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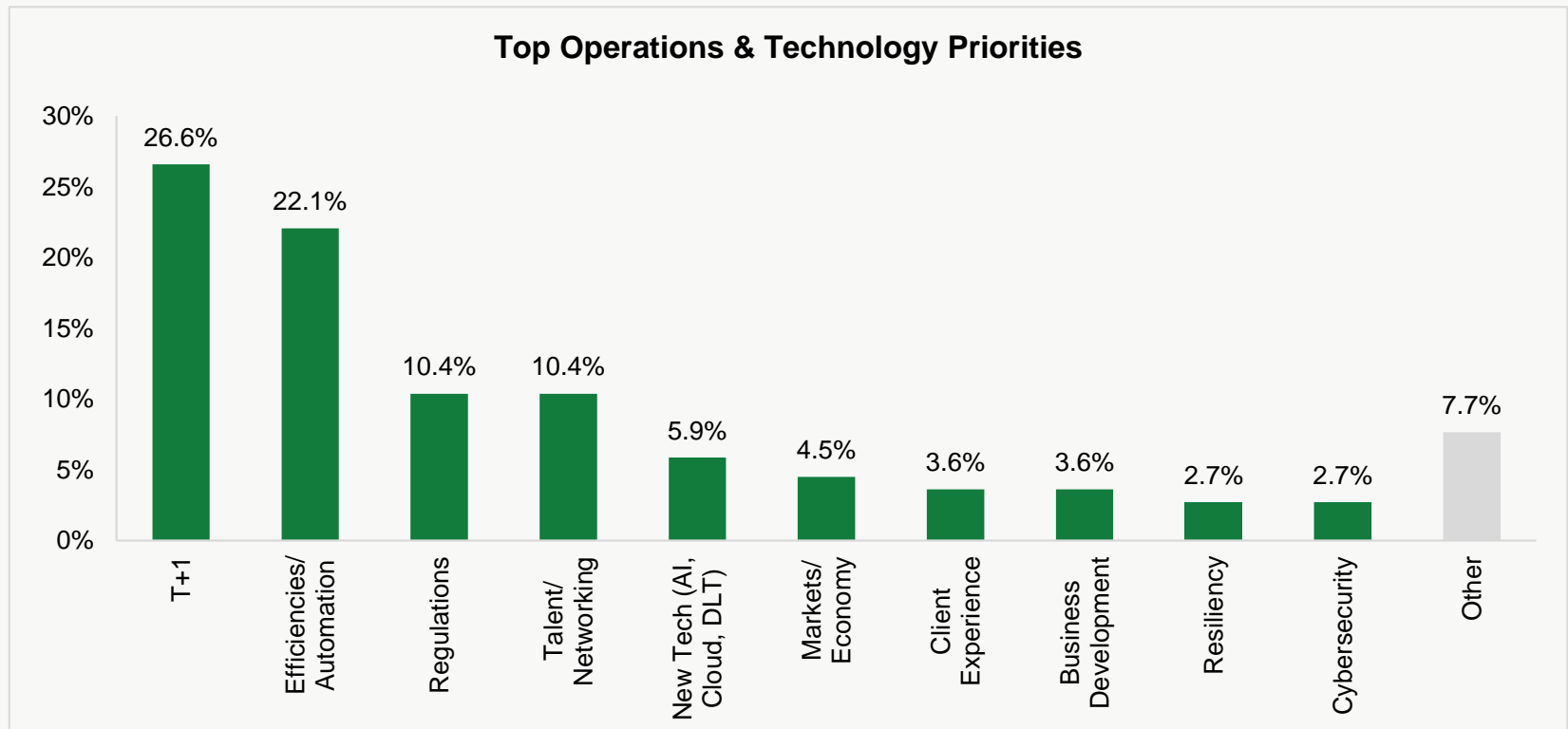
2023 Operations Conference Pre-Conference Survey Results

