## Taming the bull

Regulatory actions in the housing market and the case for owning the debt conversation

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## Learning objectives



By the end of this session, you should have a better understanding of:

- The long running bull market for housing and the debt that's fueled it
- Canada's regulators attempts to reign the housing bull and protect a leveraged economy
- The benefits of you helping clients manage their debt and cash flow


## Your clients' home <br> A great investment with solid growth... but at what cost?



Source: National Statistics - Canadian Real Estate Association, Feb, 2018

Canadian Household Debt Well above U.S. Peak CHART 2
BEA, Federal Reserve, Statistics Canada, BIS: Household Debt as \% of Disposable Personal Income*, seasonally adjusted, last data point Q42016


Q4/2017 - Household Debt to Disposable Personal Income was 170.4\% - Statistics Canada

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Income needed to purchase the average home

| How much do you <br> need to earn? | Avg. Single <br> Family Home | Yearly Income <br> Needed | Median <br> Income (2015) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Guelph | $\$ 443,600$ | $\$ 94,000$ | $\$ 78,000$ |
| Oakville/Milton | $\$ 725,000$ | $\$ 147,000$ | $\$ 139,200$ |
| Greater Toronto | $\$ 853,500$ | $\$ 172,000$ | $\$ 78,300$ |
| Sudbury | $\$ 259,500$ | $\$ 58,000$ | $\$ 90,500$ |
| Ottawa | $\$ 362,500$ | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 104,000$ |
| Nationally | $\$ 660, \mathbf{3 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 4 , 2 5 0}$ | $\$ 81,000$ |



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## In the eyes of the regulators

- Historically low interest rates would rise again
- Incomes not rising as fast as home prices
- Supply Vs. Demand: bidding wars, waving conditions
- U.S. housing market crash stoked fears of a bubble
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other global economists raising alarms
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is essentially backed by the tax-payer


Taming the bull - Did regulators and the market finally get their way the $11^{\text {th }}$ time?

Home values and regulatory changes


Source: Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) MLS® Home Price Index - single family detached homes, August, 2017

## Taming the bull - the eight big changes to cool the hot housing market

|  | Key changes made by Canada's housing regulators over the past 10 years: |
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| 2008 | Minimum down-payment of 5\% for high ratio; Reduce maximum amortization to 35 years; Increase credit score requirement and Maximum TDS |
| 2010 | Introduction of qualifying Rate at 3.84\% (now 5.14\%*) Insured re-finances $90 \%$ LTV; 20\% down on rentals to get insured financing; Restrictions on insurance for second home |
| 2011 | Reduce maximum amortization to 30 years for High Ratio; $85 \%$ LTV on insured refinances; Eliminated government insurance on secured lines of credit |
| 2012 | CMHC: Severe restrictions on Portfolio Insurance; Maximum loan-to-value for home equity lines of Credit is reduced to $65 \%$ (from $80 \%$ ); Reduce maximum amortization to 25 years for High Ratio; Tighten GDS/TDS; No Mortgage insurance on Properties over \$1 Million |
| 2014 | CMHC increase mortgage insurance premiums; OSFI guidelines on insured mortgage underwriting |
| 2015 | CMHC increase mort insurance premiums; Increase minimum down payment from 5\% to $10 \%$ for homes $>\$ 500 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 2016 | Stress test for 5+ year fixed mortgages; eliminate tax exemption for non-residents; tighten access to port insurance; consult on risk sharing |
| 2018 | As of January 1, the new qualifying guidelines for Manulife Bank clients borrowing $80 \%$ or less of their home value will be the greater of: <br> - The Bank of Canada Qualifying Rate, which is currently $5.14 \%^{*}$, or <br> - The borrower's contract rate $+2 \%$ * |

2012 and 2018 can be considered the two biggest regulatory changes for Canadian lending institutions

## What does "B20" mean to your clients buying a home or transferring a mortgage?

- Before Jan., stress test was for clients with <20\% down.
- Today all borrowers must qualify at the greater of:
- The Bank of Canada's 5-year benchmark rate
- OR, their contractual rate plus two percentage points.


## IMPORTANT NOTE:

Clients will always receive the contract rate.
The qualifying rate may impact how much they can borrow.


