

Corporate Treasurer Survey 2025

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Introduction

- Survey of large corporates regarding their banking partners for funding, investment and risk management in October 2025
- Total of 104 respondents split across:
 - Middle East & Africa (62)
 - Central & Eastern Europe (25)
 - Latin America (17)
- Share of respondents by annual revenue:
 - Less than \$500m (26%)
 - \$500m-\$1bn (22%)
 - \$1bn-\$5bn (29%)
 - Over \$5bn (22%)



Firms looking to increase funding activity

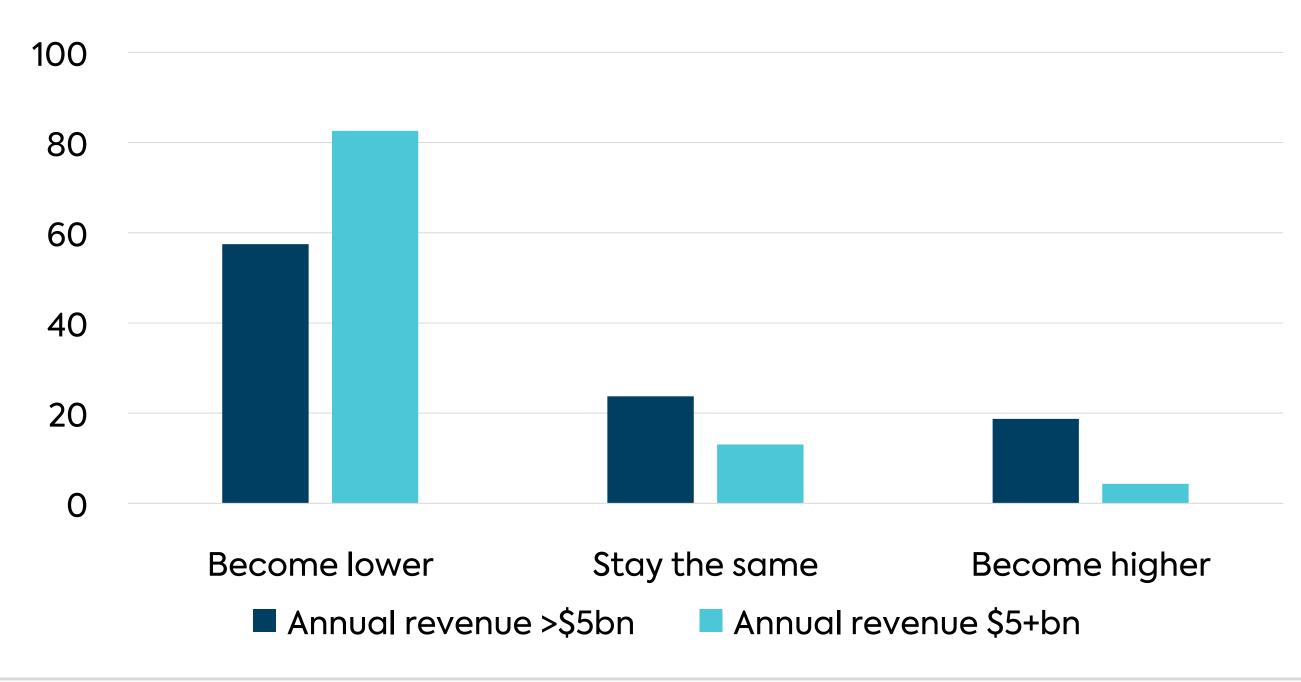
Previous and planned funding for bonds and syndicated loans

Bond		Syndicated Loans	
Past 12 months?	Next 12-24 months?	Past 12 months?	Next 12-24 months?
33%	57% ↑	46%	58% ↑



Expectation of lower funding costs

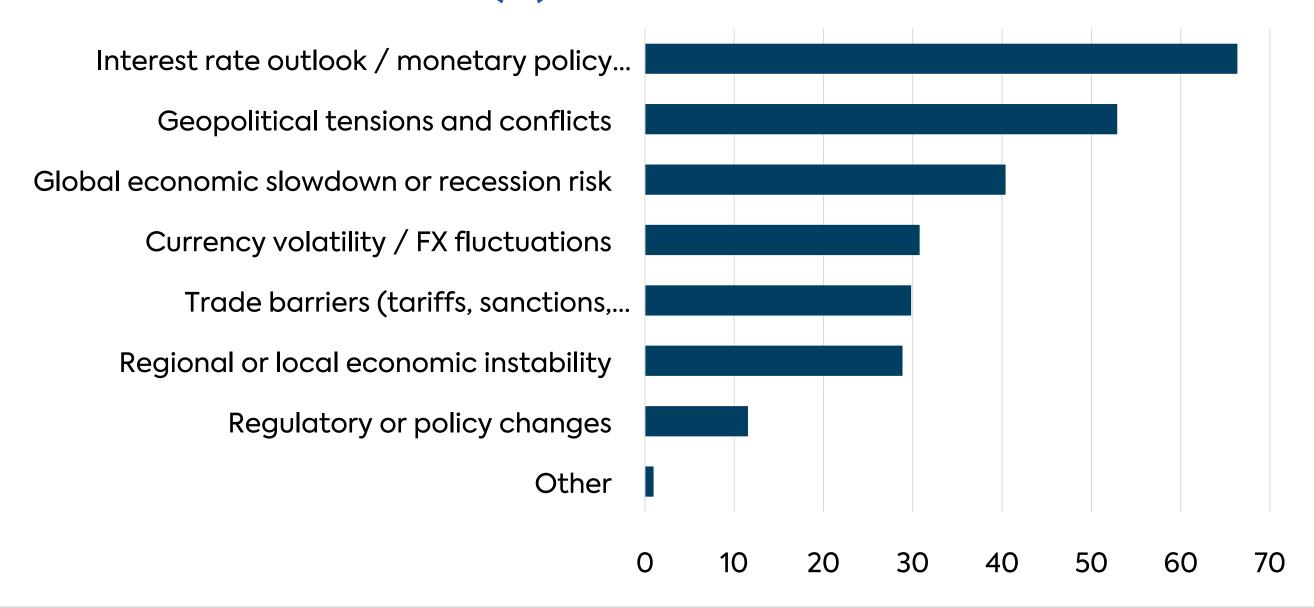
Over the next 12 months, I expect my financing costs to: (%)





