UFI Global Exhibition Barometer





Report based on the results of a survey concluded in June 2021



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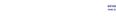
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Introduction



Welcome to the 27th edition of the "UFI Global Exhibition Barometer" survey. This study is based on a global survey, conducted in June 2021. It represents up-to-date information on the status and outlook of the global exhibition industry as well as on 28 specific markets.

UFI launched the barometer on the back of a global crisis – the 2008 Financial Crisis - and this edition updates and adds to the previous ones released in the past 18 months to produce an assessment on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the exhibition industry, as well as projections for the future.

With a record number of 474 participating companies, the reach of this barometer is unprecedented. It enables us to share specific. vastly expanded insights into 23 markets and 5 regions. This is the result of global collaboration, and we wish to thank all the following associations who take part in the project: AAXO (The Association of African Exhibition Organizers) and EXSA (Exhibition and Events Association of Southern Africa) in South Africa, AEO (Association of Event Organisers) in the UK, AFE (Spanish Trade Fairs Association) in Spain, AFEP (Asociacion de Ferias del Peru) in Peru, AFIDA (Asociación Internacional de Ferias de América) in Central & South America, AKEI (The Association of Korean Exhibition Industry) in South Korea, AMPROFEC (Asociación Mexicana de Profesionales de Ferias y Exposiciones y Convenciones) in Mexico, EEAA (The Exhibition and Event Association of Australasia) in Australasia. IECA (Indonesia Exhibition Companies Association) in Indonesia, IEIA (Indian Exhibition Industry Association) in India, JEXA (Japan

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Important remarks

The number of replies to the current survey (474 from 64 countries and regions - see full list at the end of the document) provides representative results. However, the consolidated regional results may not reflect the situation of specific countries in that region. This is why the report also includes a set of detailed results for the 23 markets where a significant number of answers were obtained. Due to decimal rounding, the percentage values indicated in some charts may not exactly sum up to 100%.

Questions related to this survey can be addressed to Christian Druart, UFI Research Manager, at research@ufi.org

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Operations - Reopening Exhibitions



The 27th Barometer surveyed participants' monthly operations, to qualify their level of activity as "normal", "reduced" or "no activity", from January 2021 and including their predictions until December 2021. These "company operations" include, for many companies and while face-to-face events are not possible, working into the development of digital solutions.

Companies were also asked when they believed exhibitions would open again in their city, and what element they considered most helpful towards the "bounce back" of exhibitions.

Globally the situation is gradually improving: the proportion of companies globally expecting "no activity" for the last quarter of 2021 has fallen from 53% in January to less than 10%, while the proportion of companies with "normal activity" has increased from 12% to close to 50%.

These results vary depending on region and are primarily driven by the currently confirmed or expected "reopening date" of exhibitions.

Regional results indicate that the Middle East & Africa and Central & South America regions are likely to be more affected than others with a monthly average throughout 2020 of respectively 40% and 34% of "no activity" (31% in Europe, 25% in North America and 23% in

Asia & Pacific) and 22% and 20% of "normal activity" (27% in Asia & Pacific, 30% in Europe and 35% in North America).

While several markets reportedly reopened in June 2021, the majority of companies in all regions expect both local and national exhibitions to open again in the coming 12 months, and international exhibitions to reopen in the first half of 2022.

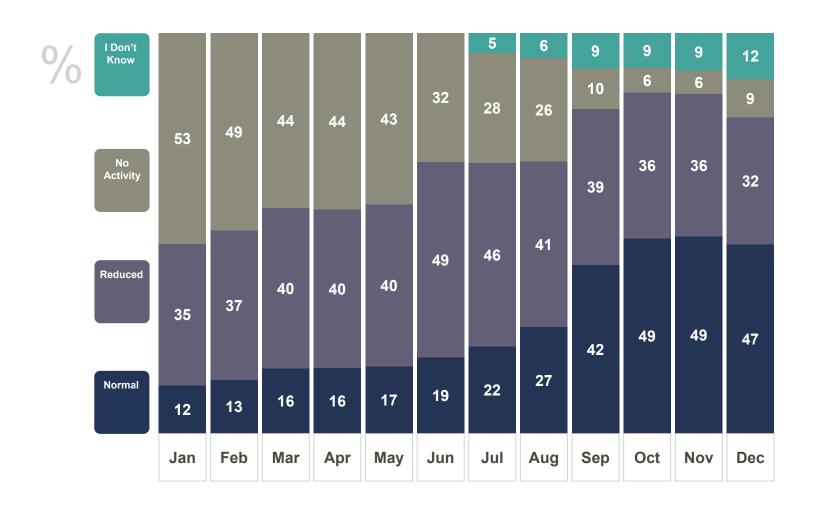
When asked what element would most help towards the "bounce-back" of exhibitions, the majority of companies rank "lifting of current travel restrictions" (71% of answers), "readiness of exhibiting companies and visitors to participate again" (58% of answer), and "lifting of current public policies that apply locally to exhibitions" (55% of answers) as the key drivers. These "top 3" elements apply to all regions, except Middle East & Africa, where "mid-term visibility in terms of public policies, including travel restrictions" ranks third (with 45%). North America and Central & South America rank "readiness of exhibiting companies and visitors to participate again" as the most important of these three elements.

Operations - Reopening Exhibitions World





Reported levels of exhibition industry operations throughout 2021

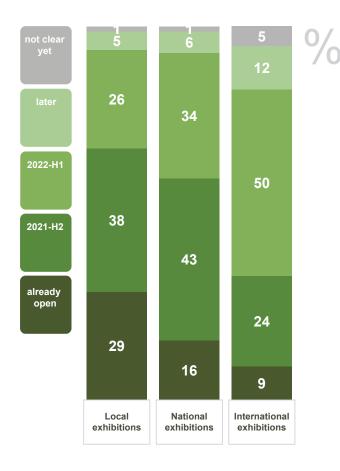


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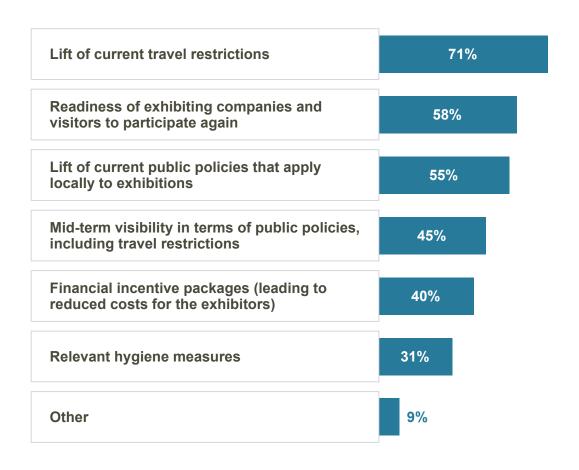




When do you believe exhibitions will open again in your city?



What do you believe would most help the "bounce back" of exhibitions?



Turnover - Operating profits



The 27th Barometer surveyed the participants' expectations for their company's 2021 gross turnover, when compared to 2019. The survey also questioned the evolution of operating profits for 2020 compared to the previous year.

The following charts present:

- revenues from 2020, as declared in the previous survey conducted in December 2020 and projections for the full year 2021 compared to 2019, on average for all companies, and also broken down per level of revenue realised (0% of last year, less than 25%, etc.).
- the evolution of operating profits for 2020 and those for 2019 (taken from the previous Barometer).

On average globally, it is currently expected that 2021 revenues will represent 47% of those of 2019. In terms of profits, 51% of companies reported a loss in 2020, and 24% a reduction of their profit by more than 50%.

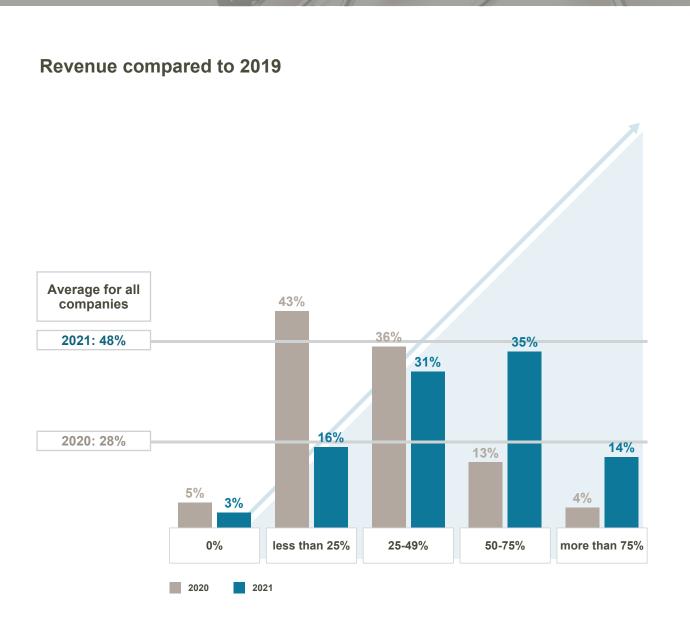
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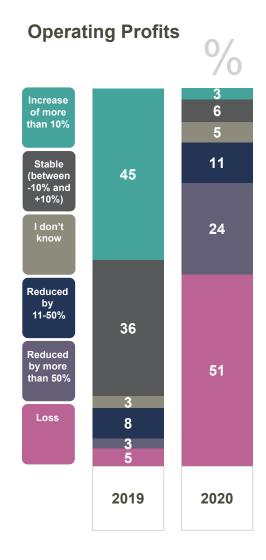
- The revenue drop anticipated for 2021 is highest in the Middle East & Africa and Central & South America (respectively only 35% and 37% of 2019 revenues), followed by Europe (48%), Asia & Pacific (50%) and North America (55%).
- In terms of profits, the percentage of companies who have seen a loss for 2020 is 41% for North America, 44% for the Asia & Pacific, 51% for the Middle East & Africa, 55% in Europe, and 59% for Central & South America.

Turnover - Operating Profits World









Public Financial Support – Workforce – Perspectives



The 27th Barometer surveyed the impact of the COVID-19 crisis regarding public financial support, workforce reduction, and their perspectives in case of no business for the next 6 months.

Overall, 48% of companies have benefitted from some level of public financial support; for the majority of these, this represented less than 10% of their overall 2019 costs.

This public support is stronger in Europe (65%) and Asia & Pacific (49%) than in North America (36%), the Middle East & Africa (18%) and Central & South America (8%).

57% of companies have had to reduce their workforce, over half of these have made reductions of more than 25%.

There was a higher reduction in workforce amongst companies in Central & South America (79%), the Middle East & Africa (73%) and North America (63%) than in Asia & Pacific (52%) and Europe (43%).

10% of companies state they will have to permanently close if there is no business for the next six months (5% in North America and Europe, 10% in Central & South America, 12% for the Middle East & Africa and 16% in Asia & Pacific).

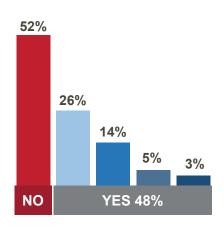
For 57% globally, "it will be hard, but we can keep our heads above water", while 34% of companies consider they will manage (this proportion varies from 23% in Central & South America to 41% in the Middle East & Africa).

Public Financial Support – Workforce – Perspectives WORLD

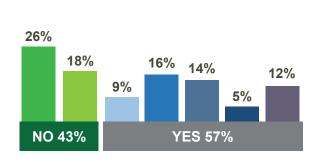


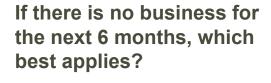


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Most Important Business Issues



Companies were asked to identify the most important issues for their business in the coming year from a pre-defined list of eight issues. Multiple choices were proposed to get further insights for some answers.

In line with results from the last Barometer six months ago, "impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the business" and "state of the economy in home market" are considered to be the two most important business issues, selected by 29% and 19% of respondents. "Global economic developments" (15% of respondents) "impact of digitisation" (10% of respondents) and "internal management challenges" (9% of respondents) also remain high on the list of key business issues.

The following pages show the consolidated results, for the world and by region. "impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the business" ranks higher in the Middle East & Africa (34%), "state of the economy in home market" ranks higher in Central & South America (26%), and "global economic developments" ranks higher in the Middle East & Africa (20%).

Further insight is also provided by type of activity (for 3 main segments: "Organiser", "Venue only" and "Service provider only").

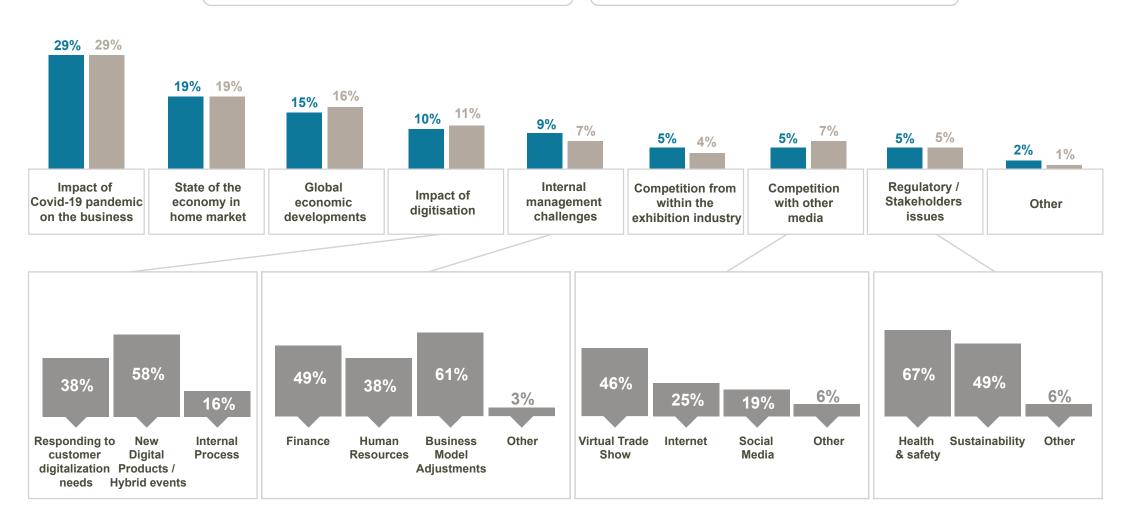
While "impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the business" remains the main issue for all respondents, "internal management challenges" and "competition from within the industry" are the second and third main issues for service providers (respectively 18% and 16% of respondents). Meanwhile, "Internal management challenges" ranks third for venues (18%) and organisers (16%).





Results from current survey - June 2021

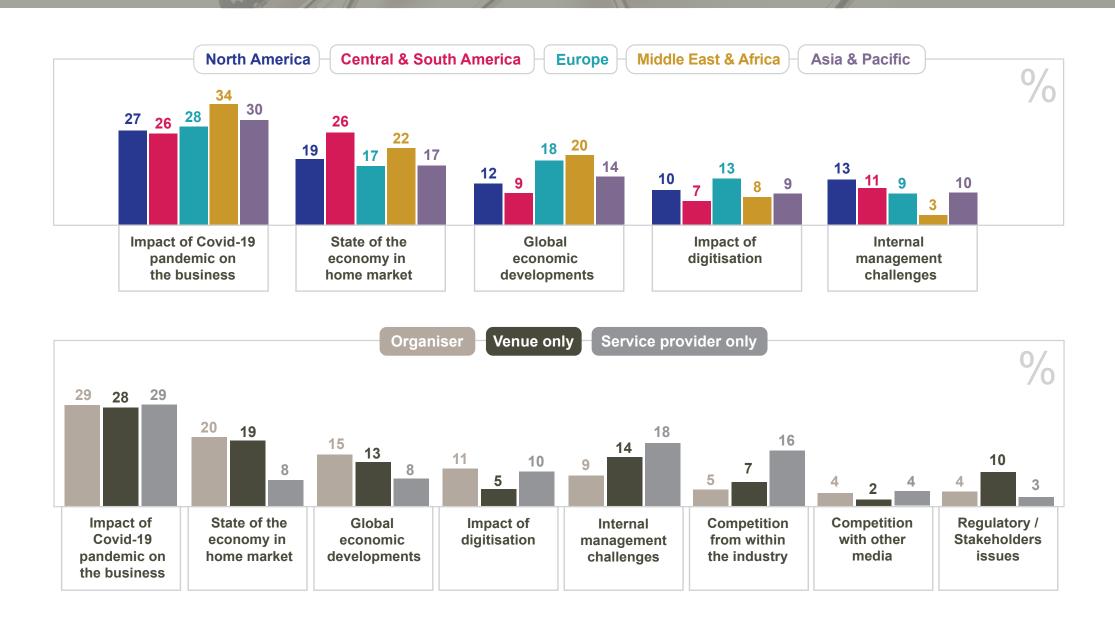
Results from previous survey - Dec 2020



(multiple answers possible)

Most important issues: detail by region and type of activity for the five top issues identified globally





Digitisation



With digitisation of product and services highlighted throughout the pandemic, the Global Barometer looked into the state of digital activity in the exhibition industry. The following pages show the global results, followed by detailed results per region and industry segment.

58% of respondents said that they have added digital services/ products (such as apps, digital advertising and digital signage) to their existing exhibition offerings. This is especially the case in Asia & Pacific (67%).

In addition, while 40% of respondents globally indicated that they have developed a digital transformation strategy for individual exhibitions and products, this number was higher in North America, at 57%.

And while 37% of respondents globally stated that they have digitised internal processes and workflows, this number was again higher in North America, at 54%).

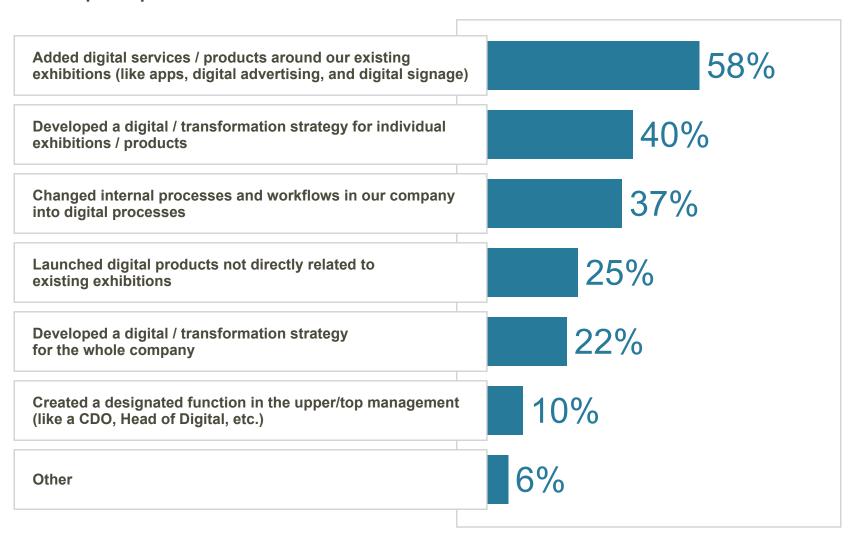
25% of survey participants stated that they have launched digital products not directly related to existing exhibitions and 22% reported that they have developed a digital transformation strategy for the whole company.

10% on average have created a designated function (like a Chief Digital Officer) in the upper/top management.





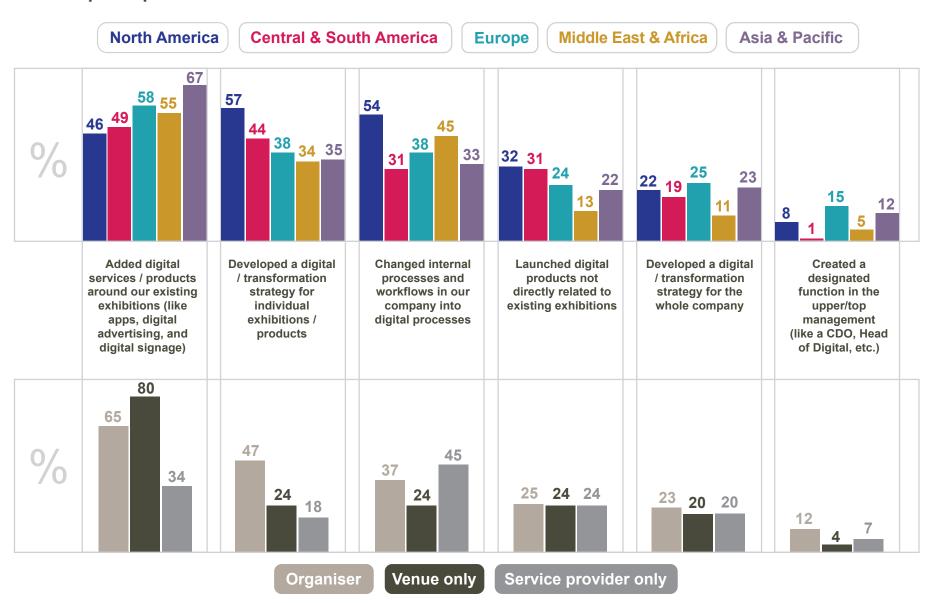
Actions put in place







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Format of Exhibitions in the Coming Years



The 27th Barometer focussed on possible driving trends for the format of exhibitions in the coming years, by asking companies to assess four different statements. As the same question was in the two previous editions of this research, the comparisons allow to identify trends.

Global results indicate that:

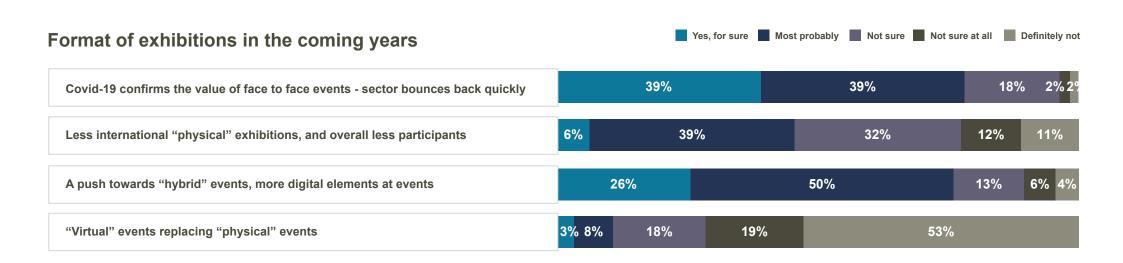
- 78% of companies (up from 64% six months ago and 57% 12 months ago) of respondents are confident that "COVID-19 confirms the value of face- to-face events" anticipating that the sector will bounce back quickly (39% "Yes, for sure" and 39% "Most probably"), while 20% are "Not sure".
- 46% compared to 63% 6 months ago and 57% 12 months ago believe that there will be "Less international 'physical' exhibitions, and overall, less participants" (6% "Yes, for sure" and 39% "Most probably"), and 44% are "Not sure".
- 6% of companies 80% 6 months ago and 82% 12 months ago consider that there is "A push towards hybrid events, more digital elements at events" (26% "Yes, for sure" and 50% "Most probably").
- 11% down from 14% 6 months ago and 17% 12 months ago agrees with the statement that "Virtual events replacing physical events" (3% "Yes, for sure" and 8% "Most probably"), 36% are "Not sure" and 53% are stating "definitely not".

The results show no significant differences across regions.

Format of Exhibitions in the Coming Years World







Physical, hybrid and digital events



The 27th Barometer introduced new questions to measure the current and projected levels of activities related to hybrid or digital events in relation to physical events. It also questioned venues about their expended activities during these Covid-19 times.

Global results indicate that companies project that for the whole of 2021, 50% of the events they will have run will be physical (on-site), 30% "hybrid" and 20% digital.

In terms of income for the next 2 years, 61% of companies that answered the survey declare that physical & "hybrid" events will represent more than 50% of their income, and 59% consider that digital events will represent less than 10%.

There are no strong regional differences, although digital events have a stronger relevance in Central & South America, where 31% of events organised in 2021 will be digital, and 53% of companies believe that digital events will represent more than 10% of their income for the next two years.

Most venues have expanded their range of activities as physical events were limited:

- 56% went for streaming of digital events, as broadcast studio
- 49% ran vaccination centres
- 35% held sports and / entertainment events stage
- 26% proposed their site to generate brand activations
- And 20% were used as temporary hospitals.

Physical, hybrid and digital events World

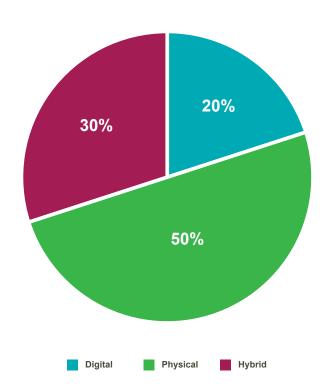


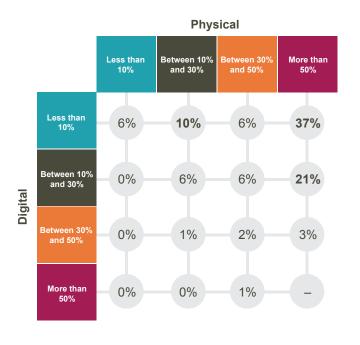


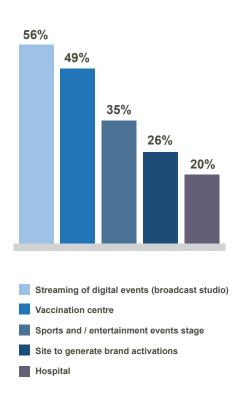
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Expanded activities (for venues only)







Part 2: Detailed results for 5 regions and 23 markets



North America:	Mexico US
Central & South America:	Brazil Chile Colombia
Europe:	France Germany Italy Russian Federation Spain Turkey United Kingdom
Middle East & Africa:	UAE South Africa
Asia & Pacific:	Australia China Hong Kong India Japan Malaysia Singapore South Korea Thailand



Operations - Reopening Exhibitions North America





Situation of industry operations in 2021

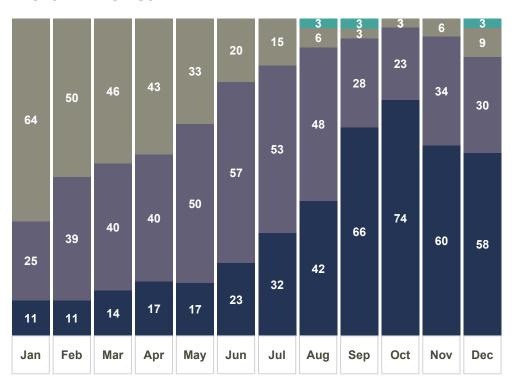




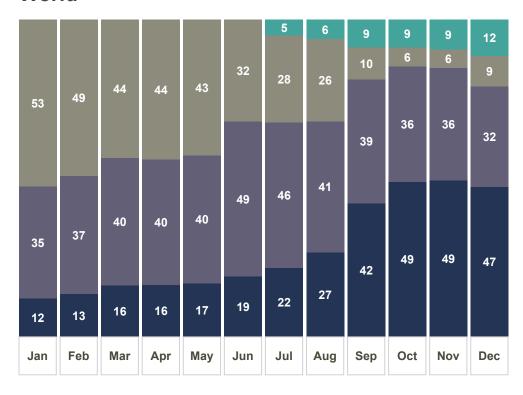




North America



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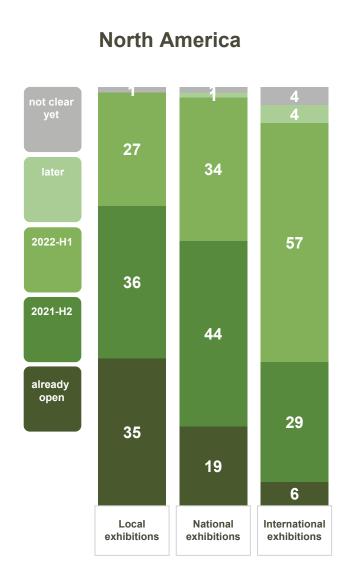


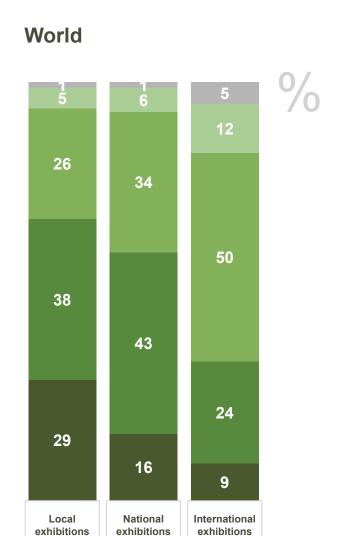
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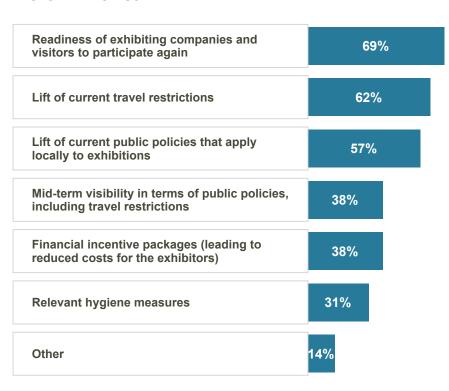
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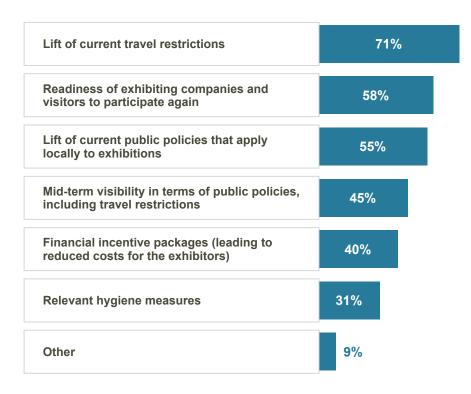


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North America



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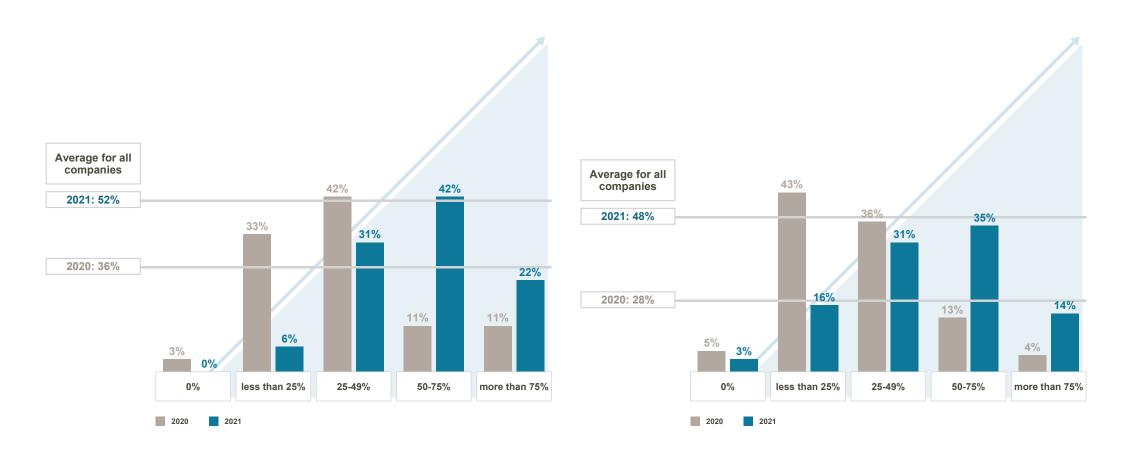
Turnover North America



Revenue compared to 2019

North America

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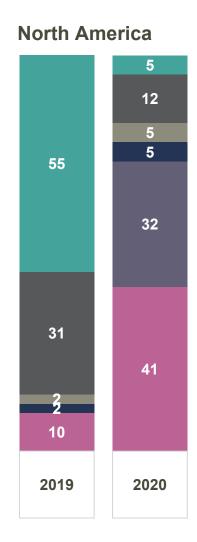
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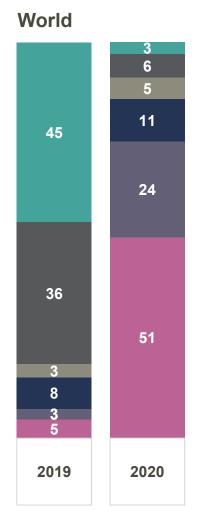


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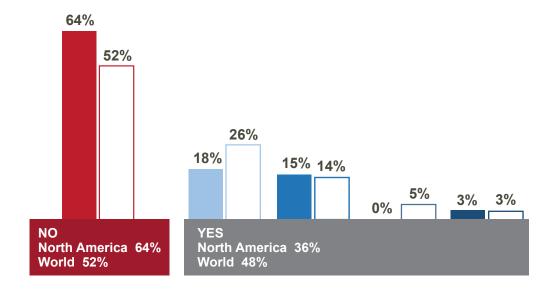
Public Financial Support North America





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Workforce North America

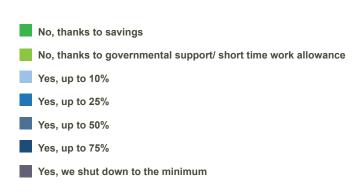


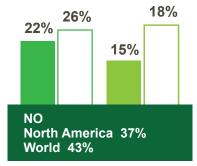


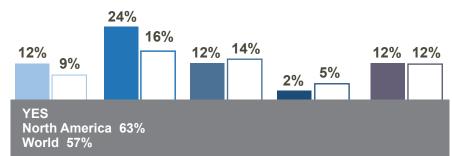
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Perspectives North America



