

CGI and BAFT Survey Results



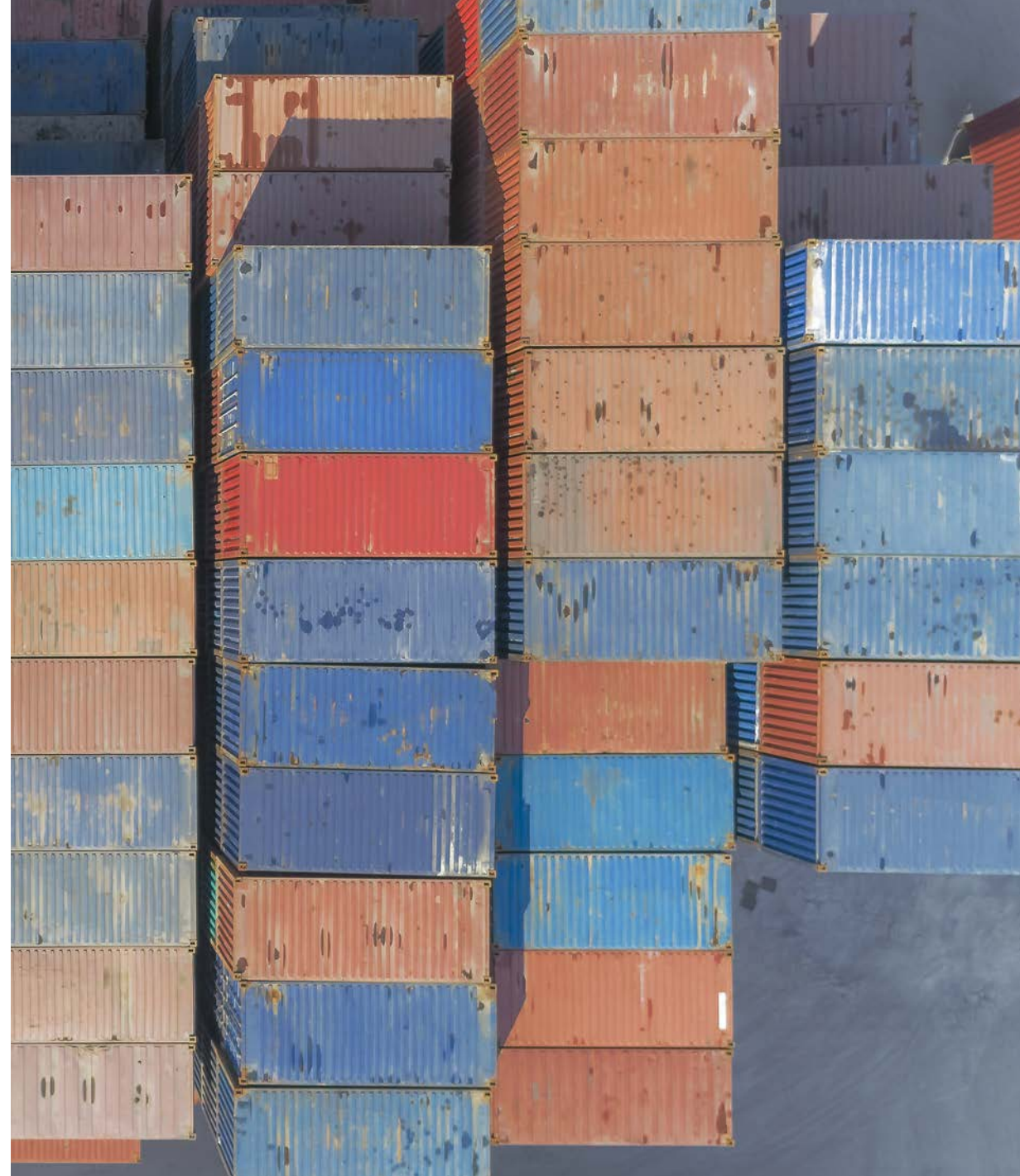
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Introduction

The influx of new and innovative technologies has given rise to a variety of initiatives in banking and trade finance to support digital acceleration, collaboration, increasing compliance requirements, and process improvement to drive efficiencies. These initiatives are underpinned by technologies such as blockchain/DLT platforms, intelligent process automation, artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing, and robotic process automation. Despite initial enthusiasm, implementations and resulting outcomes have been inconsistent since the first proofs of concept launched.

