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NEARLY TWO OUT OF THREE SECURE IN JOBS AS CONFIDENCE RISES

- **MetLife UK Financial Security Index shows increases in 10 out of 12 measures**

Nearly two out of three workers feel secure in their jobs as confidence across the UK economy rises, new research* from MetLife Europe Limited (MetLife) shows.

The percentage of people feeling secure in their jobs is now 62% compared to 59% in July according to the latest findings from MetLife's UK Financial Security Index. Job security across the economy is now dramatically higher than the low point of 42% in May.

The rise in job security is mirrored across the board in the latest findings from MetLife's UK Financial Security Index which shows increases in 10 of the 12 measures of how secure or insecure people feel. The other two were unchanged.

People's confidence in their overall financial situation rose from 28% to 31% while the percentage feeling insecure dropped from 22% to 20%.

Dominic Grinstead, Managing Director of MetLife, UK Branch, said: "Green shoots are bursting out all over and that is reflected in the rising levels of job security and the increase in confidence across almost all measures.

"It is perhaps too early to say that the green shoots are fully rooted but it is clear that people are feeling more secure with that confidence feeding through to pensions and investment.

“The recent strength of stock markets around the world is helping to reassure people but volatility is still a major risk and fear of losing money is still having an effect on willingness to invest.”

The index, which launched in May, shows increases in the past three months of 3% for **keeping your job**; +4% for **meeting household bills**; +4% for **savings**; and +3% for **overall financial security**.

It revealed positive scores of +2% for **investing in the stock market**; +4% for **investing generally**; +3% for **making pension contributions**; and +5% for **paying for education**. Other categories – **buying a new home** and **paying for a holiday** were unchanged

UK FINANCIAL SECURITY INDEX	TOTAL FEELING OF SECURITY Q2	TOTAL FEELING OF SECURITY Q3	CHANGE
Keeping your job	59%	62%	+3%
Meeting household bills	51%	55%	+4%
Paying mortgage/rent	38%	43%	+5%
Savings	28%	32%	+4%
Paying for education	20%	25%	+5%
Paying for holiday	18%	18%	No change
Making pension contributions	10%	13%	+3%
Investing generally	12%	16%	+4%
Investing in stock market	7%	9%	+2%
Investments	15%	20%	+5%
Buying new home	4%	4%	No change
OVERALL FINANCIAL	28%	31%	+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 September 25th and 27th 2009

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