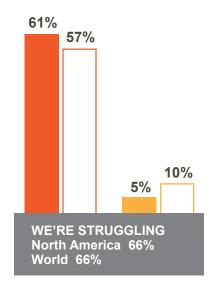
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North America

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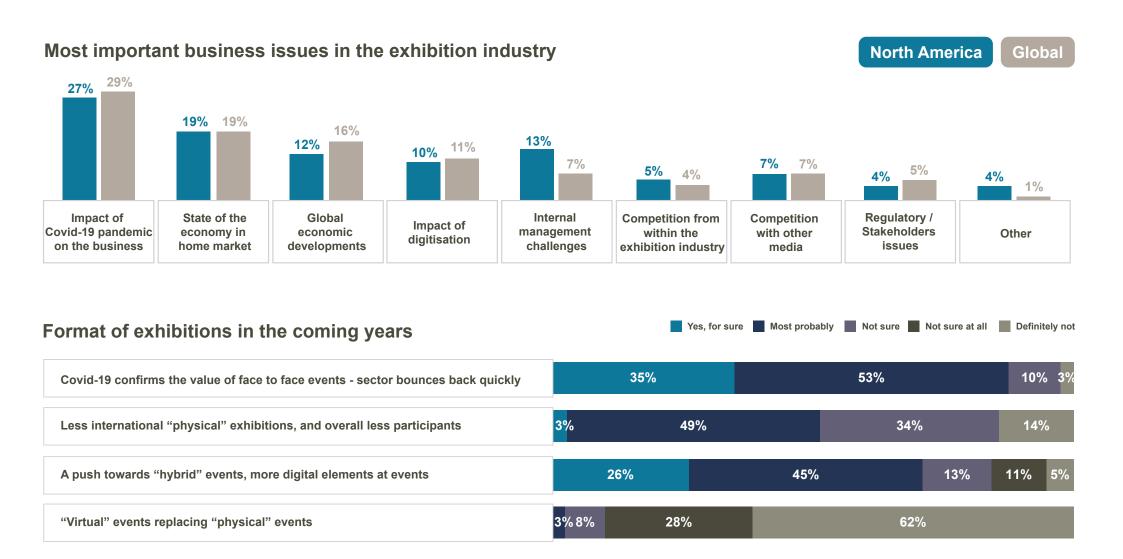




Most Important Business Issues - Format of Exhibitions - North America







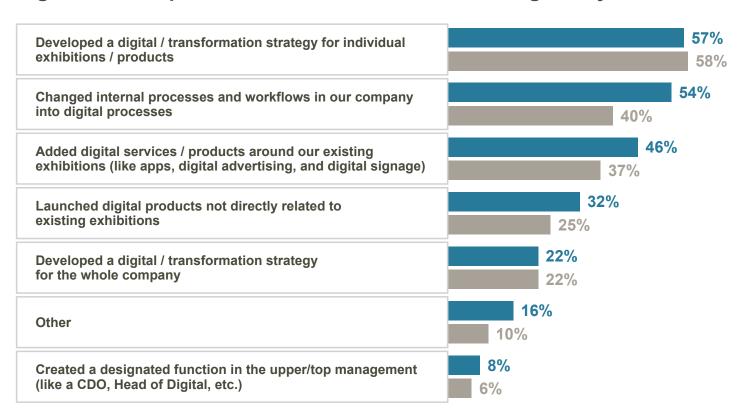
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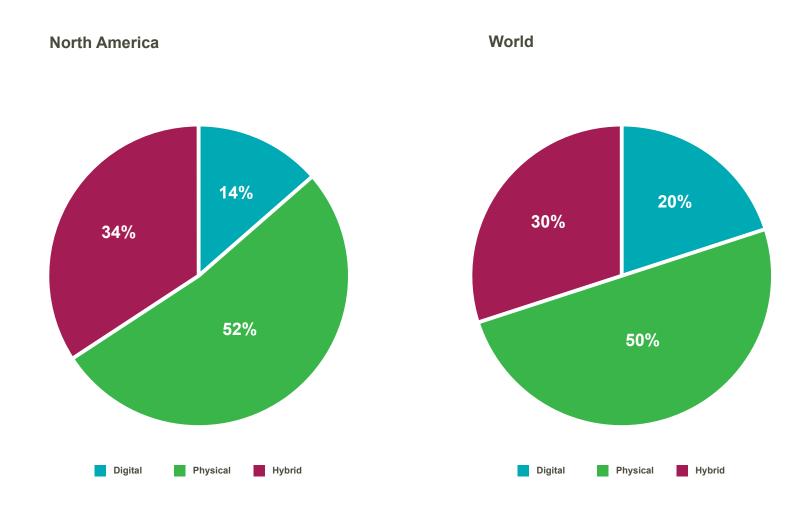
Digitisation: implementation in North America and globally



Number of fairs projected in 2021 North America





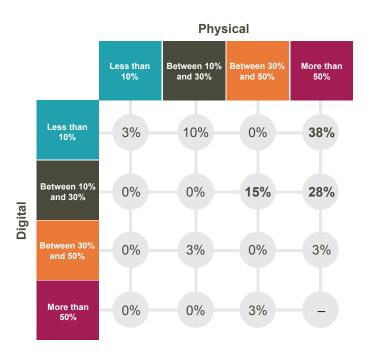


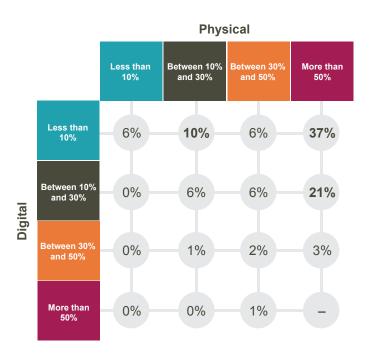
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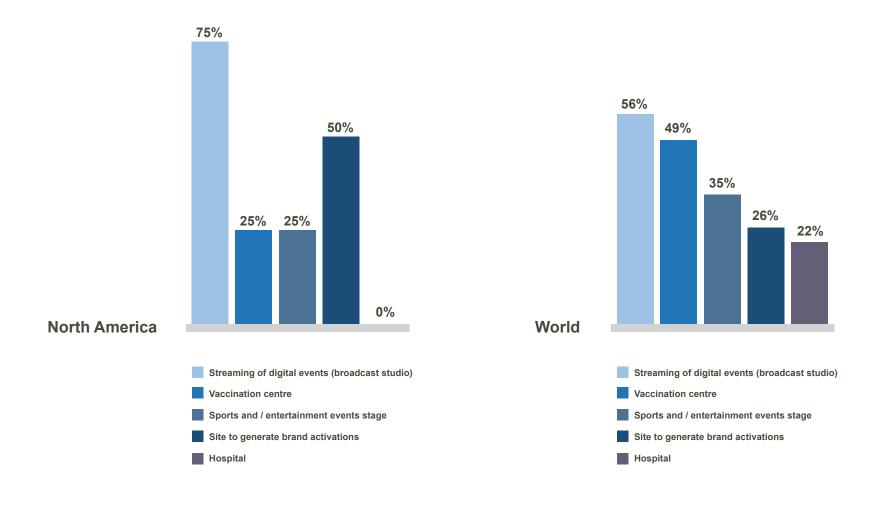




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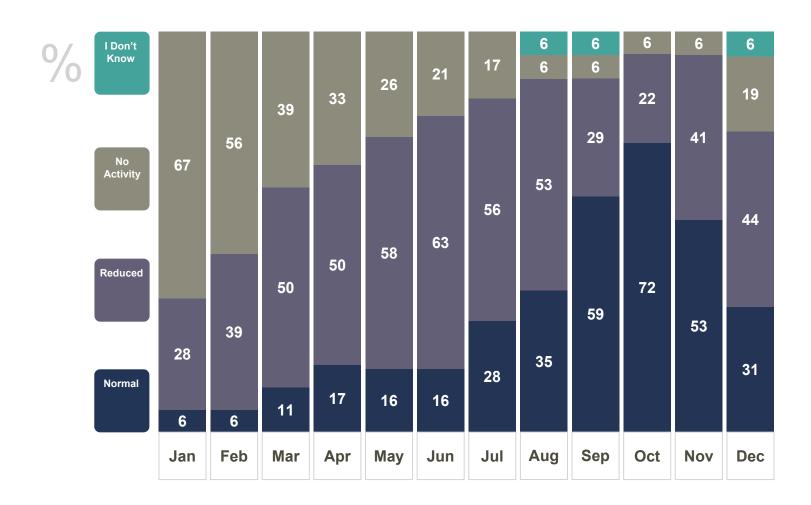








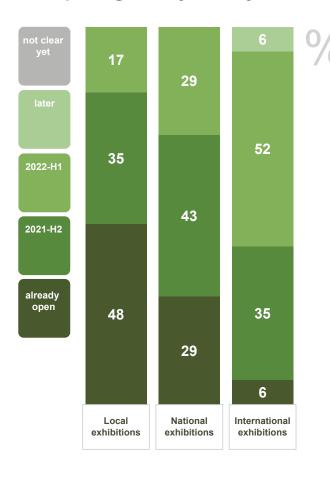
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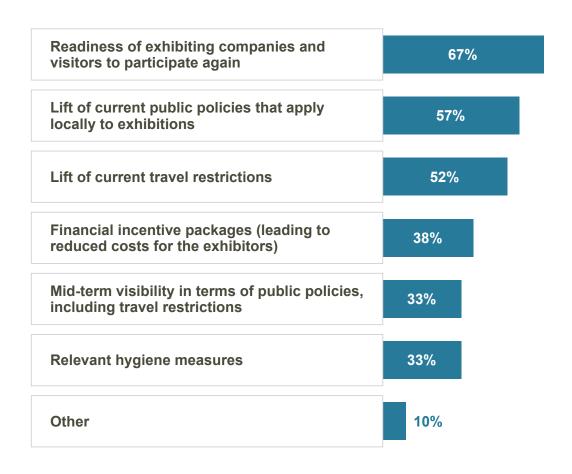




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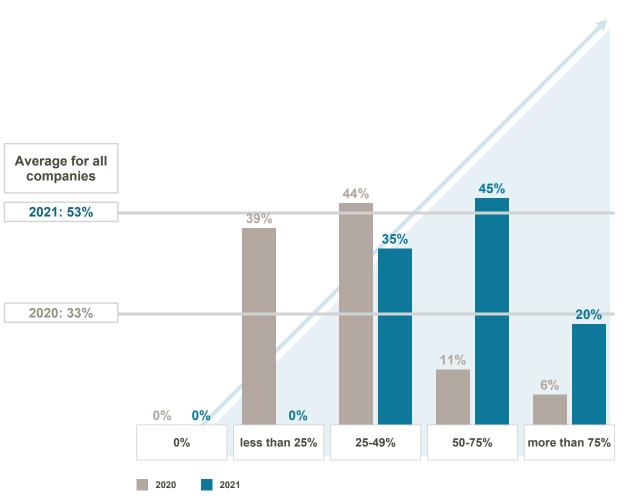
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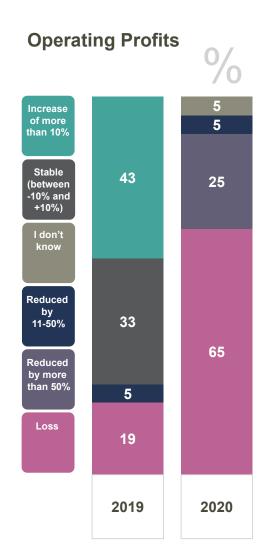








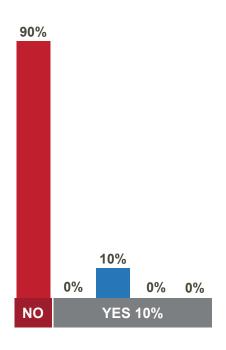




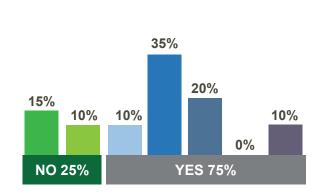




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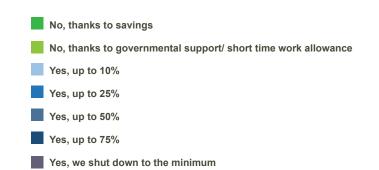
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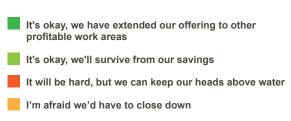


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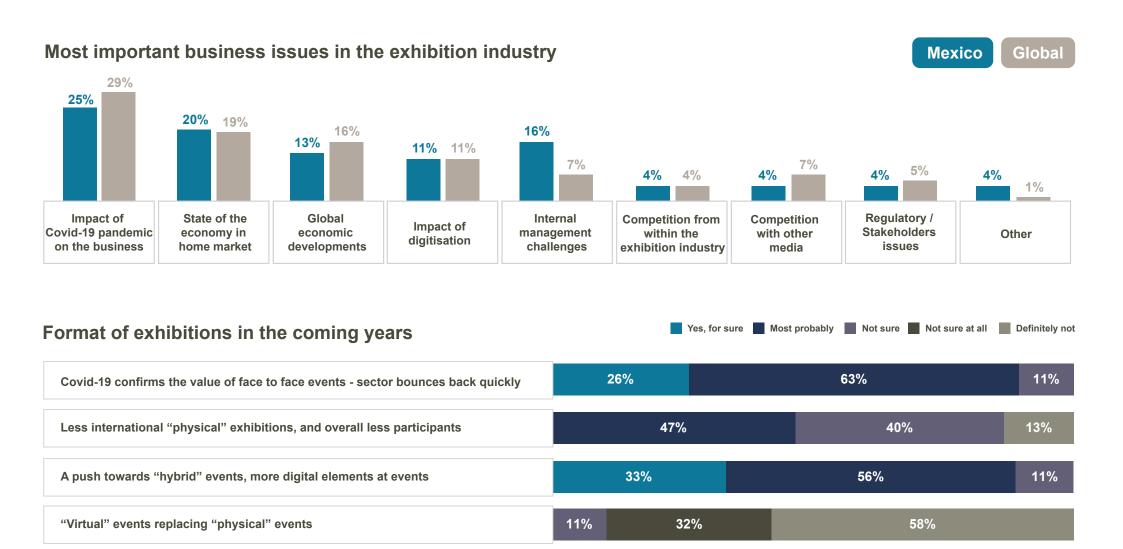












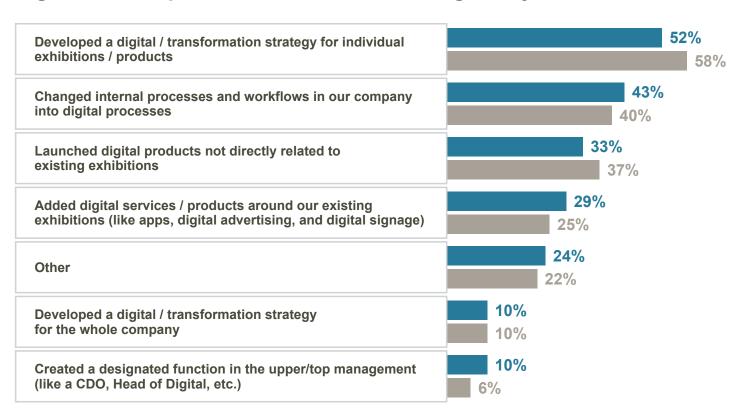




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Digitisation: implementation in Mexico and globally

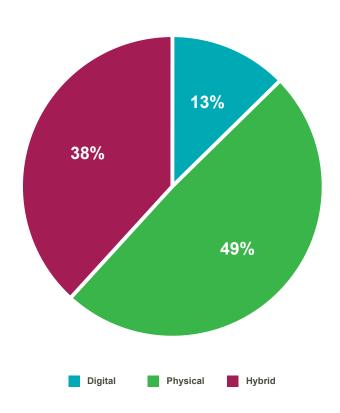


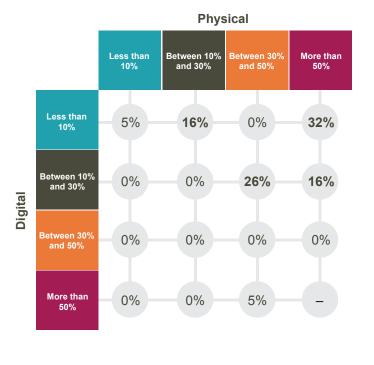




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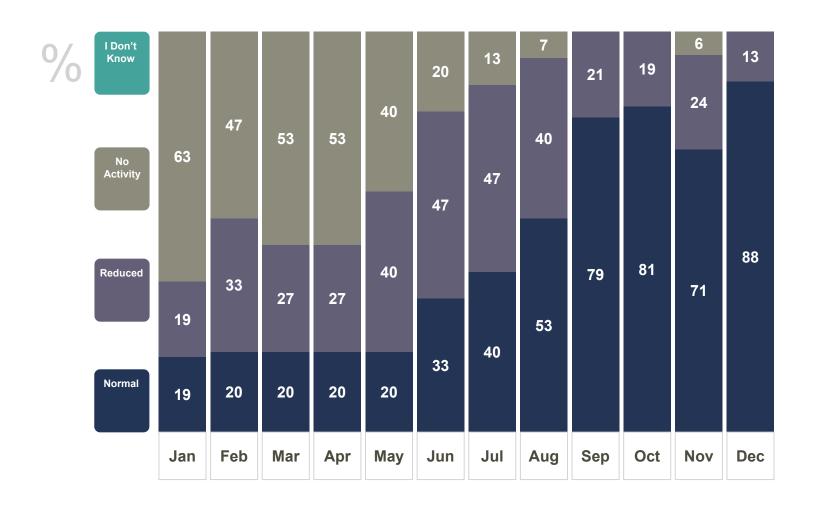








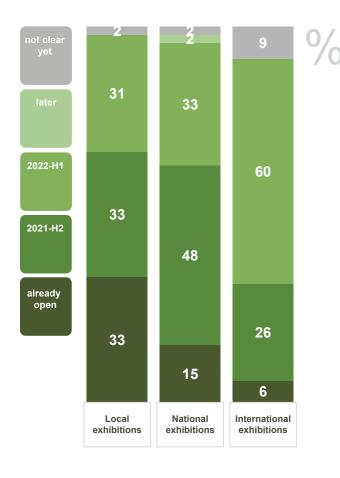
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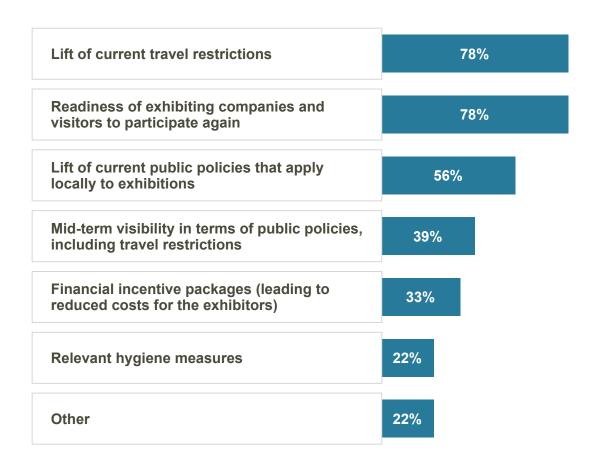




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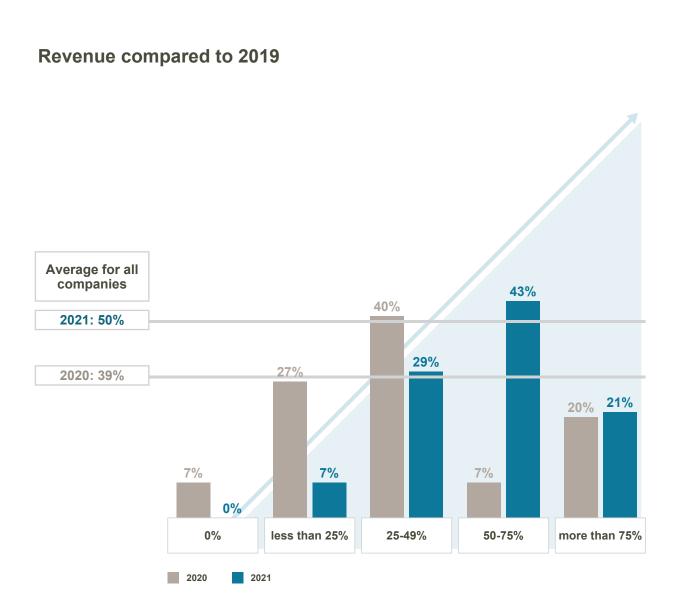


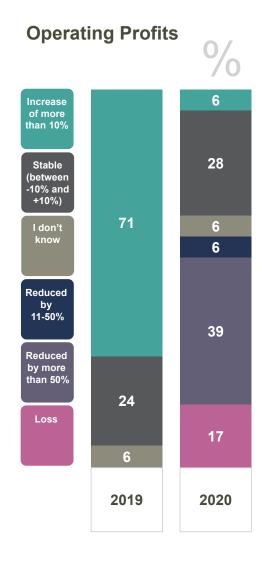
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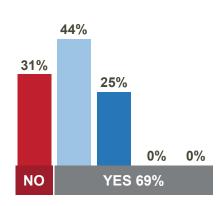




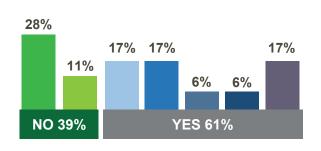




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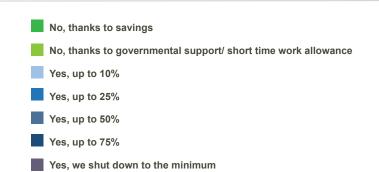
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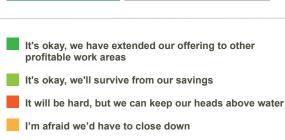


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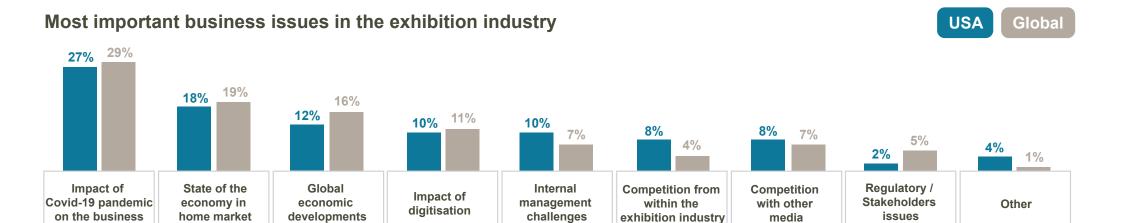




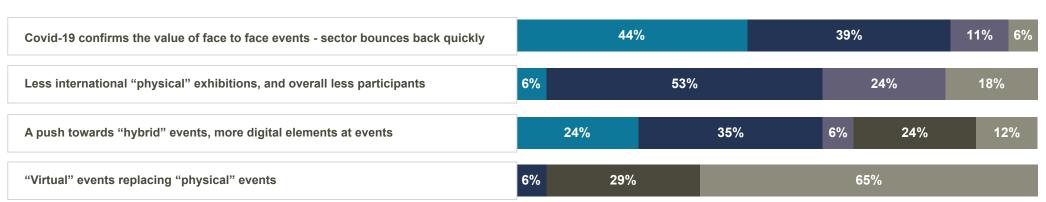


Yes, for sure Most probably Not sure Not sure at all Definitely not





Format of exhibitions in the coming years



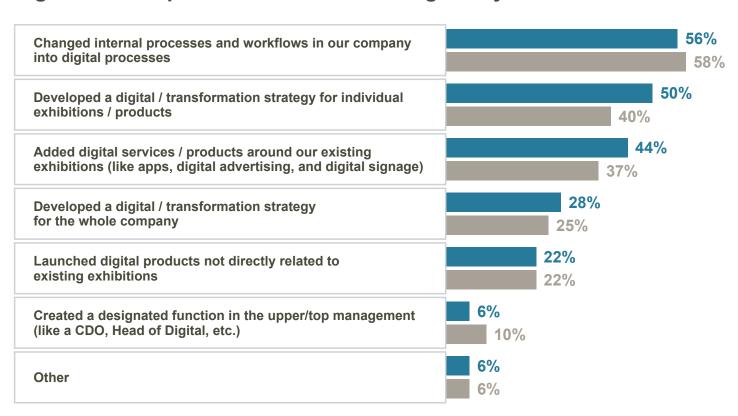








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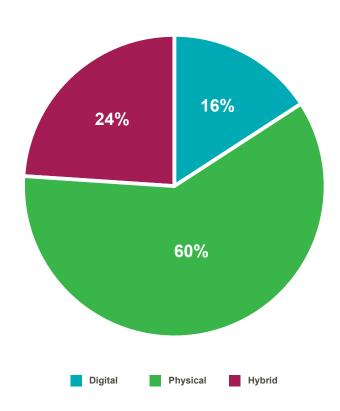


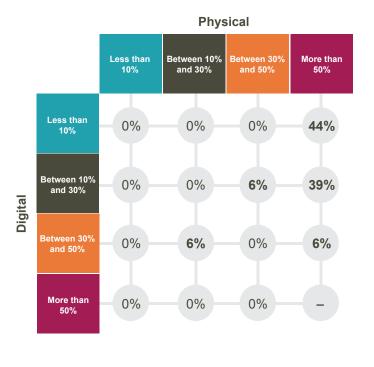




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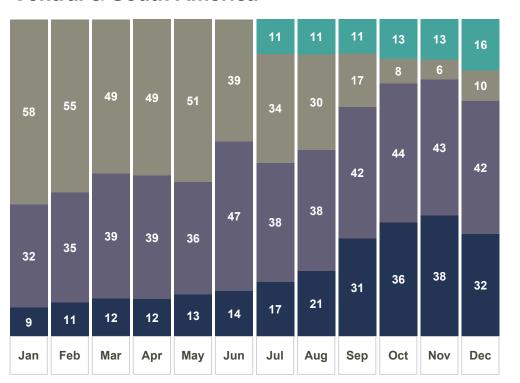


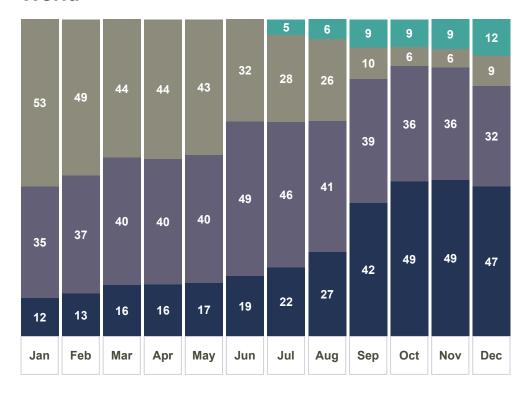






Central & South America



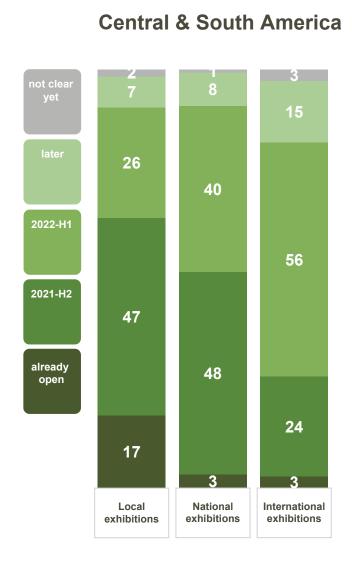


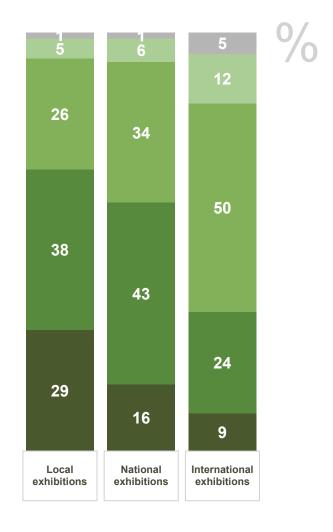
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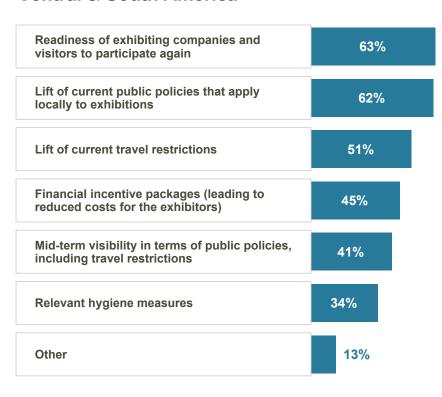
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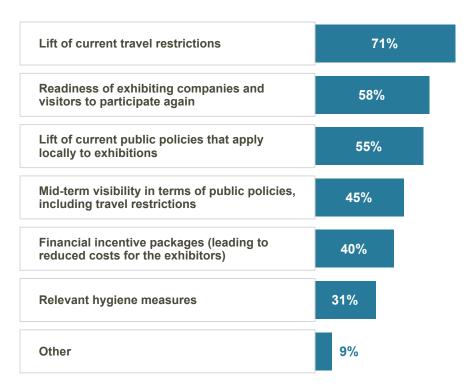




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Central & South America



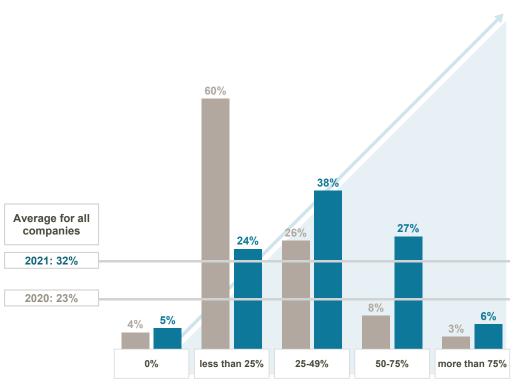


Turnover **Central & South America**

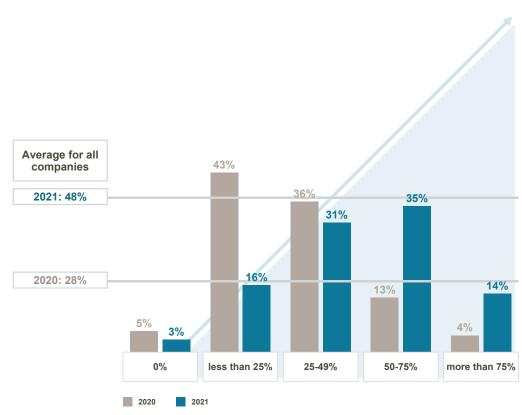


Revenue compared to 2019

Central & South America



World



2020

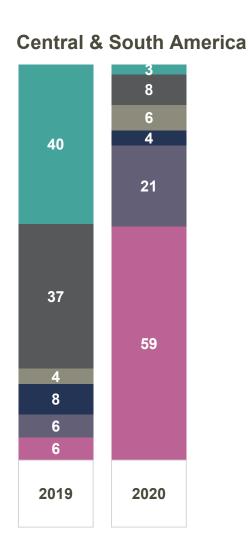
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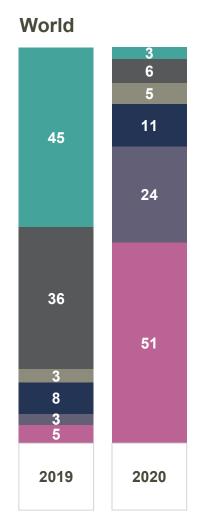


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Public Financial Support Central & South America





Did your company benefit from public financial support?