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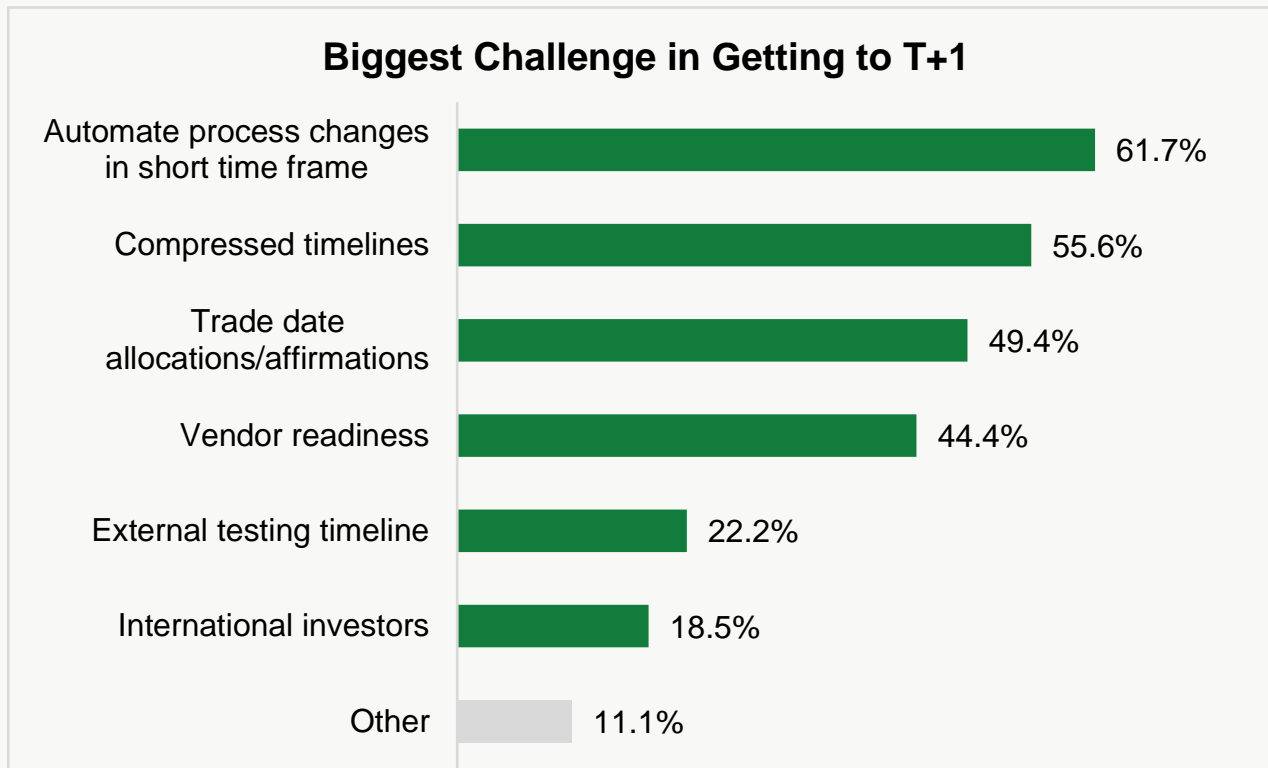
Industry Specific

Top Priorities for the Year



Q: Please list your top three priorities for the year

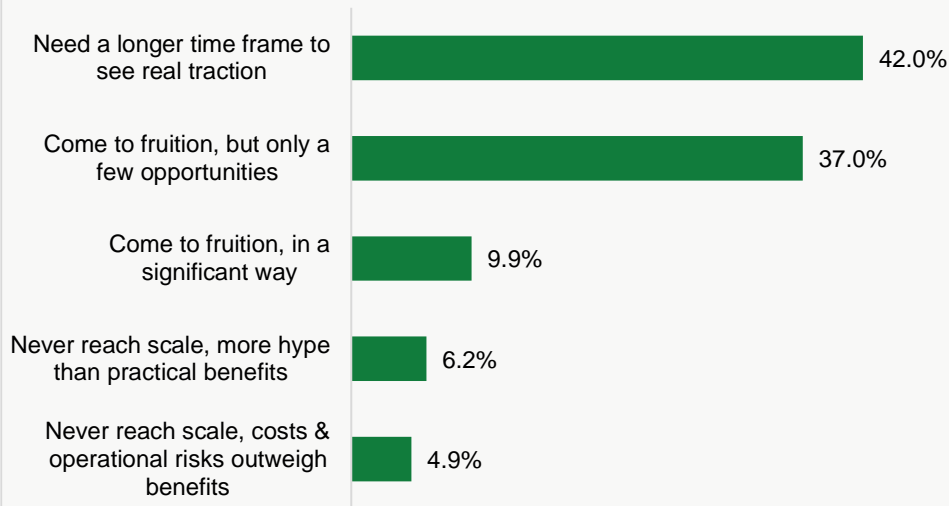
Biggest Challenges in Getting to T+1



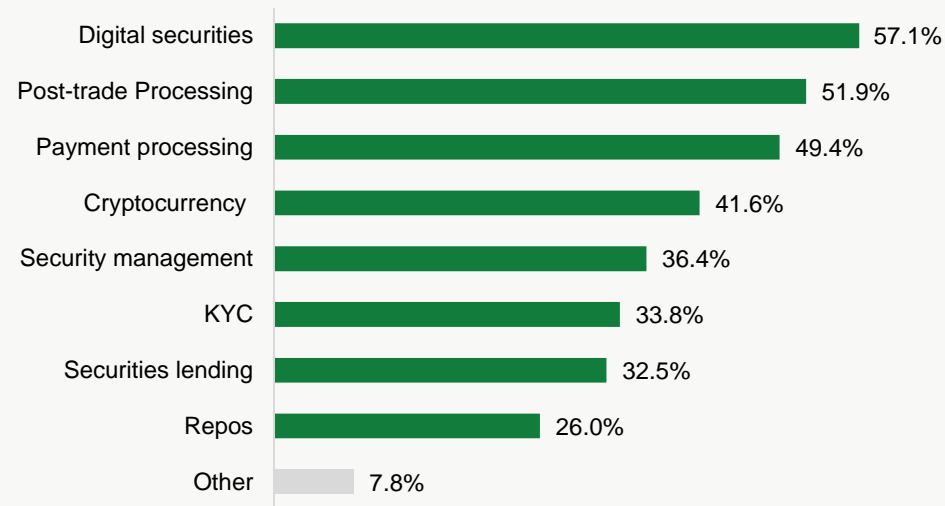
Q: What do you view as the biggest challenge in getting to T+1? (select all)

