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"Record-high household debt levels and concerns over the current economic conditions continue to weigh on the minds of consumers, leading them to continue holding a conservative mindset when it comes to spend. However, there is slight improvement in perceived financial health, meaning that consumers have a little more wiggle room than in 2016."

- Carol Wong-Li, Senior Lifestyle Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

Consumers continue to hold a conservative mindset when it comes to spending owing to concerns around the current economy and their ability to save for the future. However, as the majority of Canadians perceive their financial situation to be stable, there is some wiggle room to be had for small splurges and further investments. In terms of how Canadians see themselves, consumers generally share in perceiving themselves as middle class and take pride in living in Canada, owing to the fact that they see the nation as globally reputable and inclusive.

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