Central & South America

World

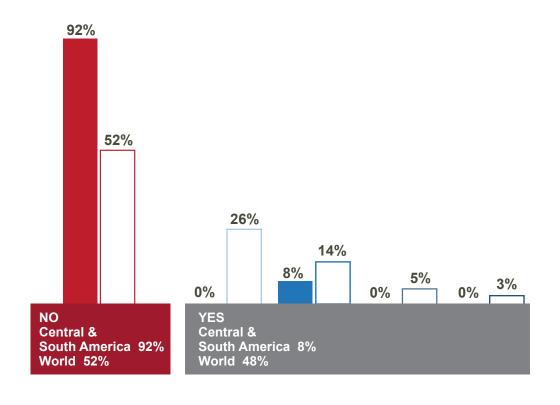


Yes, for less than 10% of our 2019 overall costs

Yes, for between 10% and 25% of our 2019 overall costs

Yes, for between 25% and 50% of our 2019 overall costs

Yes, for more than 50% of our 2019 overall costs



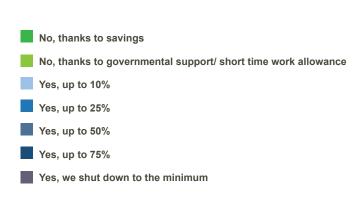
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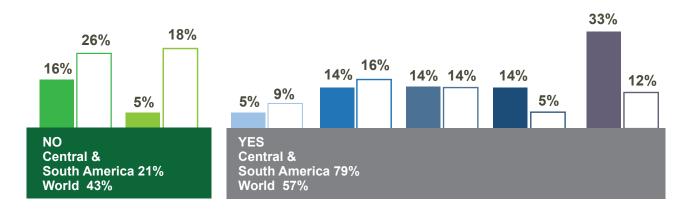




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Central & South America





Perspectives Central & South America

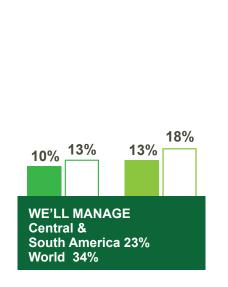


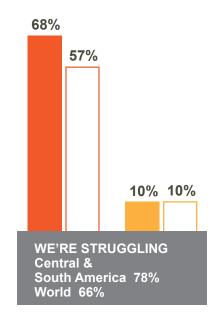


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Central & South America

- It's okay, we have extended our offering to other profitable work areas
- It's okay, we'll survive from our savings
- It will be hard, but we can keep our heads above water
- I'm afraid we'd have to close down

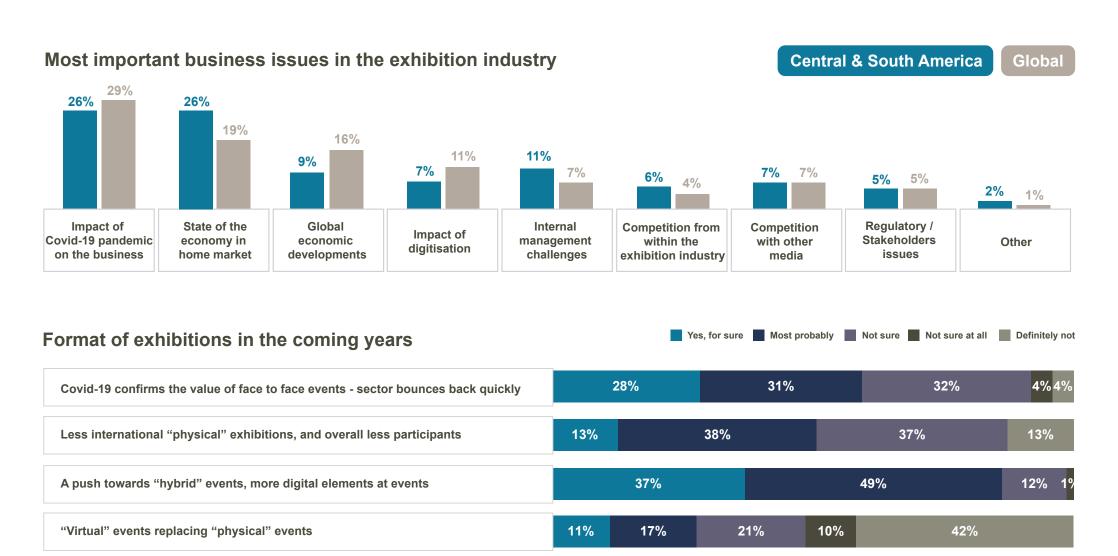




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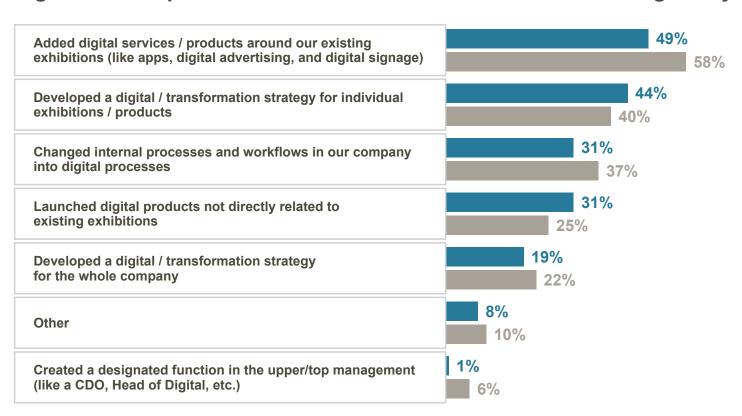




Central & South America

Global

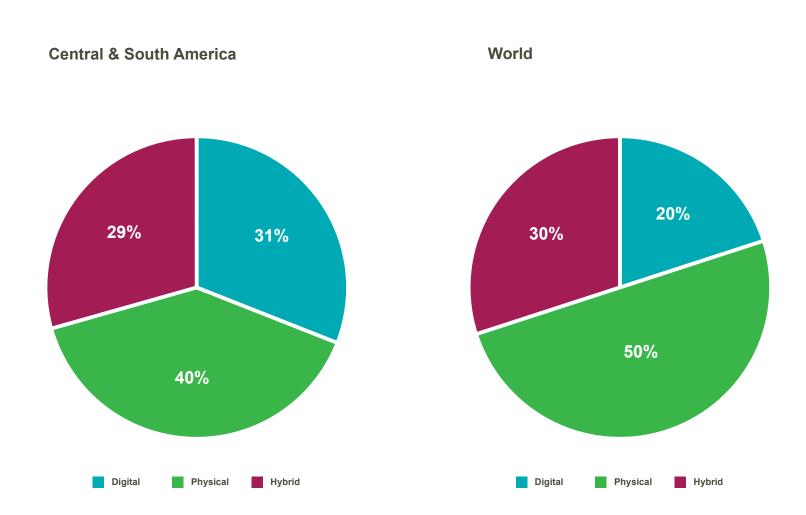
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Number of fairs projected in 2021 Central & South America



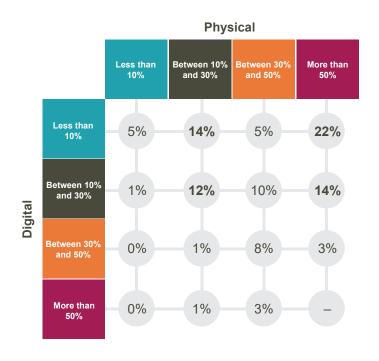


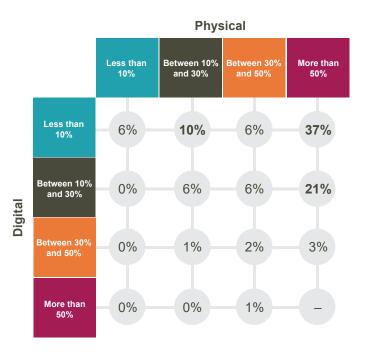






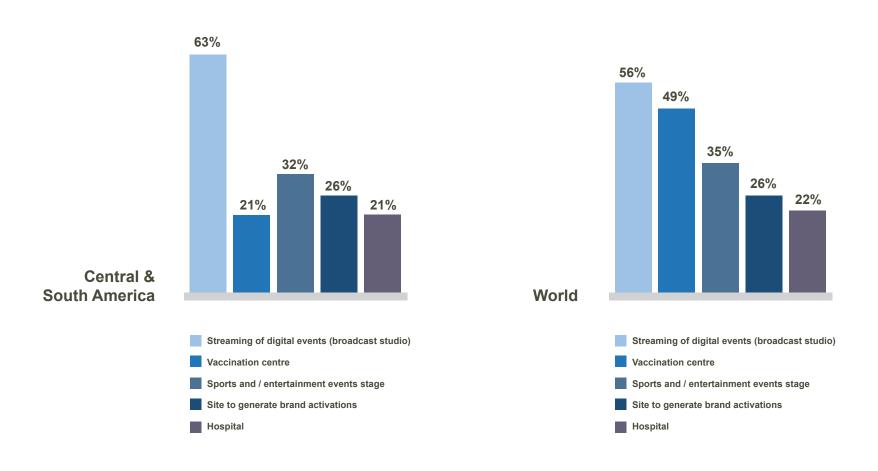
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Expanded activities (for venues only) Central & South America

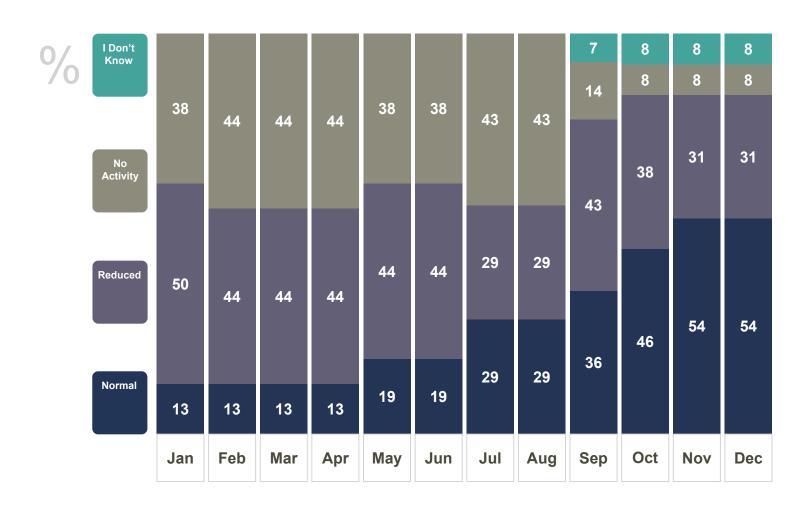








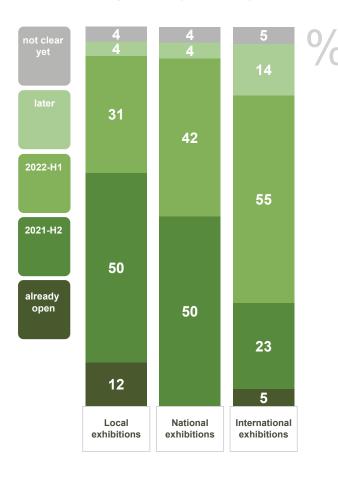
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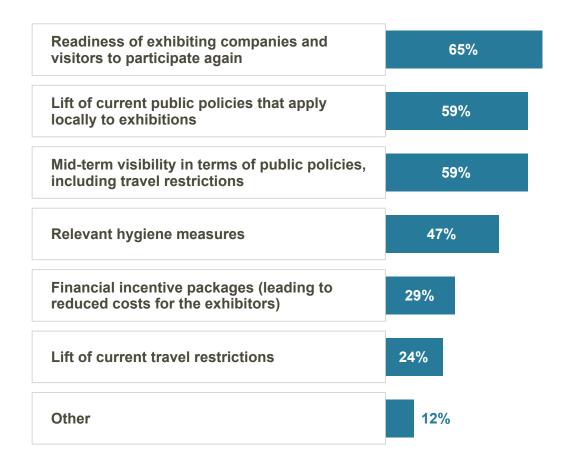




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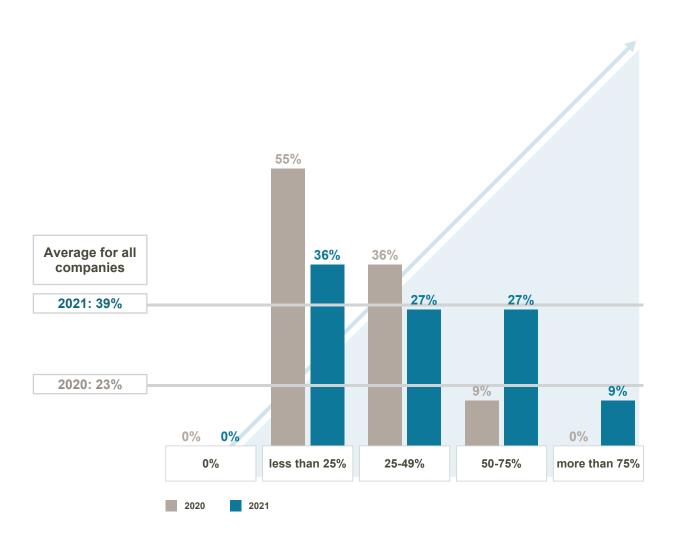
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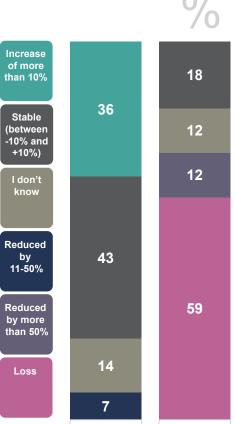












2019

2020

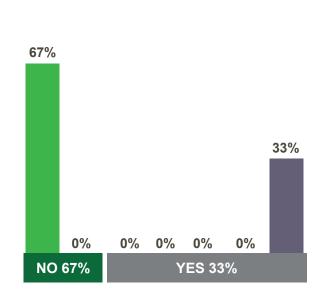




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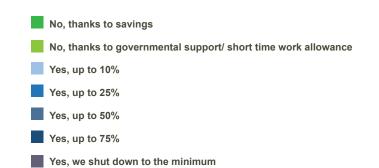
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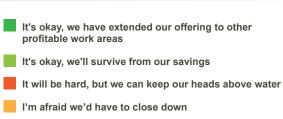


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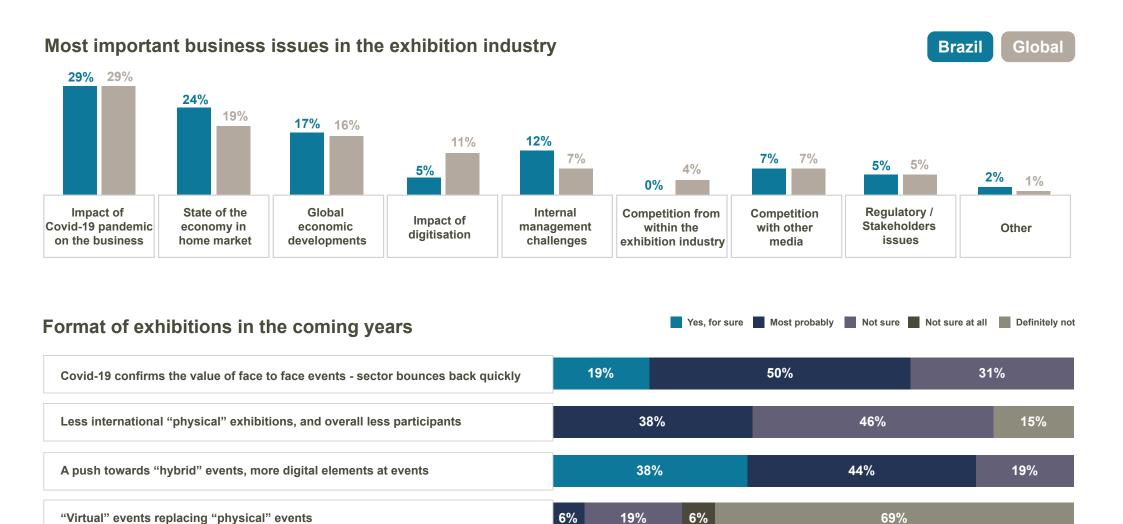












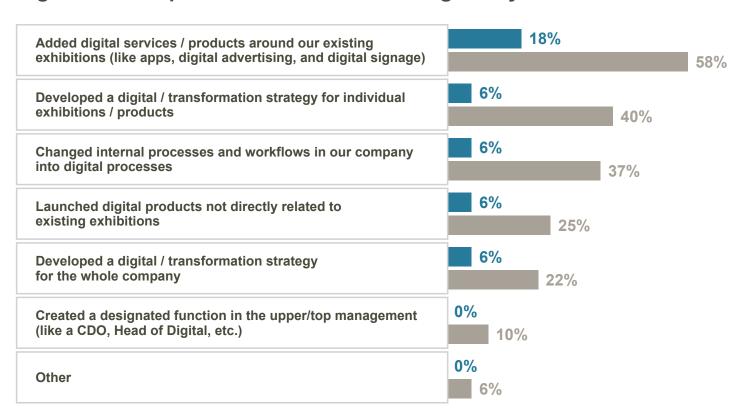




Brazil

Global

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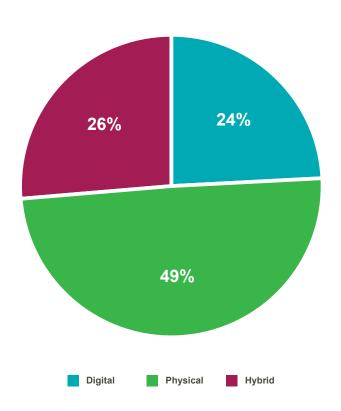


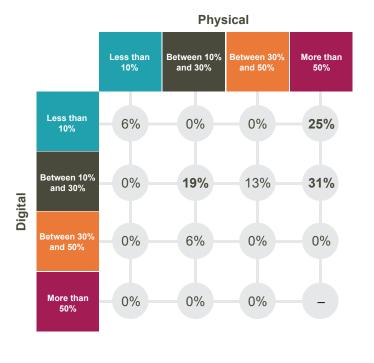




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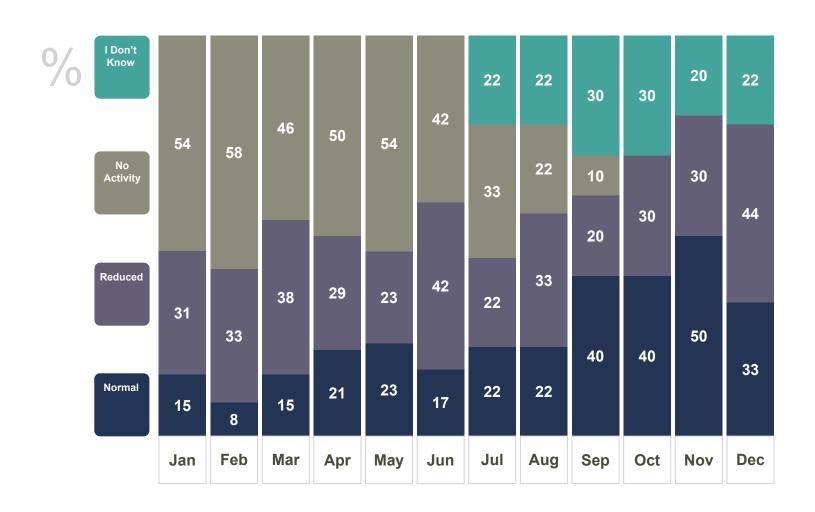








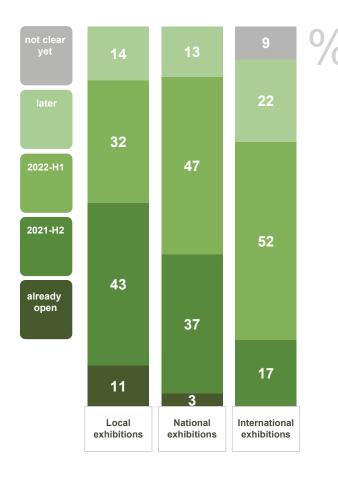
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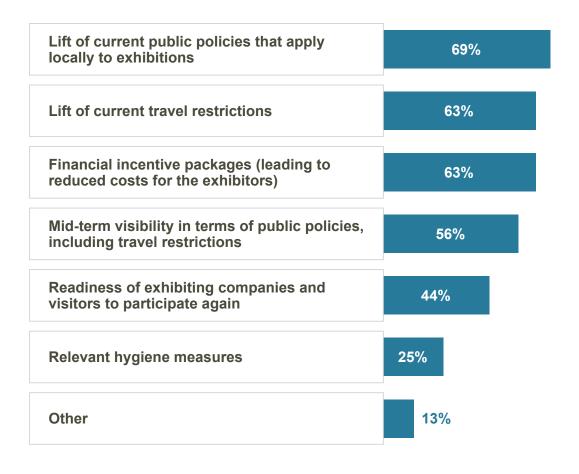




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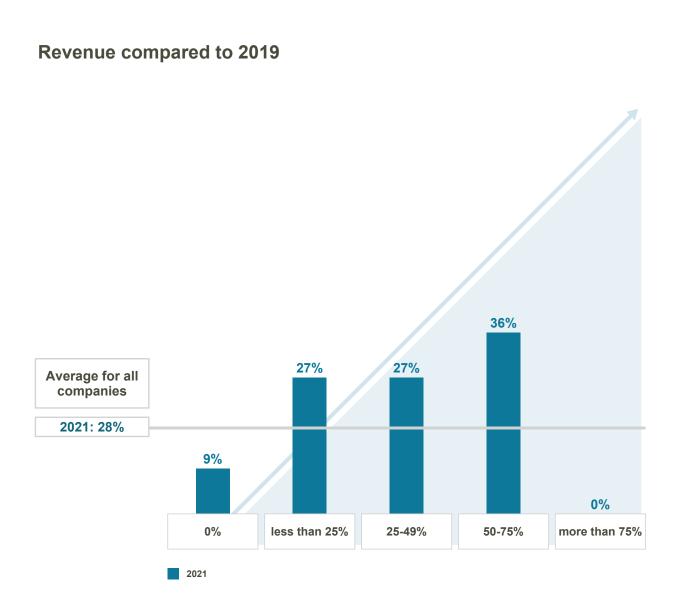


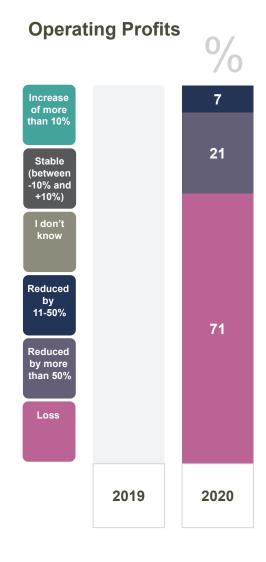
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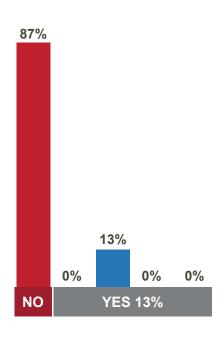




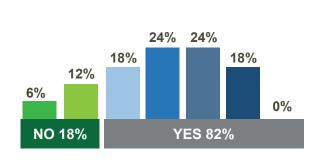




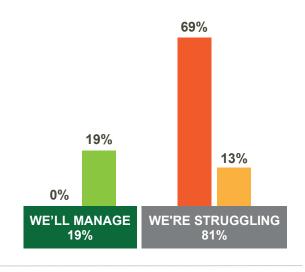
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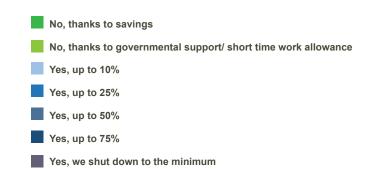
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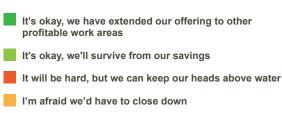


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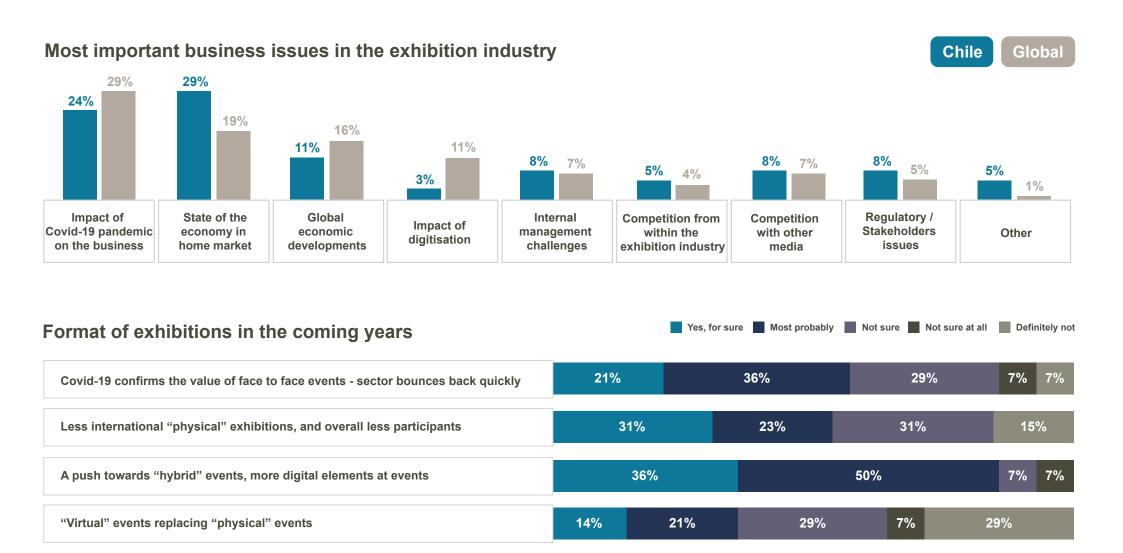










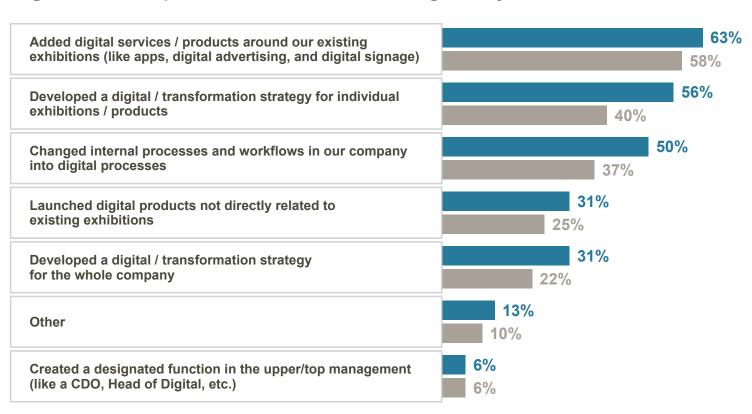








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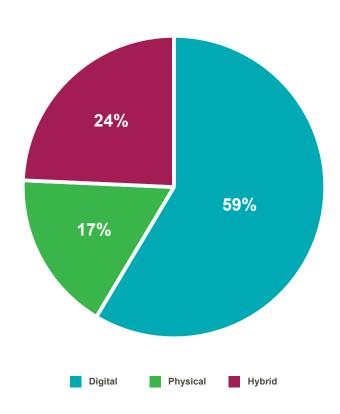


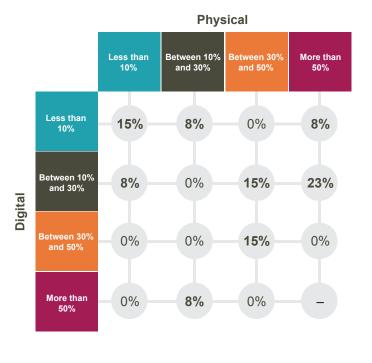




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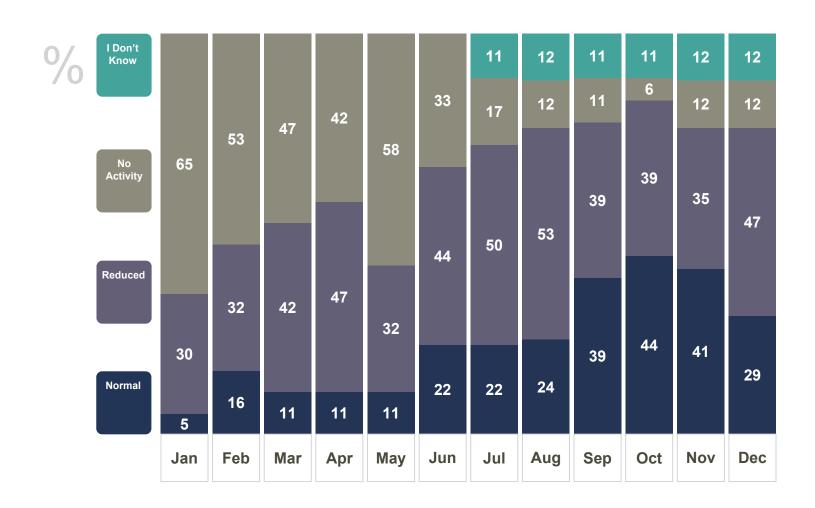
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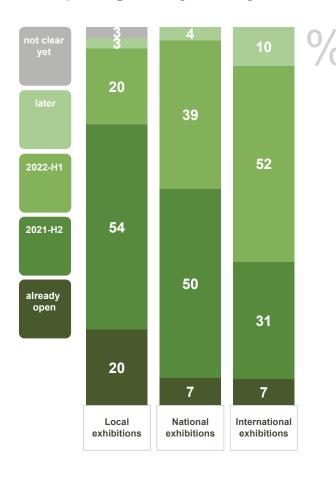


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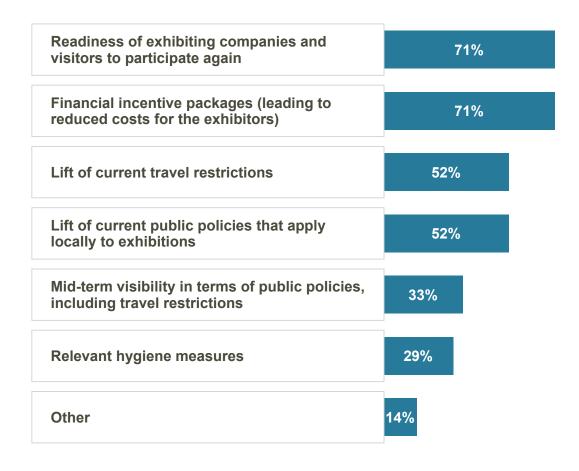




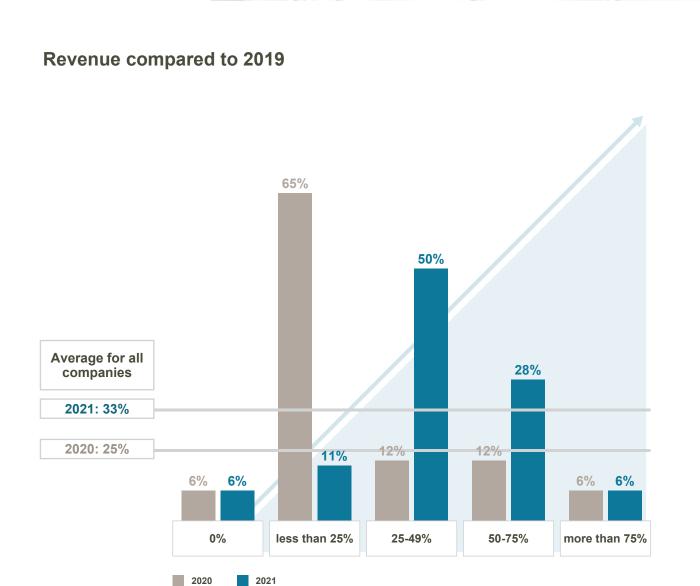
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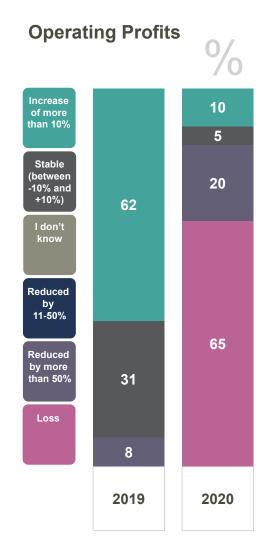


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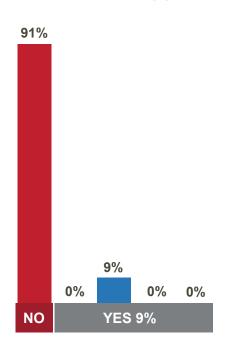




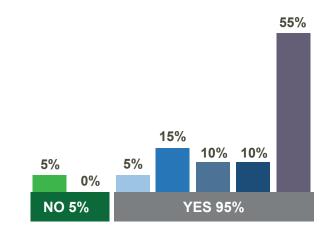




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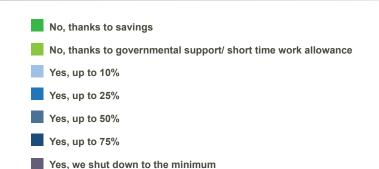
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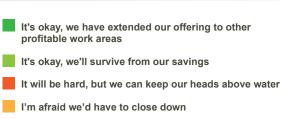


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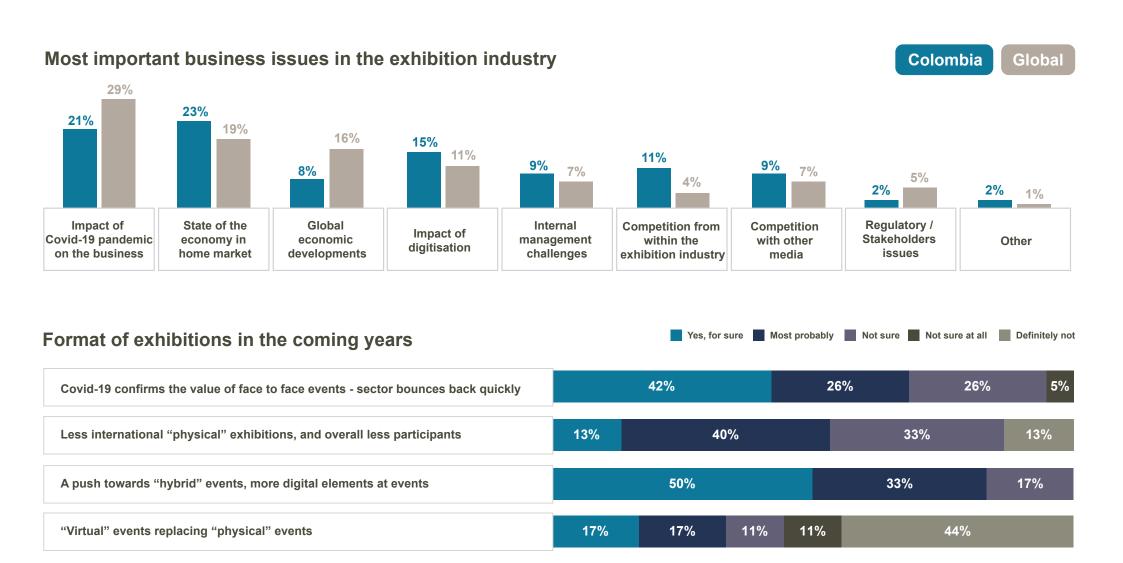










