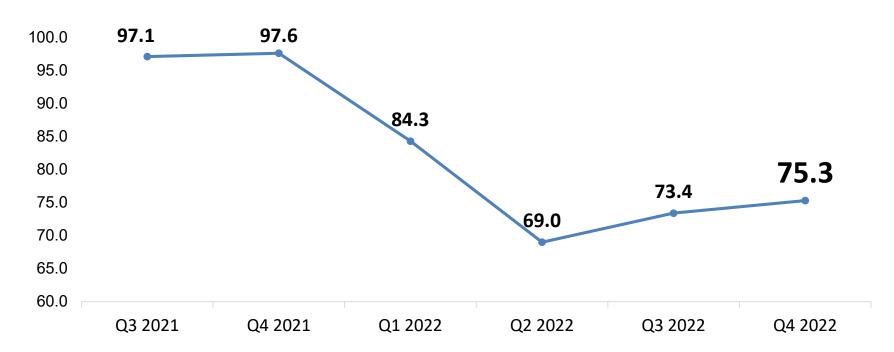
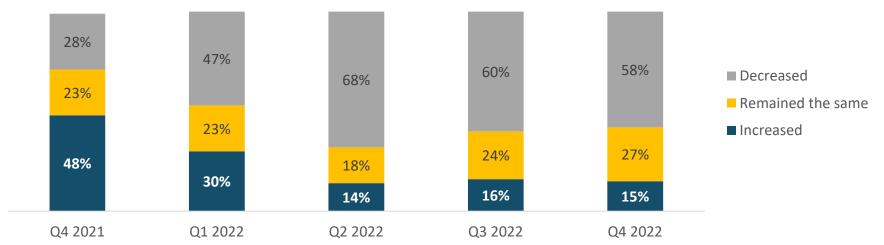
#### CEO confidence ticks up in Q4 2022 as pessimism about the U.S. economy decreases





## The proportion of CEOs that feel the economy has declined compared to last year eases by 10 percentage points since Q2

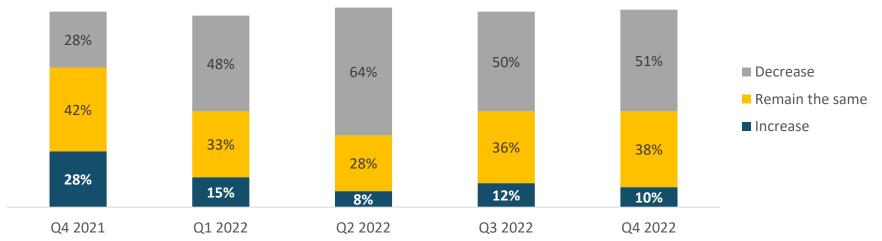
Compared to a year ago, how have overall economic conditions in the United States changed?





#### CEOs' expectations of the economy is back on the rise after record low in Q2

During the next 12 months, how do you expect overall economic conditions in the United States to change?

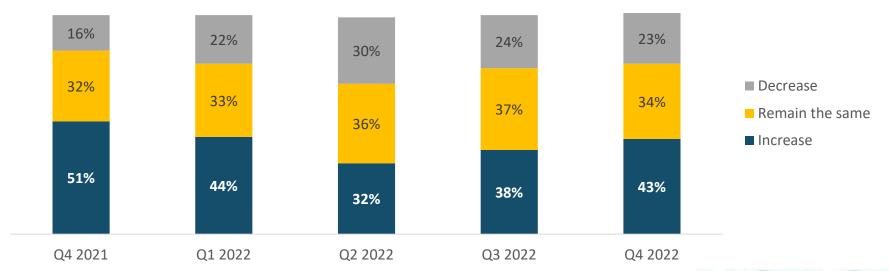






## As inflation eases, CEOs' profitability expectations continue to improve after record low in Q2

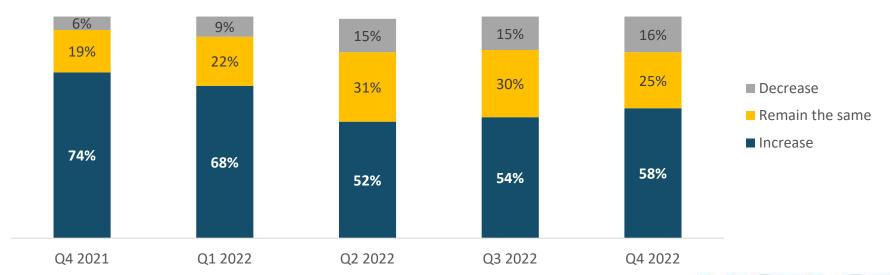
How do you expect your firm's profitability to change during the next 12 months?