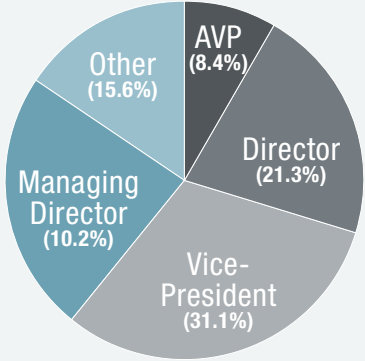
CGI and BAFT set out to better understand the current state of technological advancements in trade and how the pandemic has accelerated their importance and need. A survey of more than 200 BAFT members was conducted in the summer of 2020 and this report summarizes the results.



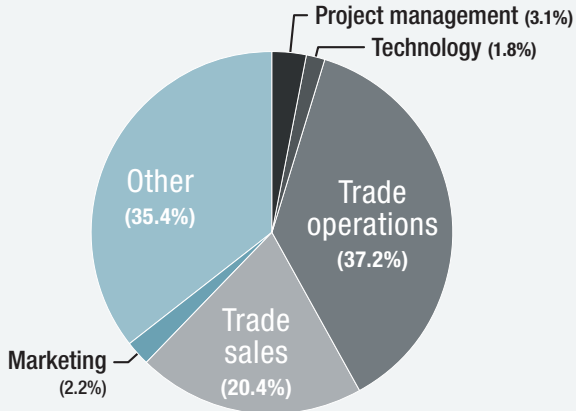
Survey participants

RESPONDENT PROFILE

Title

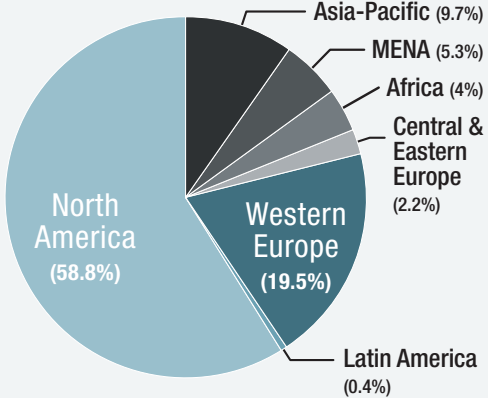


Primary focus

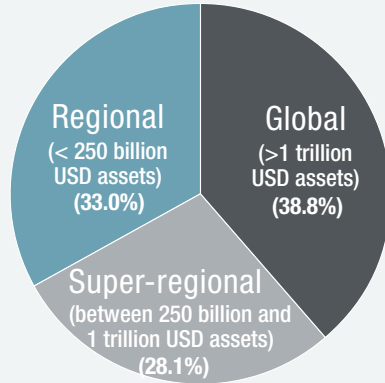


BANK PROFILE

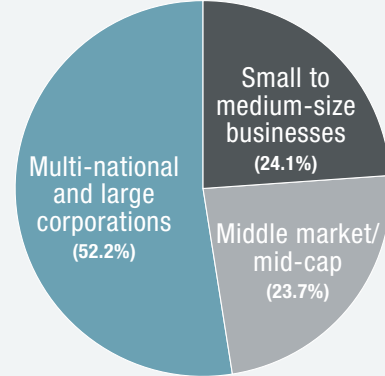
Region



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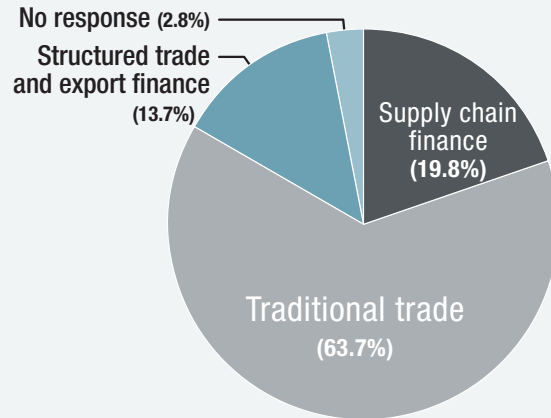