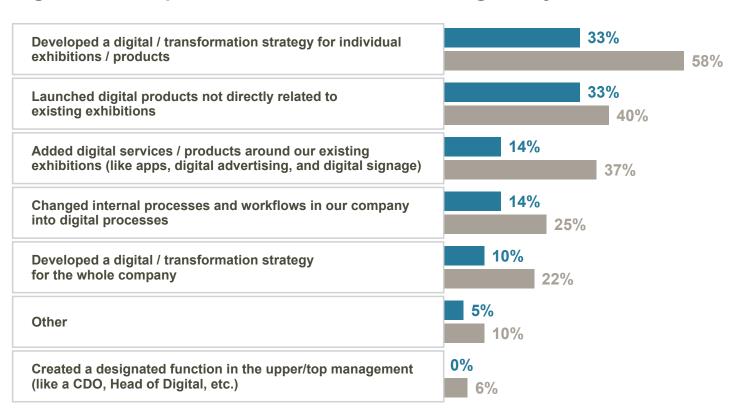




Colombia

Global

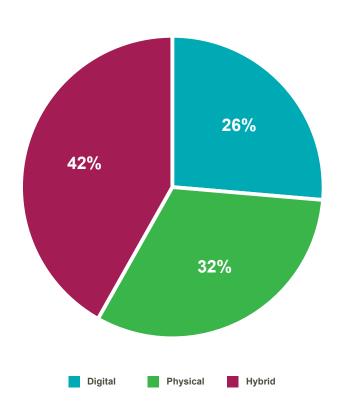
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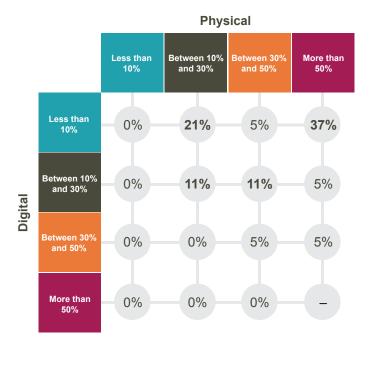




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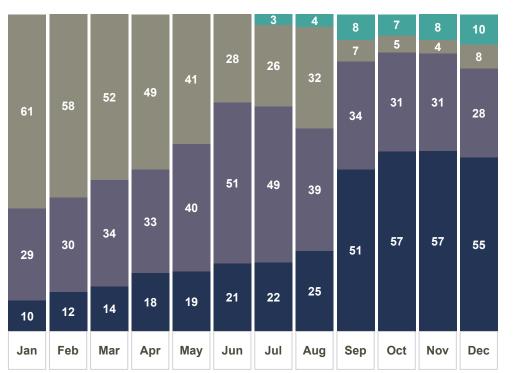




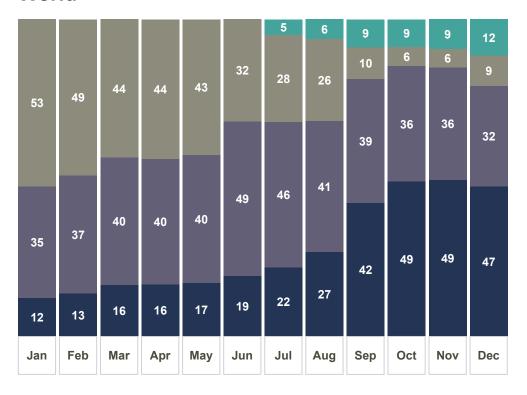




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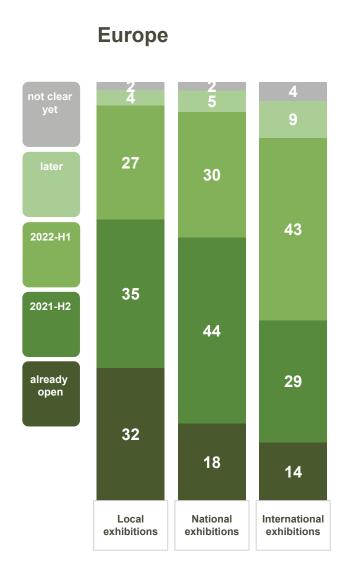
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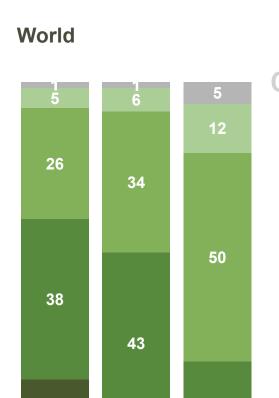


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National

exhibitions

29

Local

exhibitions

24

9

International

exhibitions

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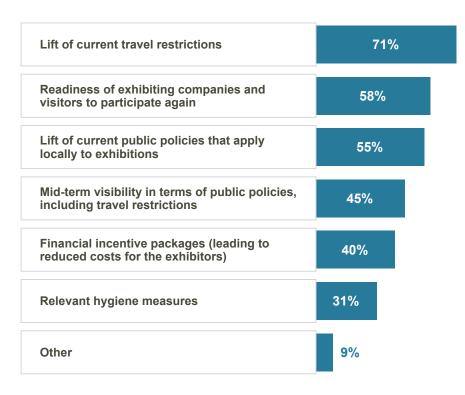


What do you believe would most help the "bounce back" of exhibitions?

Europe

77% Lift of current travel restrictions Readiness of exhibiting companies and 61% visitors to participate again Lift of current public policies that apply 54% locally to exhibitions Mid-term visibility in terms of public policies, 47% including travel restrictions Financial incentive packages (leading to 39% reduced costs for the exhibitors) Relevant hygiene measures 28% 6% Other

World

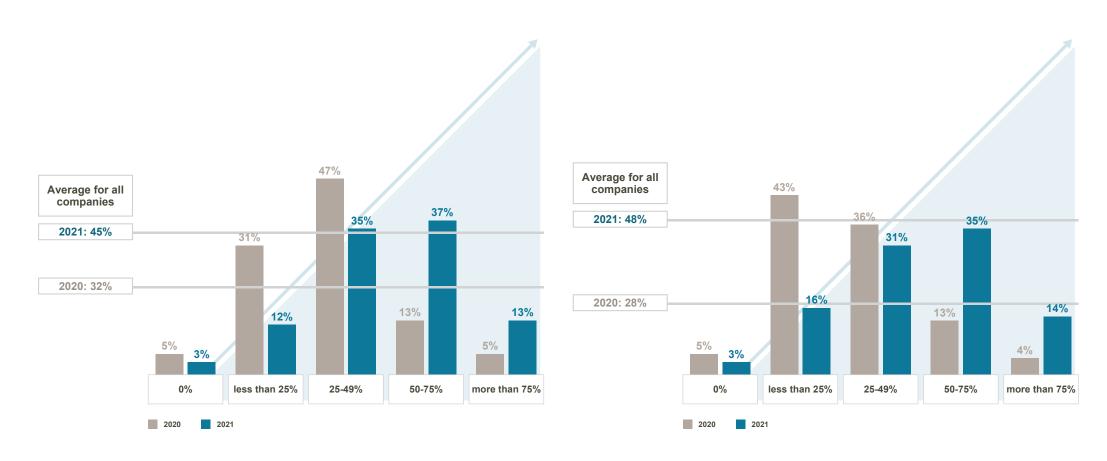


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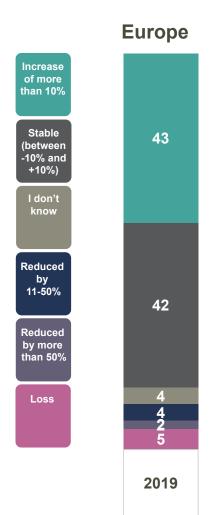
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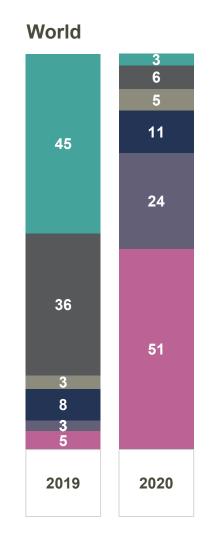
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Operating profits Europe







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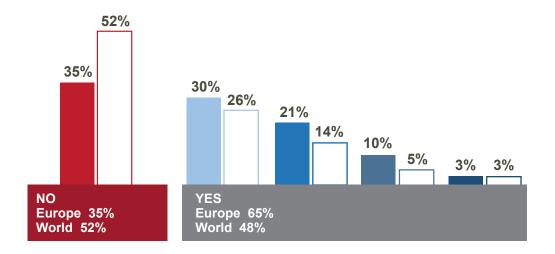
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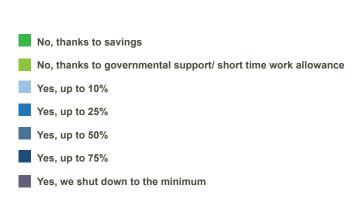


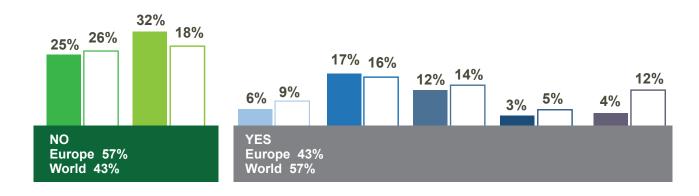




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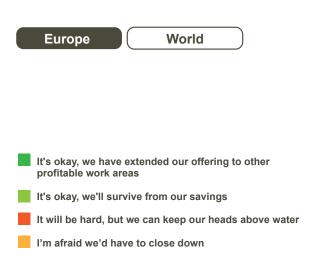


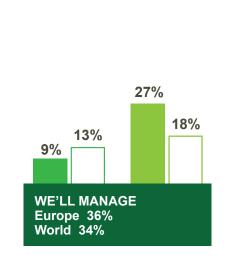


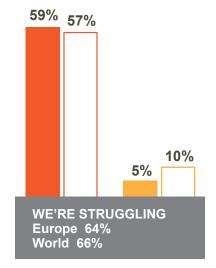




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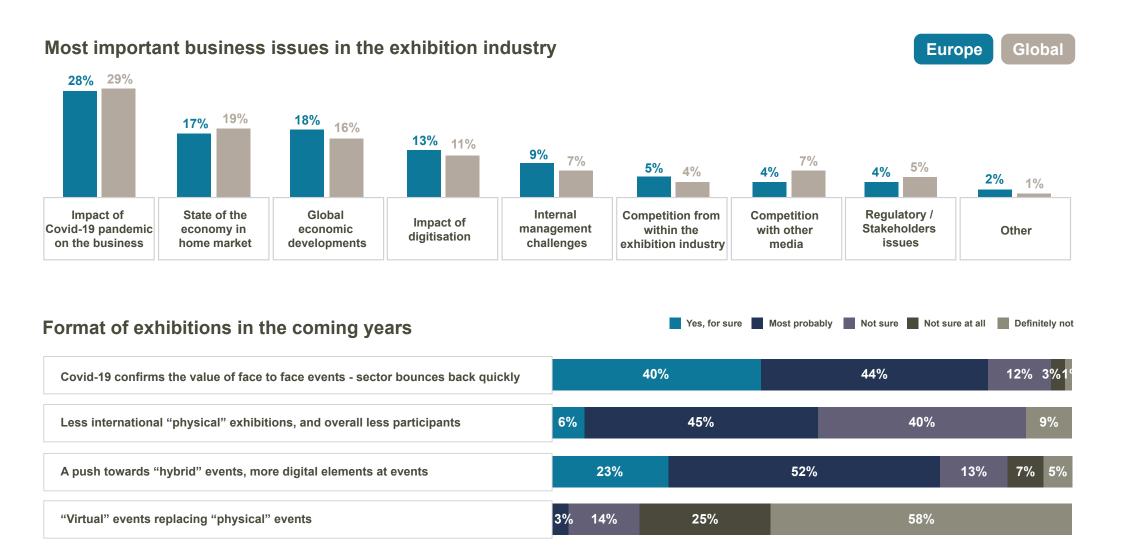




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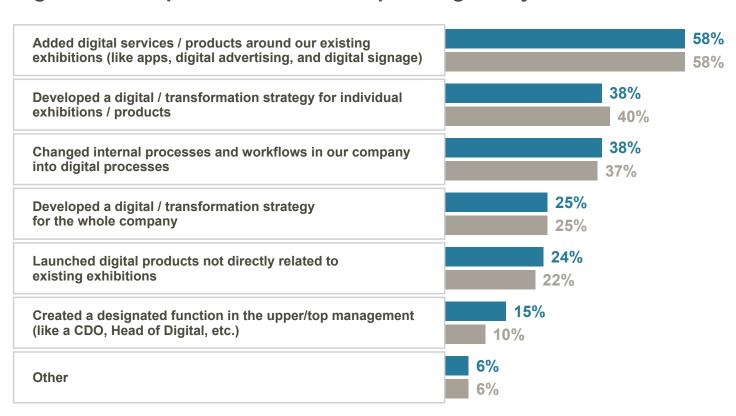




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Global

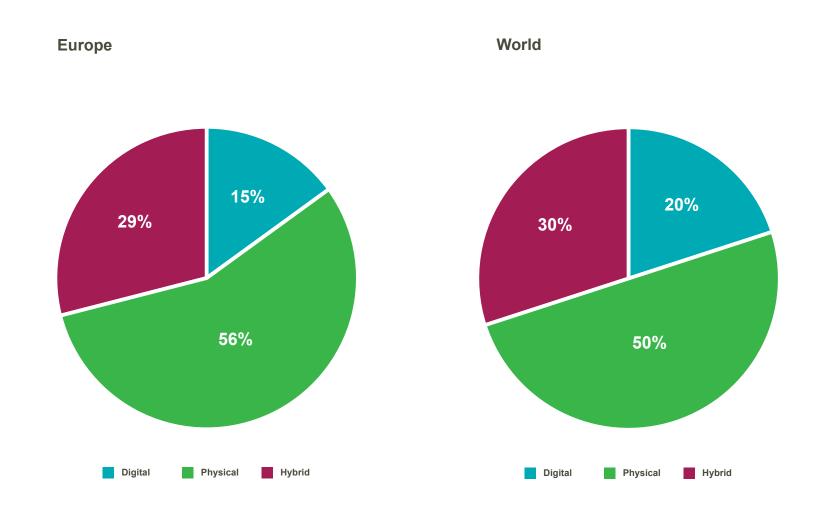
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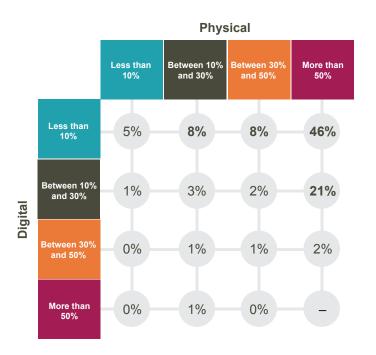


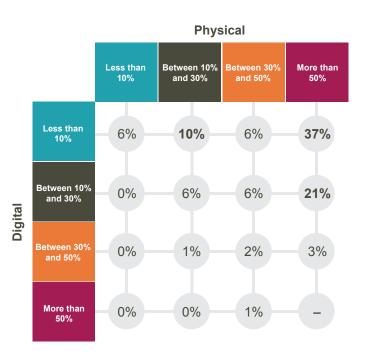
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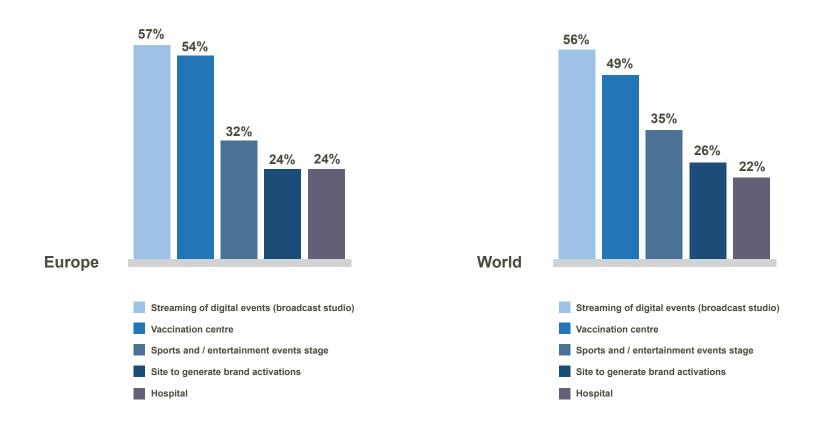
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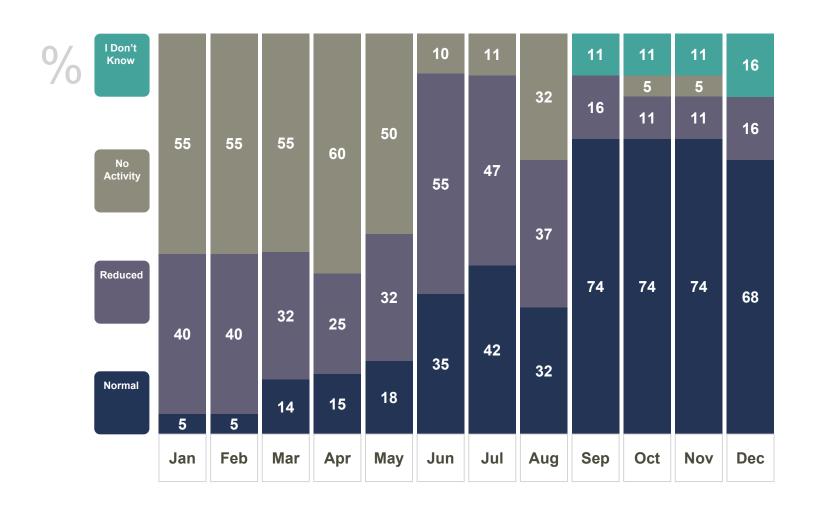
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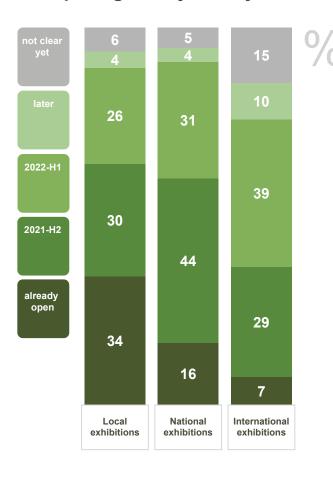


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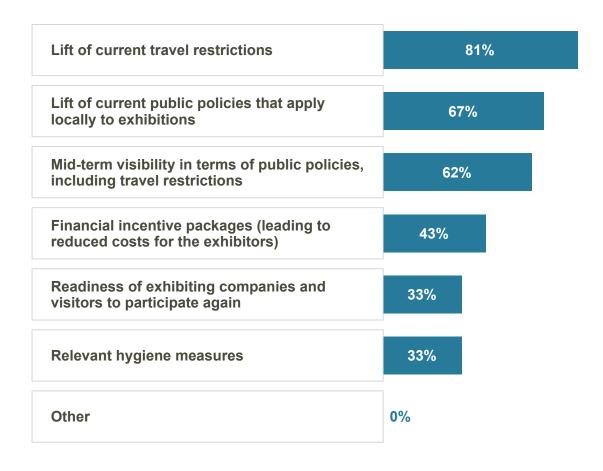




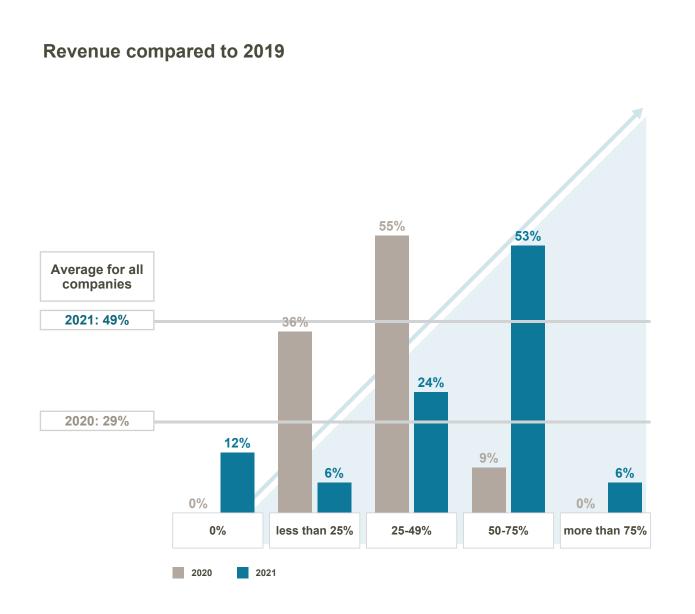
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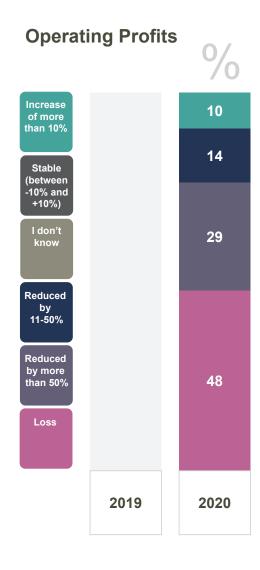


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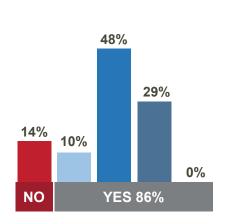




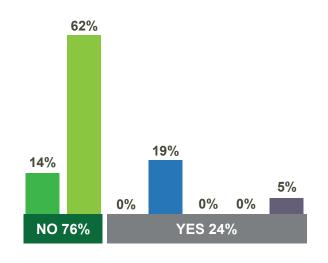




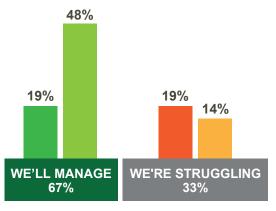
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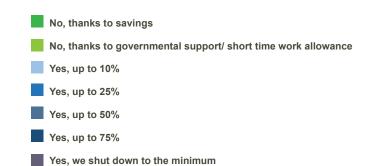
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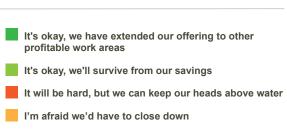


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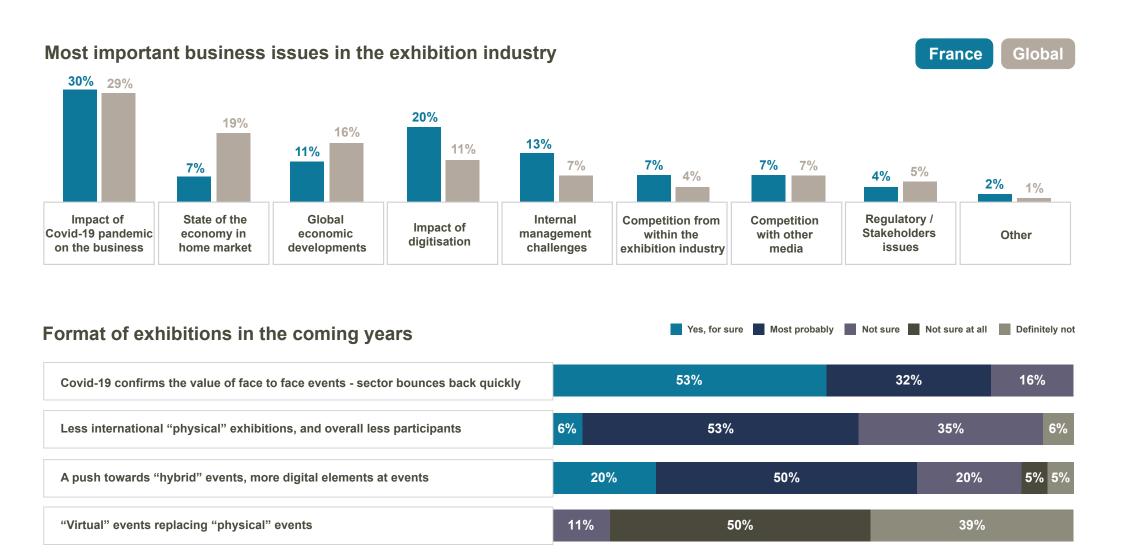














France

Global

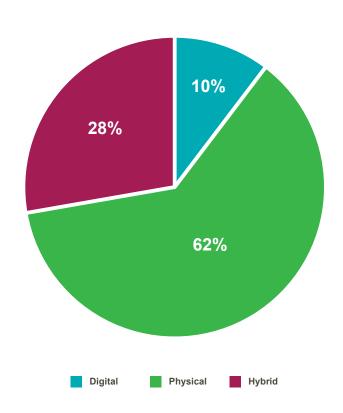
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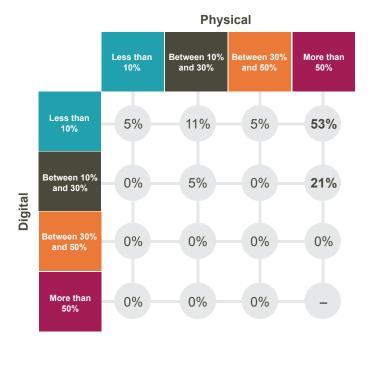




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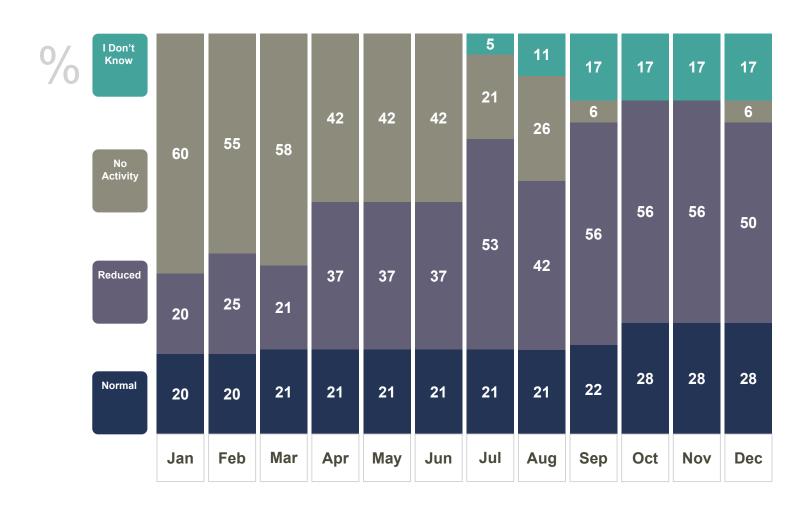




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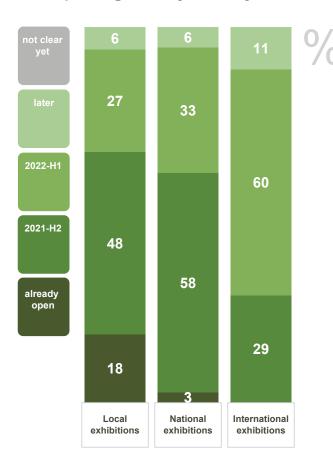
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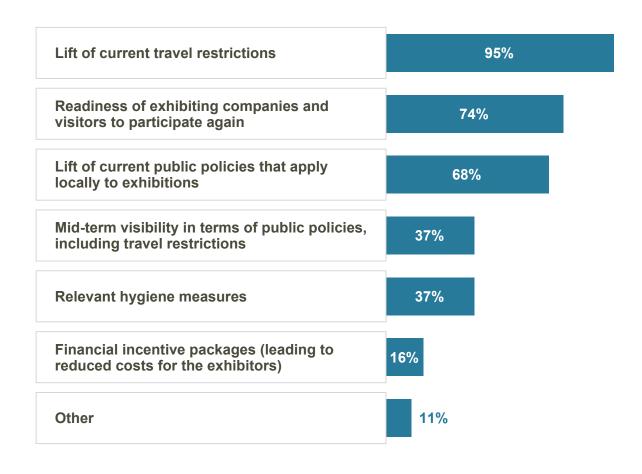
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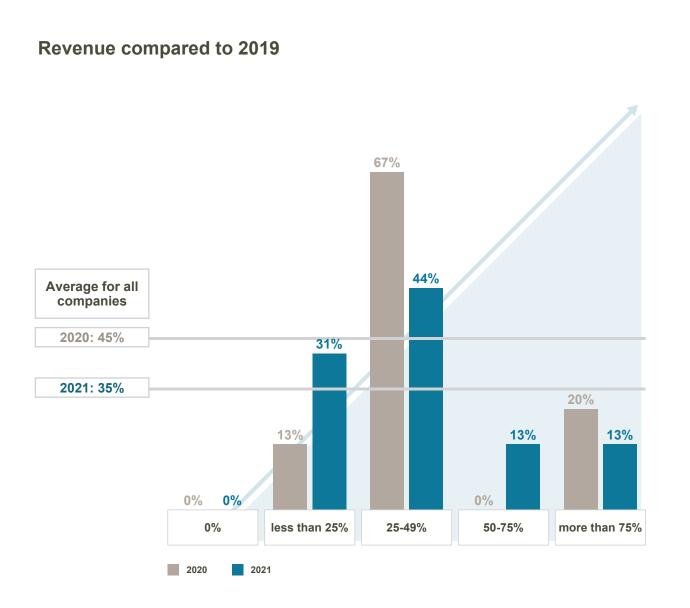
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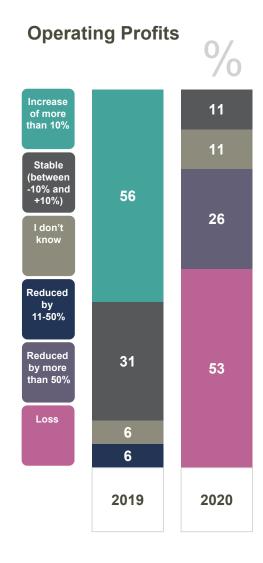


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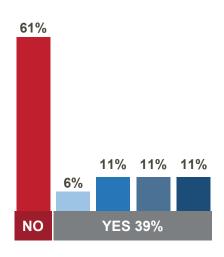




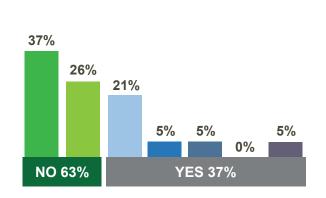




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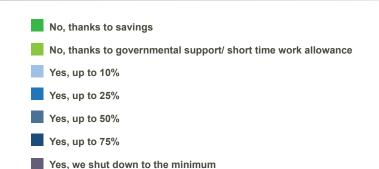
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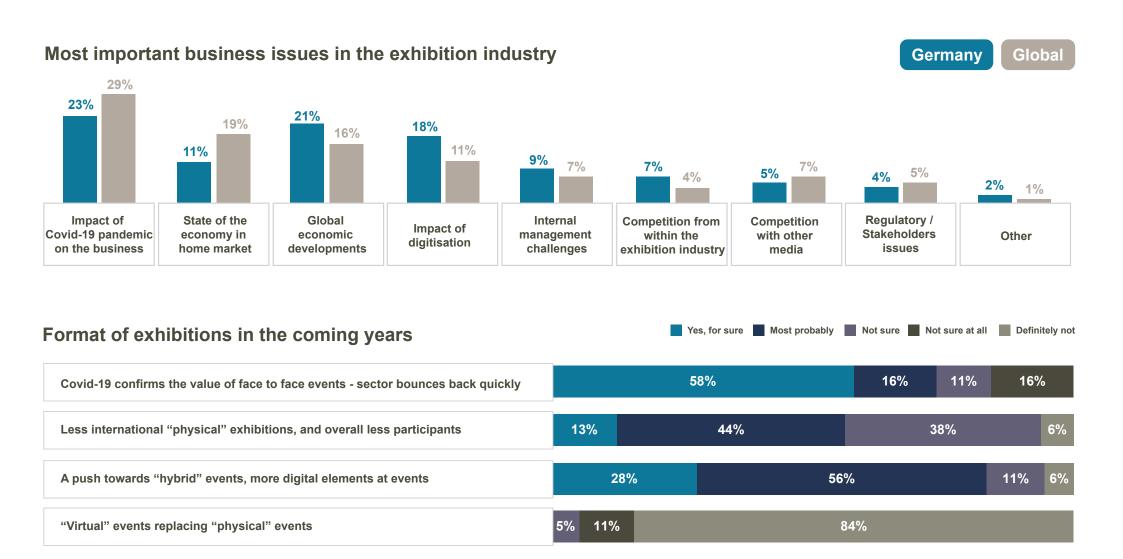