Blockchain Technology

Reality of Implementing Blockchain Technology

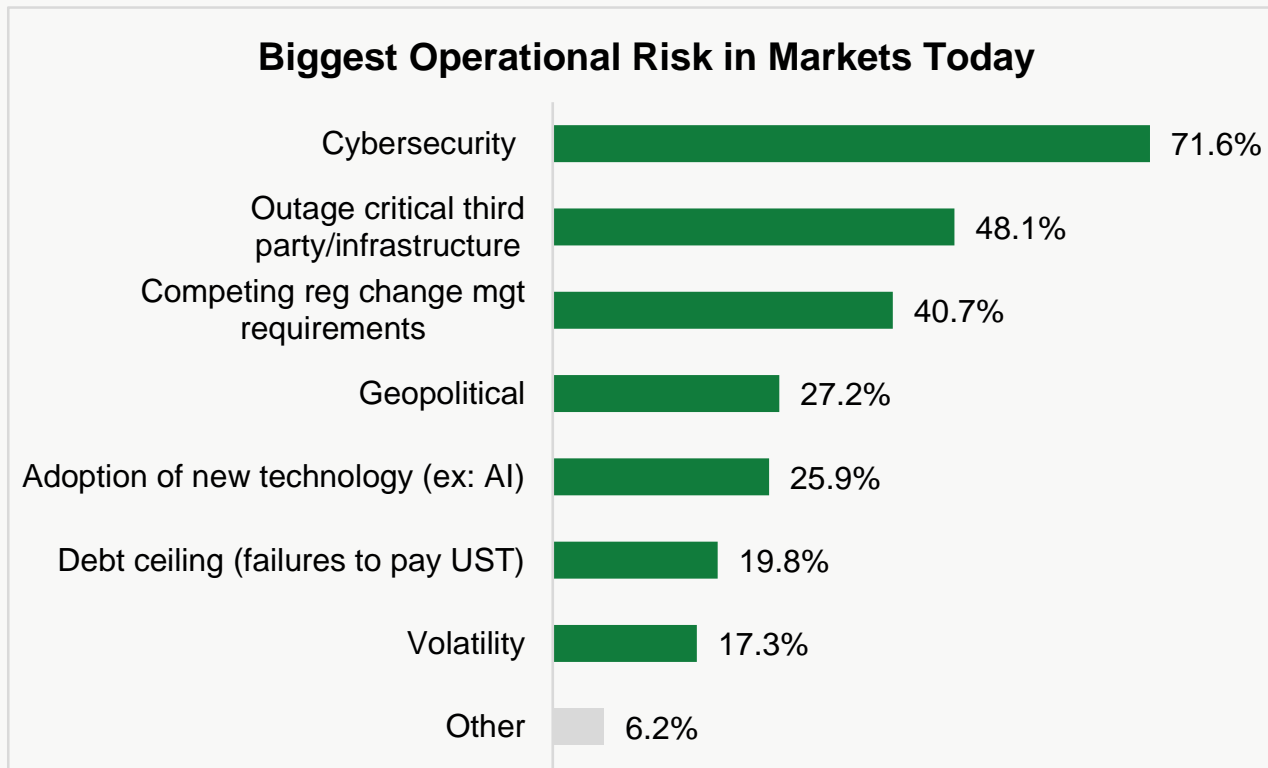


Blockchain Use Cases



Q: How real will blockchain technology be in the next 3-5 years in terms of gaining operational implementation? What are some of the likely blockchain use cases for implementation? (select all)

