

# LET'S STAY CONNECTED

We believe in the value of strategic partnerships and a collaborative approach to supporting our industry through long-term relationships, the beneficial exchange of insights, and excellence in service. Follow us on social media for updates or set up a quick call to talk in more detail.





linkedin.com/company/strategic-treasurer-llc



@StrategicTreasurer



@StratTreasurer



<u>Strategictreasurer.com/podcast</u> or wherever you listen to podcasts



ctmfile.com

# SIMPLIFYING THE COMPLEXITY OF INBOUND CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS



# **GREG LEVEN**

SVP, International Business, Flywire

# **CRAIG JEFFERY**

Founder & Managing Partner, Strategic Treasurer



### WHAT

Discussing how to better manage inbound cross-border payments.



### **WHEN**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT



### **WHERE**

Live online presentation Replays at StrategicTreasurer.com











# **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

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



### **GREG LEVEN**

Greg Leven is the SVP, International Business for Flywire. His subject matter expertise has helped many global organizations unlock value from their existing payment and collection processes. Prior to Flywire, Greg was the Global Head of Coupa Pay at Coupa Software and also cofounded Mastercard Track, a B2B network focused on taking the friction out of business payments, while at Mastercard. Most importantly, Greg lives in Kansas City with his wife and four children.



### **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





# **COMPLEXITY**

CAUSES ACROSS VARIOUS AREAS



# DEPARTMENTAL CONCERNS

RELEVANCE OF CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS



# REDUCING COMPLEXITY

SIMPLICITY FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS AND YOUR BUSINESS



