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# LIQUIDITY RISK SURVEY RESULTS



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#### **WHAT**

Discussing highlights from the Liquidity Risk Survey.



#### WHEN

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST



#### **WHERE**

Live online presentation Replays at StrategicTreasurer.com















### **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

### GET TO KNOW TODAY'S SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS



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### **CRAIG JEFFERY**

Craig Jeffery formed Strategic Treasurer in 2004 to provide corporate, educational and government entities direct access to comprehensive and current assistance with their treasury and financial process needs.

His 30+ years of financial and treasury experience as a practitioner and as a consultant have uniquely qualified him to help organizations craft realistic goals and achieve significant benefits quickly.





# TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS & ANALYSIS



### **ABOUT THE SURVEY**

**KEY POINTS OF INTEREST** 



# SAFETY, LIQUIDITY & YIELD

**PRIORITIES** 



### **INVESTING**

WHERE, HOW, LIMITING EXPOSURE



### **COUNTERPARTY RISK**

**EVALUATING & MONITORING** 



# ESG, LOANS & BANK RELATIONSHIPS

SHIFTS & POSITIONS



### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

FROM THE RESEARCH





# **SURVEY QUICK STATS**

2023 LIQUIDITY RISK

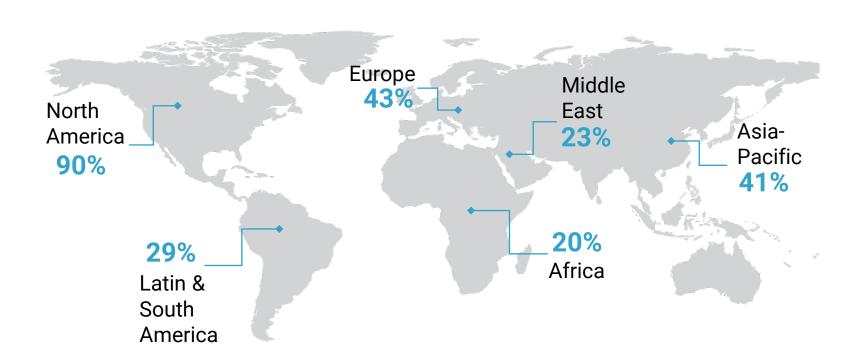




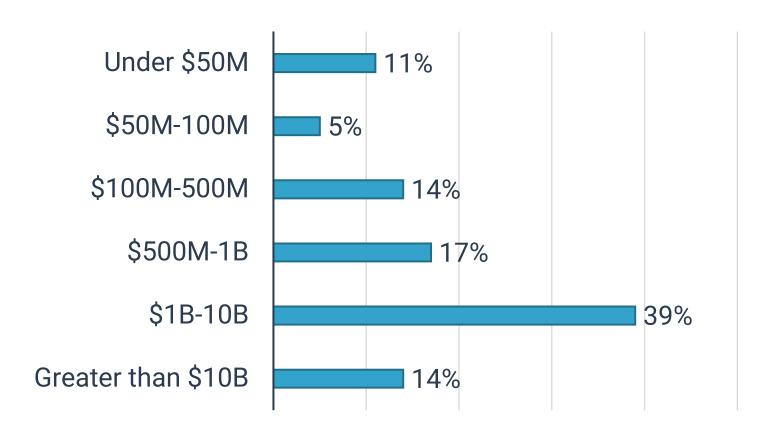




#### **Regions of Operations**



#### **Corporate annual revenue**



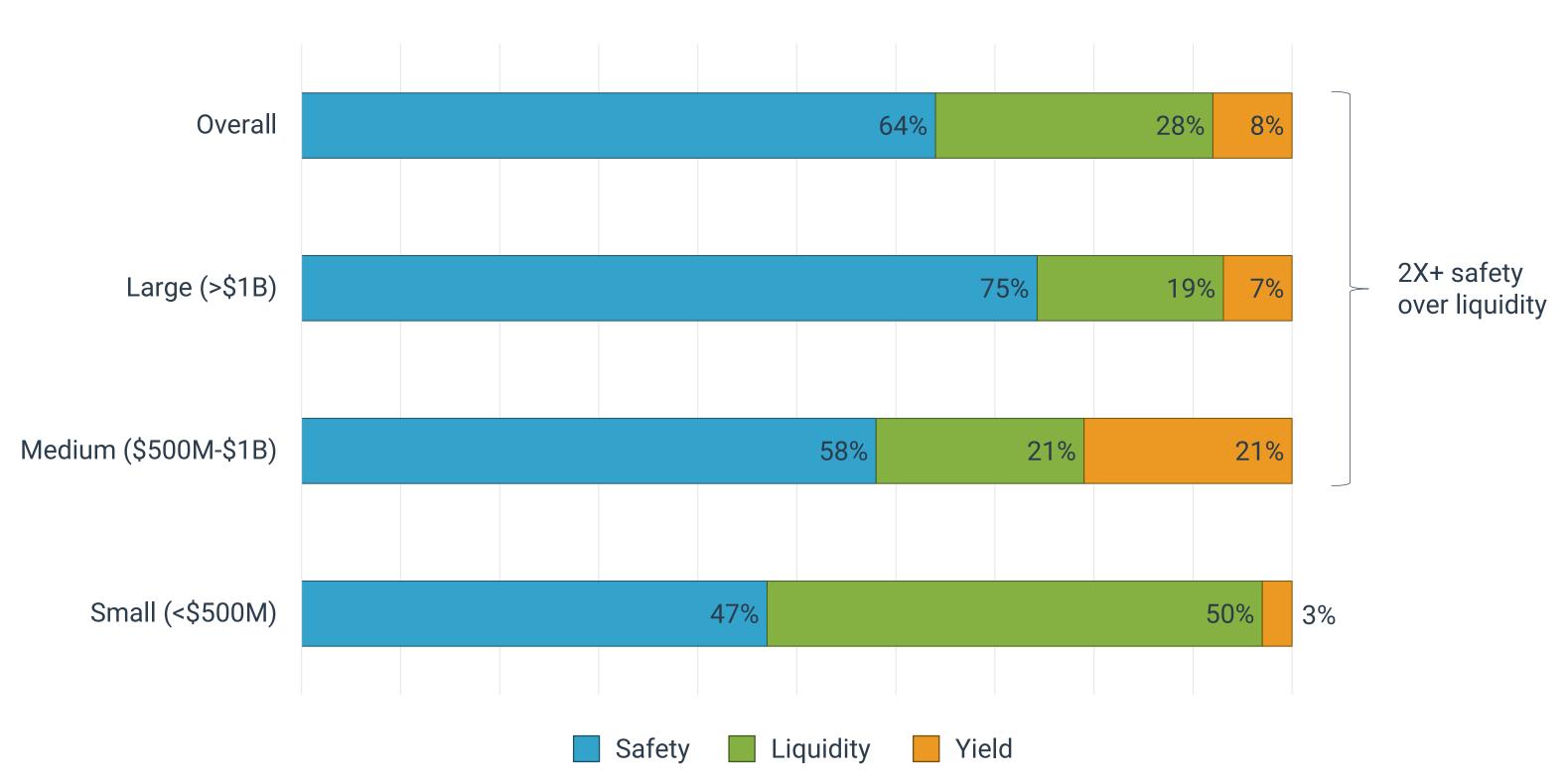




## SAFETY TOP PRIORITY OVERALL

SMALL BUSINESSES PRIORITIZE LIQUIDITY

### **Priorities for short-term investments**



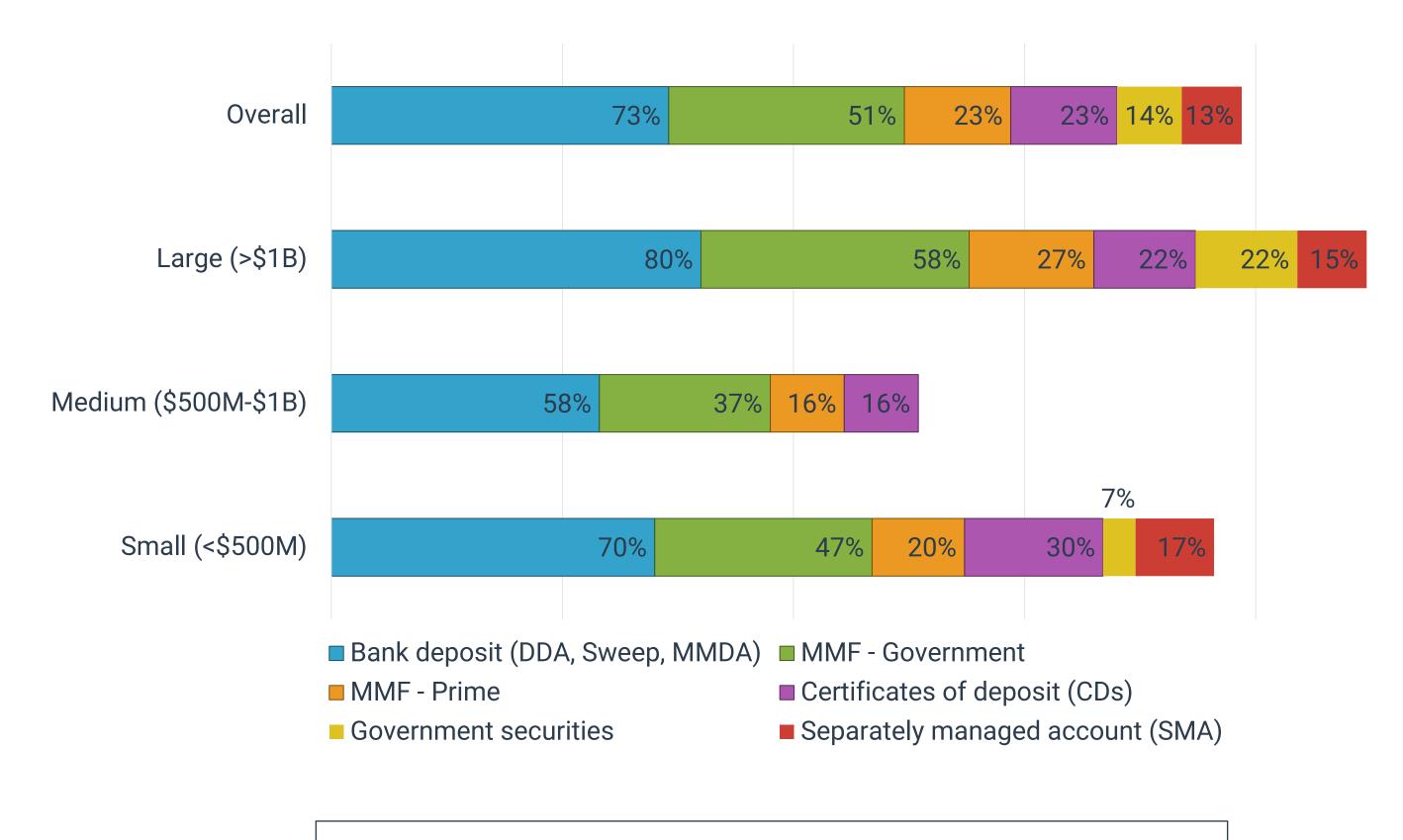




### **SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

#### WHERE COMPANIES PUT THEIR CASH

>> In the past year, what US (domestic) investment vehicles did you use for short-term funds? (Select all that apply)





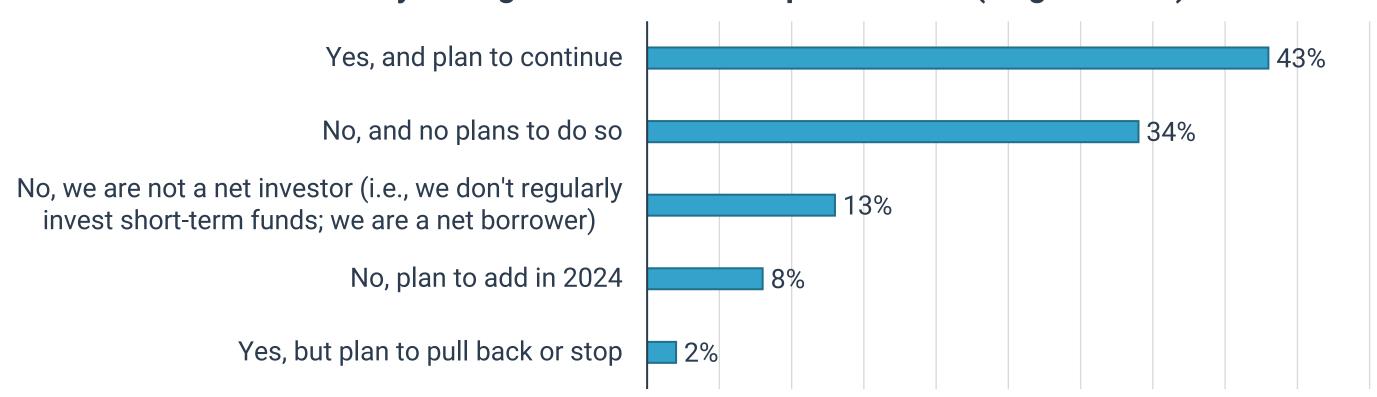
**52**% started using bank deposit (DDA, sweep, MMDA), and money market fund (fixed/gov) in the prior 12 months