Rates and geopolitics dominate concerns

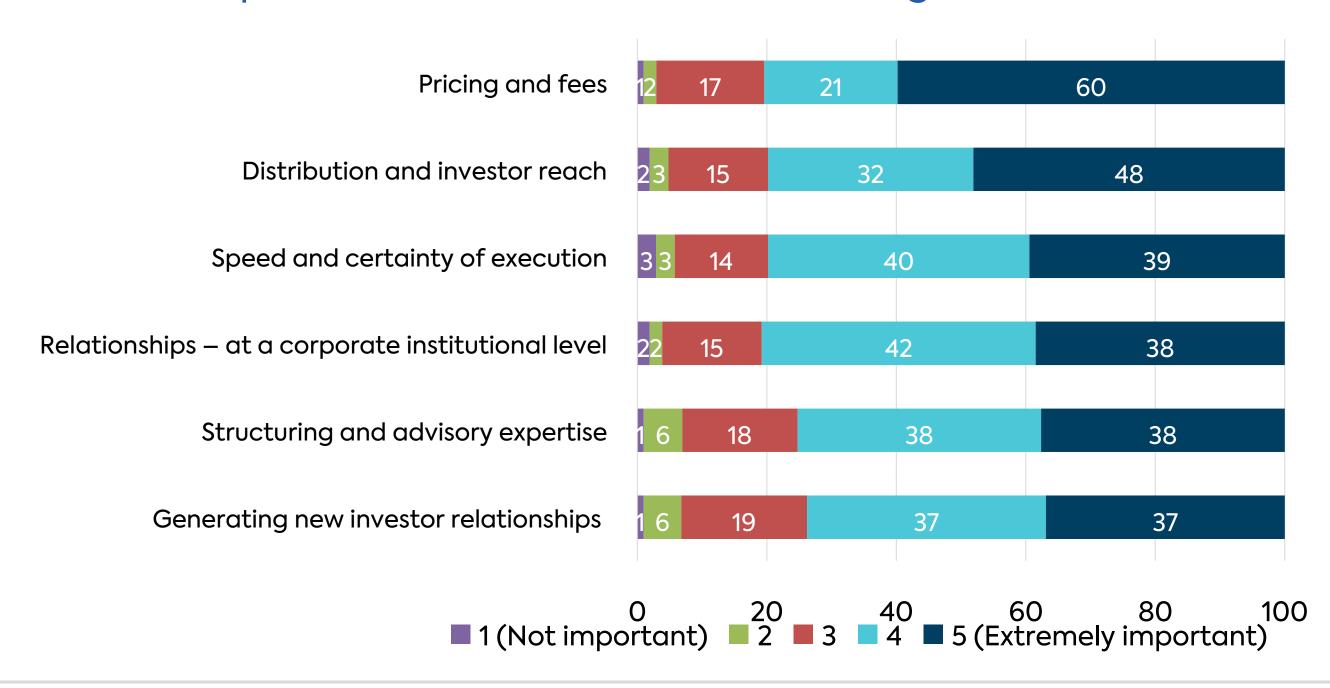
Which external factors are you most concerned about impacting your organisation's funding over the next 12 months? (%)





Pricing and fees crucial for bond issuance...

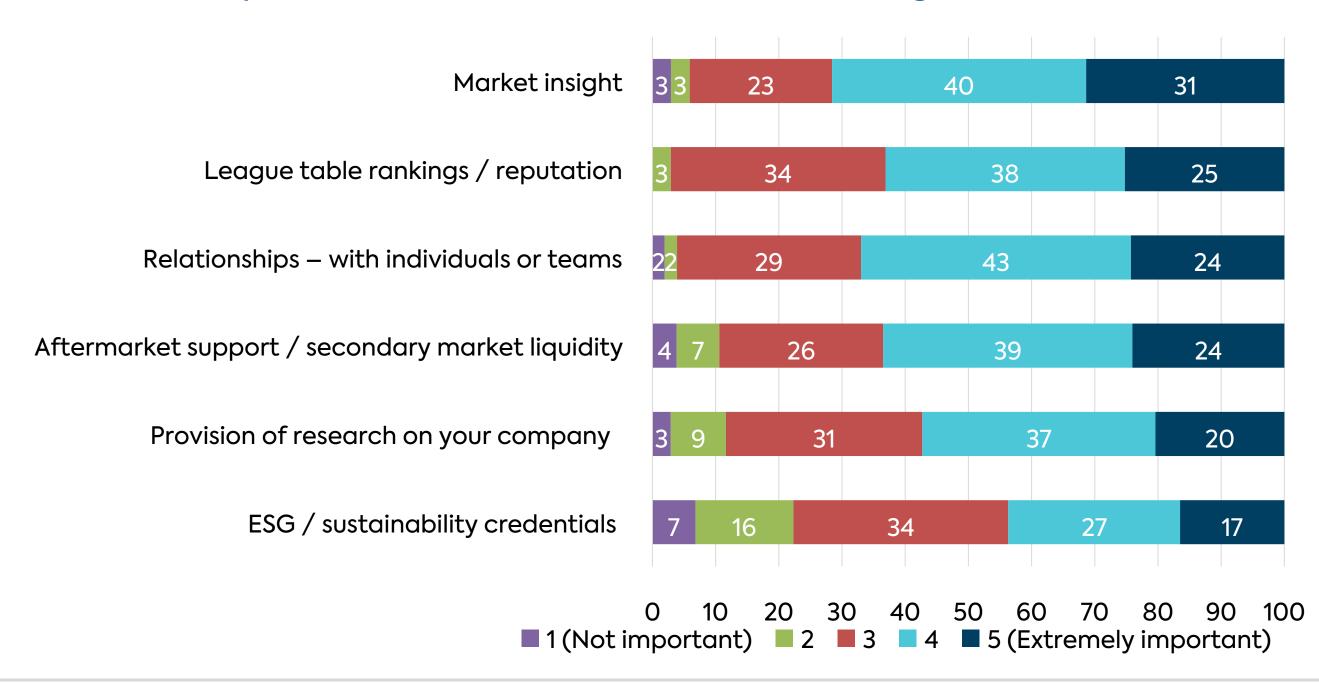
Rate how important each factor is when selecting banks for a bond issue (scale of 1-5)