### **USE CASE**

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE



# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

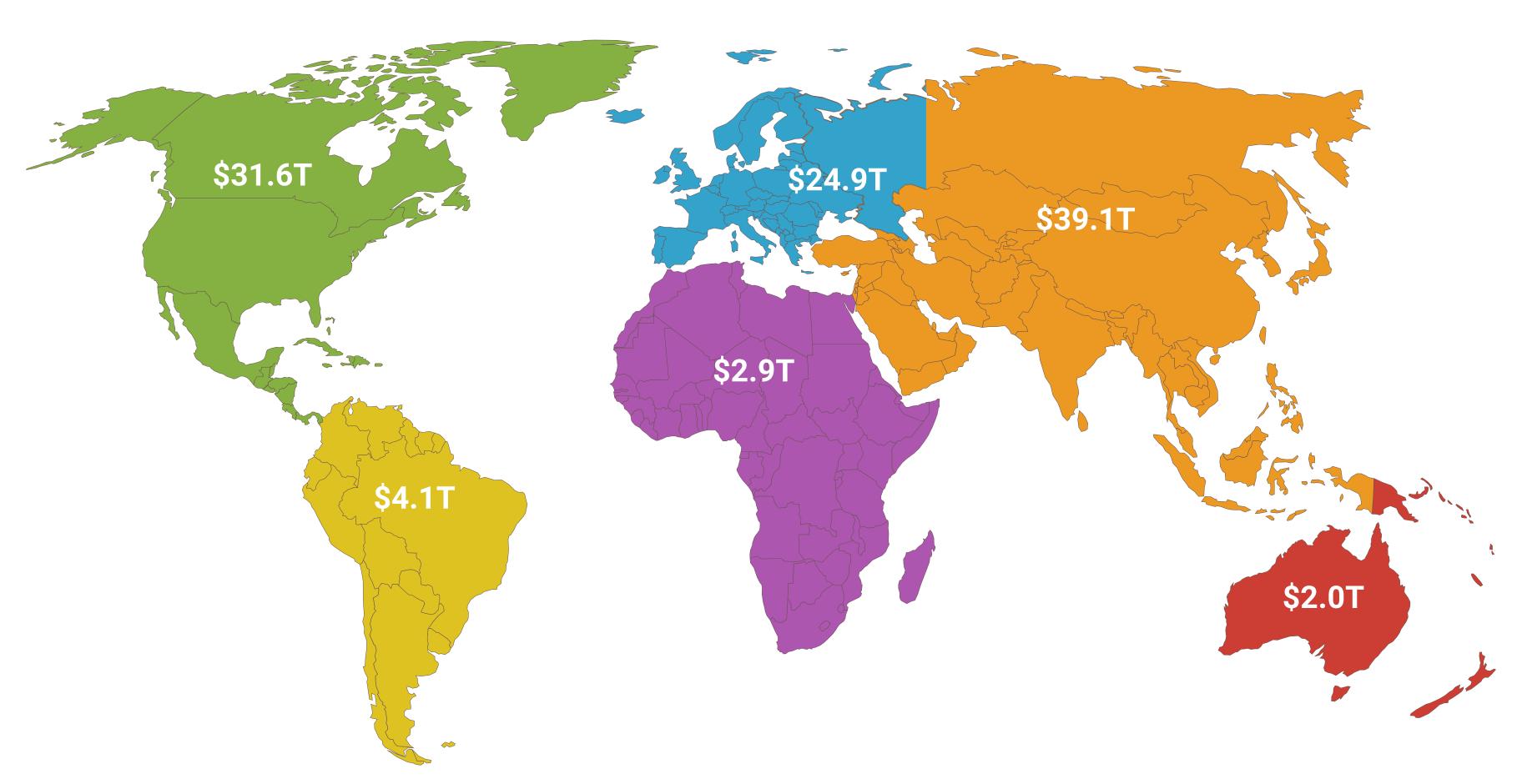
FROM THE RESEARCH





# **HUGE OPPORTUNITY**

**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT** 



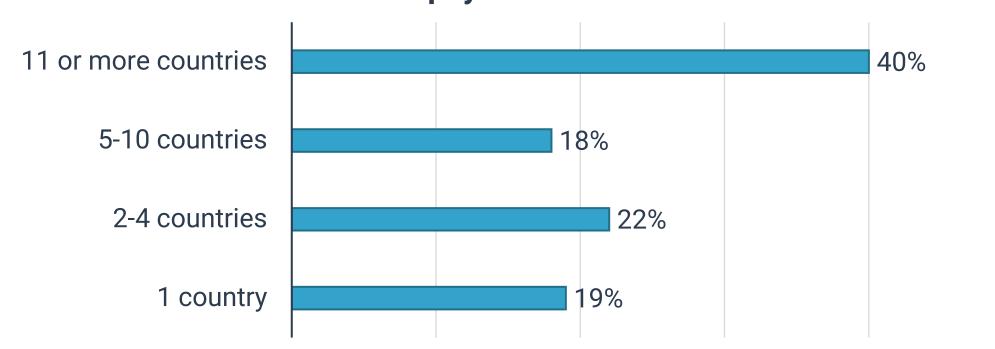
Total global economy: \$104T



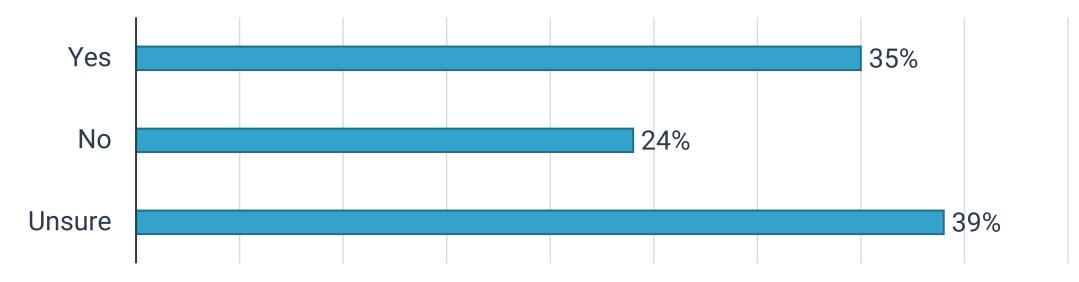


# POLL QUESTION

Poll 1 - Our status of global payments is that we make payments in:



Poll 2 - We plan to add payments to more countries in the next year.







# **MASSIVE COMPLEXITY**

## THAT CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS BRING



### **Globalization**

- Distance
- Latency
- Different countries' rules
- Different currencies
- Variety of banks



### **Payments**

- Methods
- Rails
- Information
- Timing



### **Customers**

- AP
- Receiving



# Company

- Ordering systems
- Banking systems
- Cash application
- Foreign exchange
- Credit