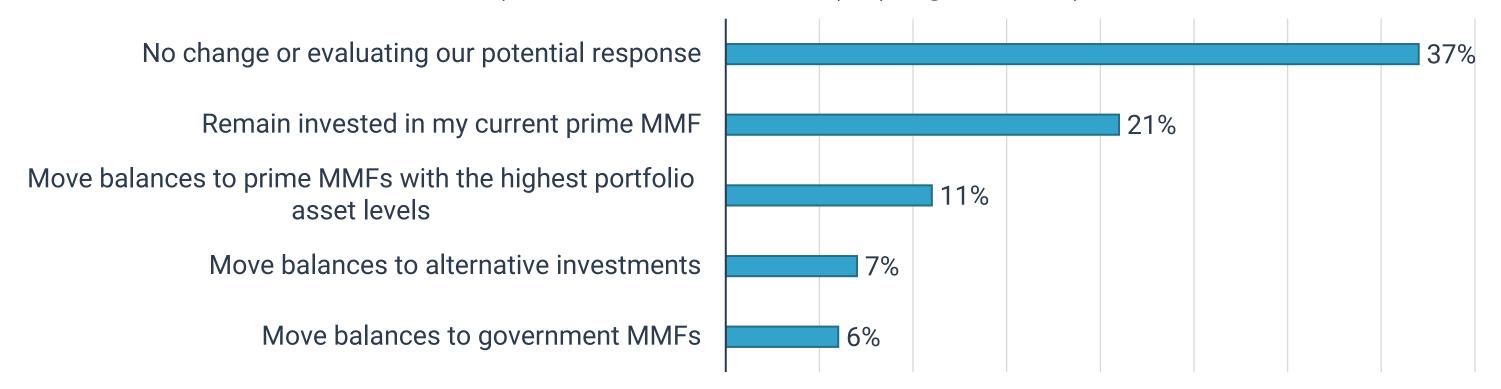


# POLL QUESTION

Poll 1 - Does your organization invest in prime MMF? (single choice)



Poll 2 - For prime MMF investors, what do you intend to do with your prime MMF investments in light of the pending SEC regulations requiring mandatory liquidity fees (effective October 2024)? (single choice)