Operational Risk in Markets Today

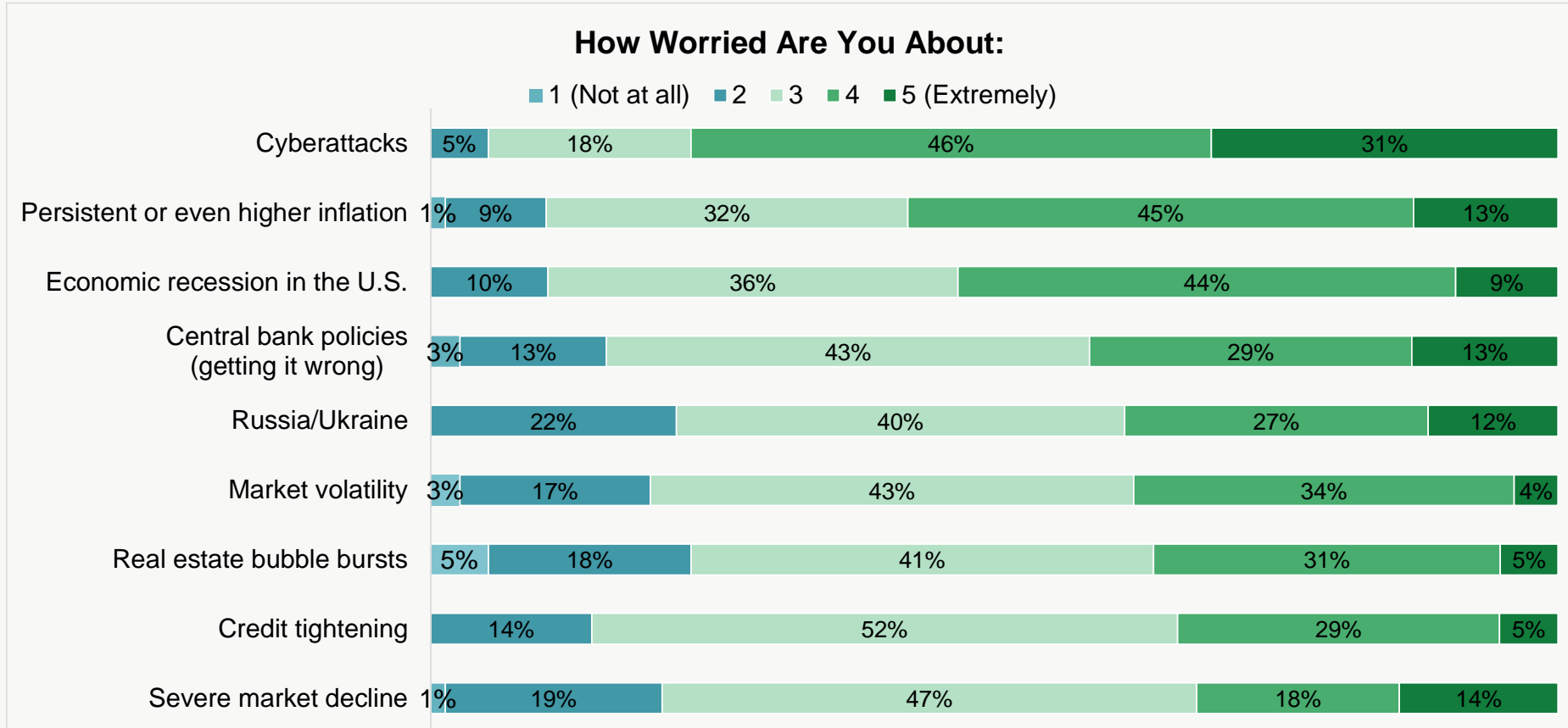


Q: What do you identify as the single biggest operational risk in the market today? (select all)



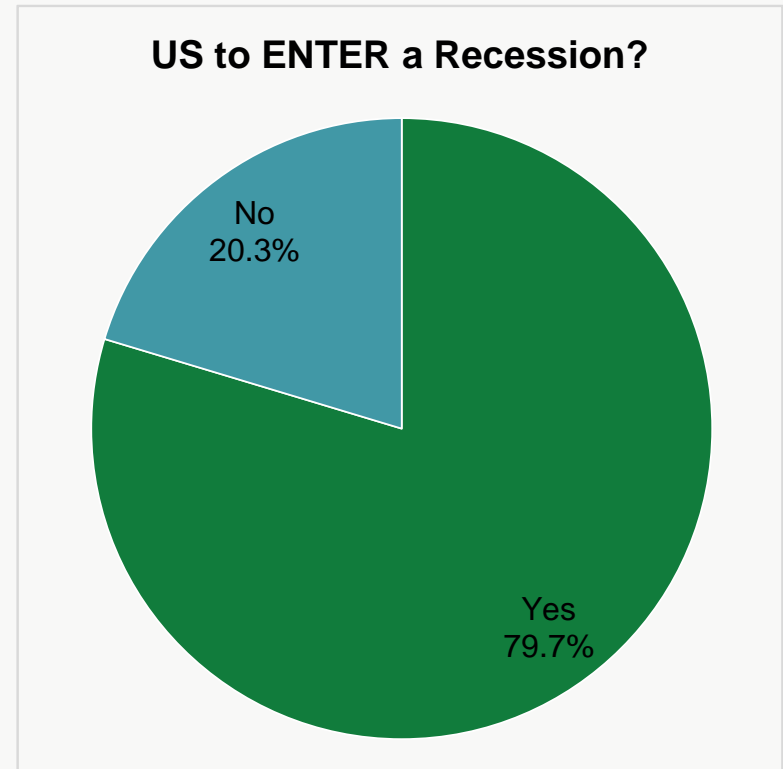
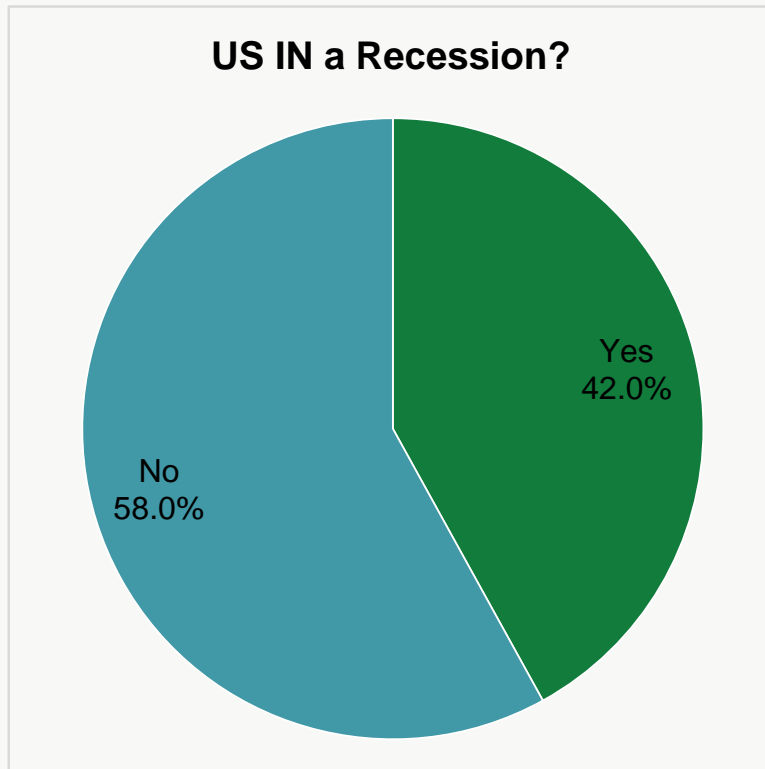
General/Economics