Client portfolio

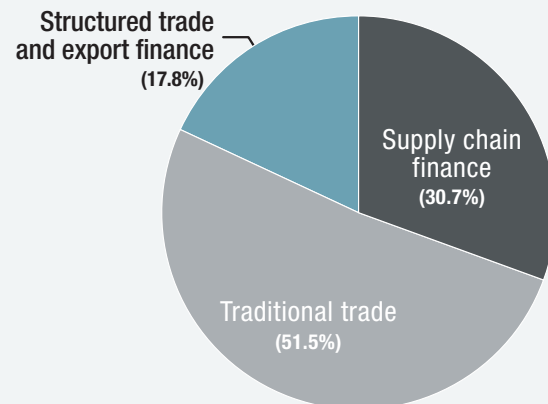


Bank's volume across international trade portfolio

Volume breakdown by percentage across international trade portfolio



Expected percentage allocation in five years



Challenges and investments

Top challenges in meeting business shifts

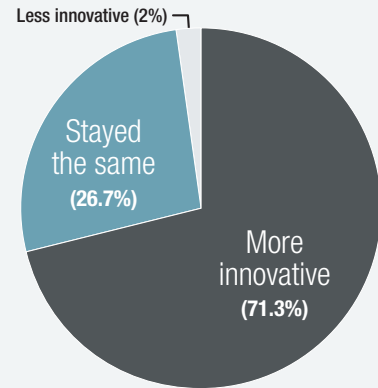
1. Regulatory, legal and compliance
2. Technology investment
3. COVID-19 pandemic
4. Capital allocation requirements
5. Competition

Top technology solution investments over the next five years

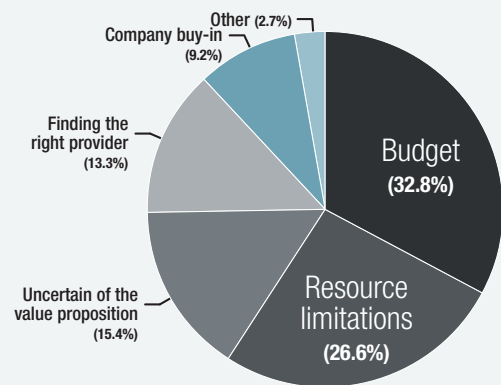
1. Intelligent process automation
2. Enhanced interoperability through APIs
3. Robotic process automation
4. Blockchain/distributed ledger technology

Culture of innovation

Culture of innovation change over the past 12 months

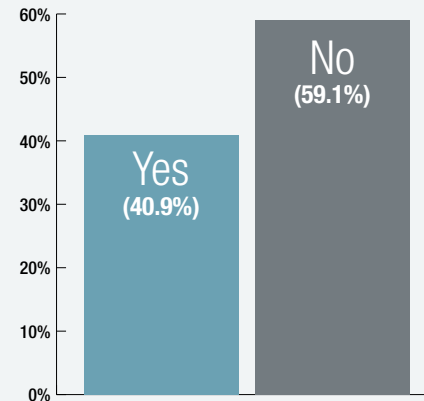


Greatest barriers to embracing innovation

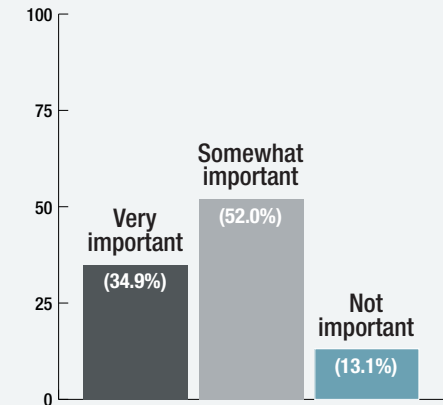


FinTech collaboration

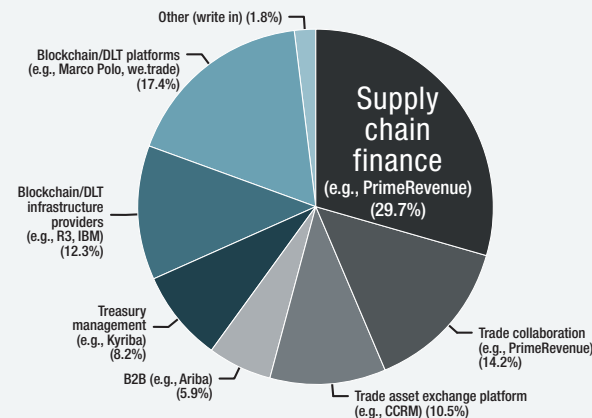
Increasing demand from corporate clients to work with FinTechs