# **Banking**

- Operations
- Country
- Accounts





# DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

# **CONCERNS AND RESOLUTIONS**

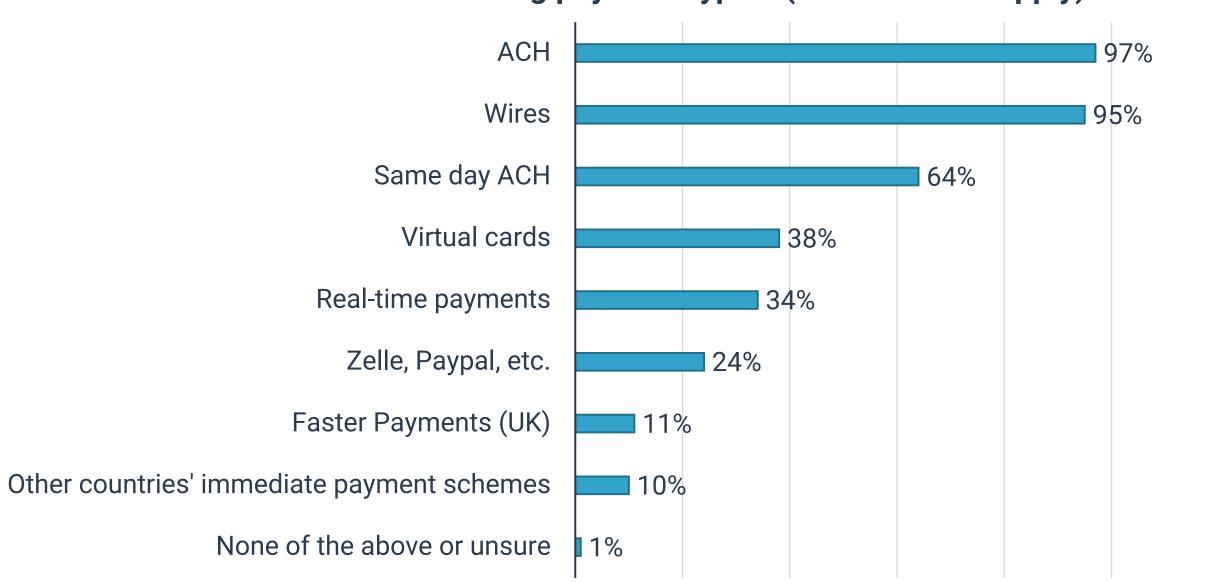
		Area of concern	Resolution
	Treasury	<ul><li>FX risk</li><li>Liquidity</li><li>Bank accounts</li><li>Entities</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Simplify</li> <li>Banks</li> <li>Know Your Customer (KYC)</li> <li>Accounts</li> <li>Overall complexity</li> <li>Reduce DSO</li> <li>Cost savings</li> </ul>
	AR	<ul> <li>Cash application</li> <li>Manual reconciliation</li> <li>Disparate data across multiple systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Centralized cash application</li> <li>Payment visibility</li> <li>Streamlining collections</li> <li>Single source of truth</li> </ul>
	Sales	<ul> <li>Customer ease</li> <li>Inability to grow and scale into certain markets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Local payments</li> <li>Ease of billing and paying</li> <li>Ability to sell into new markets quickly</li> <li>Faster commission</li> </ul>
ф ф	IT	<ul> <li>Time and resources required for new payment methods</li> </ul>	<ul><li>One implementation</li><li>Direct integrations</li></ul>





# **POLL QUESTION**

Poll 3- We use the following payment types: (select all that apply)







# REDUCING COMPLEXITY

# FOR YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS



### **Effective liquidity management**

- Visibility
- Timeliness
- Awareness
- Forecasting accuracy



## **Increase operational efficiency**

- Decrease defects
- Decrease points of friction
- Decrease number of separate processes
- Increase flexibility for customers
- Decrease complexity for my AR department



### Low total cost

- Increase operational efficiency
- Decrease cost of transaction
  - Fees
  - Banking
  - Foreign exchange



### **Happy customers**

- Pay how I like
- Pay in my currency
- Quality reporting
- Efficient payment process
- Avoid foreign exchange risk
- Minimize the effort





# **ELIMINATING STEPS**

# **BEGIN BY ASKING QUESTIONS**



# Ask:

- What exists?
- What must we build internally?
- Can I make my default position simpler?



# **Eliminate steps related to:**

- Account opening
- Know Your Customer (KYC)
- Number of reporting tools
- Payment inquiries
- Manual reconciliation

- PCI compliance
- Chargeback/refund management
- Managing multiple systems
- IT work for new payment methods
- Delayed issue resolution





# MOVING TOWARD SIMPLICITY

GETTING BACK TO THE BUSINESS YOU'RE IN

# From Historical timing Waiting until customer is ready to pay before talking about payments More effective and efficient timing Start talking about payments at contract phase