General Areas of Concern



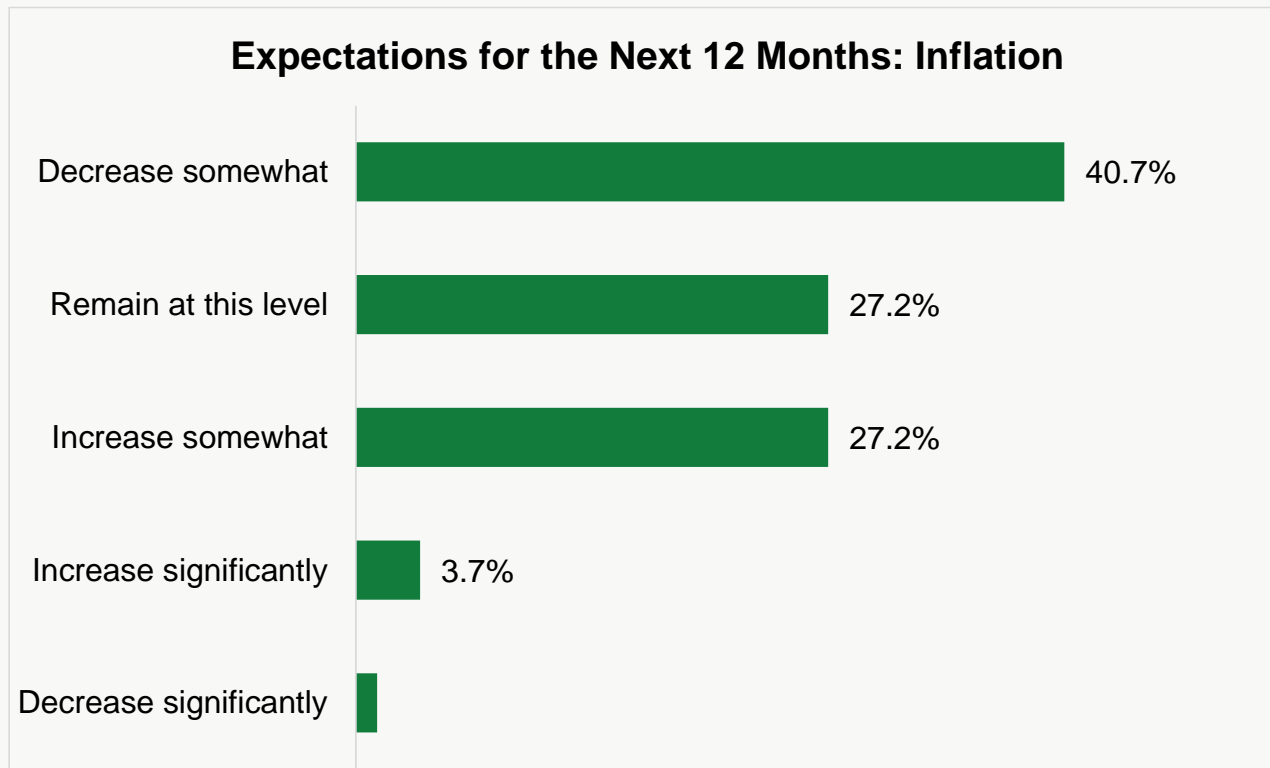
Q: How would you rate your level of concern about? (scale of 1-5; 1 = not at all, 5 = extremely worried)