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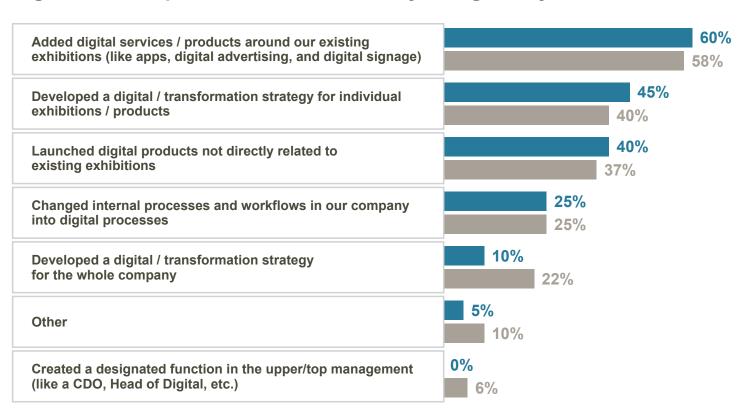




Germany

Global

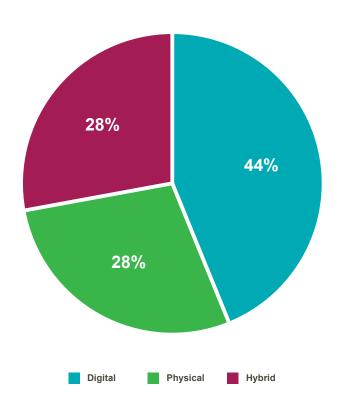
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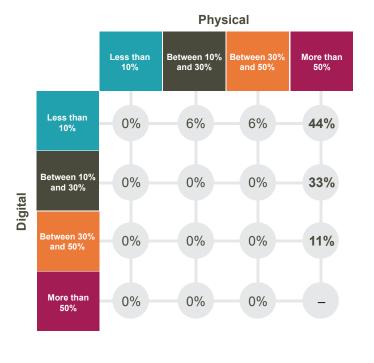




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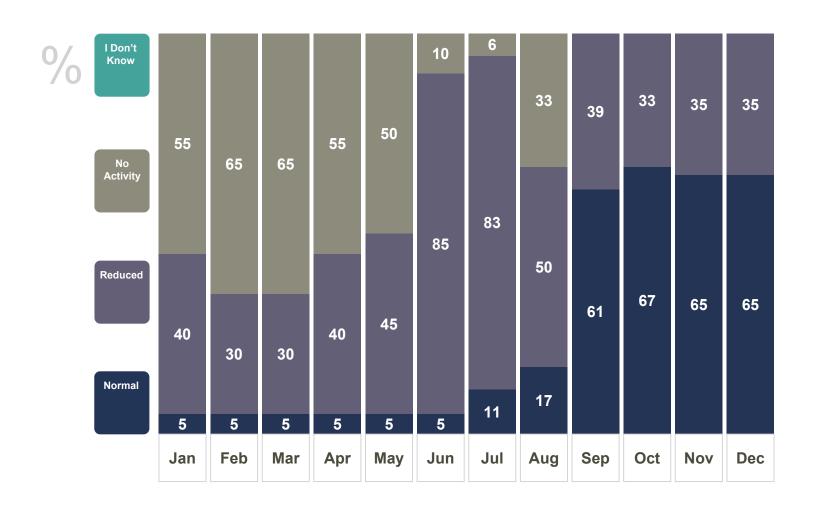
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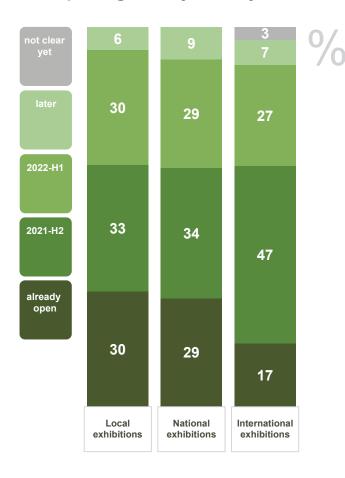


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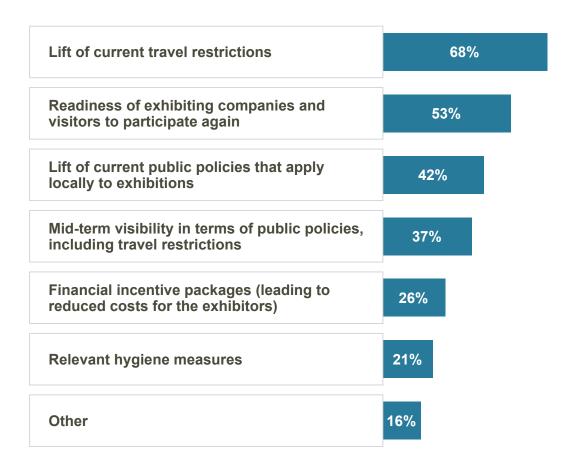




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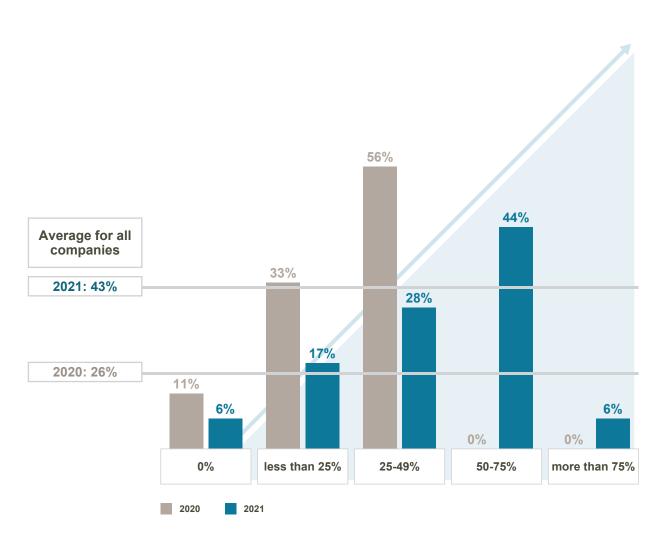


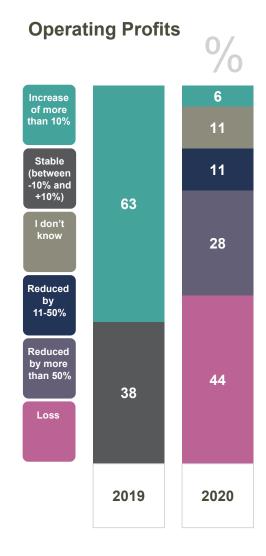
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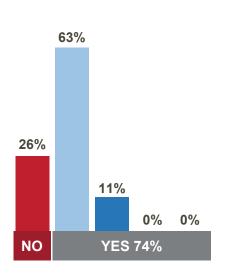




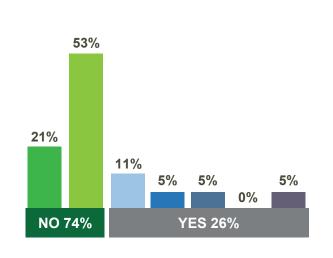




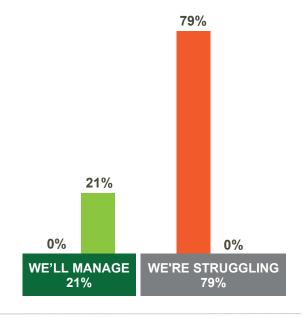
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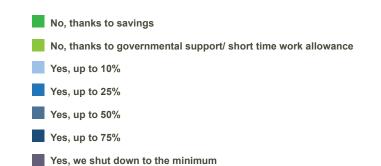
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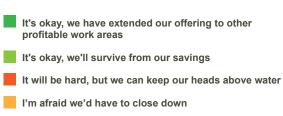


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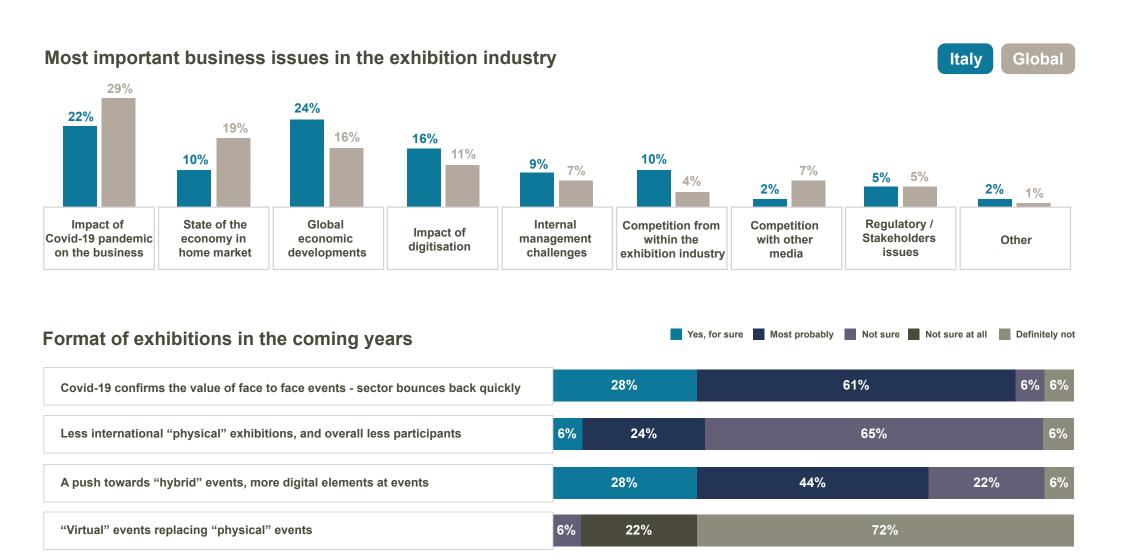


















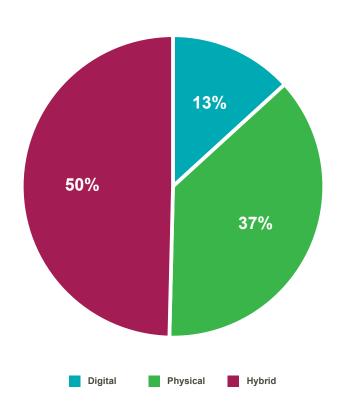
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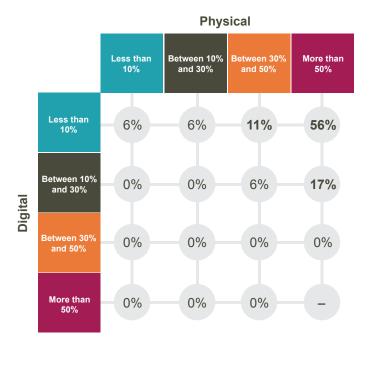




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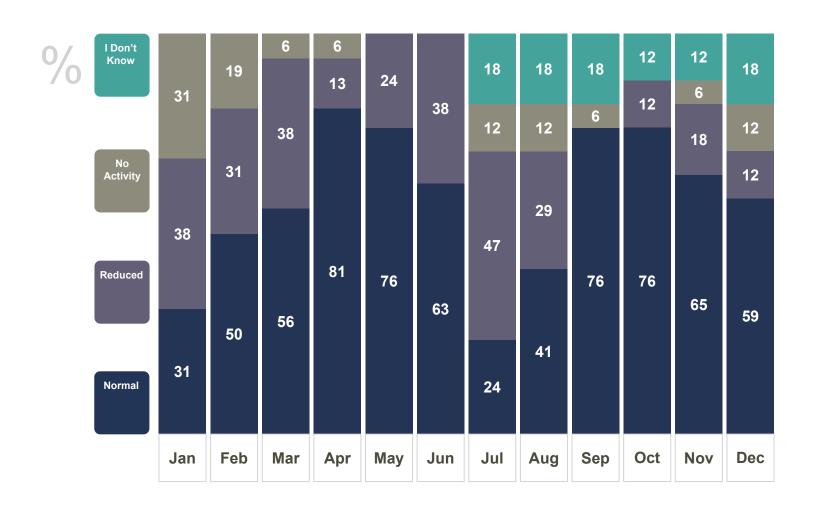
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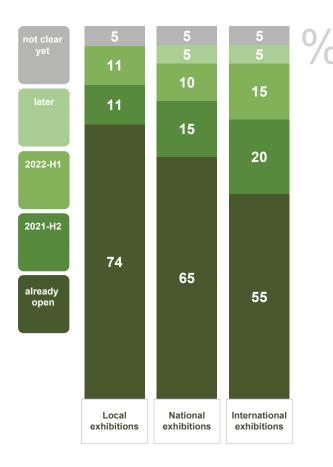


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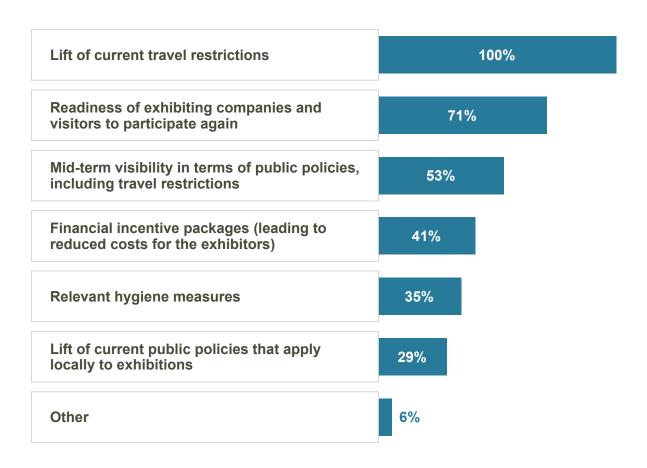




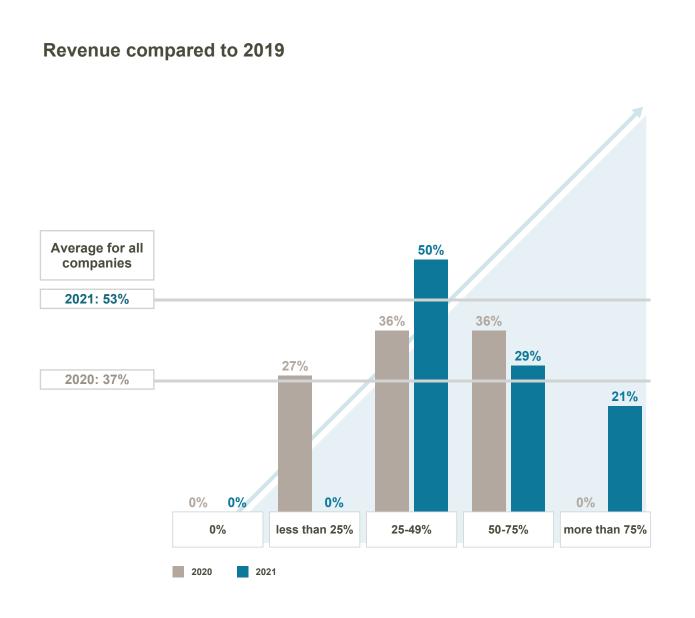
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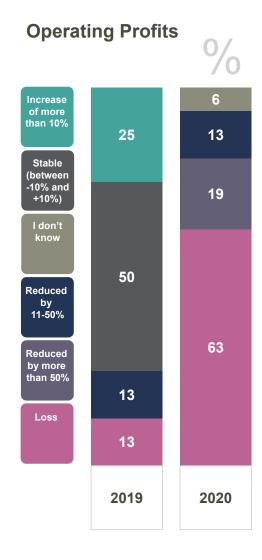


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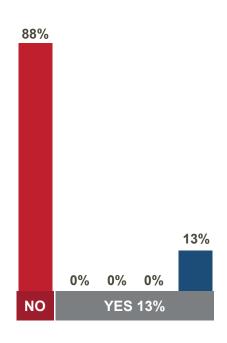




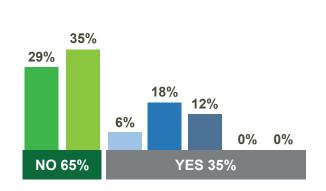




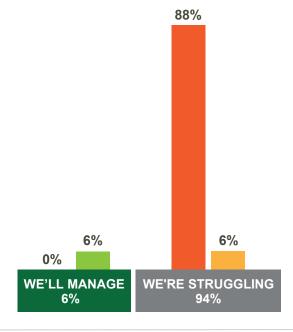
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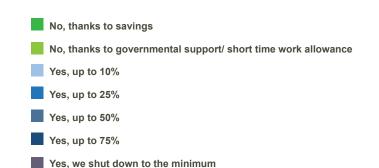
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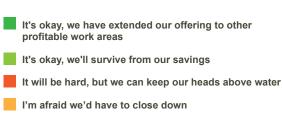


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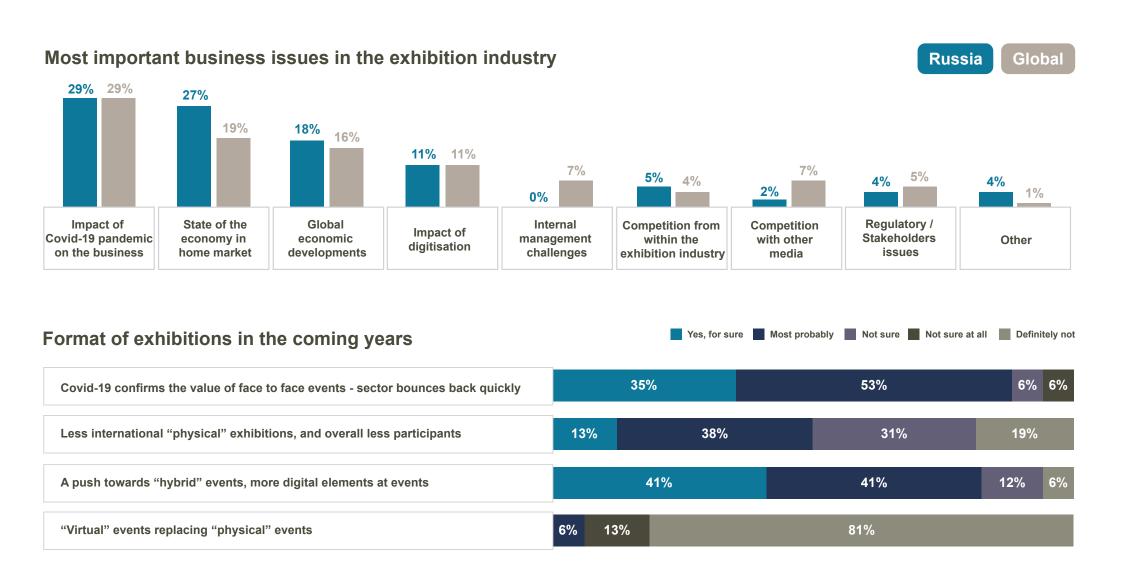














Russian Federation Global

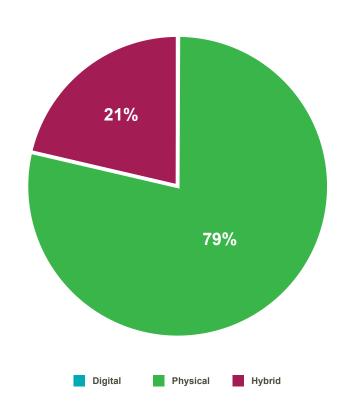
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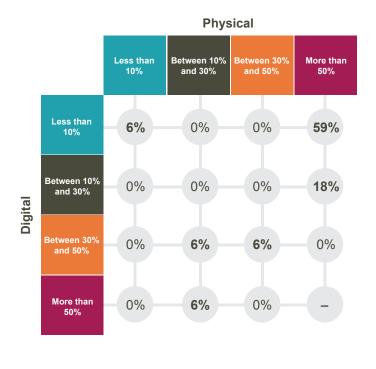




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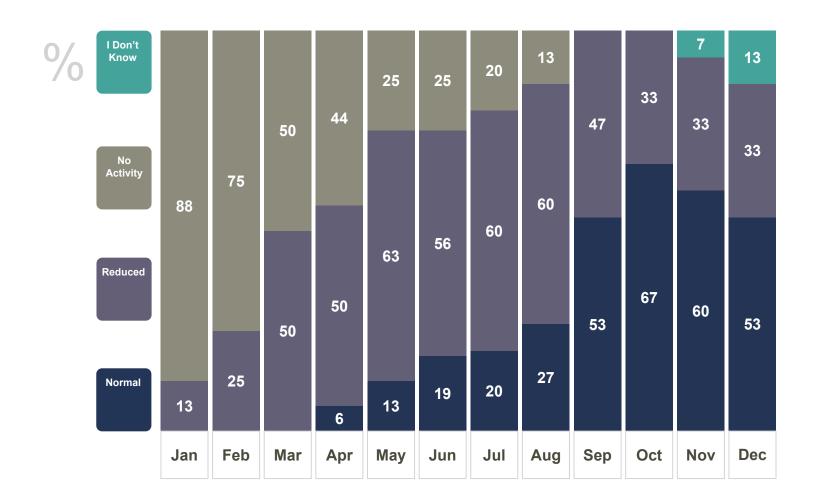








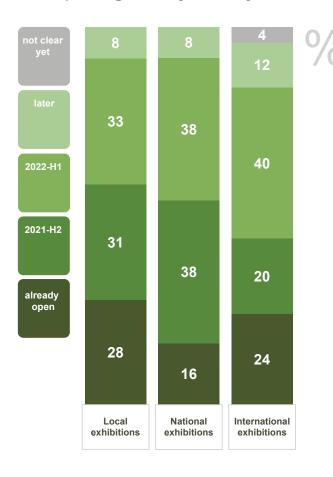
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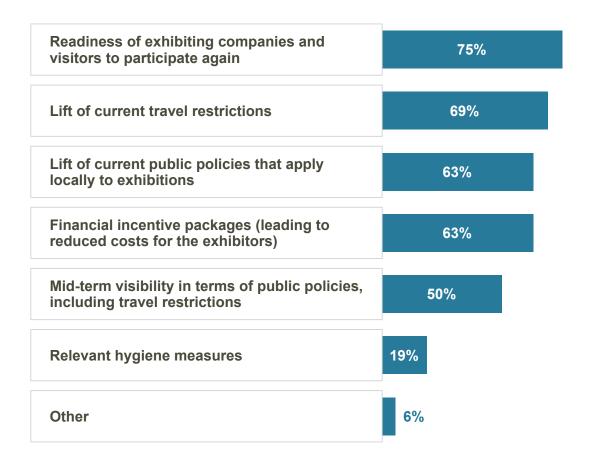




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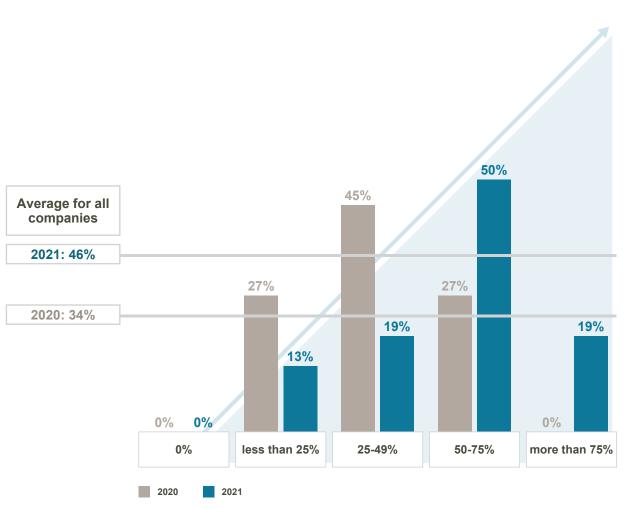
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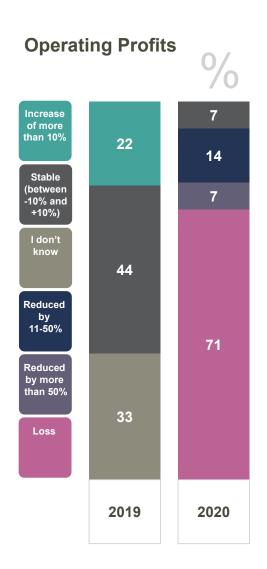








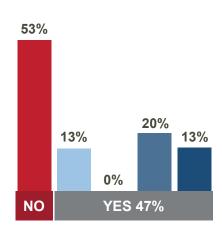




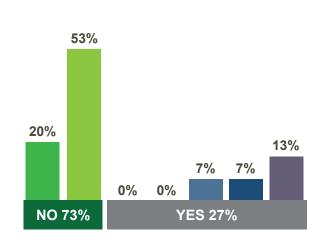




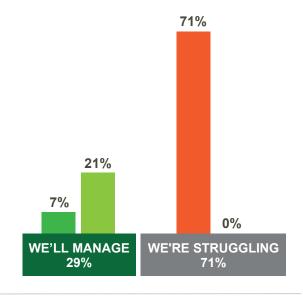
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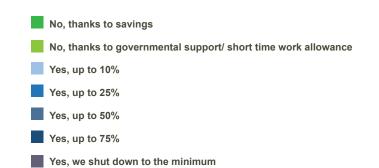
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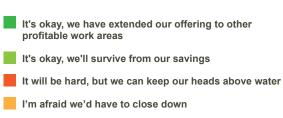


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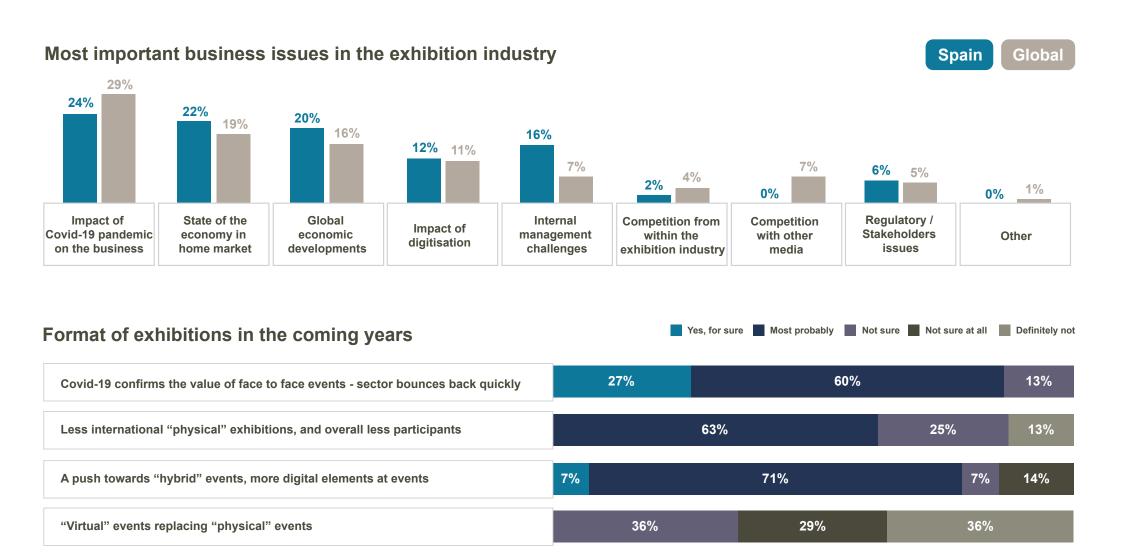


















Global

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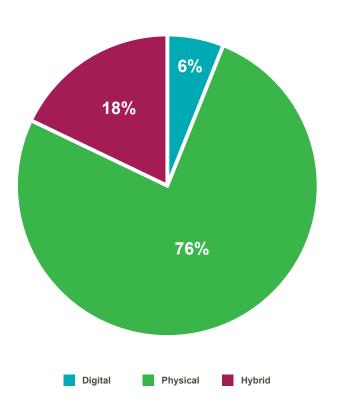


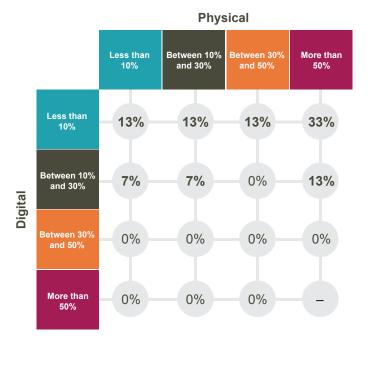




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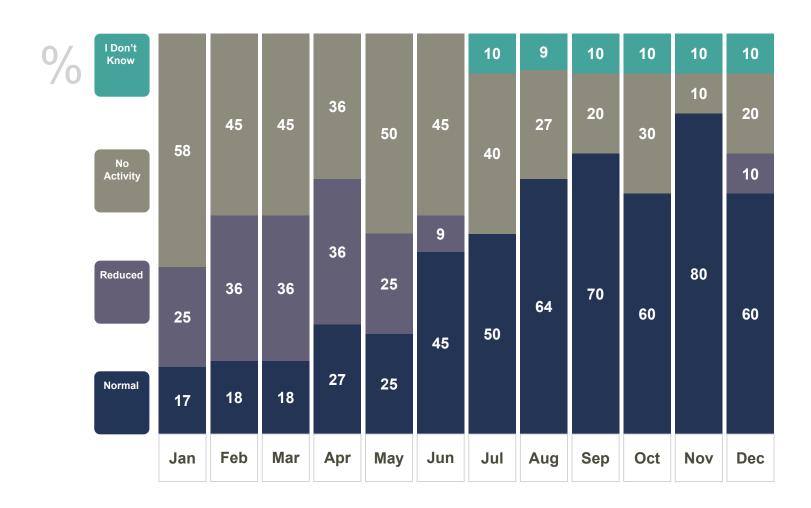








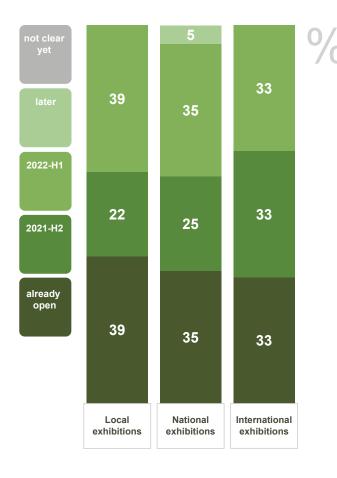
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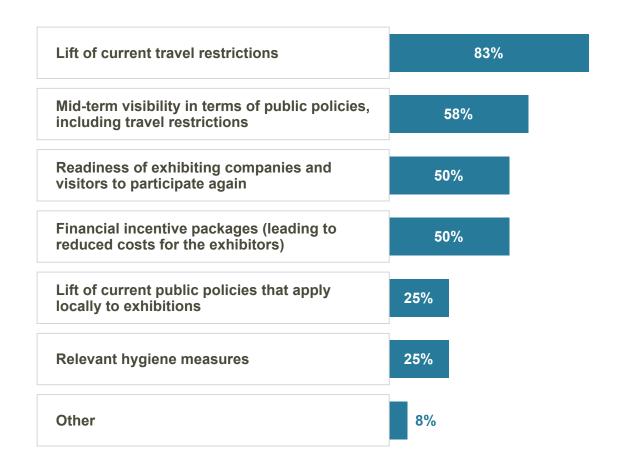




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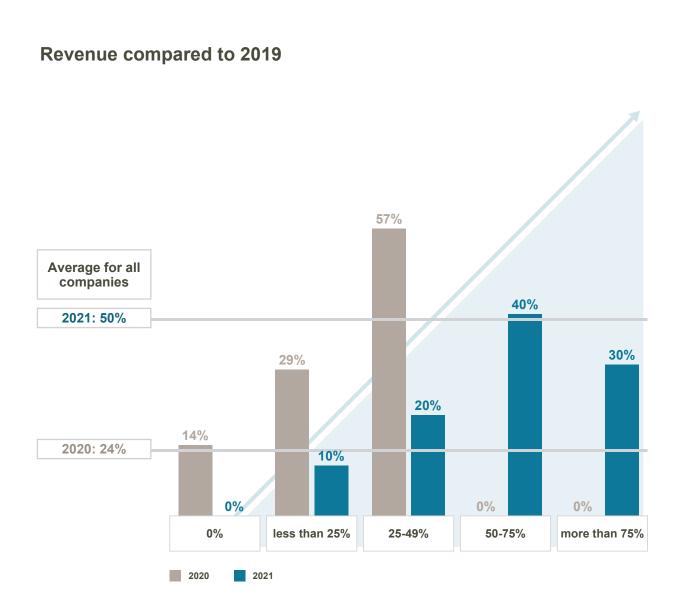