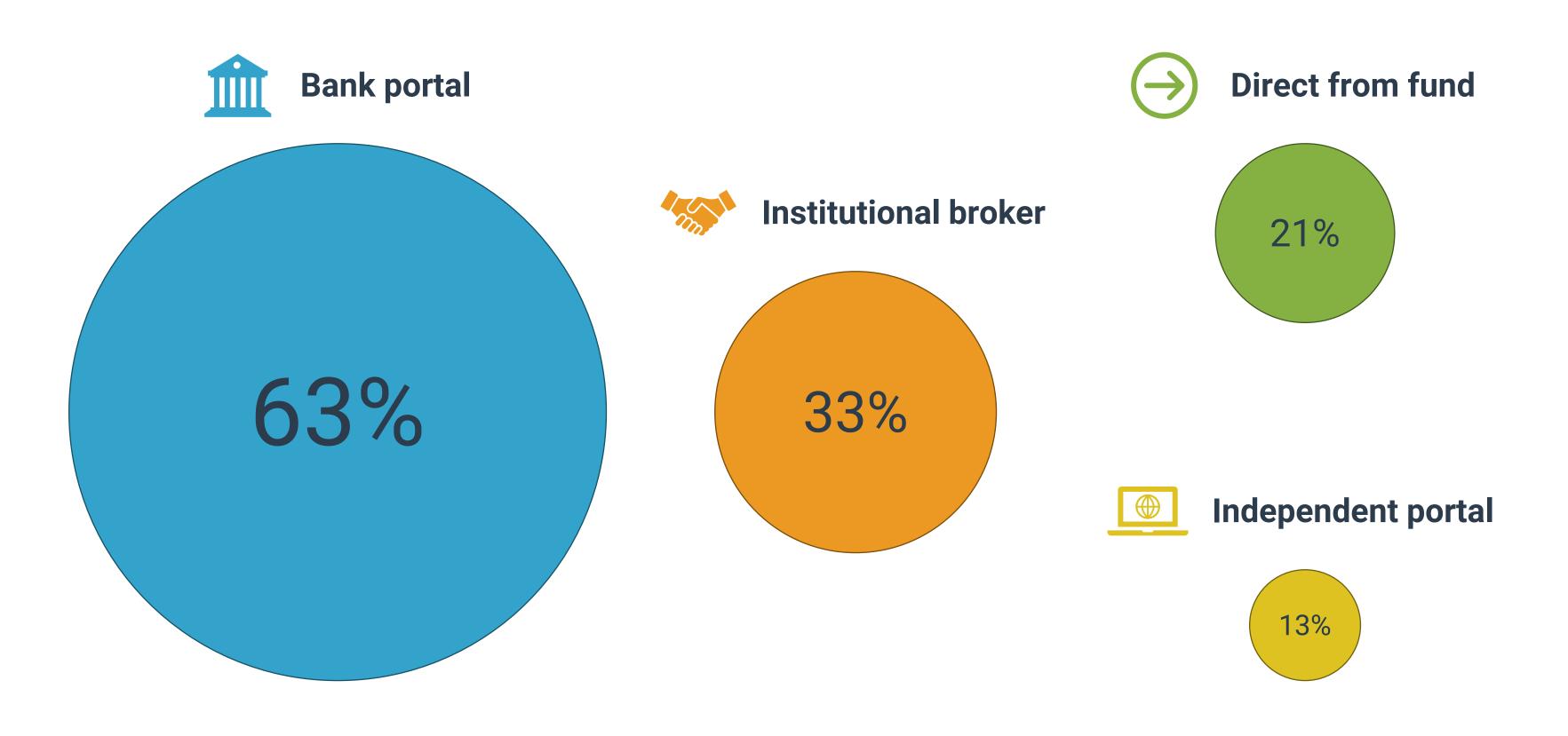






### MEANS OF INVESTING

HOW COMPANIES ARE INVESTING IN MONEY MARKET FUNDS



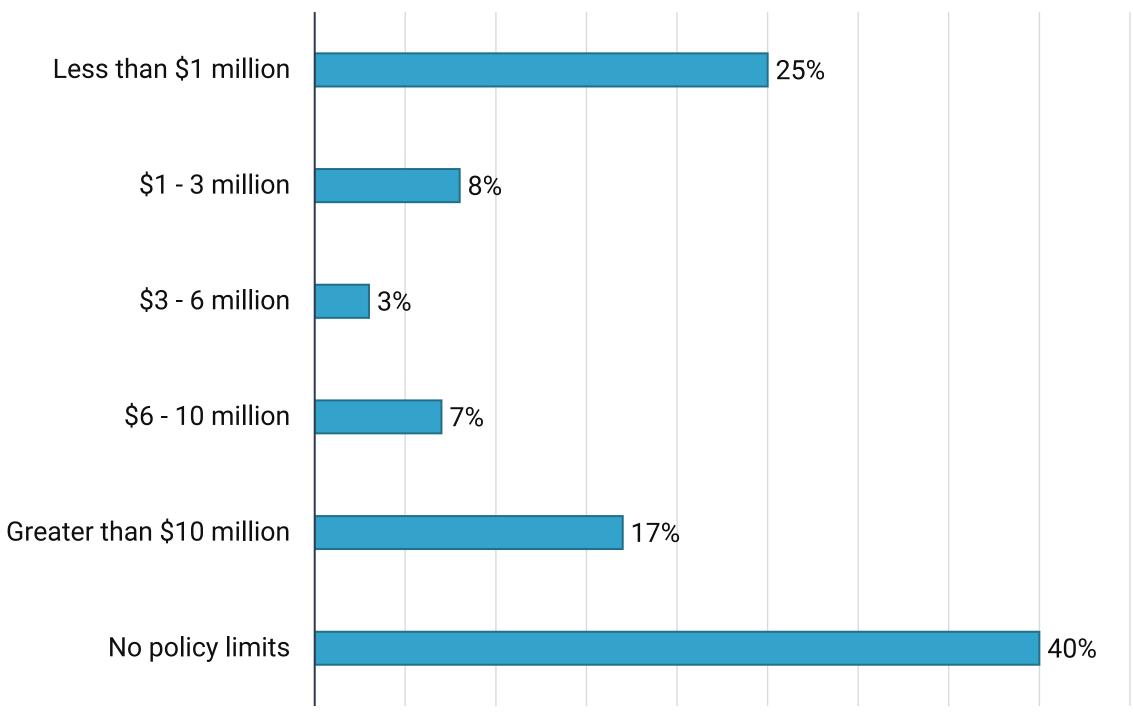




## **INVESTMENT LIMITS**

### FOR UNINSURED BANK DEPOSITS

>> What is the maximum dollar value exposure to uninsured bank deposits allowed by your investment policy?



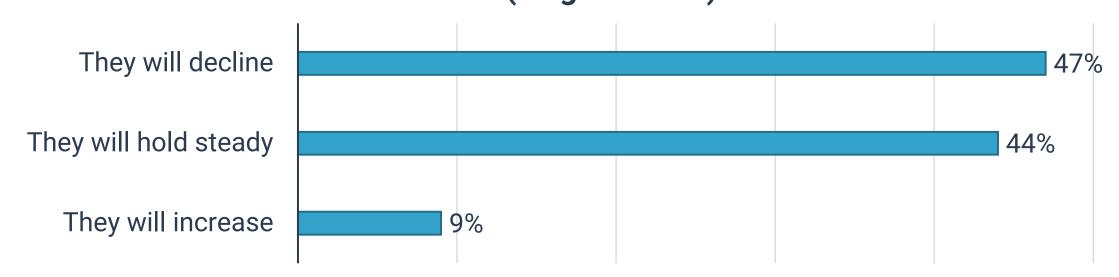




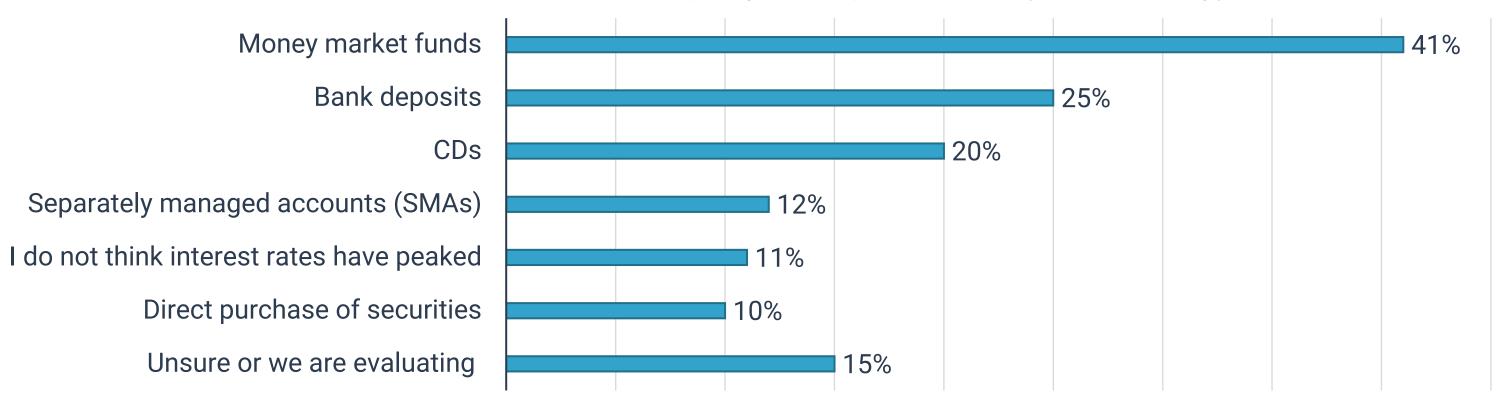


# POLL QUESTION

Poll 3 - What is your view on short-term interest rates for 2024? (single choice)



Poll 4 - If your view is that short-term interest rates have peaked, what investment vehicles are more compelling to your organization? (all that apply)