US Economic Recession Concerns



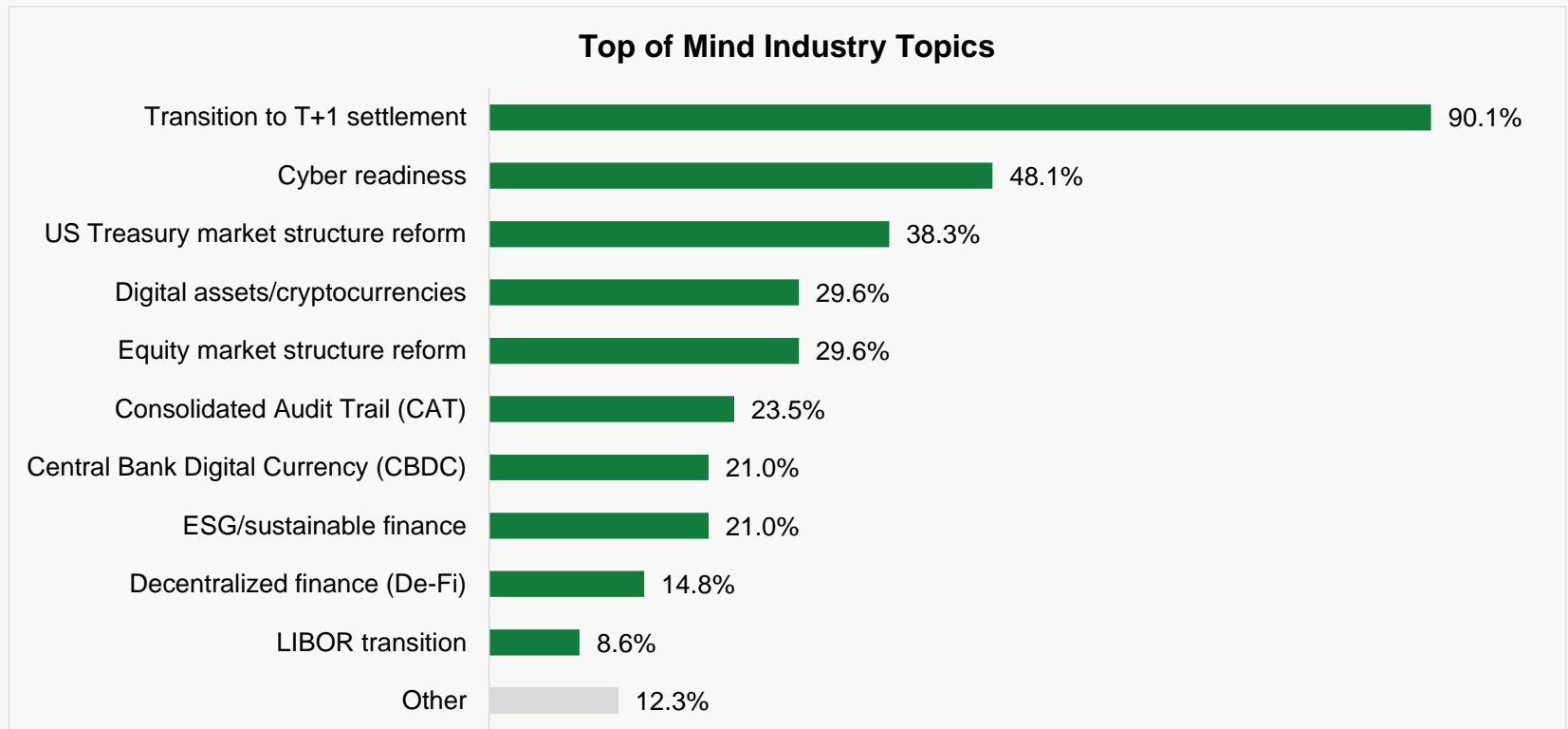
Q: Do you believe the U.S. is already in a recession? Do you expect the U.S. to enter a recession?

Inflation Expectations (next 12 months)



Q: What are your inflation expectations for the next 12 months?

