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"Although confidence levels remain high, the negative impact from the slowdown in the economy and the sluggish financial market is starting to affect spending behaviour. Consumers are optimistic in a cautious way; however the need for self-indulgence is driving growth of discretional categories."

- Gordon Gao, Senior Research Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Varying priorities across ages
- Young people to drive the consumption market growth
- Internet rephrases consumers' spending habits
- Buying overseas

The economic growth of China is facing a great downward pressure in 2015. Although consumers' financial situation and spending confidence still looks good, the negative impact from the macro economy can also be identified as an issue especially for consumers aged over 40. However, young consumers' strong spending on discretional categories gives us some confidence when dealing with the downside risks.

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