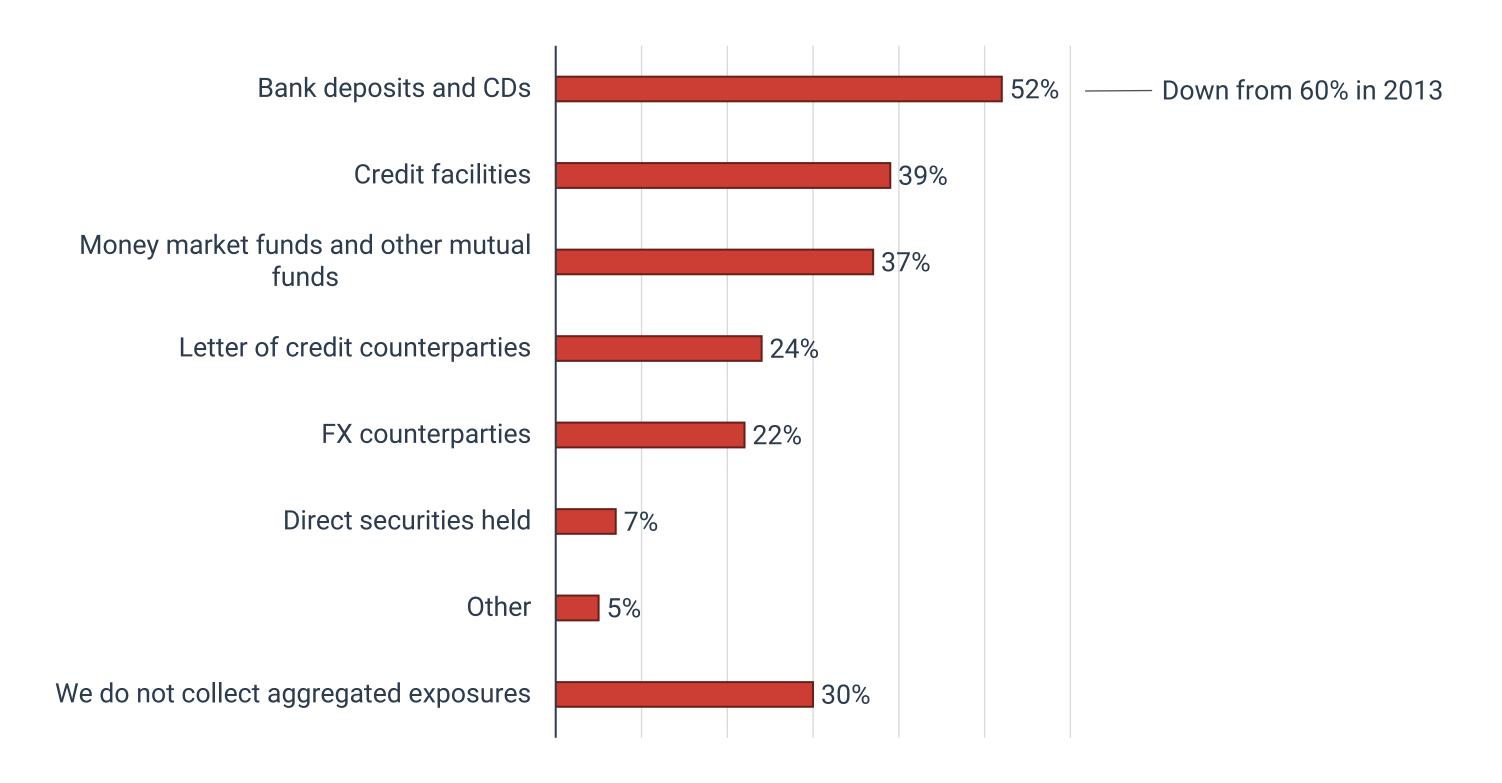




### **MEASURING RISK**

### GATHERING COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURES

>> From which of the following investment vehicles does your company collect and review total counterparty exposures in aggregate? (Select all that apply)





Large firms moved from 76% monitoring in 2013 to 59% in 2023.