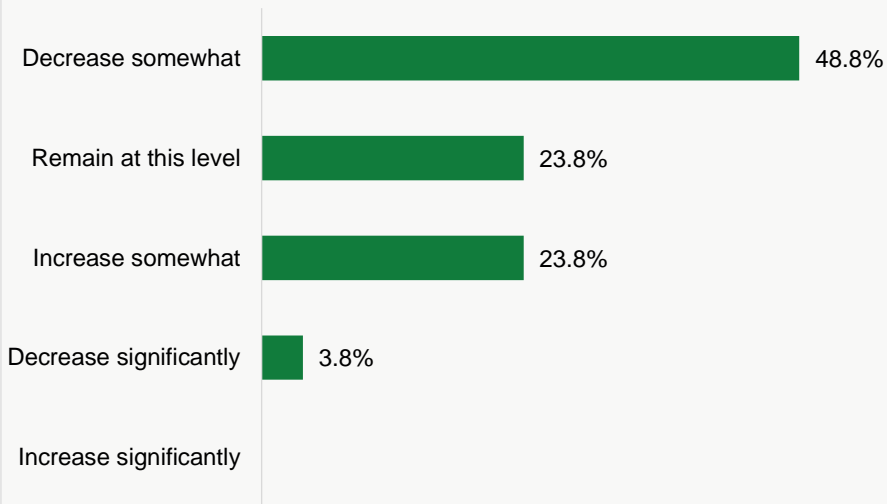
Top of Mind General Industry Topics



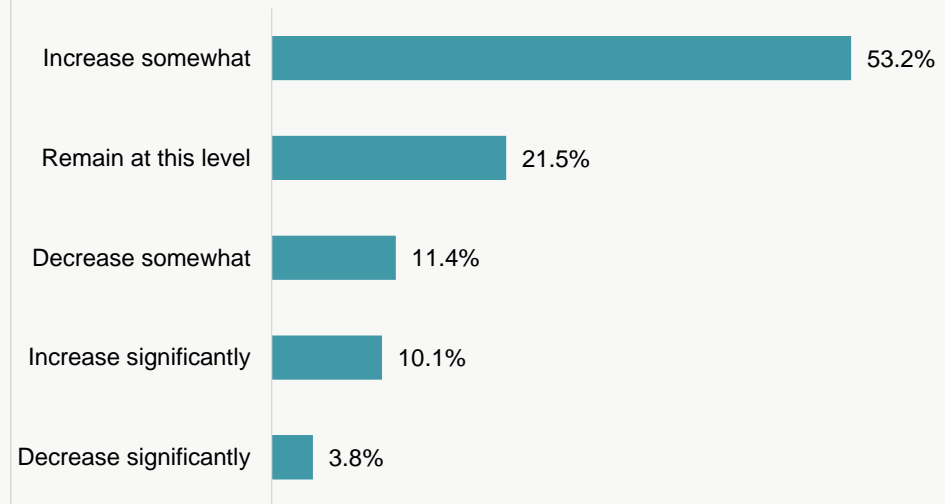
Q: What industry topics are top of mind for you? (select all)

S&P 500/VIX Expectations (next 12 mo)

Expectations for the Next 12 Months: Markets (SPX)



Expectations for the Next 12 Months: Volatility (VIX)



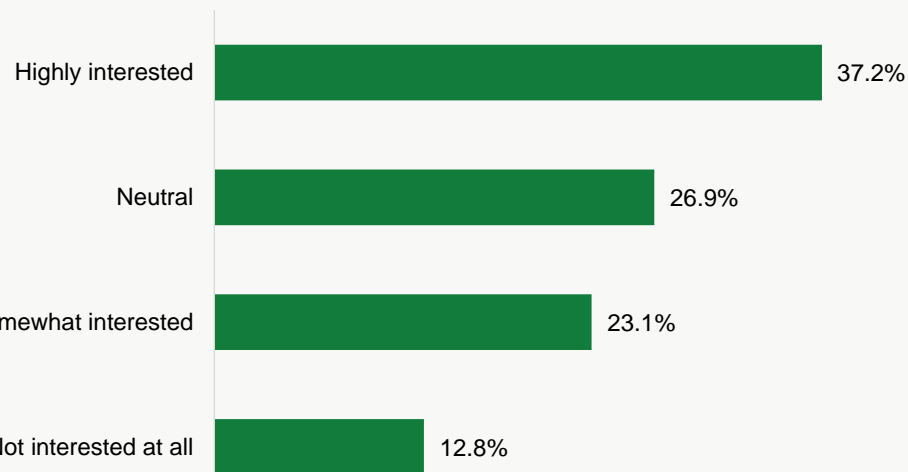
Q: Over the next 12 months, do you expect: Markets (S&P 500 index)? Volatility (VIX index)?



