confidence as people cannot feel secure about any other aspect of their lives if they are unsure about whether they will be employed next month.

"The rise in job security will feed through to greater levels of confidence across the board and it is heartening to see people's general levels of financial security rising.

The index, which launched in May, shows positive scores of +17% for **keeping your job**; +13% for **meeting household bills**; +4% for **savings**; and +3% for **overall financial security**.

It revealed negative scores of -9% for **investing in the stock market**; -7% for **buying a new home**; -5% for **investing generally**; -7% for **making pension contributions**; and -1% for **paying for education**. Other categories – **paying mortgage/rent**; **existing investments**; and **paying for a holiday** were unchanged

<b>UK FINANCIAL SECURITY INDEX</b>	<b>TOTAL FEELING OF SECURITY Q1</b>	<b>TOTAL FEELING OF SECURITY Q2</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>Keeping your job</b>	42%	59%	+17%
<b>Meeting household bills</b>	38%	51%	+13%
<b>Paying mortgage/rent</b>	38%	38%	No change
<b>Savings</b>	24%	28%	+4%
<b>Paying for education</b>	21%	20%	-1%
<b>Paying for holiday</b>	18%	18%	No change
<b>Making pension contributions</b>	17%	10%	-7%
<b>Investing generally</b>	17%	12%	-5%
<b>Investing in stock market</b>	16%	7%	-9%
<b>Investments</b>	15%	15%	No change
<b>Buying new home</b>	11%	4%	-7%
<b>OVERALL FINANCIAL SITUATION</b>	25%	28%	+3%

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### **Notes to Editors**

\* Based on an independent online survey conducted by ICM Research among 2,038 UK adults aged 18-plus between June 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2009

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