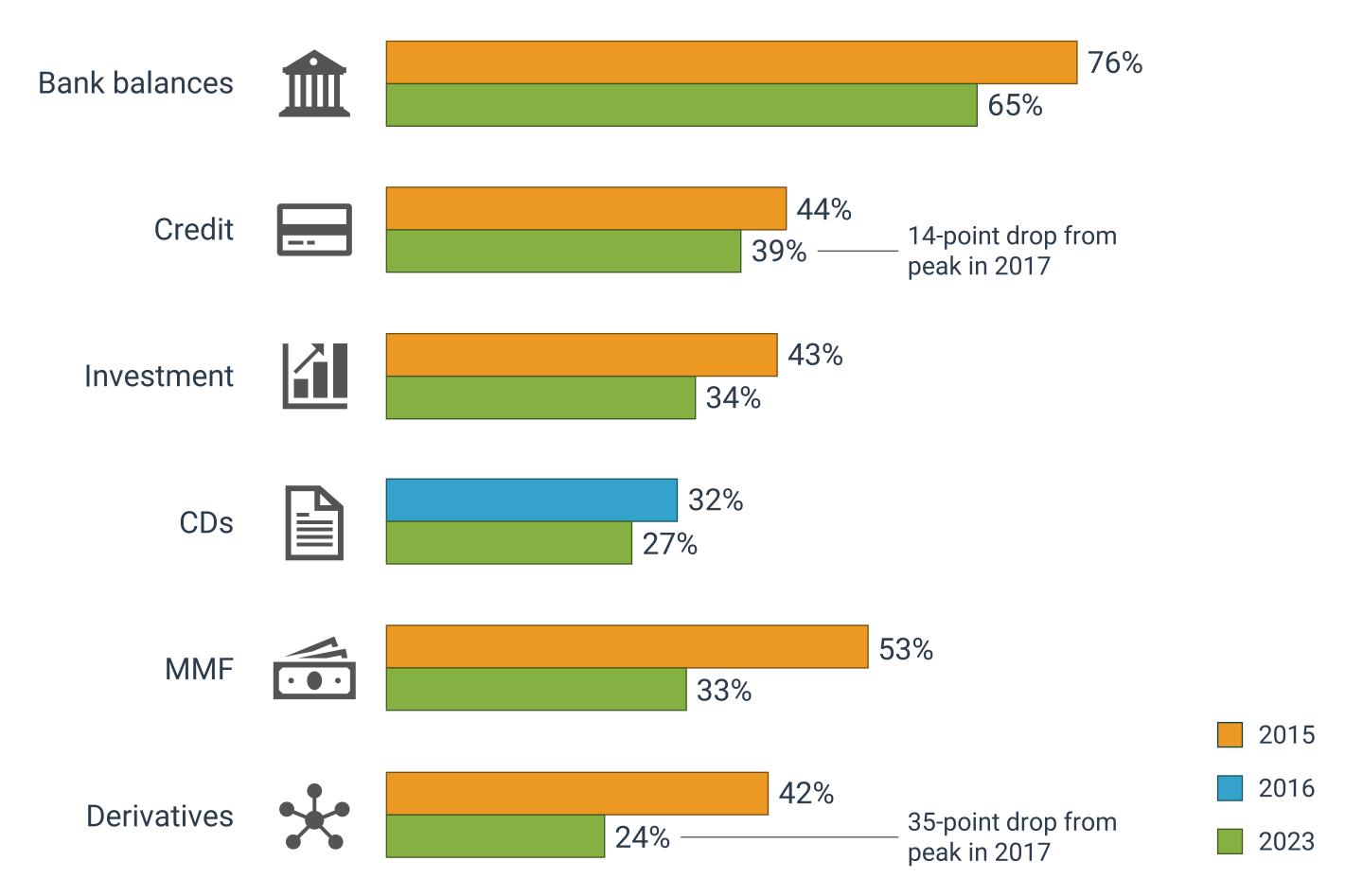




### **COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE**

### MULTI-YEAR DECLINE IN MONITORING

>> For which of the following do you monitor counterparty exposure? (Select all that apply)



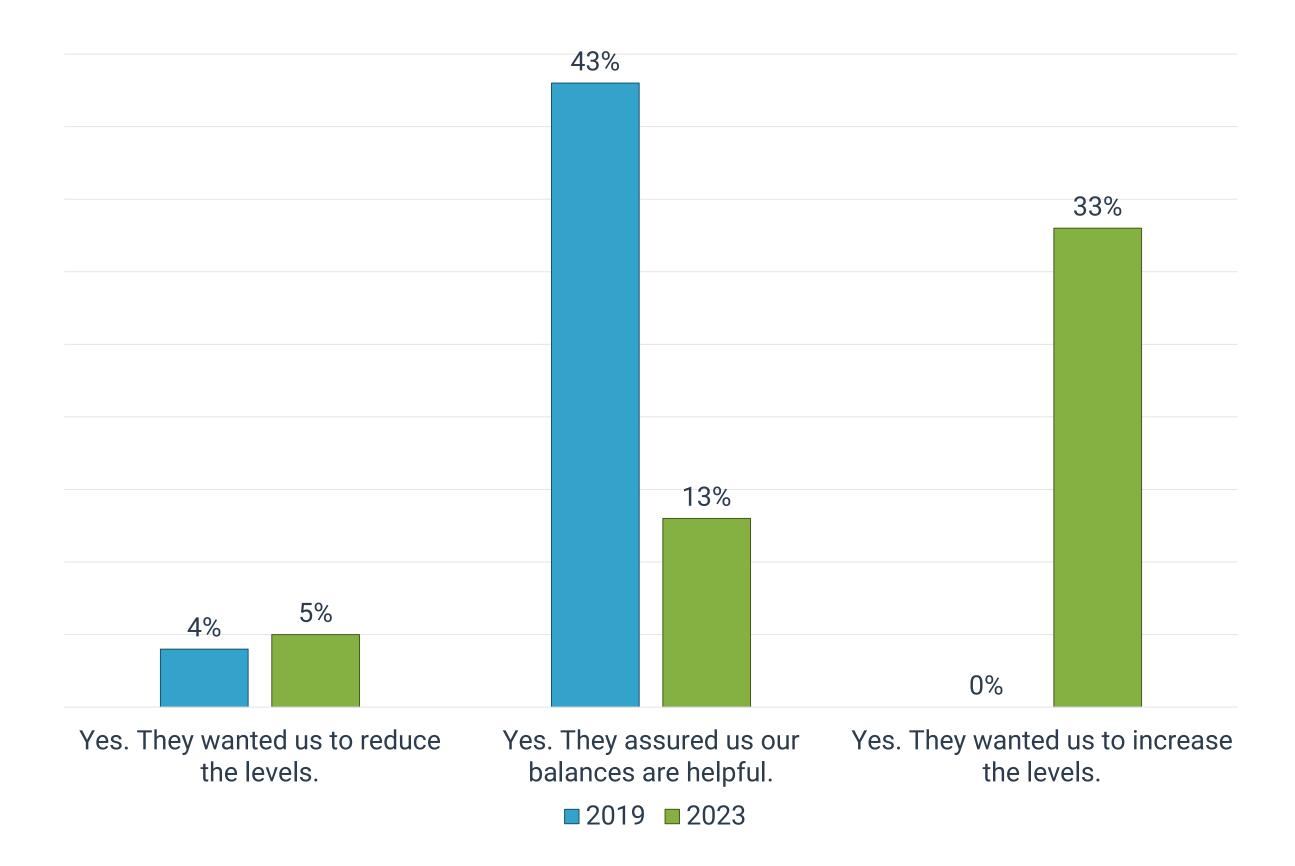




### **DEPOSIT BALANCES**

### REQUESTS AND FEEDBACK FROM BANKS

>> Has your bank(s) talked to you about your deposit balances?

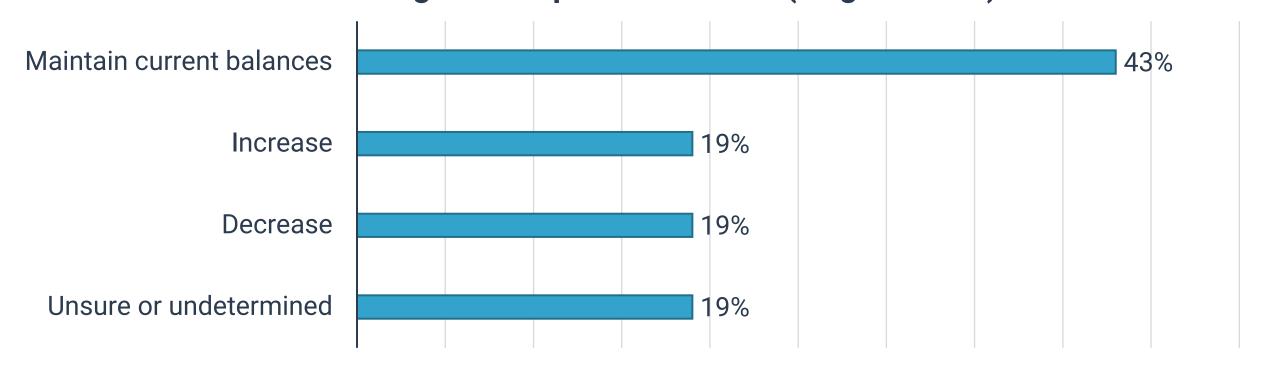






# POLL QUESTION

Poll 5 - Over the next year, do you anticipate increasing or decreasing bank deposit balances? (single choice)