## What does B20 mean to your clients buying a home or transferring a mortgage?

- Example using Manulife Bank:

| Bank of Canada | Manulife One | Manulife Bank |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.14\% | 3.95\%+2.00\% | 3.64\%+2.00\% |
|  | = 5.95\% | = 5.64\% |
| Differences in qualifying payments $(\$ 100,000)$ 25 year amortization |  |  |
| Pre-B20 | $3.95 \%=\$ 523$ | $3.64 \%=\$ 507$ |
| Today | $5.95 \%=\$ 637$ | 5.64\% = \$619 |

## What does B20 mean to your clients buying a home or transferring a mortgage?

- The good news?
- No stress test for clients renewing an existing mortgage.
- Clients may be forced to look at smaller homes
- Smaller mortgages may mean more cash flow for investments/insurance
- Clients should be able to absorb higher rates at renewal
- Housing prices may decline and become more affordable
- Bidding wars and waving conditions may cease



## How does Manulife Bank help your clients?

Our all-in-one solution creates:

- Greater cash flow efficiency by combining debt, income and short term savings
- Flexibility to address unforeseen expenses
- Accelerates debt repayment
- Tailors the debt to a client's needs



## How to does Manulife Bank help your clients?

To assist with the qualifying rate, we can

- Place some debt in fixed rates to lower qualifications
- Extend amortization to 30 years to lower payment
- Recommend a client take a smaller borrowing limit



## The case for independent advisors managing debt and cash flow with their clients



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When clients self-manage debt and cash flow, they can lose focus on the right financial priorities

- Are clients focusing more on their vacation than their financial plan or buying insurance?


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Earn more! Don't wait for clients to find you the money. With effective debt and cash flow planning, you find the money for them

## Example: If you are insurance licenced, inefficient cash flow may

 be having a significant impact on your practice| Longer sales cycle <br> (Repeatedly justifying cost / delayed decisions until cash flow improves) | Less coverage <br> (Lowering face value or benefit coverage to fit budget) | Lost sale <br> (Client shops the Internet or chooses another advisor for a lower cost offering) | Lost conversions <br> (Age band premium increases and term to permanent conversions can be difficult) |
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| Less costly insurance <br> (Recommending Term instead of Permanent to reduce cost) | Compromising <br> (Life \& living benefits needed but client can only afford one option) | Lost business <br> (Indebted clients may collapse policies to free-up much needed cash) | Lost influence <br> (Financial Institutions where your clients' bank, want to sell them insurance as well) |

## \#3 <br> When a client passes away where do the estate proceeds go?

- At death, parts of your AUM or insurance proceeds will be deposited to a bank account...
- ...is that account affiliated with your business?
- $\$ 885$ billion in motion over the next decade


When did the 5 year term (fixed or variable) become the homeowner standard... regardless of circumstances.... where is the diversification?


\#4 When did the 5 year term become the homeowner standard?

- 5 year fixed-terms remove flexibility
- Historically, an expensive short-term mortgage
- No behavioral benefits


We can tailor their debt like an investment portfolio

- Building a mortgage specific to your clients needs
- Income
- Lifestyle
- Cash flow surplus
- Interest rate risk tolerance


## Low cash flow

Self employed

## ?

Average salaries

Large incomes

Additional opportunities

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Select: less than 20\% equity


## Traditional Planning Approach

- Liquidate investment assets for funding retirement
- Most investments have tax implications
- Large amount of net worth dormant



## Diversified Planning Approach

- Optimized tax efficiency
- Utilizing entire net worth to fund retirement
- Betters your ability to fund longer retirement plans


Diversification in retirement should be the same as pre-retirement

## Diversified approach



## You don't have to be an expert

- We work alongside independent advisors
- Manulife One is a referral arrangement so you can remain focused on your core business



## The advisor benefits of helping clients with their cash flow and banking

Simplified banking reduces stress and increases opportunities to invest/protect
No additional licencing is required - these are referral products
You're probably not earning compensation on your clients banking today

| Initial borrowings | Compensation ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Total |
| \$250,000 | \$643 | \$229 | \$215 | \$201 | \$188 | \$1,476 |
| \$500,000 | \$886 | \$458 | \$431 | \$403 | \$375 | \$2,553 |
| \$750,000 | \$1,129 | \$688 | \$646 | \$604 | \$563 | \$3,629 |

1. For Manulife One an annual trailing compensation of $0.1 \%$ of the positive or negative balance in the account, will be calculated and paid to you monthly. For Manulife Bank Select an annual trailing compensation of $0.1 \%$ of the mortgage balance paid monthly and $0.25 \%$ of the banking account balance paid monthly. 2. Assumptions: Amortization period of 25 years. Referral fee of $\$ 400$ is a one-time payment that is paid after the account has funded and is included in Year 1 amount. The annual trailer compensation for the mortgage balance is $0.10 \%$.

## Thank you



Important information
As at March 1, 2018, the Manulife One base rate is 3.95\% and the annual interest rate is $1.25 \%$. Both are variable rates, calculated on the daily closing balance and charged monthly. The monthly administration fee is \$16.95 (\$9.95 for seniors). Rates and fees are subject to change. Rates are as at September 6, 2017.

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[^0]:    $10 \%$ down payment ( $20 \%$ for homes in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$ ). CMHC insurance where applicable. $5.14 \%$ qualifying rate for a mortgage amortized over 25 years. Home prices as of MLS ${ }^{\circledR} \mathrm{HPI}$ Index,
    January, 2018 - Source CREA; Median income: 2015 Statistics Canada Census

