Tectonic Shifts

- Growth of the Global Middle Class
- Wider Access to Lethal and Disruptive Technologies
- Definitive Shift of Economic Power to the East and South
- Unprecedented and Widespread Aging
- Urbanization
- Food and Water Pressures
- US Energy Independence
Biggest Megatrend: Individual Empowerment

- Root of the other big changes—expanding global economy, rapid growth of developing countries and widespread exploitation of new enabling technologies.
- Explosion of Middle Class in Developing World with Drop in Poverty Rate.
- Convergence in Values and Demand for sociopolitical change rise as individuals move up into the middle class.
- Sense of Insecurity Will Persist—Particularly in the West Now, But Developing World Too
Growth of the Global Middle Class
...and Moving Eastward
• Rapid growth in computing innovation leads to subsequent new revolutions

• Moore’s Law is now applicable to more than computing, which means several technologies are evolving exponentially at the same time
Disruptive convergence of breakthroughs will revolutionize individuals’ abilities to create societal change.