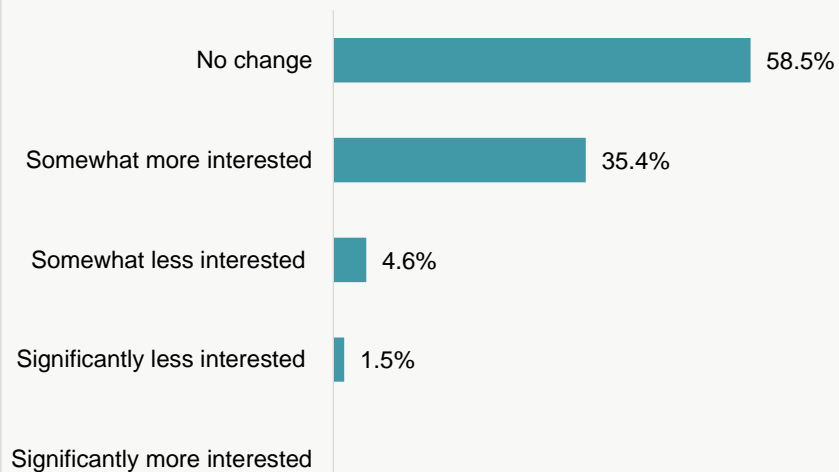
Thematic Investing

ESG/Sustainable Opportunities

Firm's Interest in ESG/Sustainable: Current Level



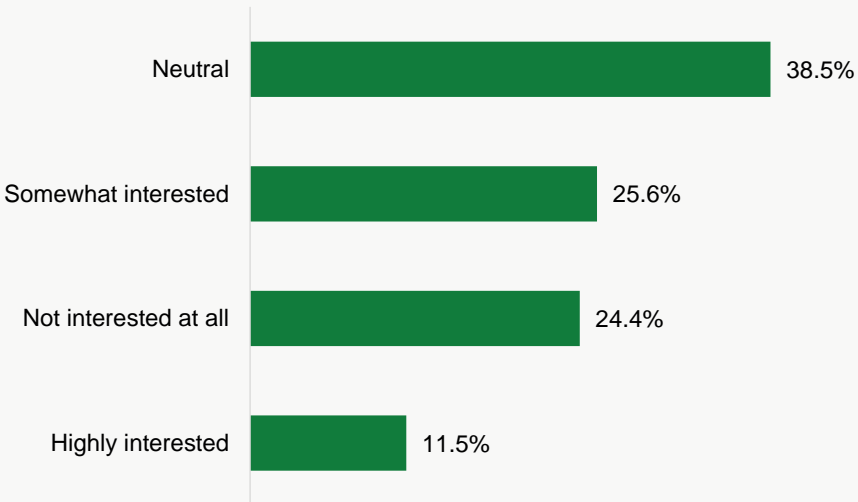
Firm's Interest in ESG/Sustainable: How Changed



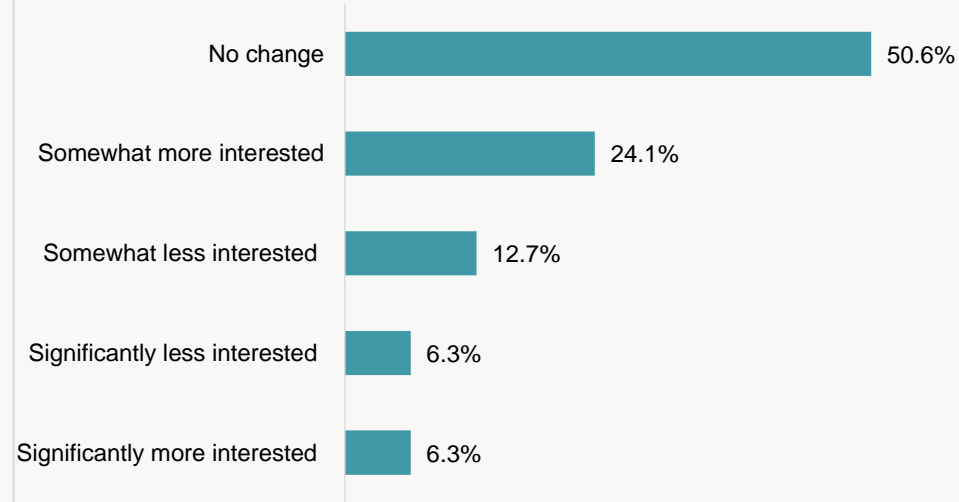
Q: How do you rate your firm's current interest in providing ESG/sustainable products/underwriting? How has this changed since last year?

Crypto Asset Investing & Technology

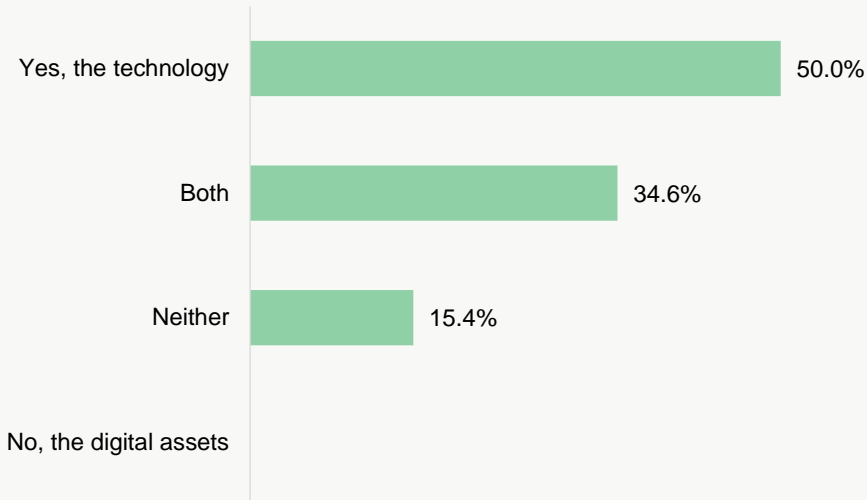
Firm's Interest in Crypto Assets: Current Level



Firm's Interest in Crypto Assets: How Changed



Firm's Interest Is in the Underlying Technology



Qs: How do you rate your firm's current interest in crypto asset investing? How has this changed since last year? My firm's interest is in the underlying technology rather than the assets themselves.