

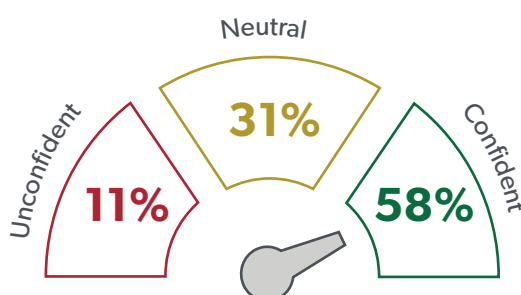
How is COVID-19 impacting the Financial Services Sector?

In June 2020, over 150 business decision-makers in the financial services sector took part in Aston Carter's survey on the impact of COVID-19 on their business and the potential challenges they forecast for the remainder of 2020. This infographic takes a look at what is impacting their objectives and priorities, how they intend to achieve their goals, and what barriers they may need to overcome.

TOP FOUR CHALLENGES AFFECTING OUR CLIENTS AND THEIR ABILITY TO MEET OBJECTIVES

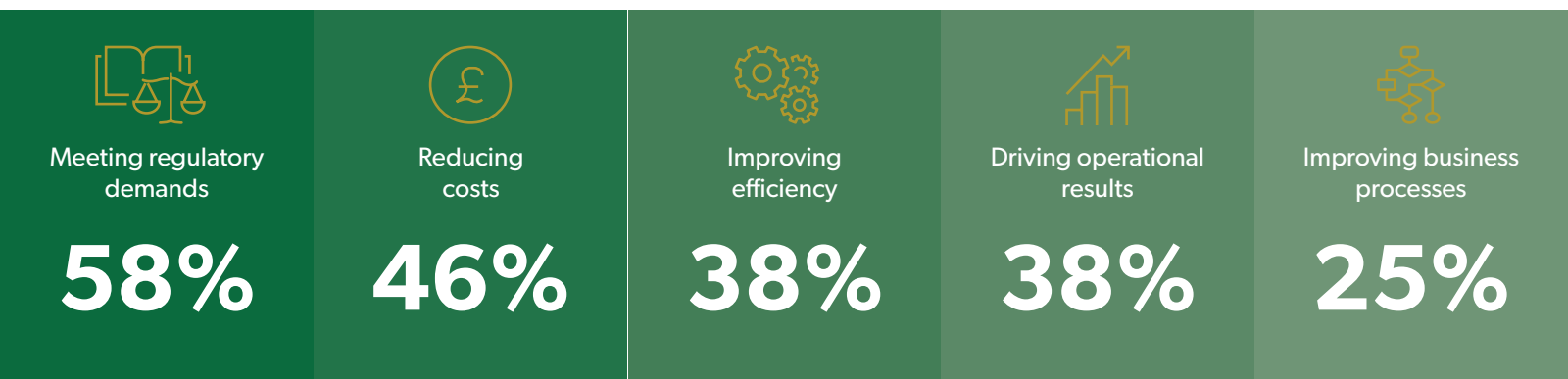


HOW CONFIDENT ARE BUSINESSES IN MEETING THEIR OBJECTIVES?



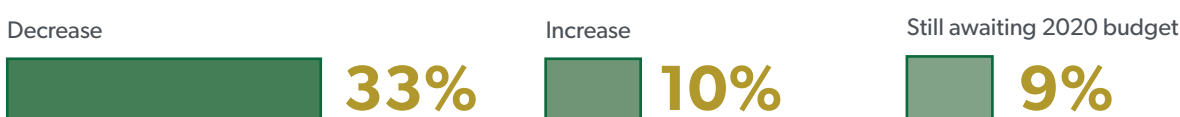
Over half of businesses are confident that they will meet their objectives with 11% feeling unconfident.

TOP FIVE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR H2 2020



HOW HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED BUDGETS?

48% Decision-makers expect their budgets to remain the same in 2021 with 33% expecting their budget to decrease.



HOW SPENDING LEVELS WILL CHANGE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR



EXISTING RESOURCES WILL BE UTILISED TO DELIVER PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES



BARRIERS TO HIRING

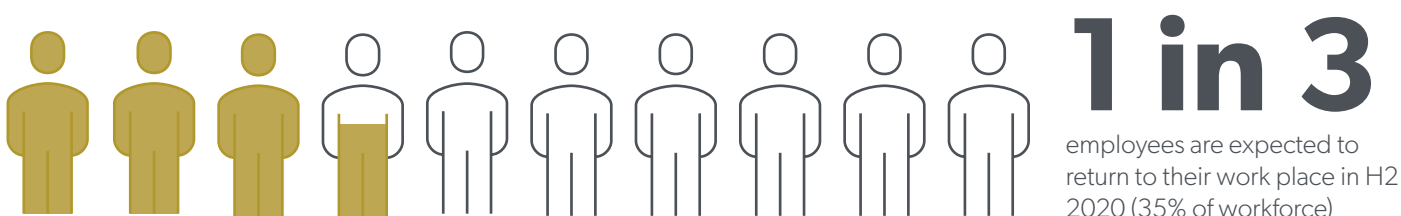


WHEN WILL EMPLOYEES RETURN TO THE WORK PLACE?

51% Businesses expect their workforce to return to the work place in three to six months' time followed by 16% expecting it to be within the next one to three months.



RETURNING TO THE WORK PLACE



ABOUT THE RESEARCH

Aston Carter conducted a survey in June 2020 with 151 business decision-makers. Respondents included members of the C-suite, company executives, vice presidents, directors and managers who have final decision-making authority and/or influence on their organisation's business strategic efforts. The sample includes a balance of decision-makers in line-of-business functions and across a broad spectrum of industries.

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