...ESG factors lag

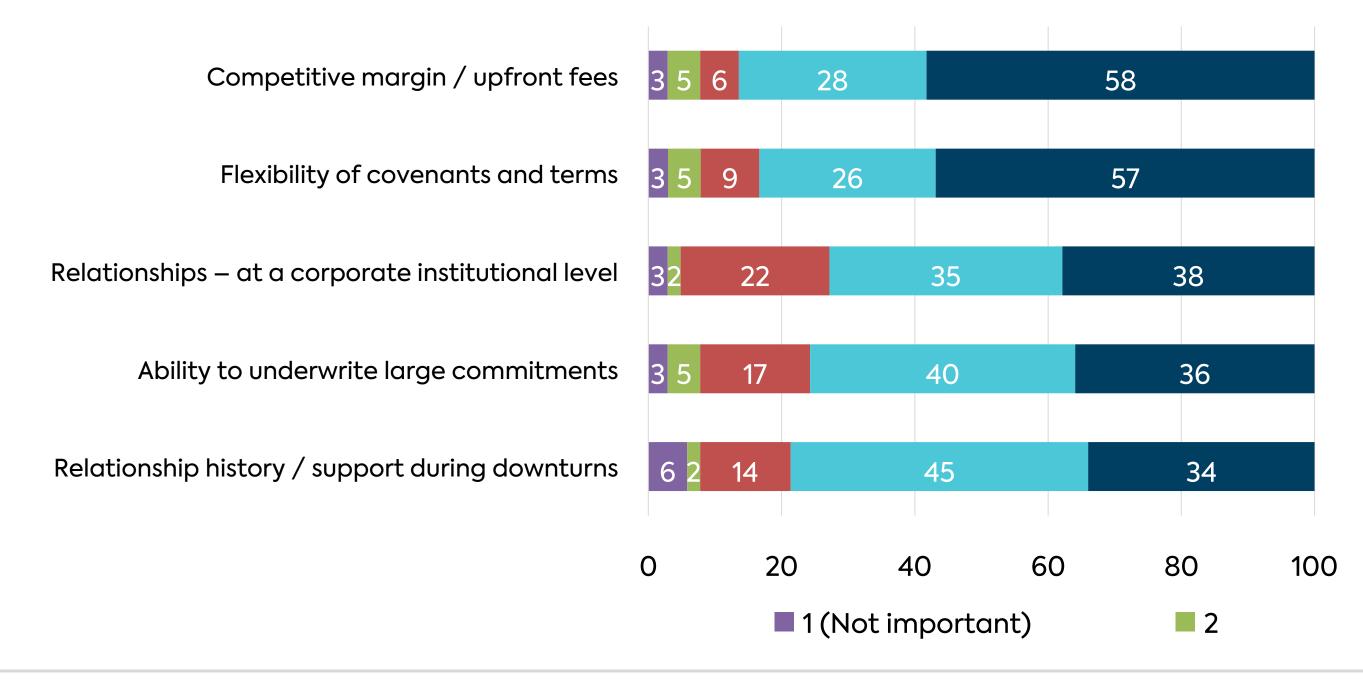
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Fees key for syndicated loans too...

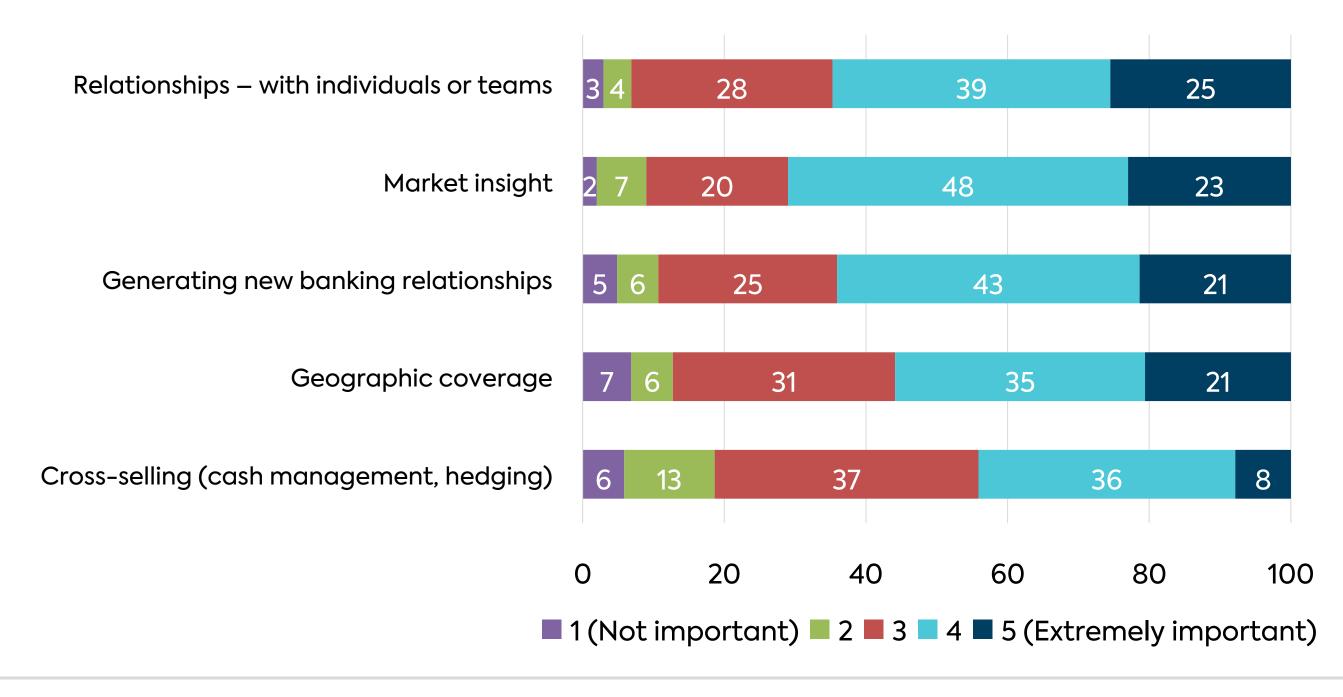
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...less so cross-selling