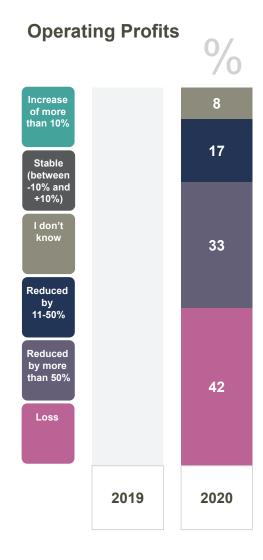
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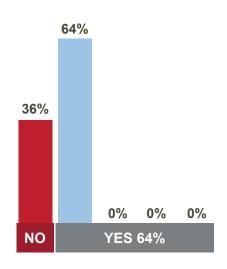




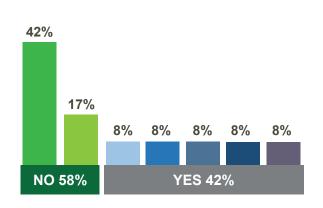




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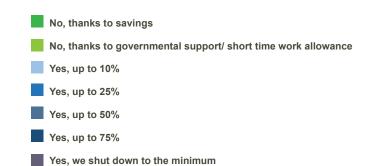
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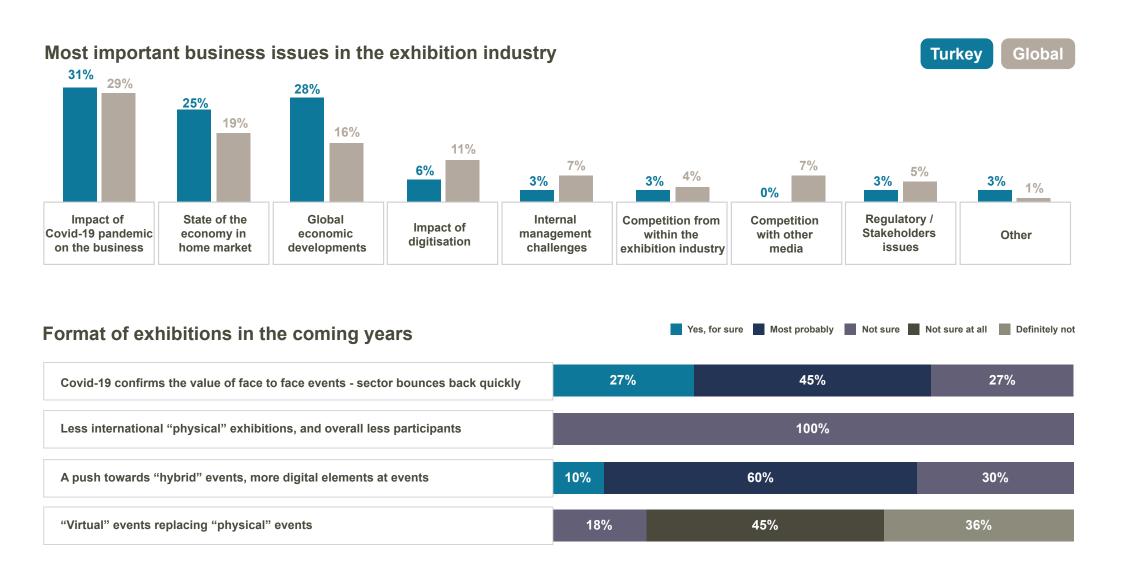












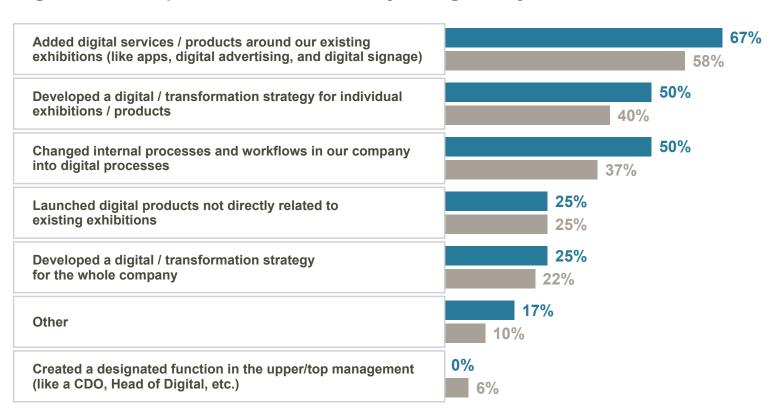




Turkey

Global

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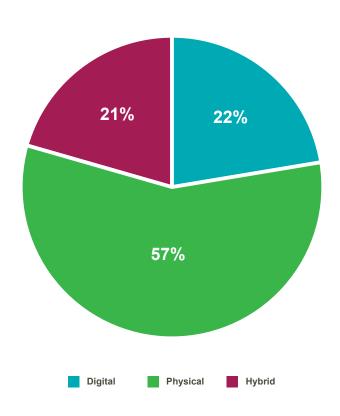


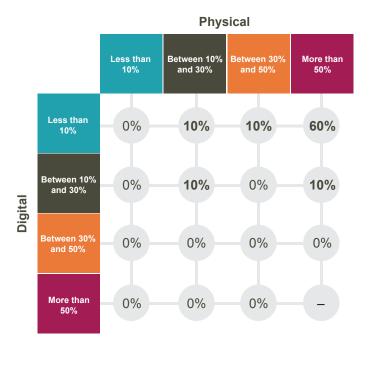




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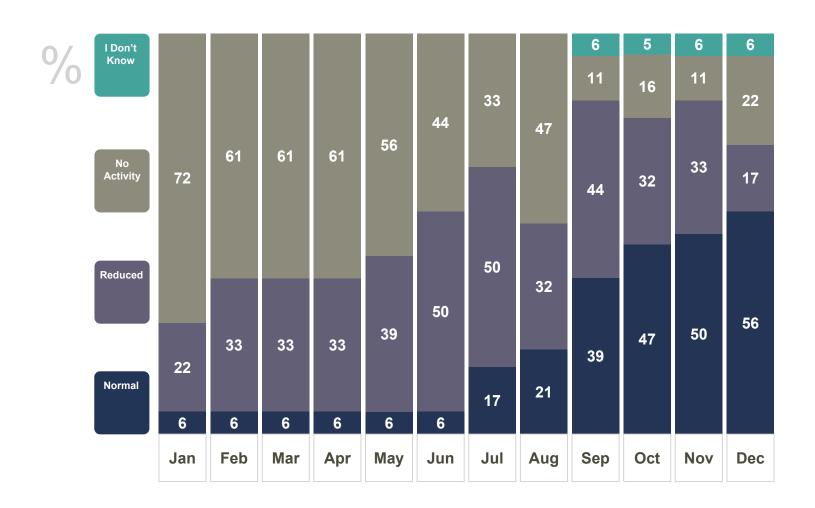








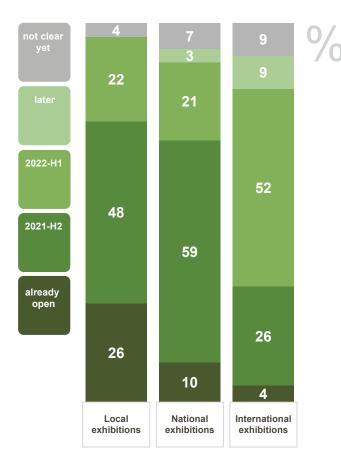
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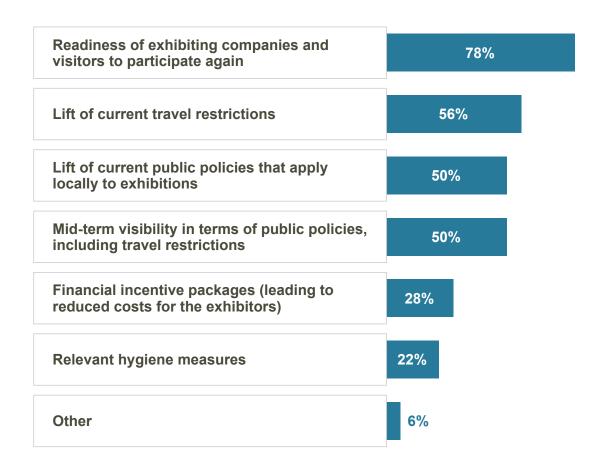




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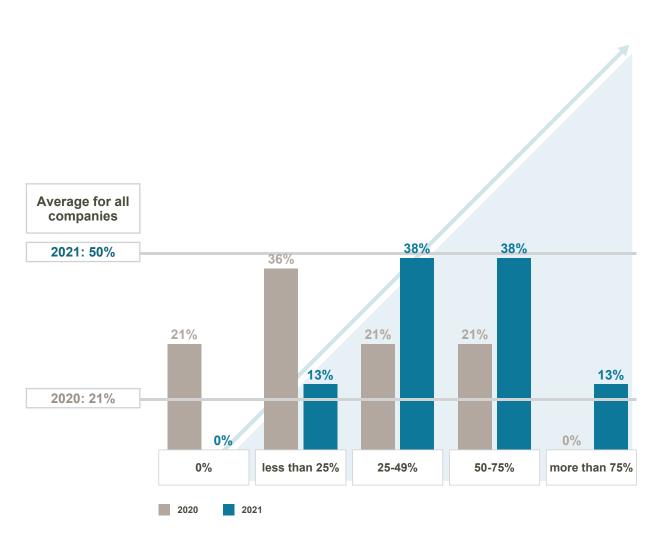


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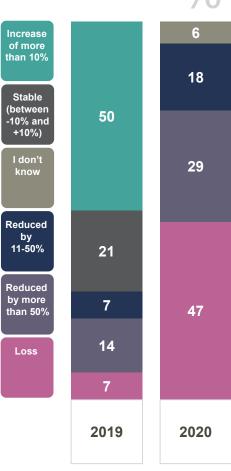








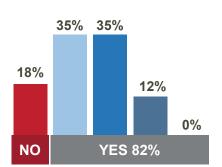




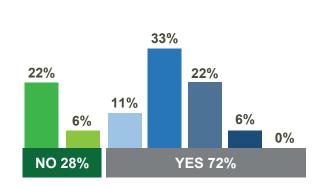




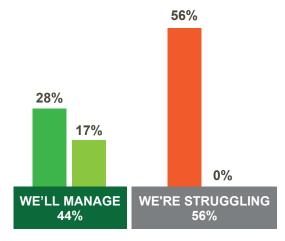
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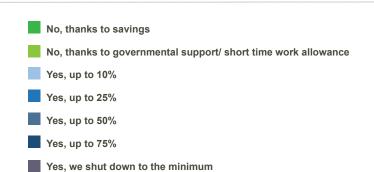
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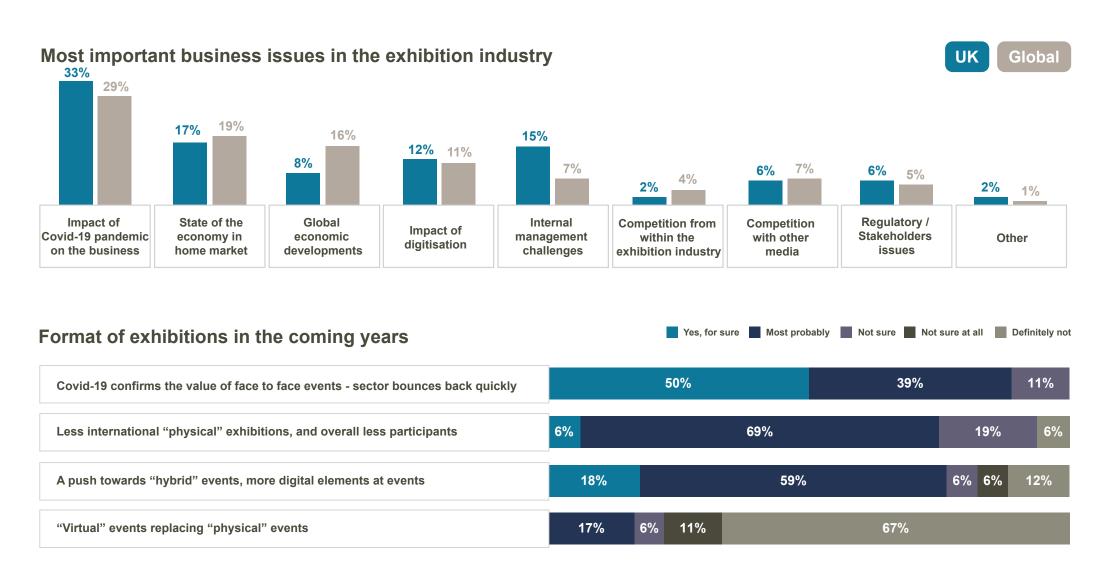












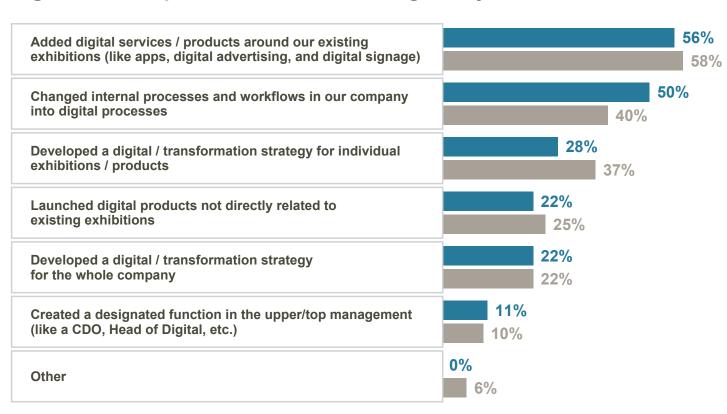








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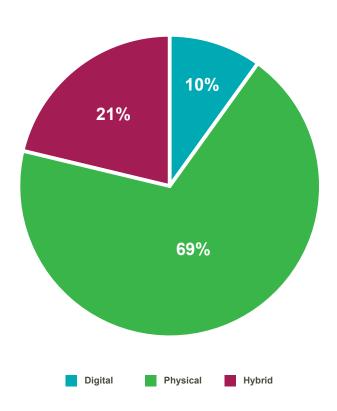


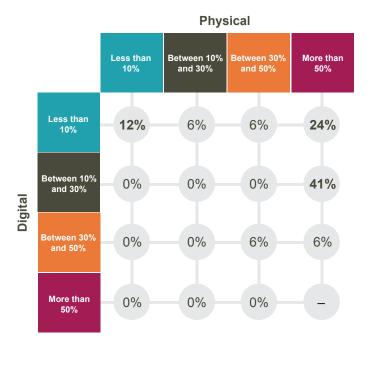




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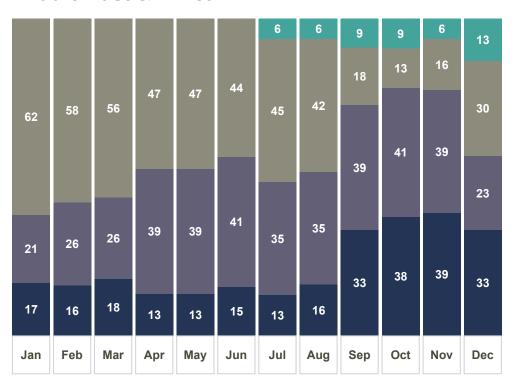


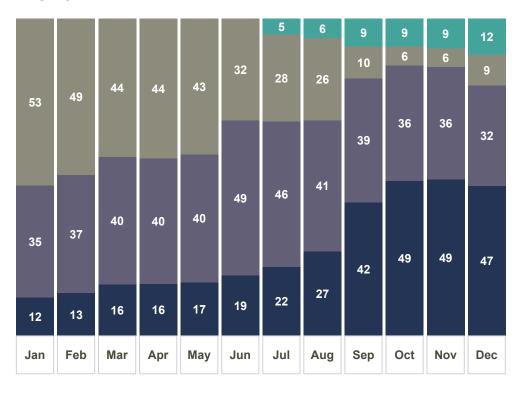






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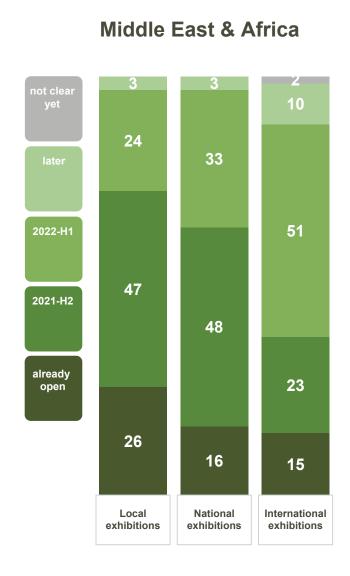


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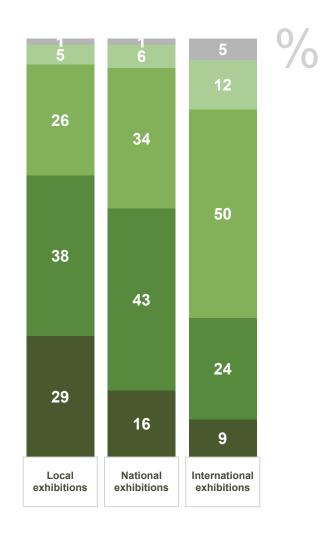




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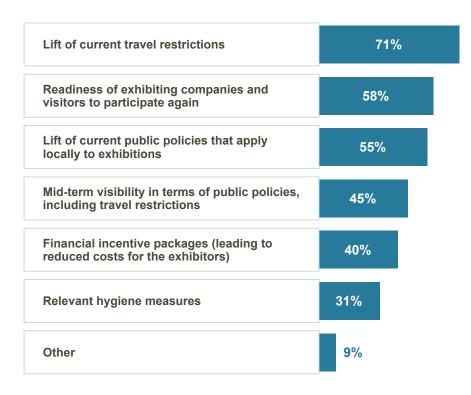




What do you believe would most help the "bounce back" of exhibitions?

Middle East & Africa

Lift of current travel restrictions	80%	
Lift of current public policies that apply locally to exhibitions	55%	
Mid-term visibility in terms of public policies, including travel restrictions	48%	
Readiness of exhibiting companies and visitors to participate again	43%	
Financial incentive packages (leading to reduced costs for the exhibitors)	36%	
Relevant hygiene measures	27%	
Other	9%	

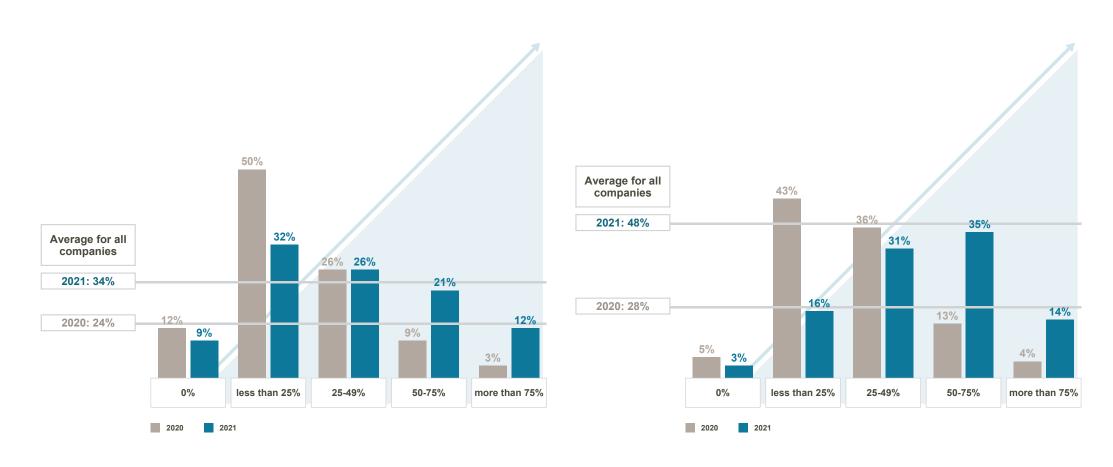


Turnover Middle East & Africa





Revenue compared to 2019 Middle East & Africa



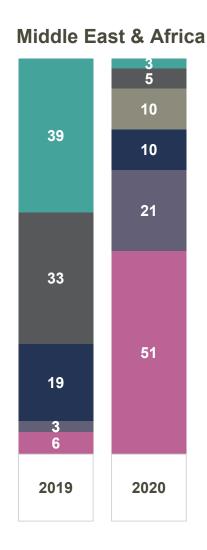
Operating profits Middle East & Africa

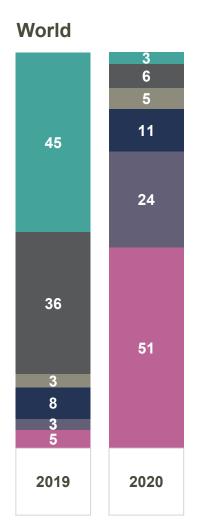


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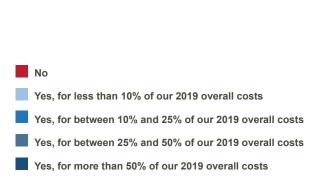
Public Financial Support Middle East & Africa

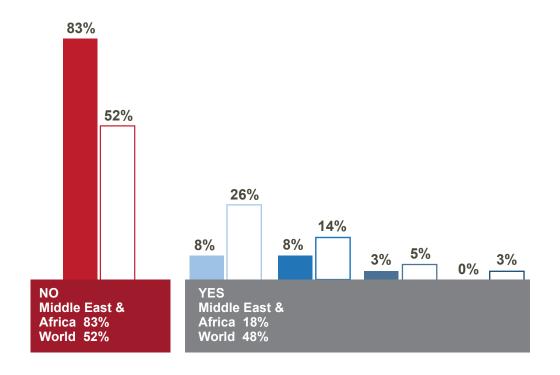




Did your company benefit from public financial support?

Middle East & Africa





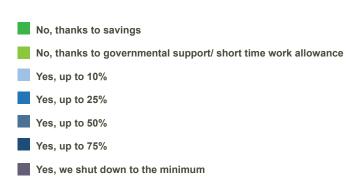
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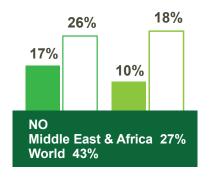


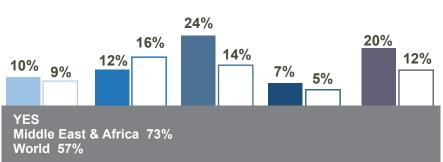


Have you had to reduce your workforce?

Middle East & Africa







Perspectives Middle East & Africa



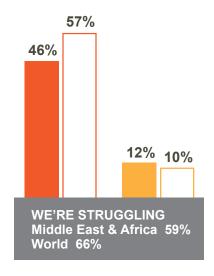


If there is no business for the next 6 months, which best applies?

Middle East & Africa

- It's okay, we have extended our offering to other profitable work areas
- It's okay, we'll survive from our savings
- It will be hard, but we can keep our heads above water
- I'm afraid we'd have to close down

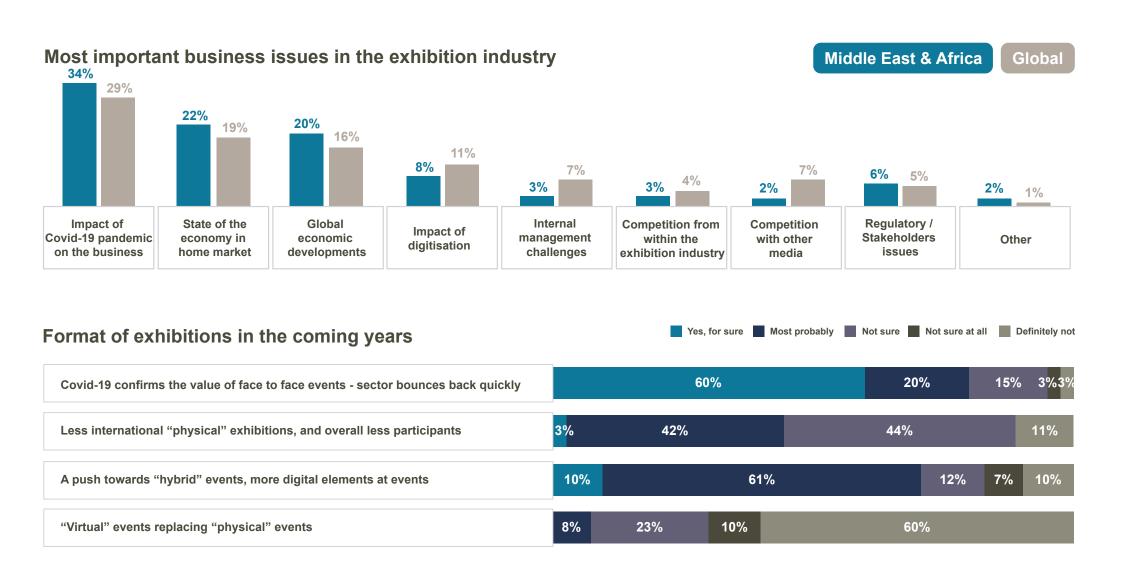




Most Important Business Issues - Format of Exhibitions - Middle East & Africa











Middle East & Africa

Global

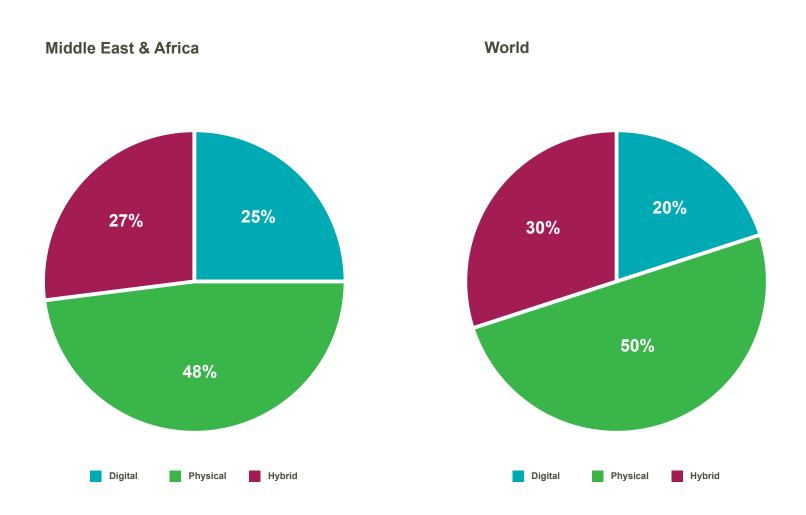
Digitisation: implementation in Middle East & Africa and globally



Number of fairs projected in 2021 Middle East & Africa





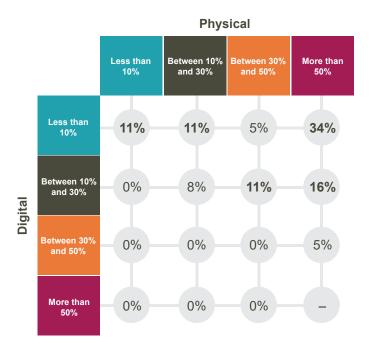


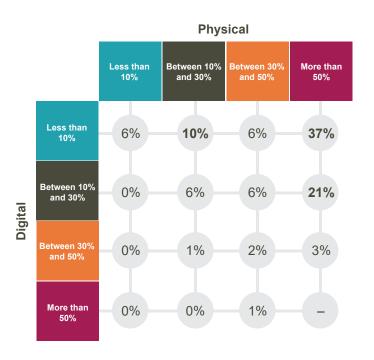
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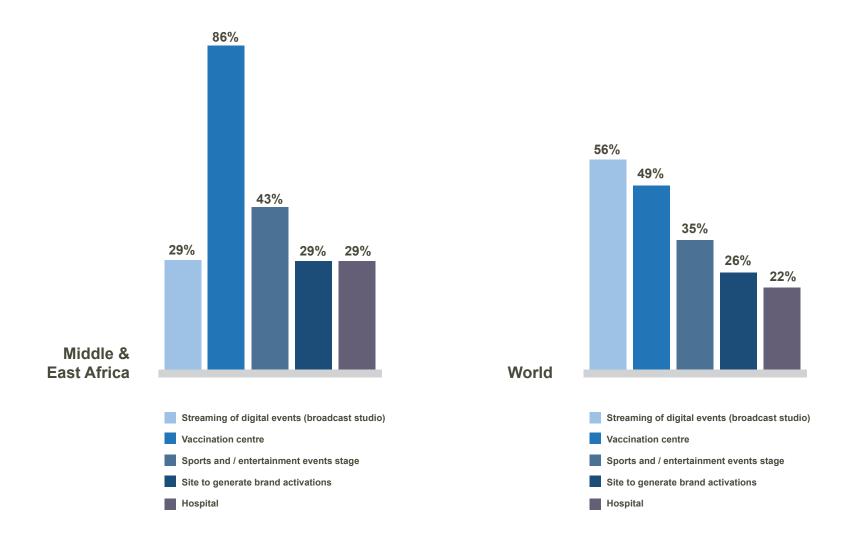




Expanded activities (for venues only) Middle East & Africa

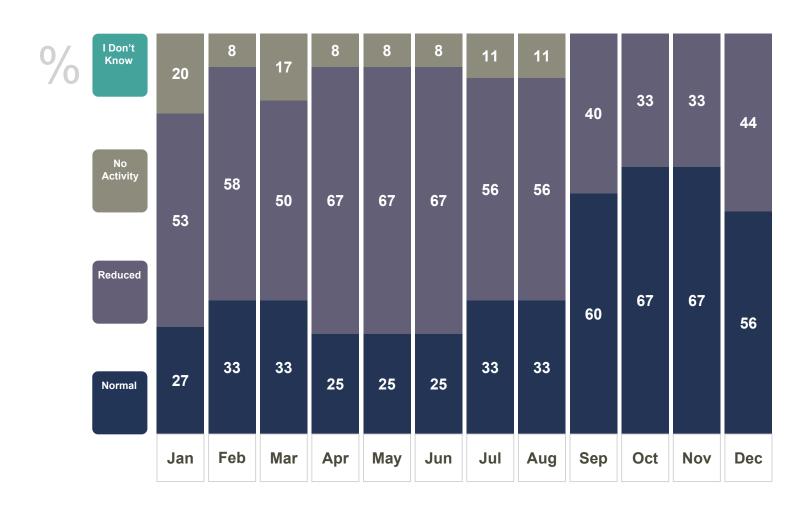






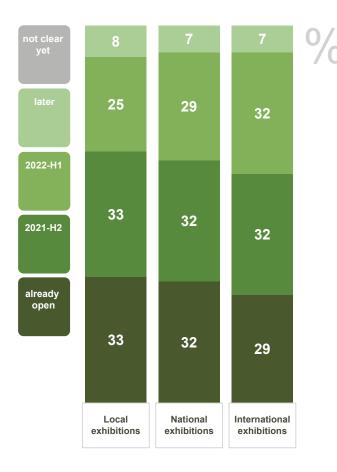


Situation of industry operations in 2021

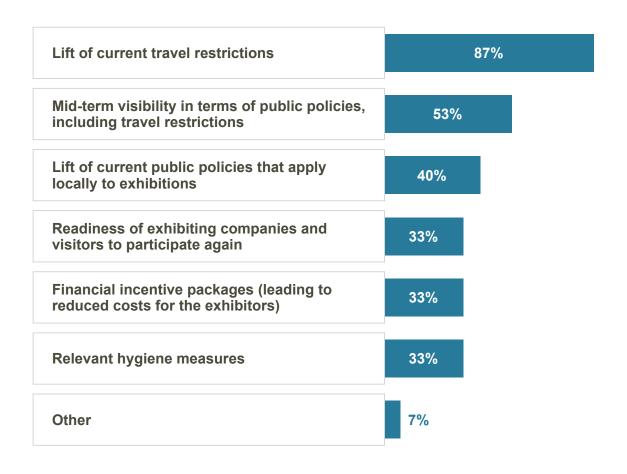




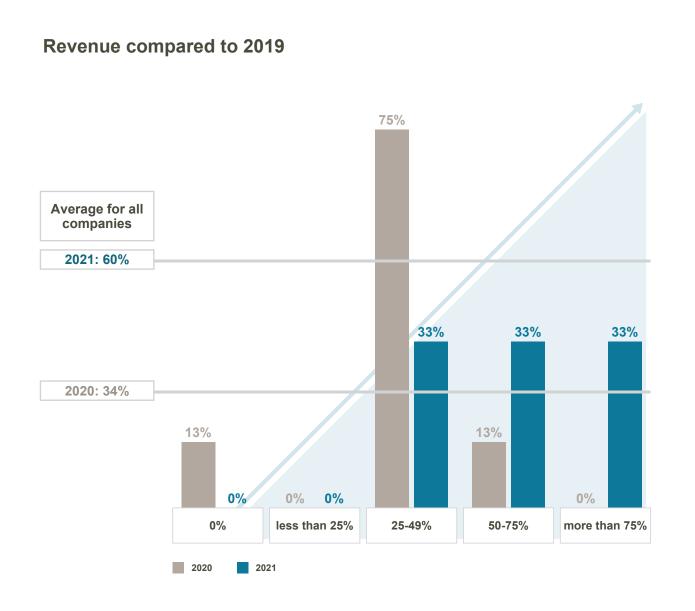
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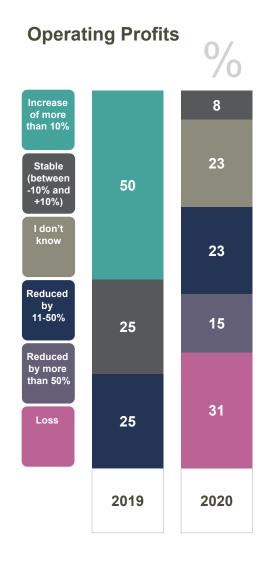