## CEOs' revenue expectations hold despite changing buyer behaviors

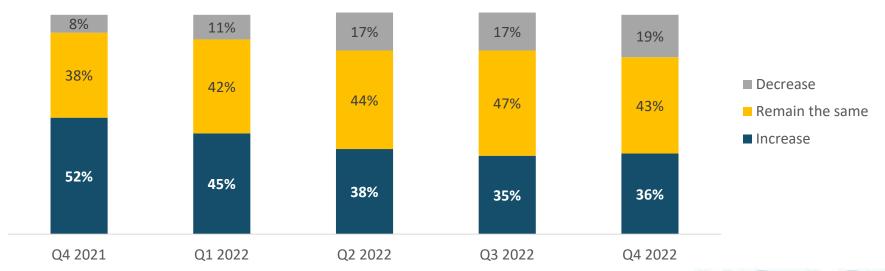
How do you expect your firm's revenues to change during the next 12 months?





## Rising interest rates impact CEOs' investment plans for the year ahead

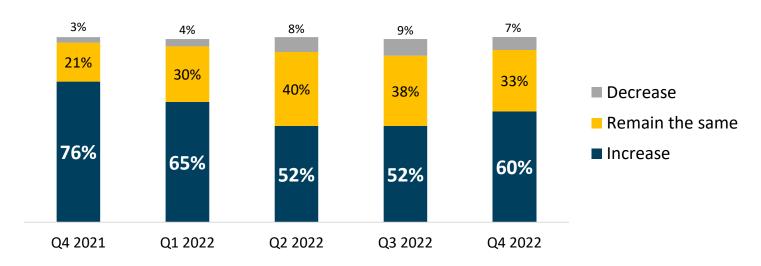
How do you expect your firm's total fixed expenditures to change during the next 12 months?





## Coming off last year's record high, 6-in-10 CEOs plan future workforce expansion

How do you expect your firm's total number of employees will change during the next 12 months?

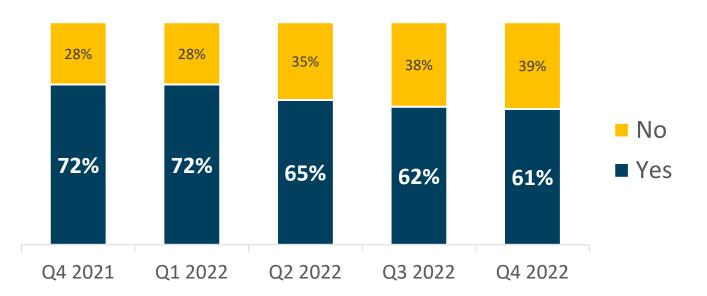






## Operational impacts of talent scarcity slowly easing, dropping 11 percentage points since last year

Are hiring challenges impacting your ability to operate your business at full capacity?

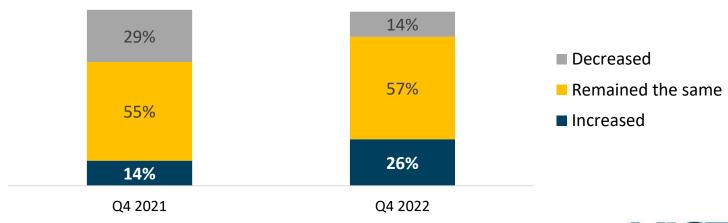






#### The proportion of CEOs that report an improving retention rate grew 12 percentage points from last year

How have your employee retention rates changed since the beginning of the year?

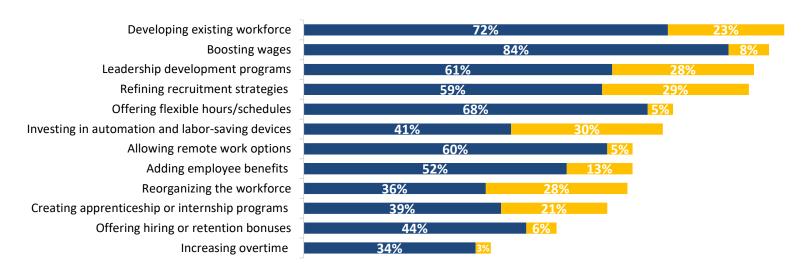






## Majority of CEOs report developing workforce and increasing wages to support hiring and retention

If hiring employees has become more difficult, what are you doing in response?