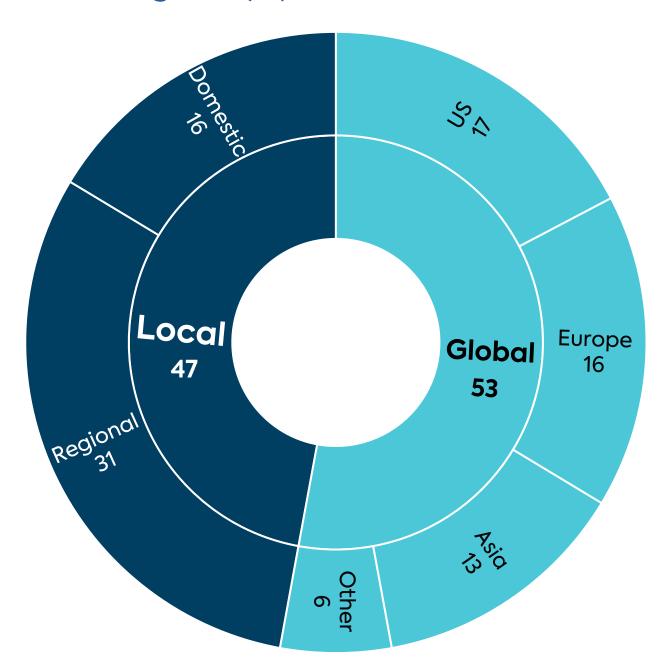
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Firms look abroad to grow investors

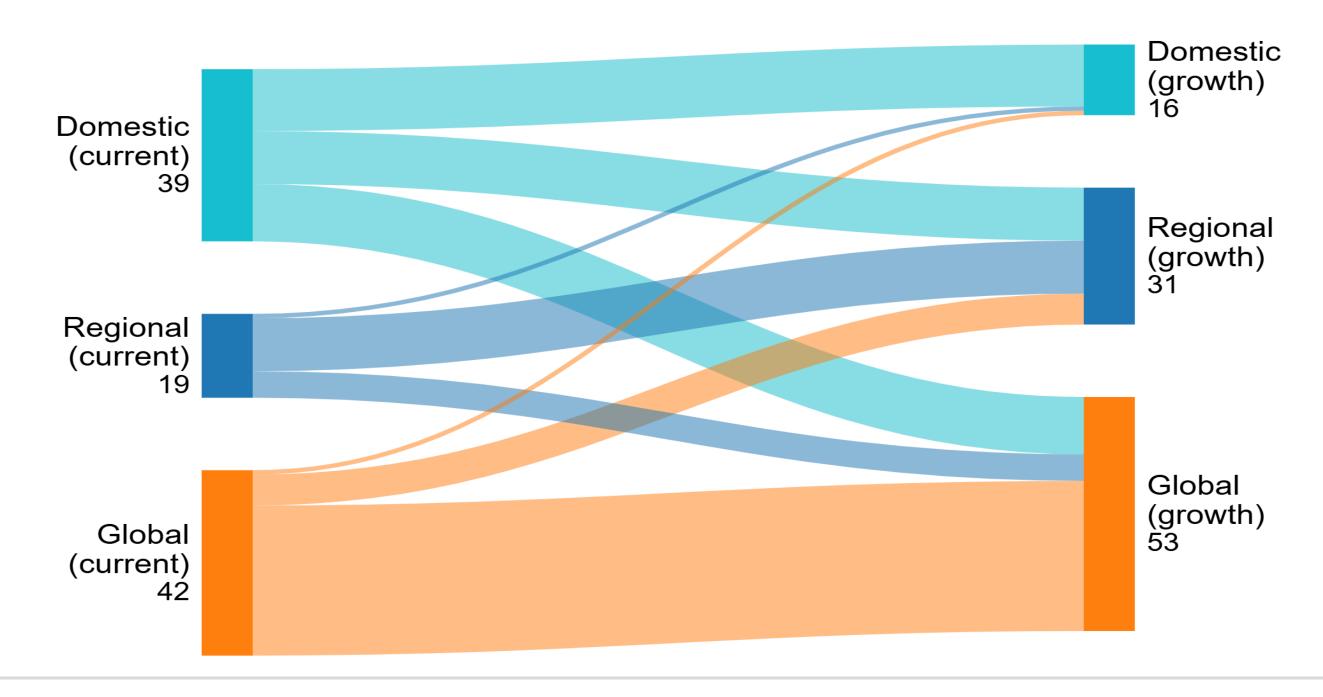
Which investor base do you most want to grow (%)





Most look to grow a global investor base

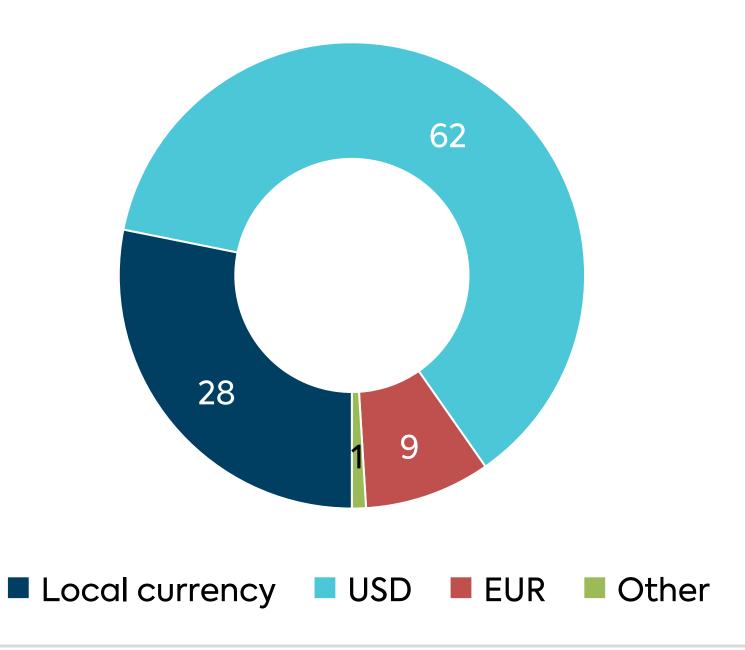
What is your most important investor base (LHS); and which do you most want to grow (RHS), %