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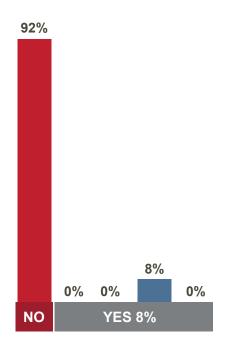




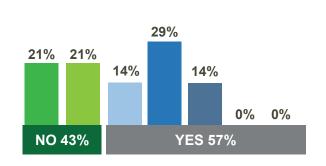




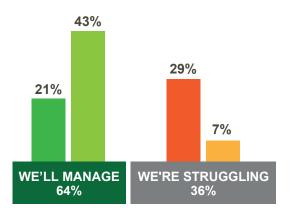
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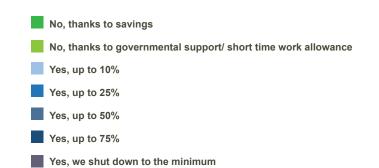
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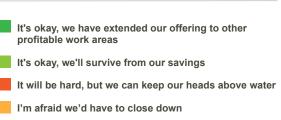


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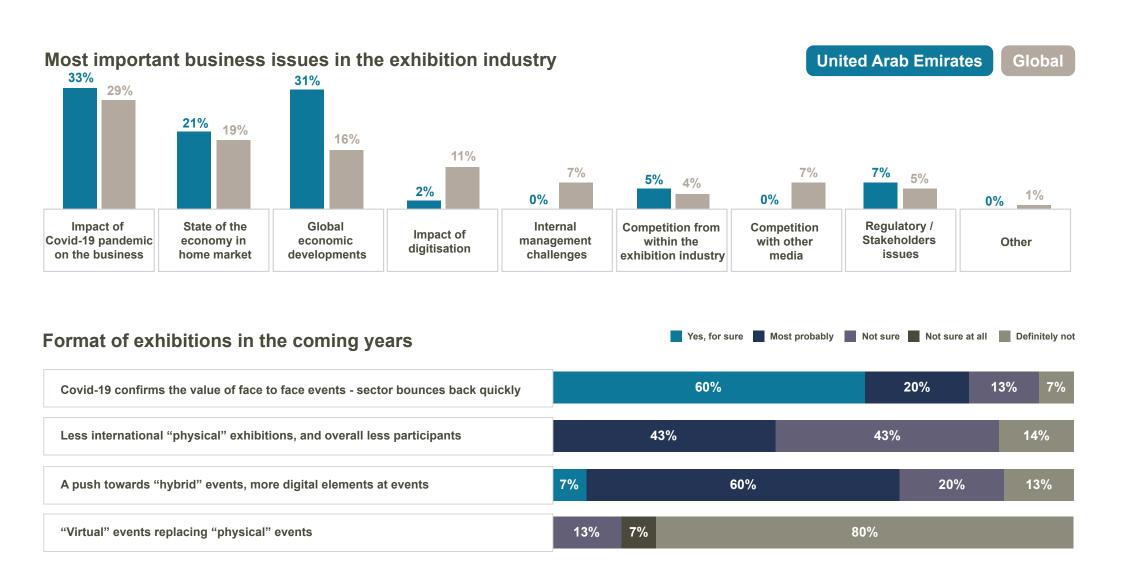










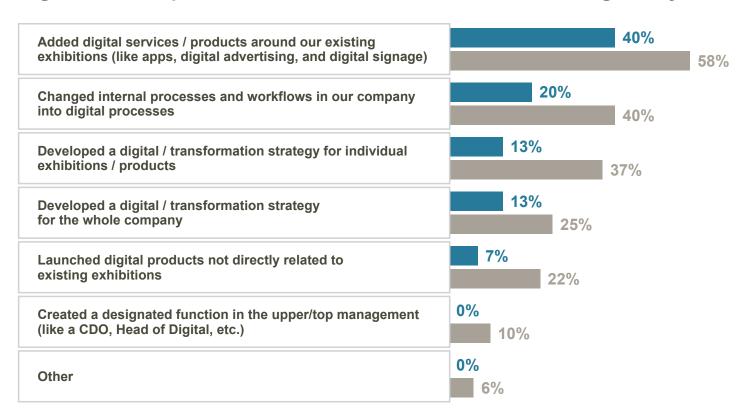




United Arab Emirates

Global

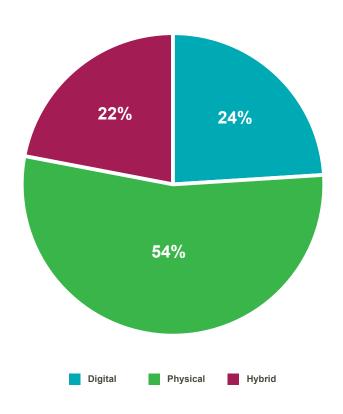
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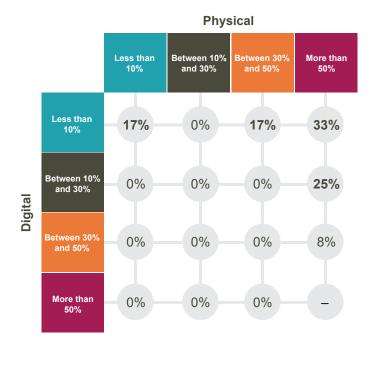




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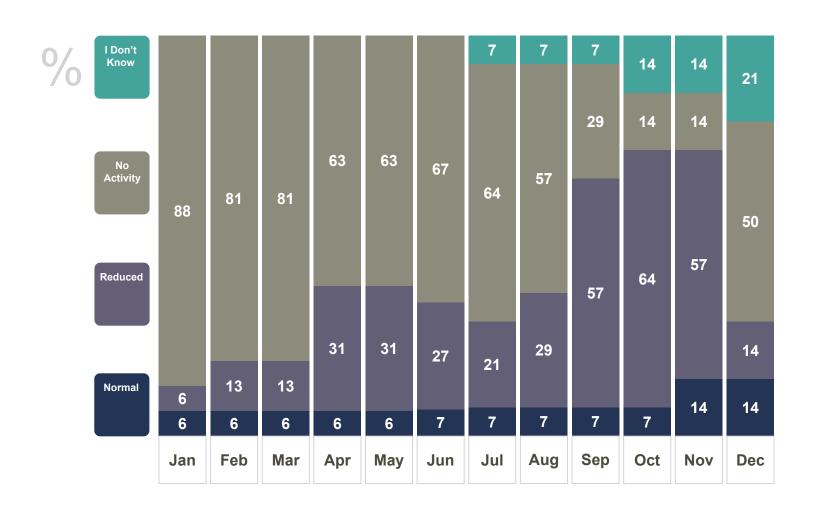








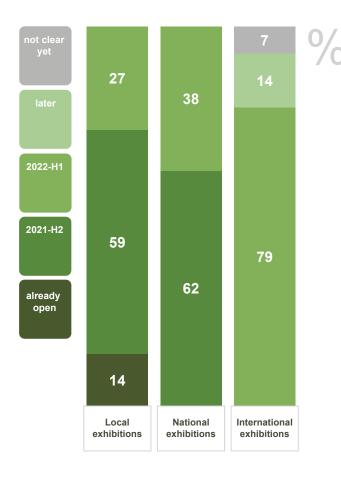
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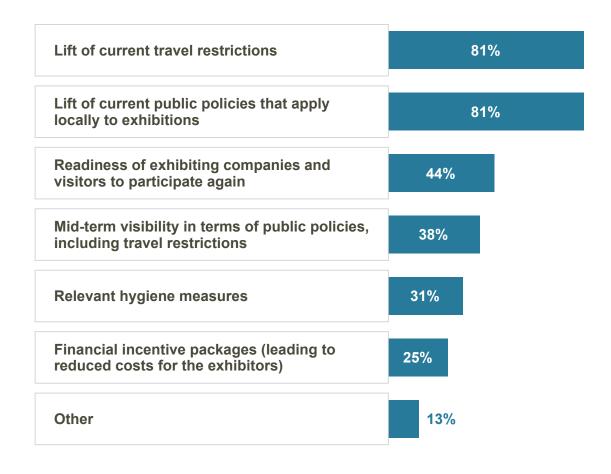




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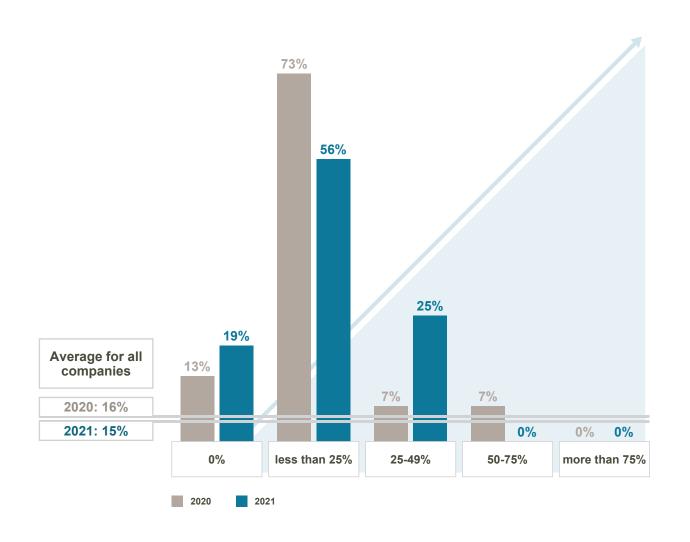
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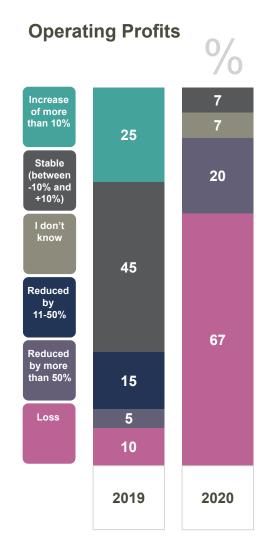






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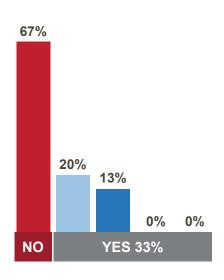




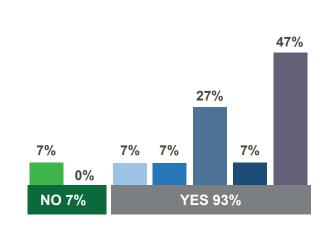




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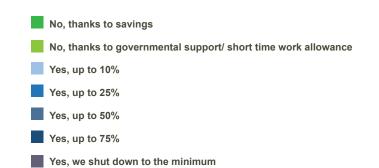
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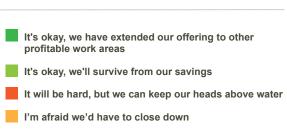


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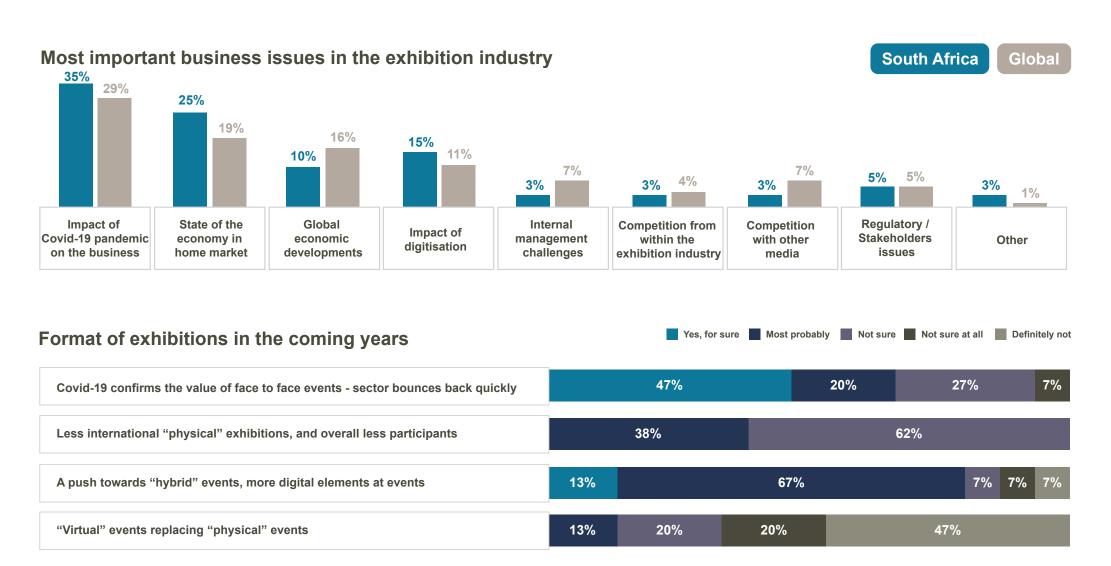
















South Africa

Global

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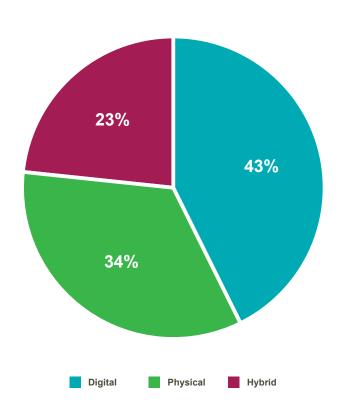


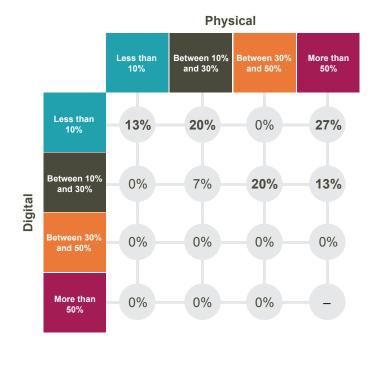




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Operations - Reopening Exhibitions Asia & Pacific





Situation of industry operations in 2021

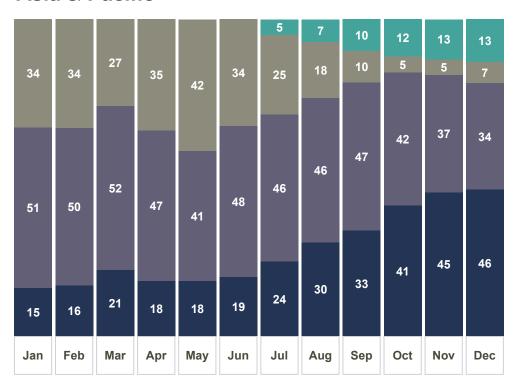


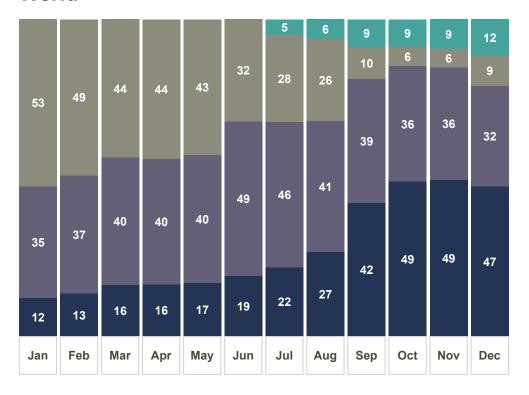






Asia & Pacific





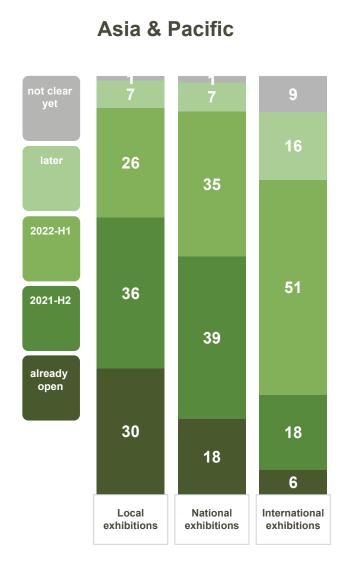
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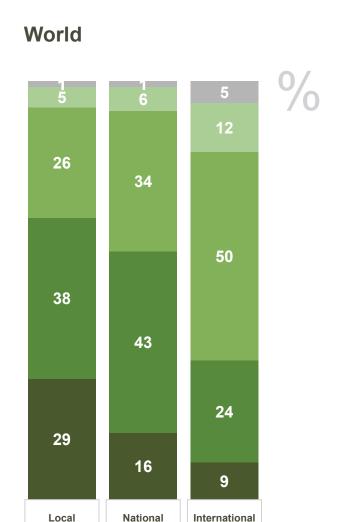


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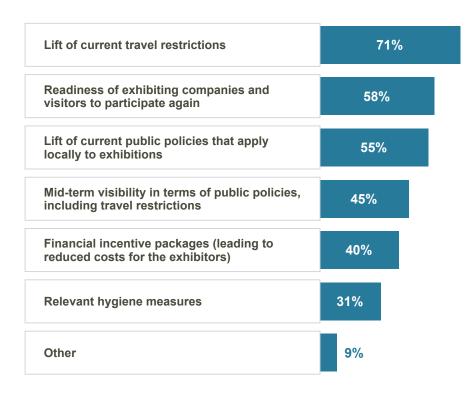




What do you believe would most help the "bounce back" of exhibitions?

Asia & Pacific

77% Lift of current travel restrictions Readiness of exhibiting companies and 54% visitors to participate again Lift of current public policies that apply 52% locally to exhibitions Mid-term visibility in terms of public policies, 45% including travel restrictions Financial incentive packages (leading to 41% reduced costs for the exhibitors) Relevant hygiene measures 35% 6% Other

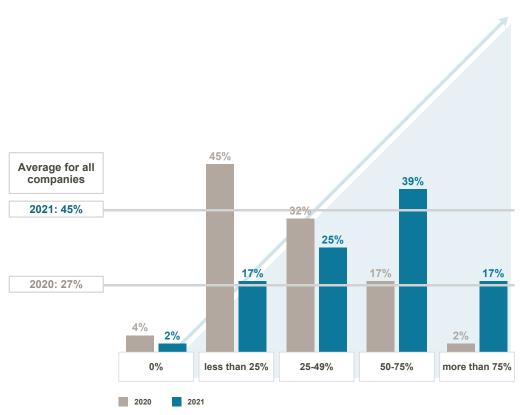


Turnover Asia & Pacific

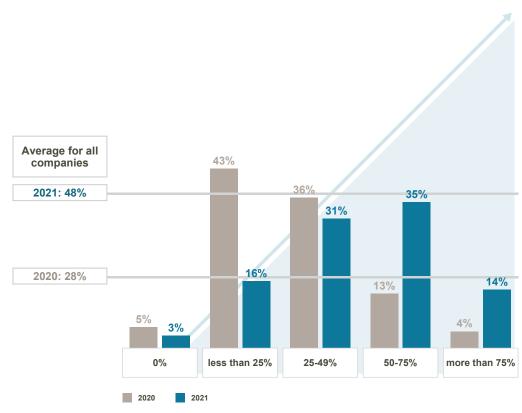


Revenue compared to 2019

Asia & Pacific



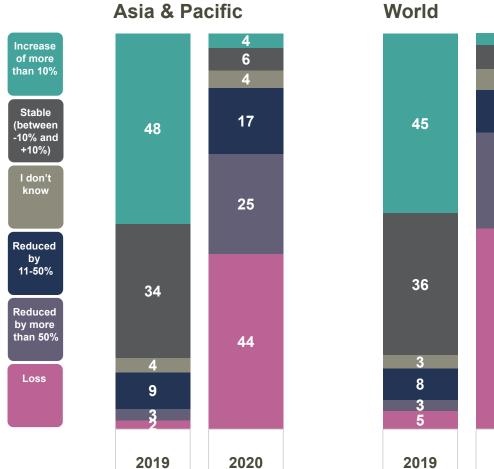
World



Operating profits Asia & Pacific







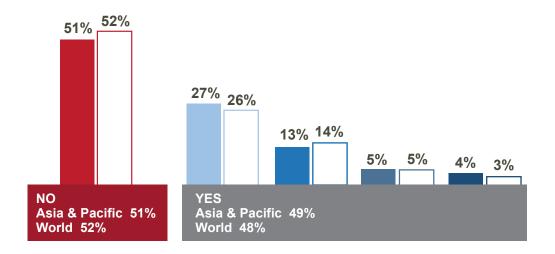
Public Financial Support Asia & Pacific





Did your company benefit from public financial support?

No
Yes, for less than 10% of our 2019 overall costs
Yes, for between 10% and 25% of our 2019 overall costs
Yes, for between 25% and 50% of our 2019 overall costs
Yes, for more than 50% of our 2019 overall costs

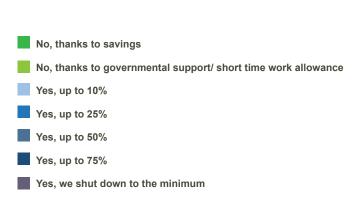


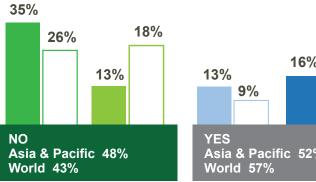


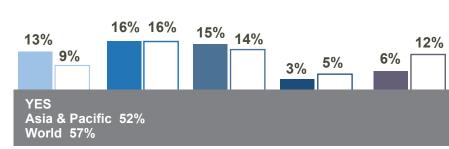


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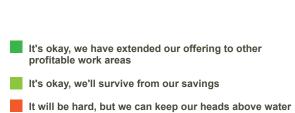




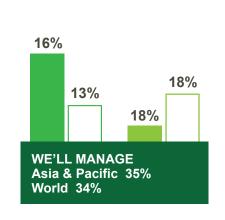
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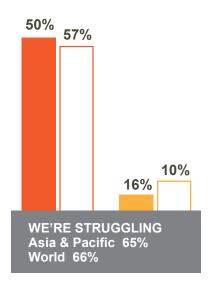
Asia & Pacific

World



I'm afraid we'd have to close down

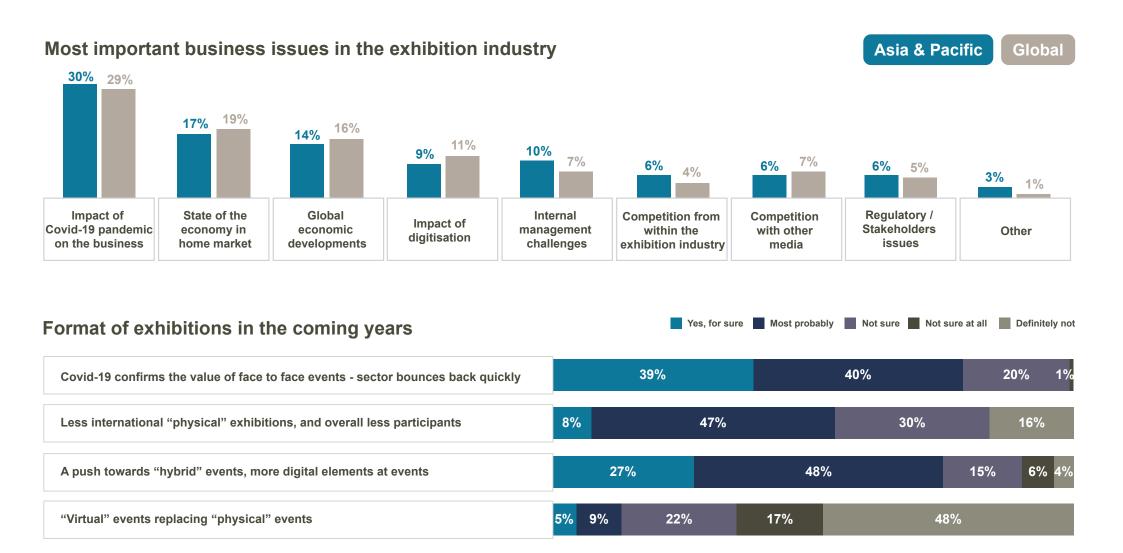




Most Important Business Issues - Format of Exhibitions - Asia & Pacific







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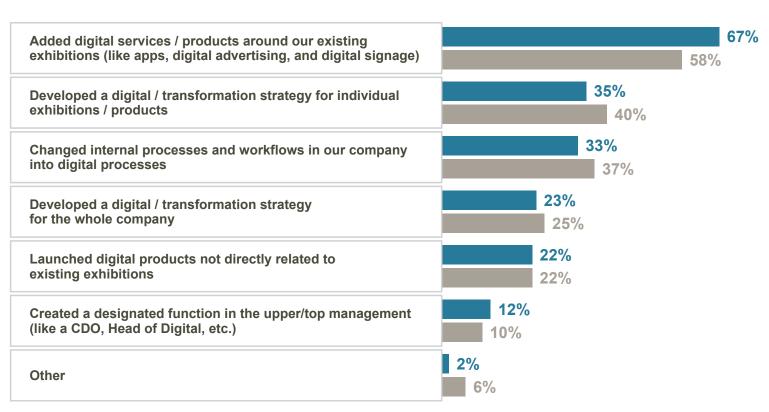




Asia & Pacific

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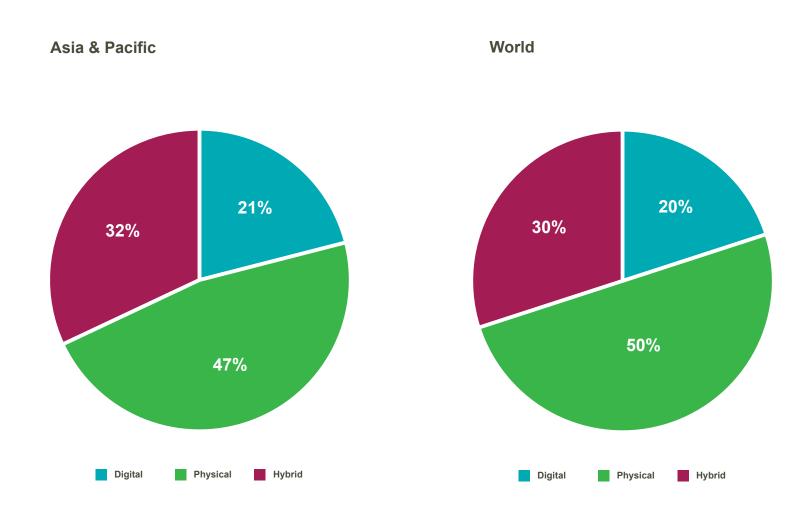
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Number of fairs projected in 2021 Asia & Pacific







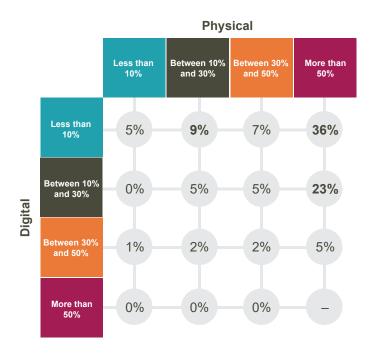
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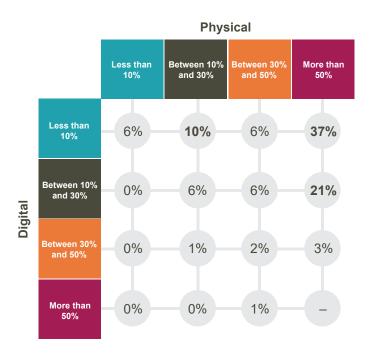




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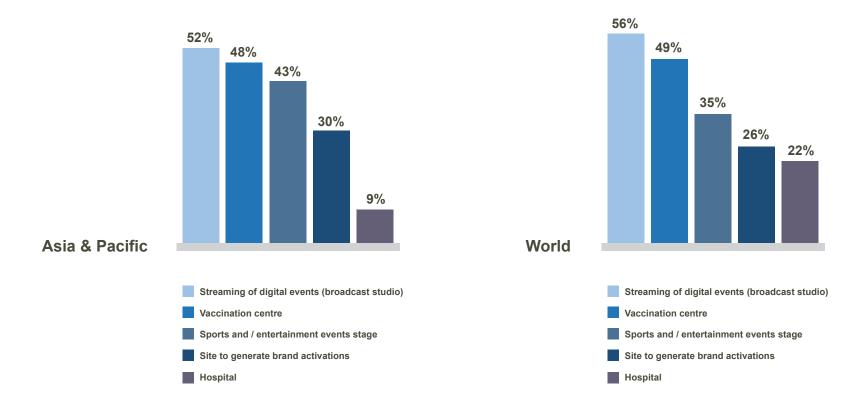




Expanded activities (for venues only) Asia & Pacific





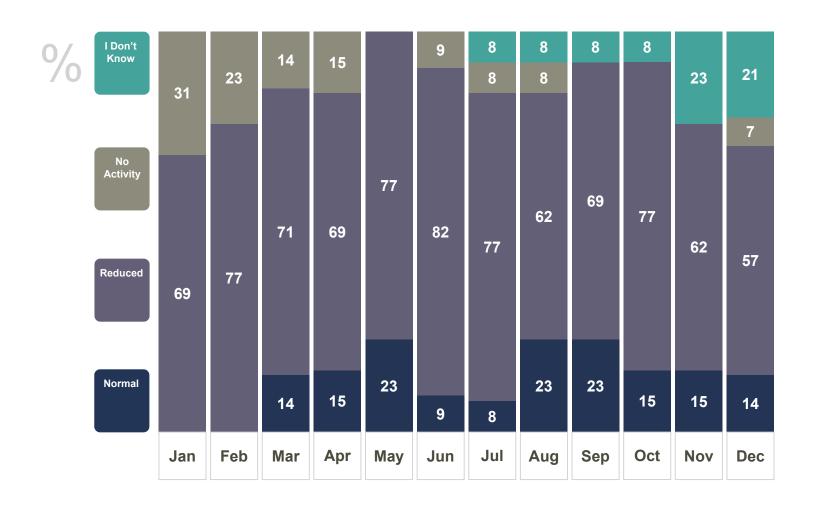


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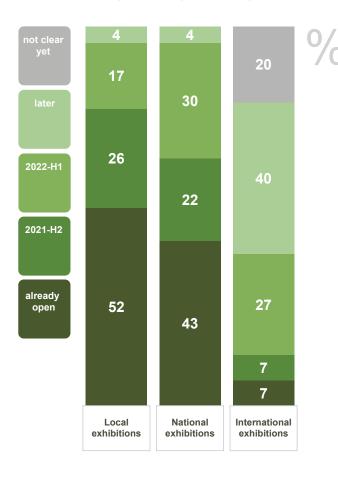
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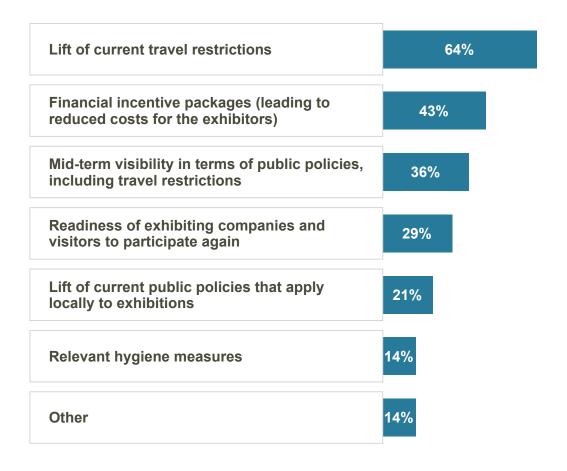




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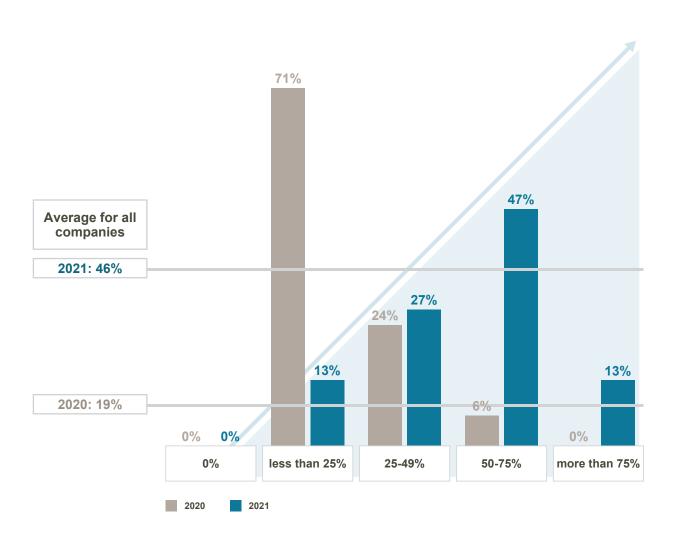
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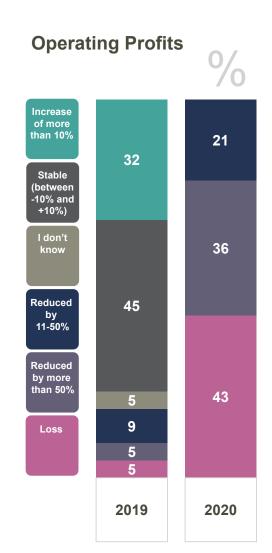
















Did your company benefit from public financial support?