■ Have implemented

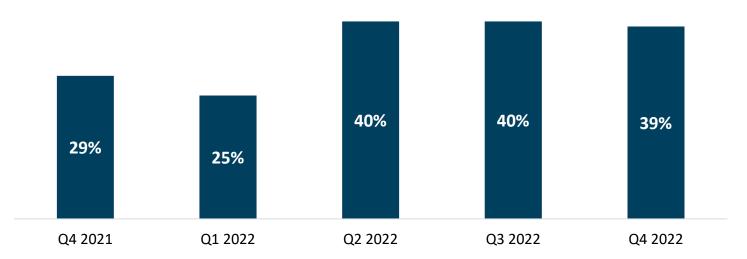
Planning to implement





## Proportion of CEOs leveraging apprenticeship and internship programs has increased over the last year

If hiring employees has become more difficult, what are you doing in response? Creating apprenticeship or internship programs

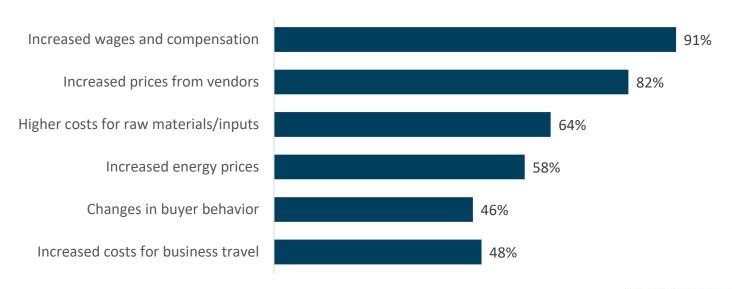






### Increased wages and compensation remain the top inflationary pressure for CEOs

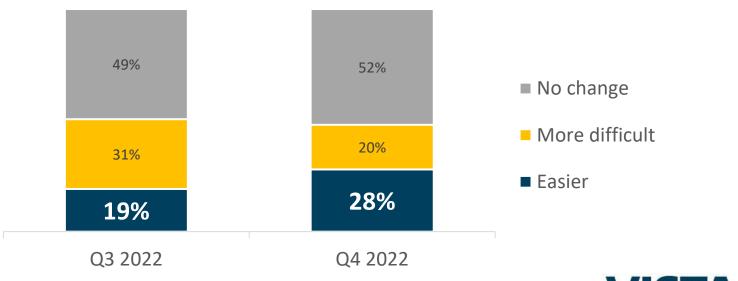
Which effects of inflation are you experiencing for your business?





# For the first time, the proportion of CEOs reporting it is easier to hire is greater than those reporting it is harder

Is your company finding it easier or more difficult to fill job openings than it was at the start of the year?

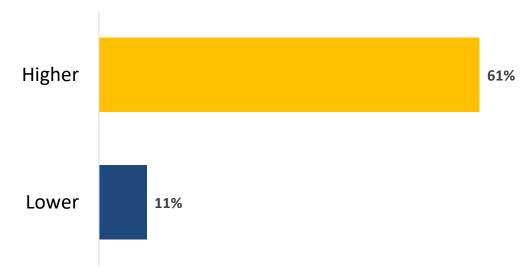






## More than 6-in 10 CEOs report offering higher wages to new hires compared to a year ago

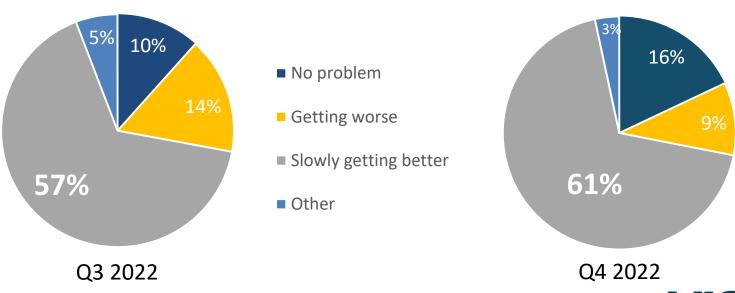
How does the pay you are offering new hires today compare to wages offered to new hires in similar roles a year ago?





# The proportion of CEOs that report an improving supply chain grew 4 percentage points from last quarter

Which best describes your supply chain?





## 7-in-10 CEOs report plans for price increases in the next 12 months, up from 67% last quarter

How do you expect prices for your product or service to change in the next 12 months?