Dollar funding dominates

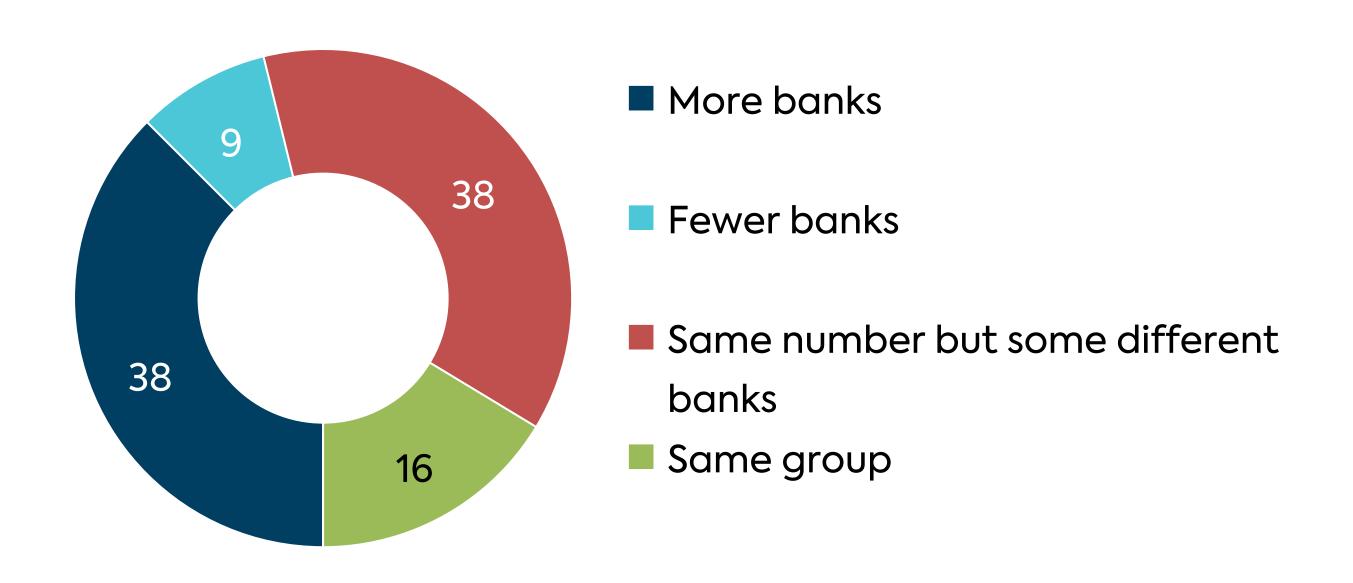
What is your preferred currency of issuance (%)





Corporates want more or different banks

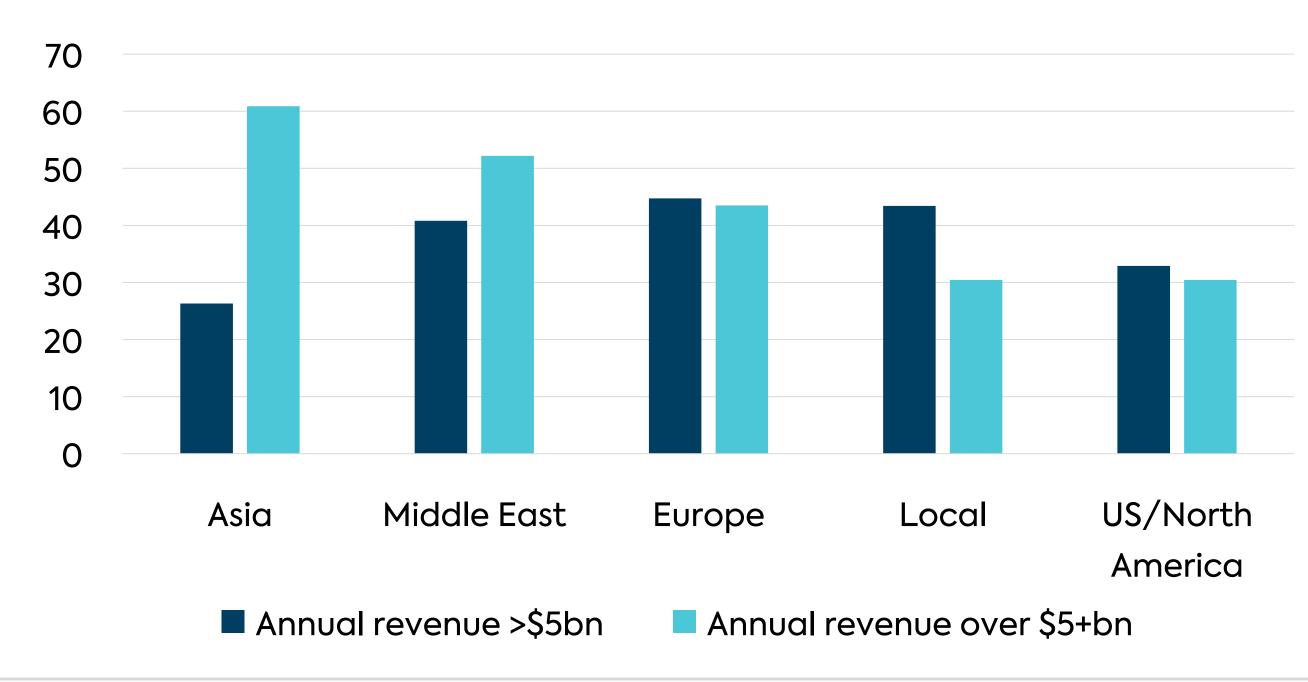
Would you like to change the number of banks in your relationship group? (%)