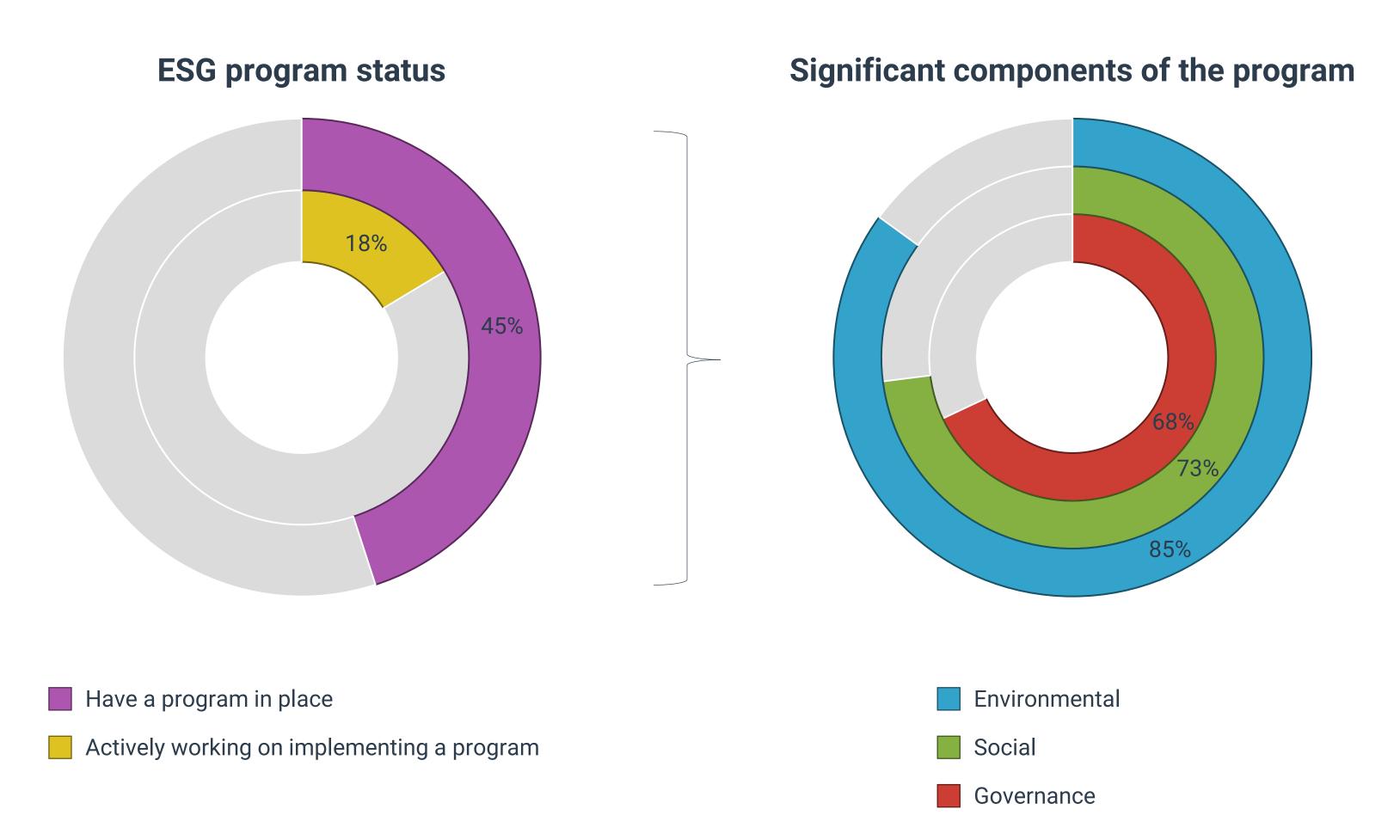






## **ESG PROGRAMS**

### GROWING IN IMPORTANCE FOR CORPORATES



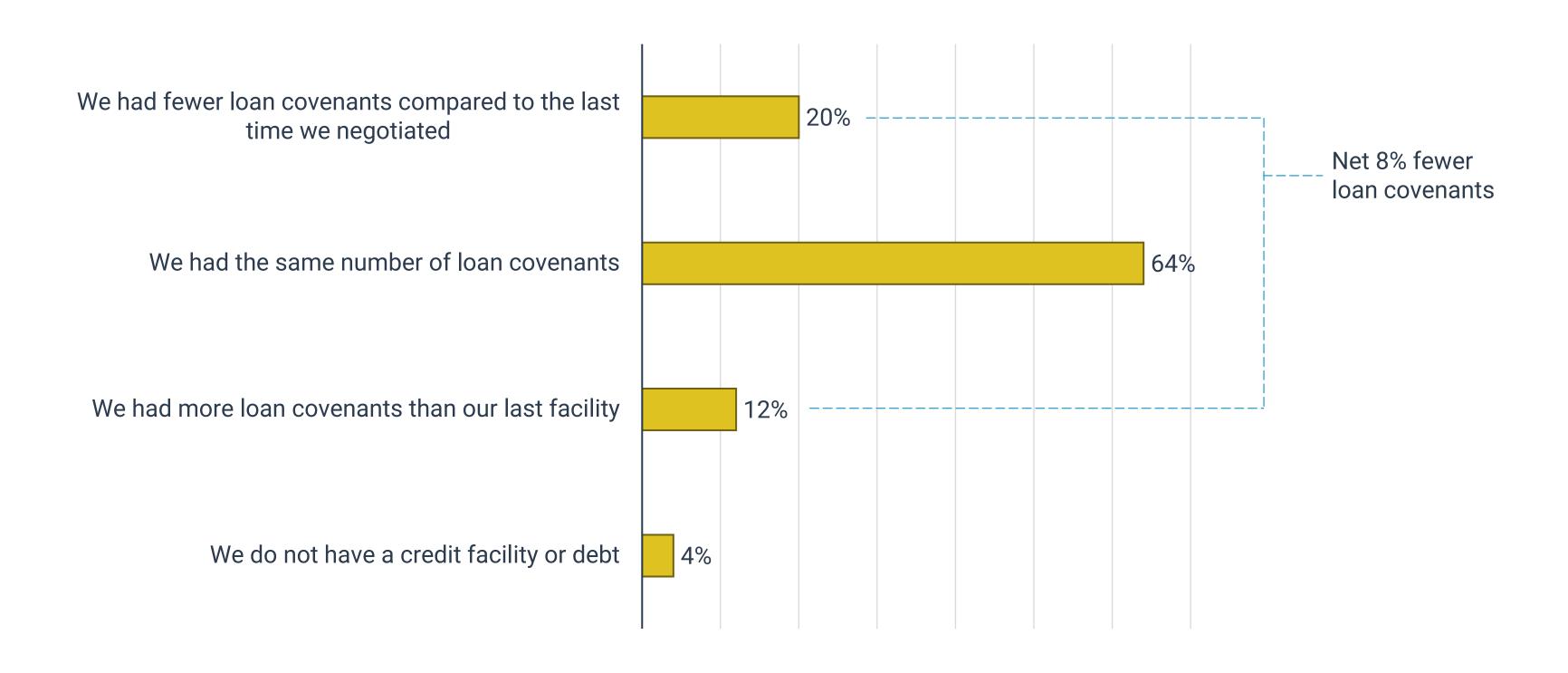




# LOAN COVENANTS

### **COMPANIES INDICATE A NET REDUCTION**

>> With regard to loan covenants, which of the following is the most accurate of your organization?



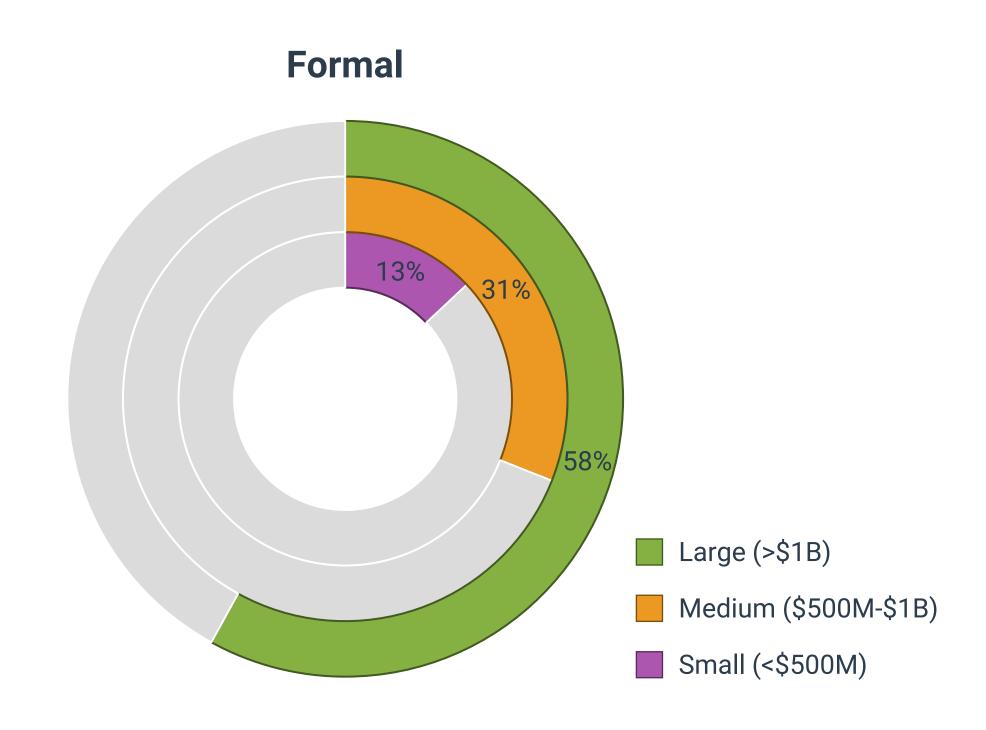




## MANAGING BANK RELATIONSHIPS

MOST COMPANIES ARE INFORMAL IN THEIR REVIEW PROCESSES

How formal is your bank relationship management review?





#### Factors playing into determining their processes as formal:

- Update senior management: 59%
- Create a formal scorecard: 56%
- Share-of-wallet exercise: 37%
- Document all bank meetings: 26%