Accidentally becoming a payments company

 How much time are you spending on payments? Focus on core business

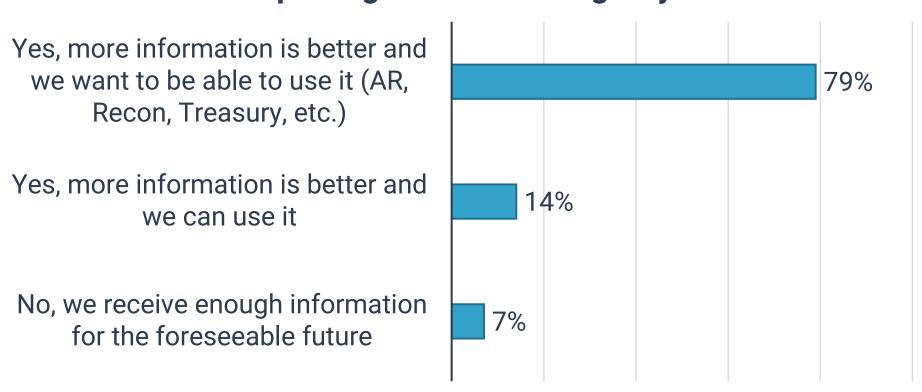
- Simplify reconciliation
- Reduce back-office work
- Elevate payer experience





# POLL QUESTION

Poll 4 - Detail matters to us for information reporting in the following way:







# **CASE STUDY**

REDUCING COSTS, SAVING TIME AND IMPROVING THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



Leading marketing measurement, analytics and engagement company

### **Situation**

- Monthly, quarterly, annual invoicing in USD, EUR, GBP
- 10,000+ enterprise, mid-market and SMB customers
- Customers in 100+ countries; 80% of volume from 24 countries
- Growing payment processing costs from rapid international expansion
- Time consuming, manual reconciliation
- Unable to provide customers with local payment options
- Spending time on the long tail of customers

### **Results**



Payment link on company's invoice went live in ~2 weeks



Local payment options offered to global customer base



~45% reduction in payment processing costs YoY



70%+ time savings to reconcile manual payments





# FINAL THOUGHTS

**HOW TO PROCEED** 



## **VISION**

- For being easy to pay and do business with
  - Customers
  - Internal areas



# ASSESSING COMPLEXITY AND COST

- Time to manage foreign exchange related payments
- Do you know how your customers want to pay you?



# DETERMINE STEPS TO TAKE

- Determine who's going to be involved in each roll out
  - Stake holder
  - Payment partners
- Eliminate complexity
- Automate
- Outsource





# LET'S CONNECT

# DON'T LET THE LEARNING END HERE... CONTACT US WITH ANY FUTURE QUESTIONS

Thank you for your interest in this presentation and for allowing us to support you in your professional development. Strategic Treasurer and our partners believe in the value of continued education and are committed to providing quality resources that keep you well informed.



### **STRATEGIC TREASURER**

Craig A. Jeffery, *Managing Partner* 

- craig@strategictreasurer.com
- +1 678.466.2222



### **FLYWIRE**

Greg Leven,
SVP, International Business

- greg.leven@flywire.com
- +1 816-225-6165







# **PRACTITIONERS**

# CORPORATE TREASURY & FINANCE

We help treasury do more of the right work with less of the waste.

Learn from our experience. Leverage our expertise.



# ADVISE Major Projects

- Treasury Structures
- Liquidity & Risk
- Banking Services
- Treasury Technology



# RESEARCH Market Data

- Survey Participation
- Research Report Access
- Industry & Peer Benchmarking
- Critical Treasury Assessment



# ASSIST Outsourced Services

- Fee Management
- Employee Security Training
- Compliance Services
- Connectivity & Onboarding



# INFORM Industry Insights

- Technology Analyst Report
- Webinars (CE Credits)
- Podcasts & Videos
- eBooks & White Papers











Learn more or schedule an introduction today at <a href="strategictreasurer.com/practitioners">strategictreasurer.com/practitioners</a>



# **PROVIDERS**

# BANKING, FINTECH AND INVESTMENT

We help providers engage treasury with smart marketing solutions. Extend your reach. Strengthen your impact.



# ADVISE Major Projects

- Go-to-Market Advising
- Product Design & Roadmapping
- Messaging Optimization
- Investment Validation



# ASSIST Outsourced Services

- Sales Optimization & Training
- Marketing Team Support
- Content Amplification
- SME Speaker Bureau



# RESEARCH Market Data

- Treasury Insights (Data Services)
- Tailored Market Research
- Survey Program Sponsorship
- Client Benchmark Reporting



# INFORM Industry Insights

- Expert Content Creation
- Platform Access & Distribution
- Targeted Demand Generation
- Custom Campaign Programming











Learn more or schedule an introduction today at <a href="strategictreasurer.com/providers">strategictreasurer.com/providers</a>