Larger firms look towards Asian banks

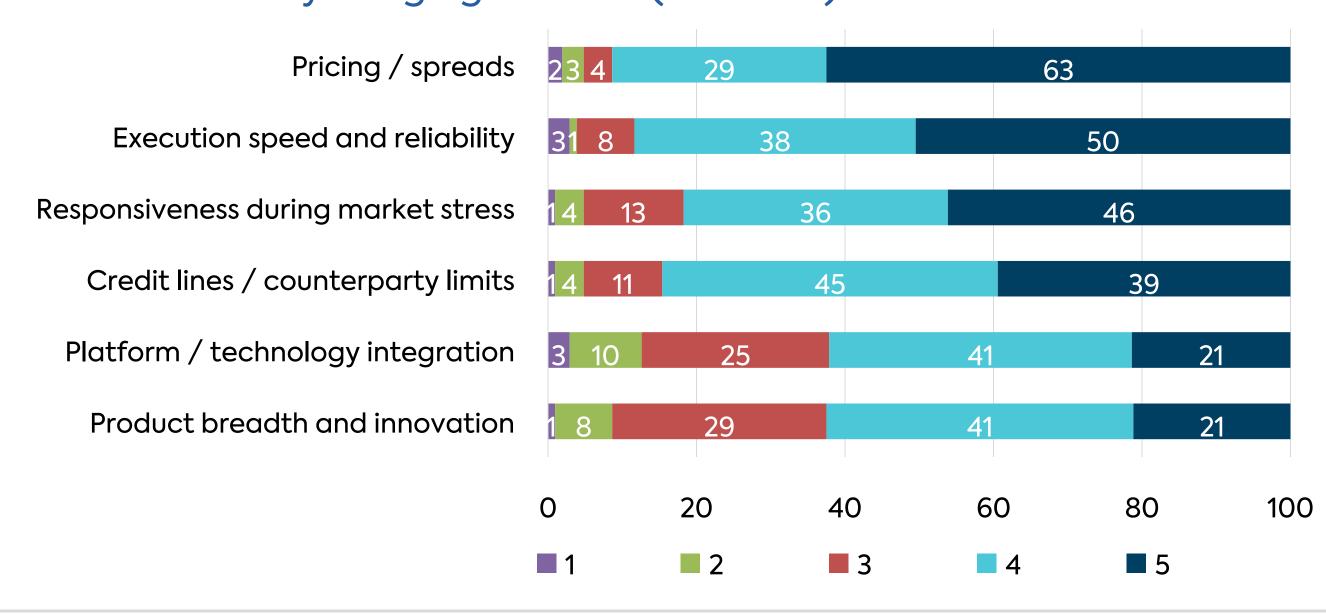
If you are looking to change the relationship group, which would you like more of? (%)





Pricing and execution key for hedging services

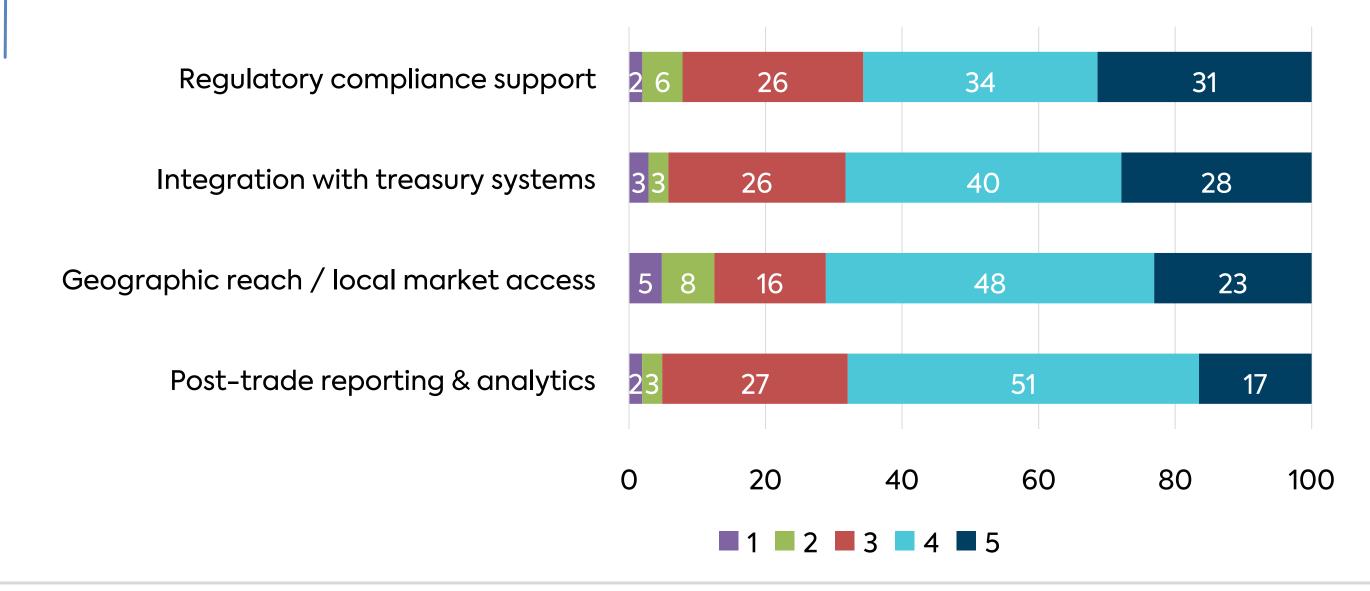
How important is each risk management factor when selecting banks for FX, interest rate, and commodity hedging services (scale 1-5)