### FINAL THOUGHTS

**HOW TO PROCEED** 



# CASH IS ATTRACTIVE

- Yields of 5%
- 525bps of Fed rate hikes over the past 2 years
- 10 of past 15 years at 0%



# THE FED IS DONE RAISING RATES

- Rates have likely peaked
- Next move expected to be a rate cut
- Expect lower short-term rates by the end of 2024
- Consider locking in higher rates now



# MONEY FUND REFORM IS BEING IMPLEMENTED

- Mandatory

   liquidity fees for institutional prime funds go into effect on October
   2, 2024
- Create a plan



# MANAGING/ MONITORING COUNTERPARTY RISK

- Risky to not monitor exposures
- Determine level of formality
- Do it now





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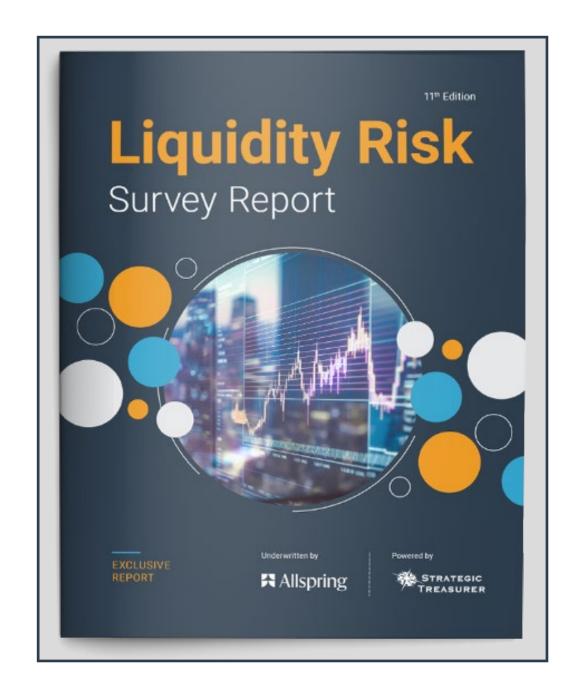
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