Importance of working with FinTechs

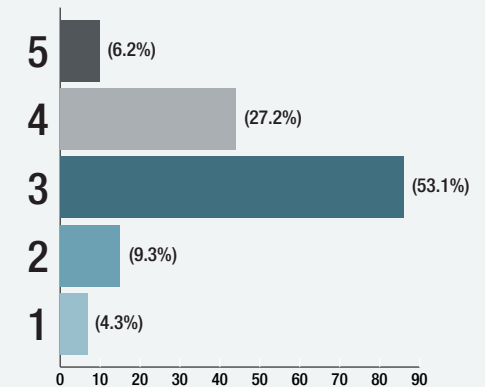


Types of FinTechs in demand

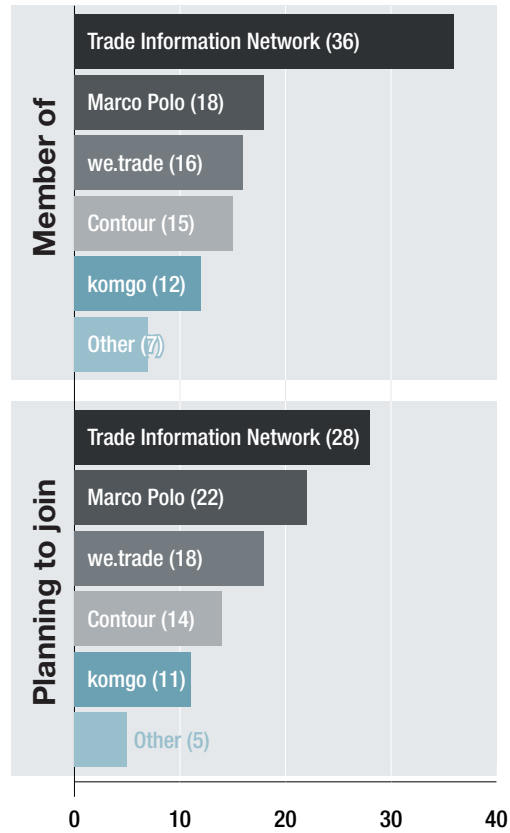


Satisfaction of performance and progress working with FinTechs

(5 is most satisfied, 1 is least satisfied)



Participation in trade networks and national trade platforms (number of respondents)



Awareness of national trade platforms

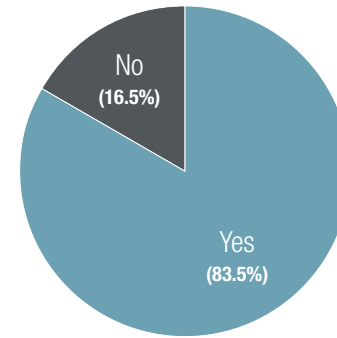
I am not aware of national trade platforms
65.2%

National trade platform (Singapore)
17.9%

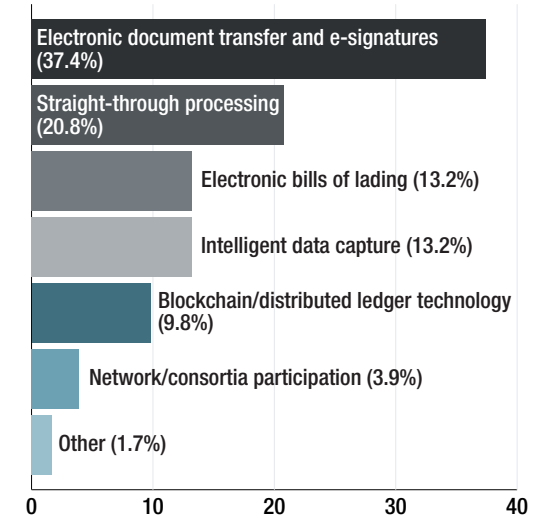
eTradeConnect (Hong Kong)
16.4%

Other
0.5%

Has the COVID-19 pandemic advanced digitization initiatives?



Types of digitization initiatives accelerated



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