Compliance support key for bank selection

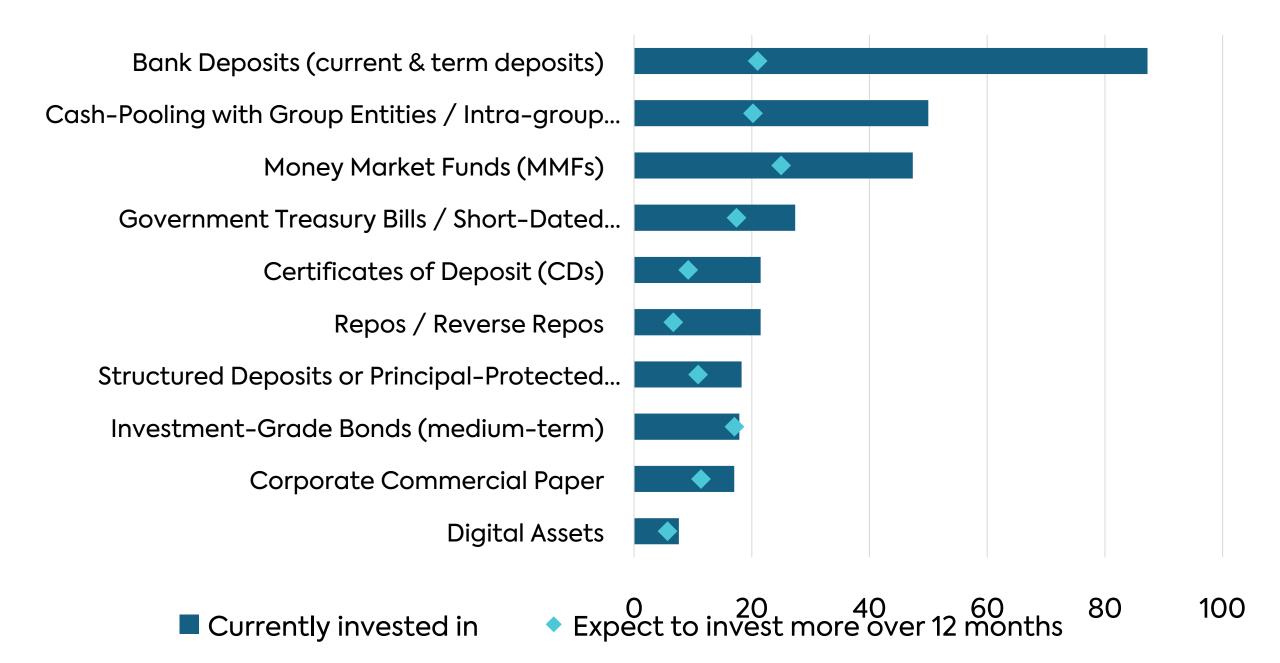
How important is each operational factor when selecting banks for FX, interest rate, and commodity hedging services (scale 1-5)





Firms expect to invest more in MMFs

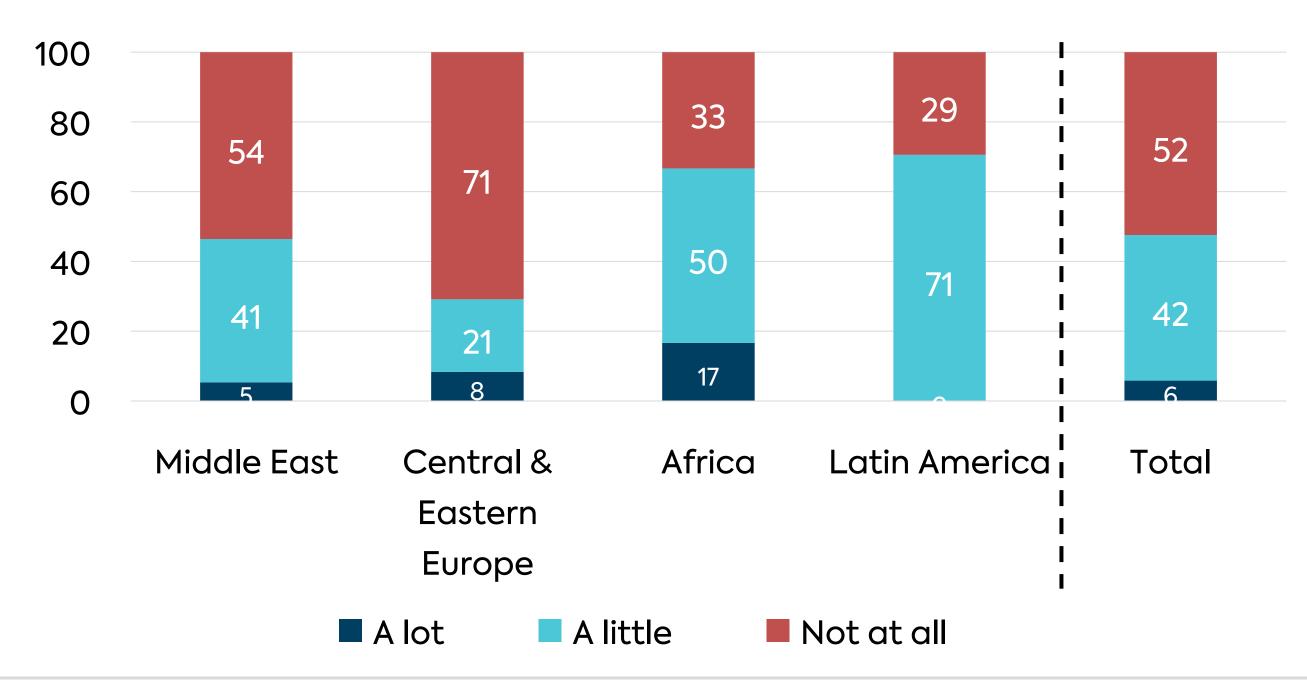
Do you currently / expect to invest more surplus cash in these instruments in the next 12m (%)





Limited use of Al across regions

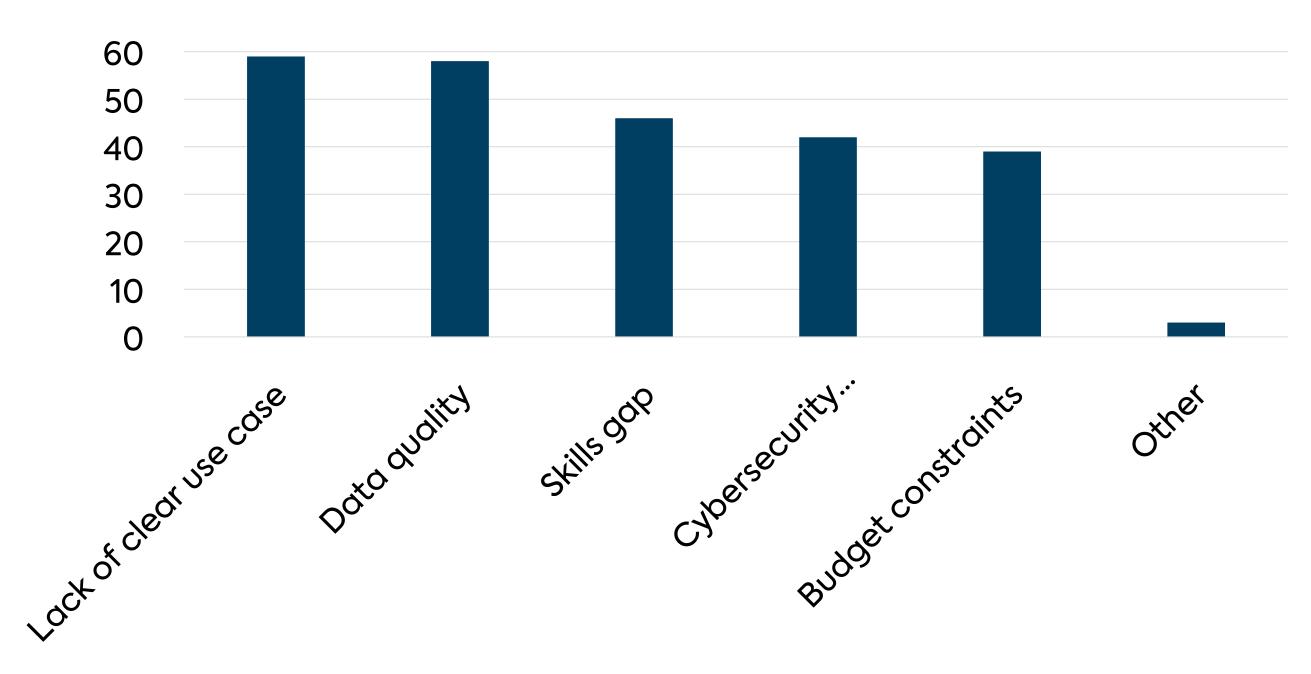






Lack of use cases and good data limit Al use

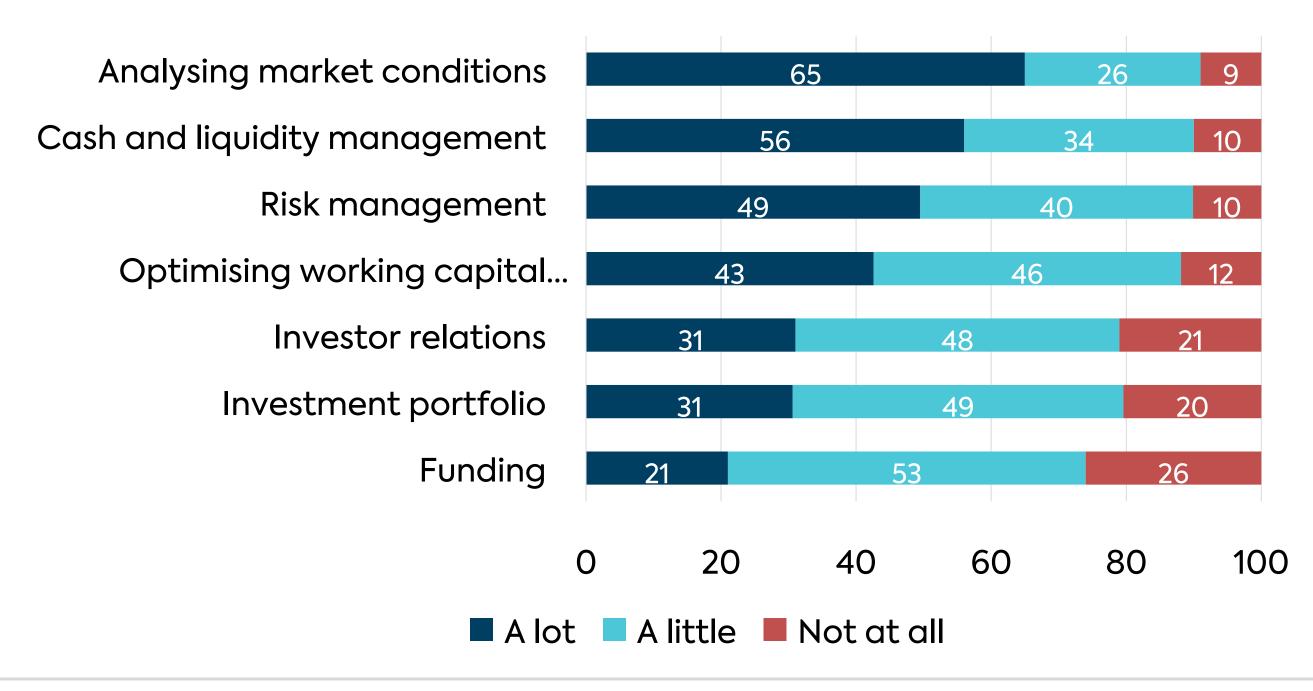
What do you see as the biggest barriers to adopting Al in your treasury (%)





Multiple Al use cases seen within 3 years

Within three years, how much will AI help your treasury team in the following areas? (%)





Conclusion

- Most corporate treasurers expect funding costs to fall despite concerns over interest rates and geopolitics
- Over 75% want different banks in their relationship group,
 prioritising those offering lower fees and wider investor distribution
- The majority are focused on growing a global investor base
- Within 3 years, most corporates expect considerable AI use for market analysis and cash management purposes



Thank you

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