40%

7%

YES 80%

7%

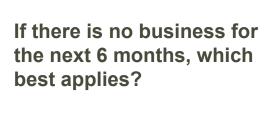
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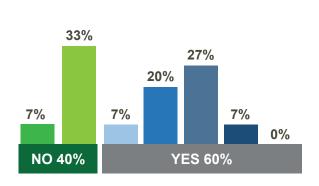
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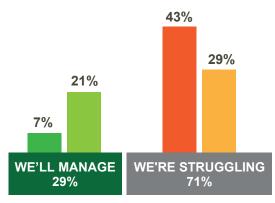
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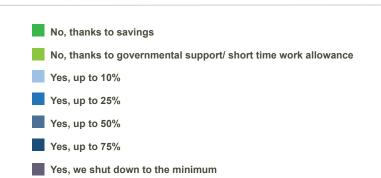
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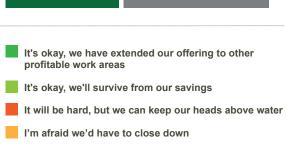






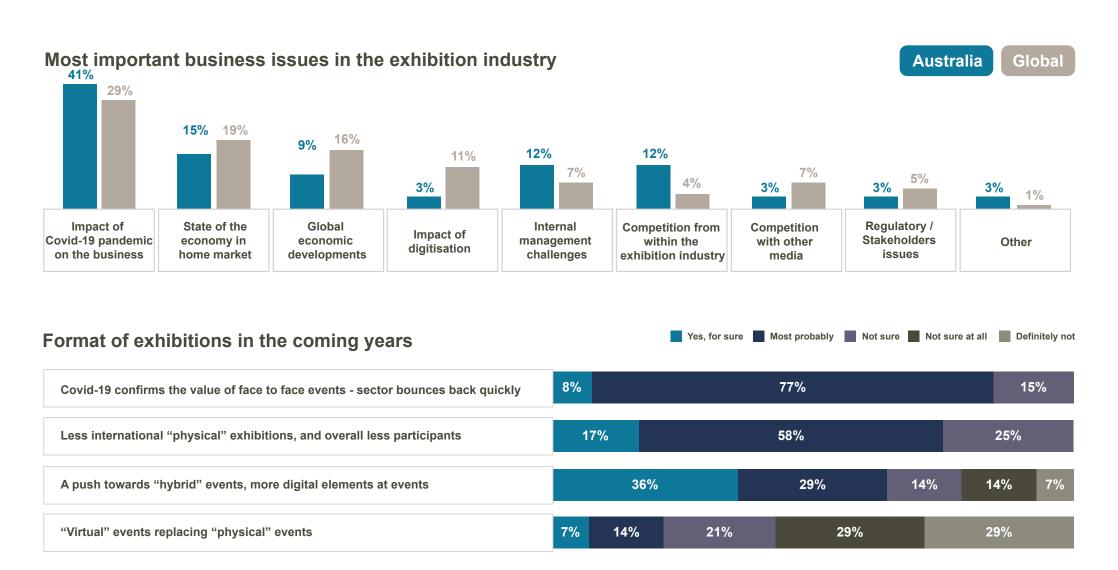












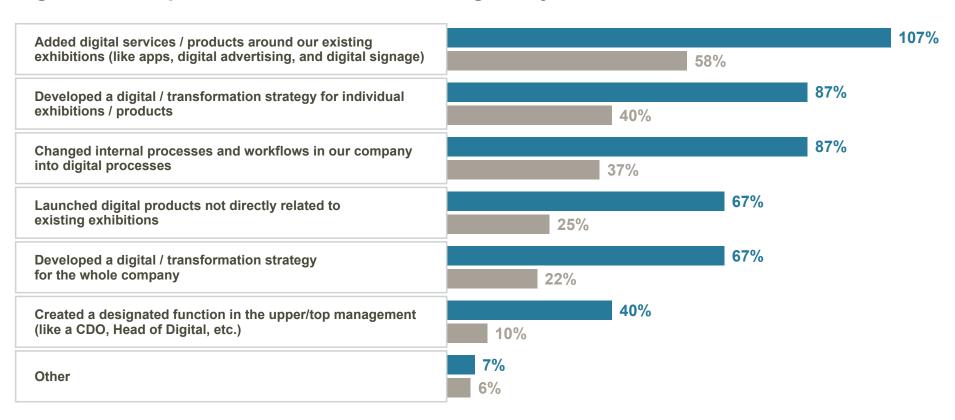




Australia

Global

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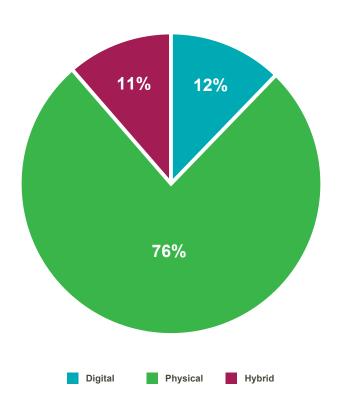


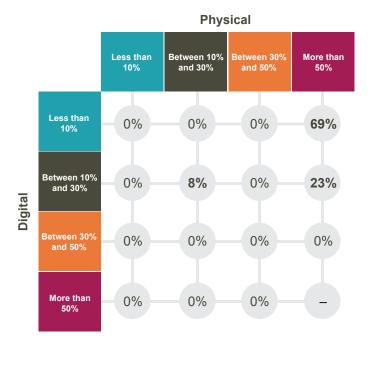




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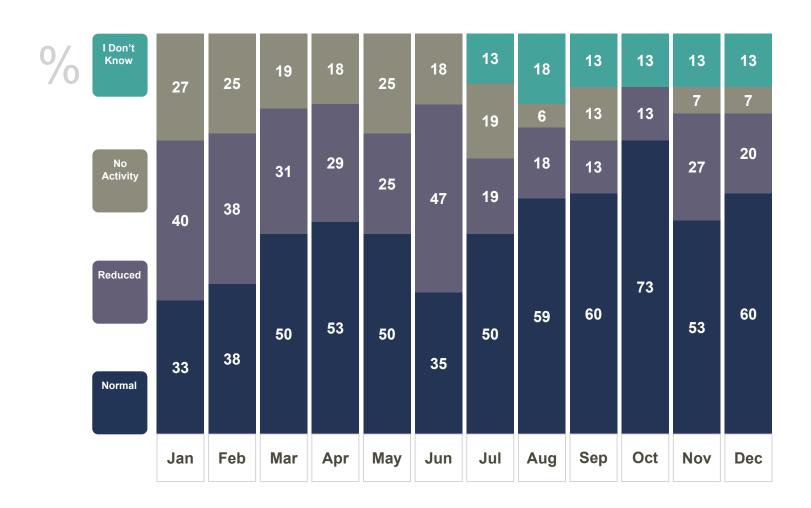








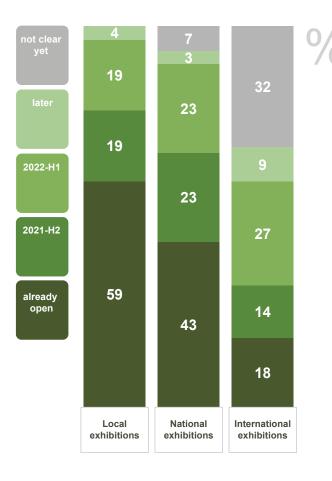
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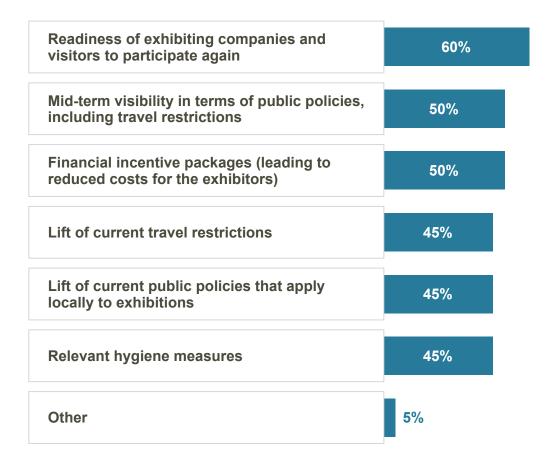




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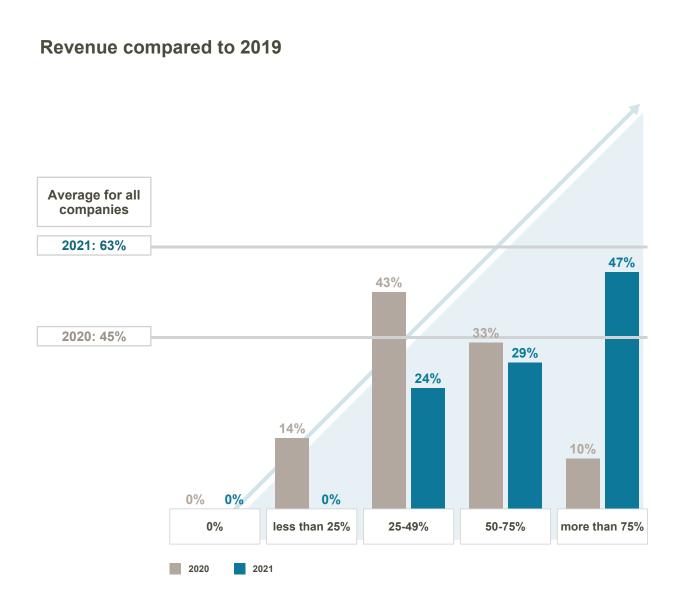


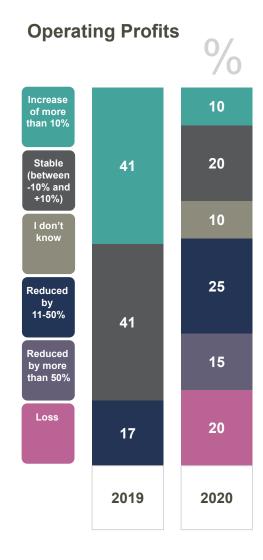
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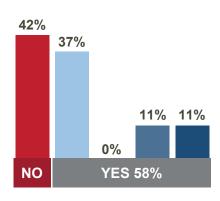




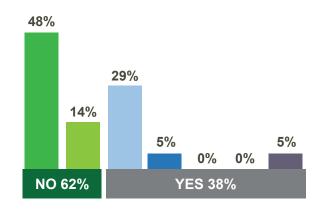




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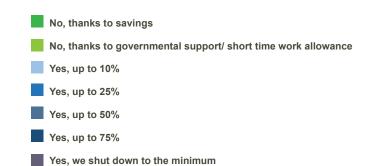
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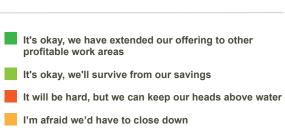






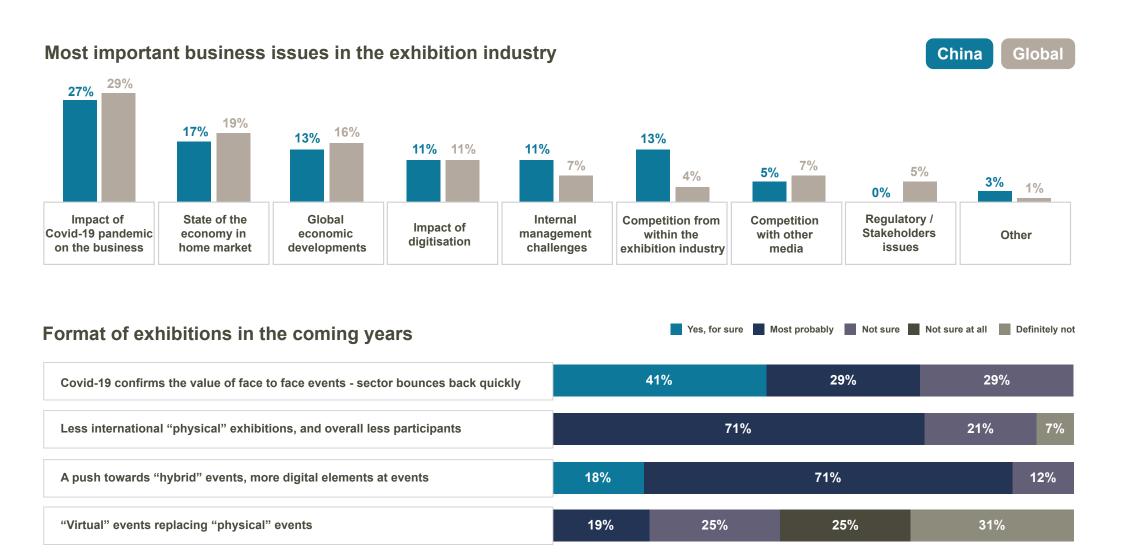


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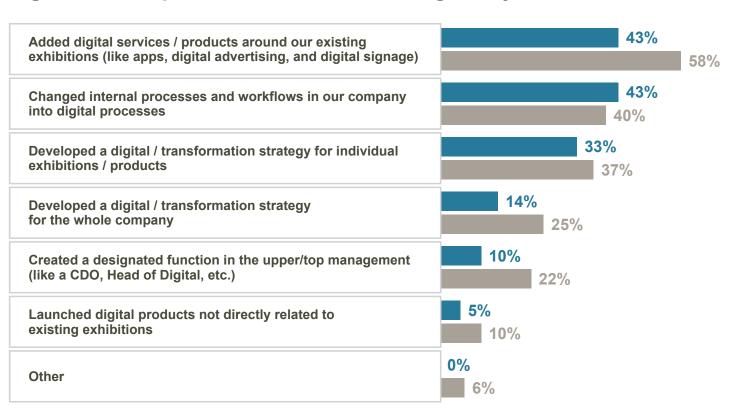








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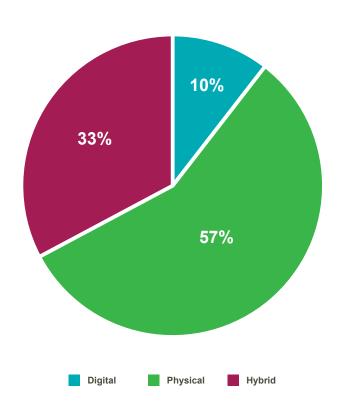


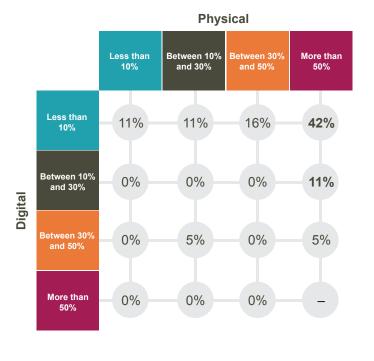




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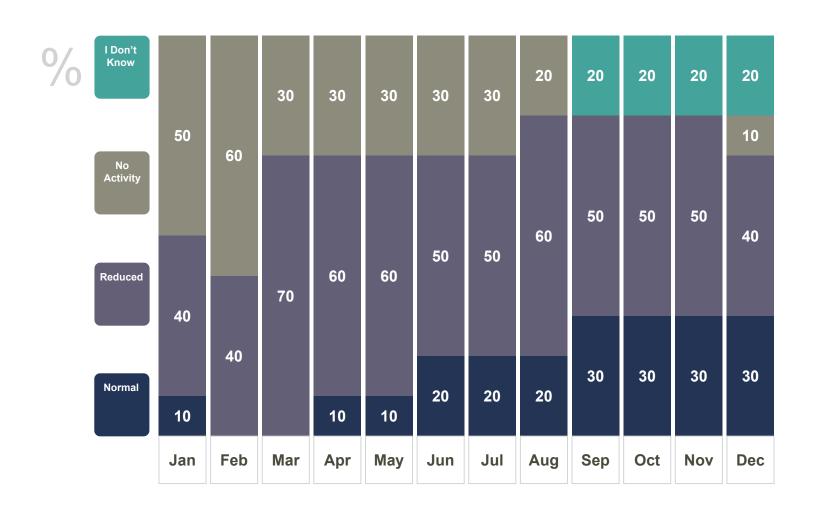








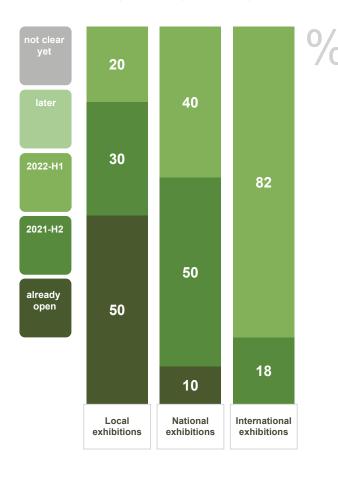
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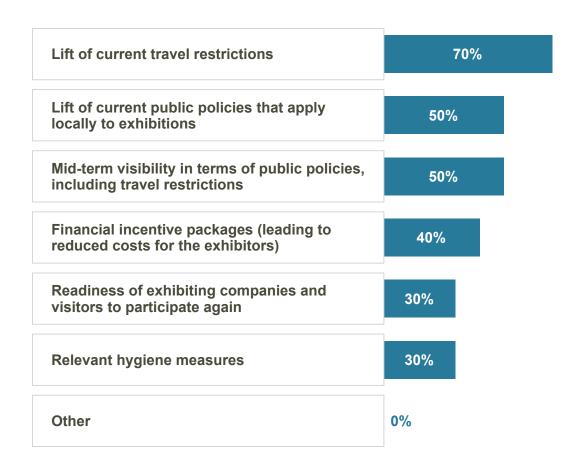




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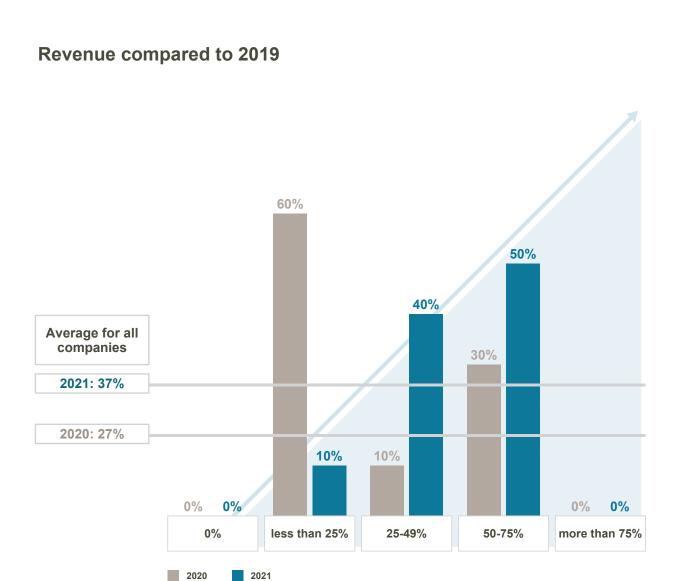


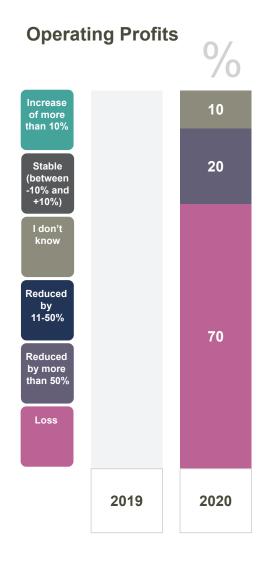
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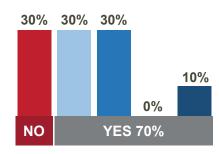


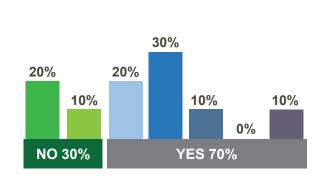


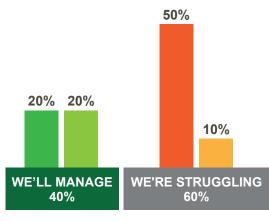
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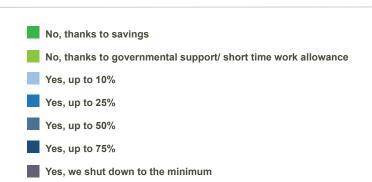


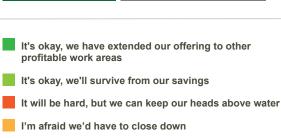






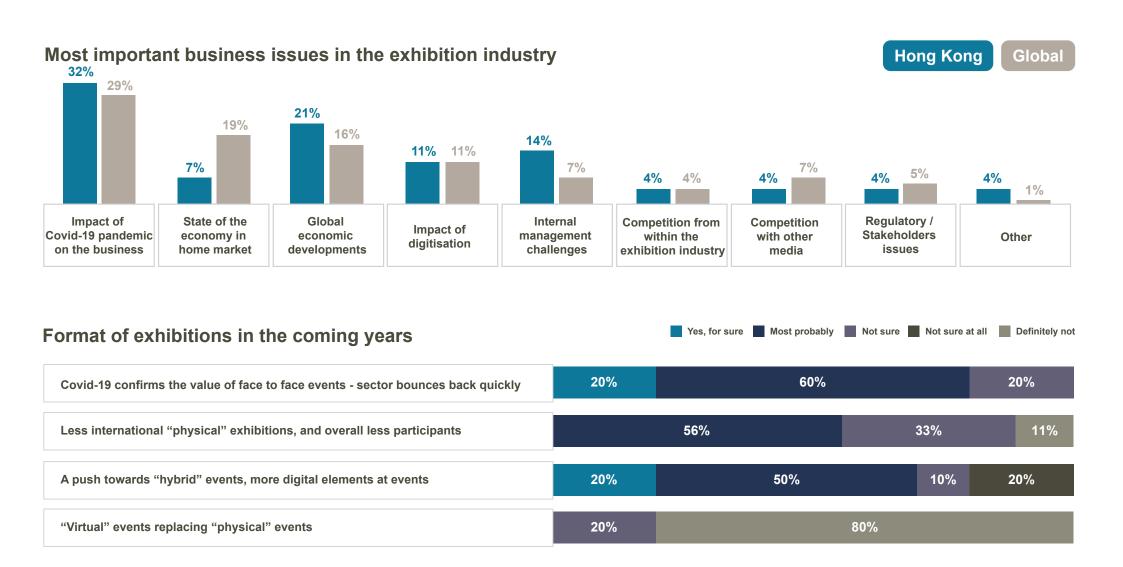












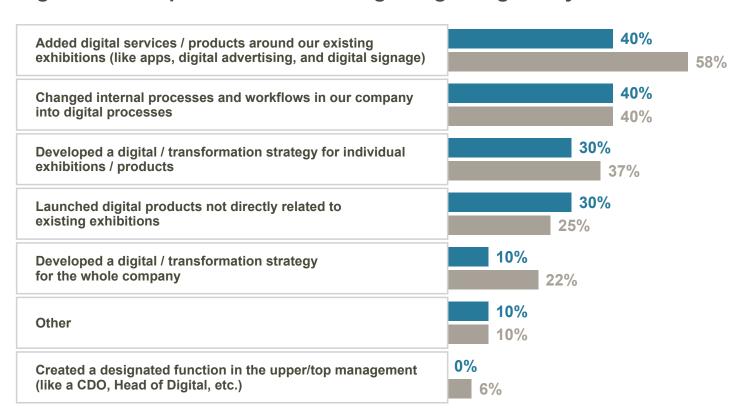




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Global

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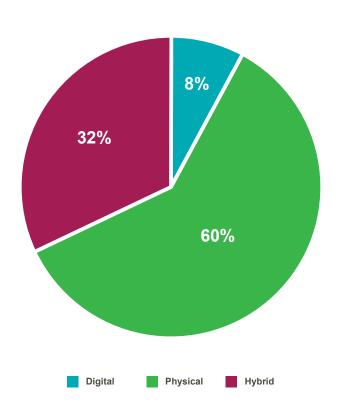


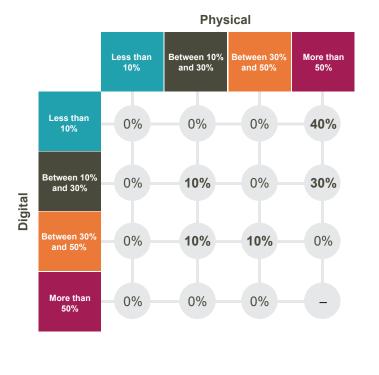




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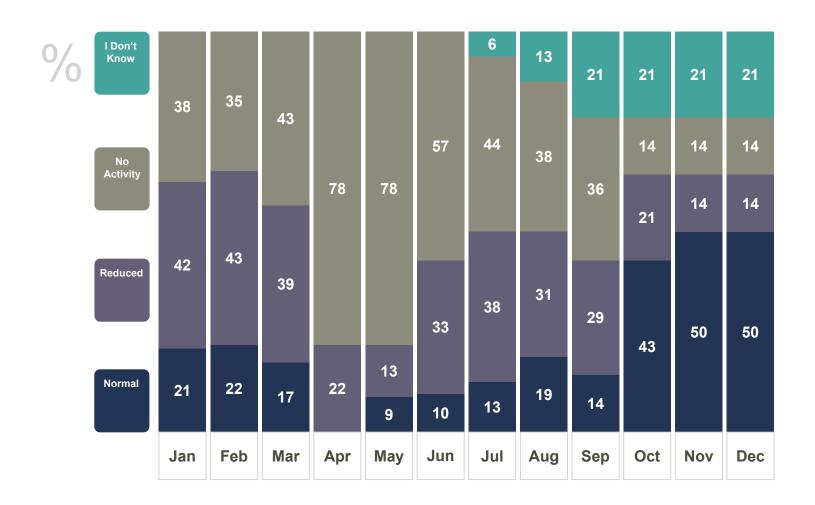








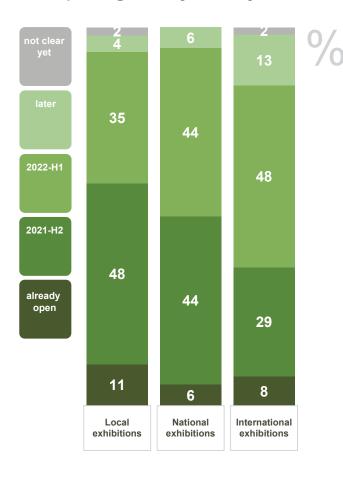
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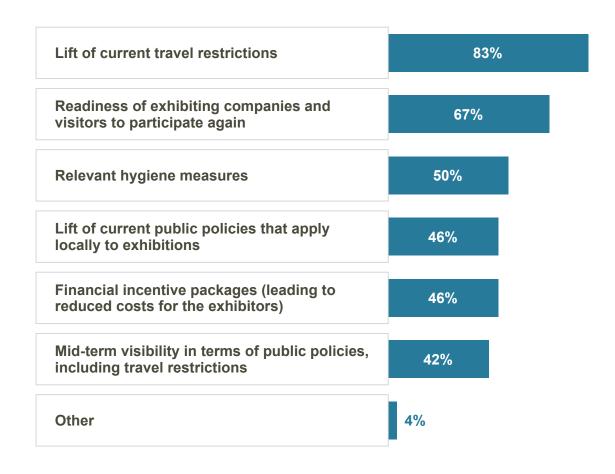




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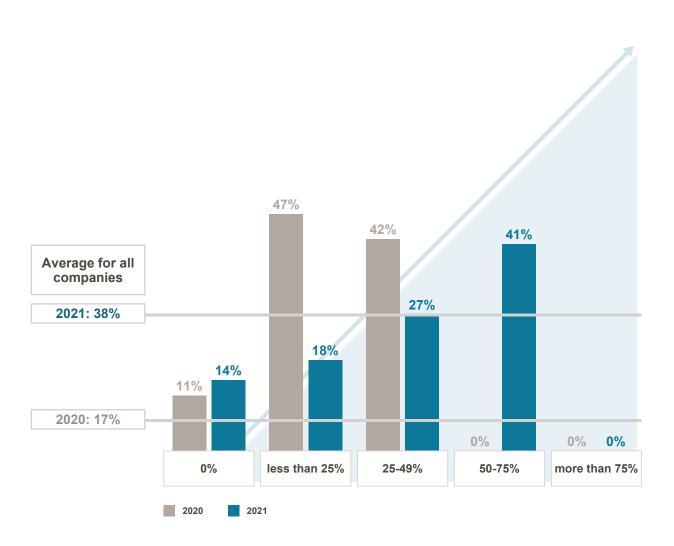


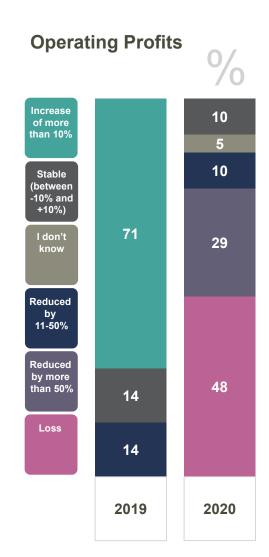
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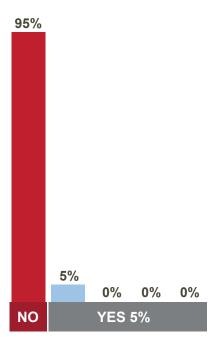


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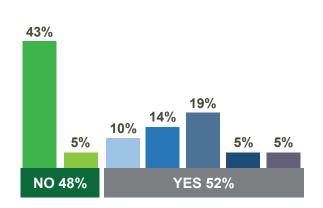




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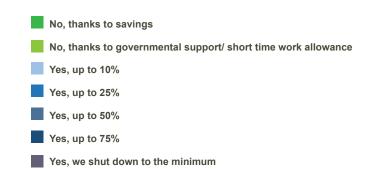
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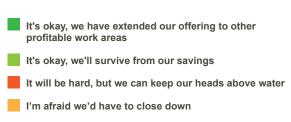


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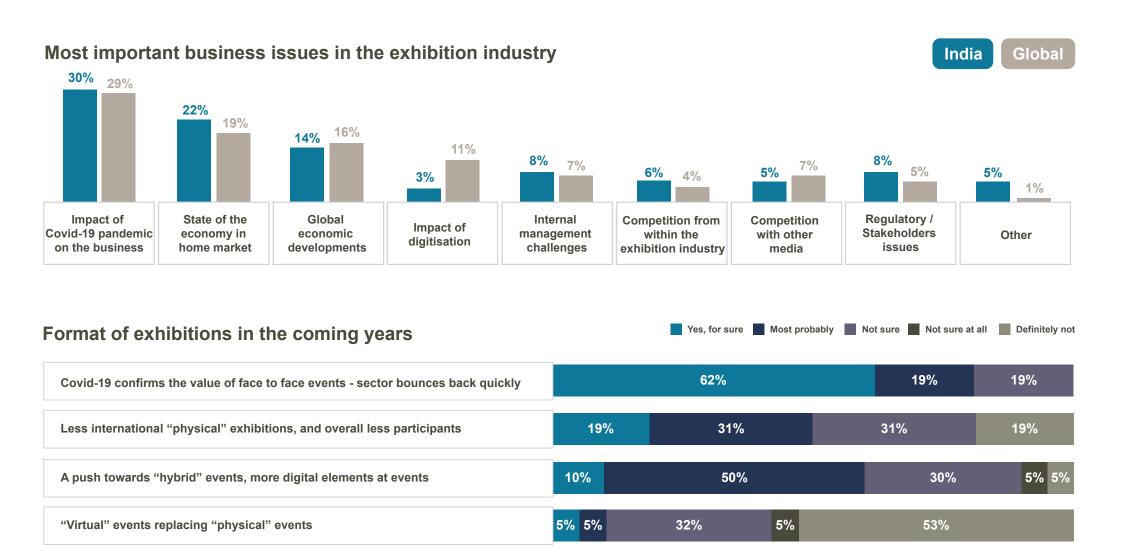




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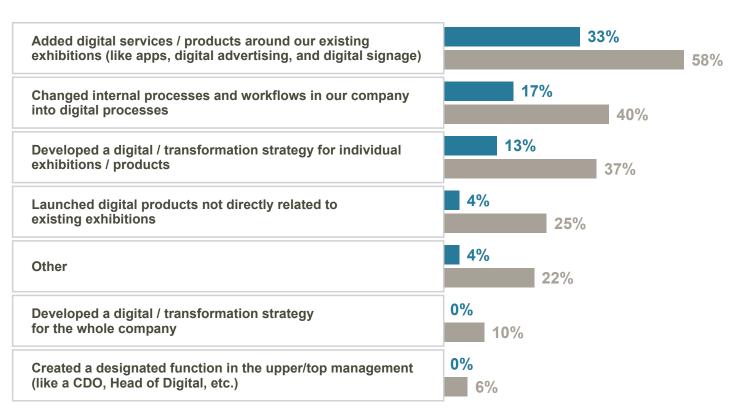




India

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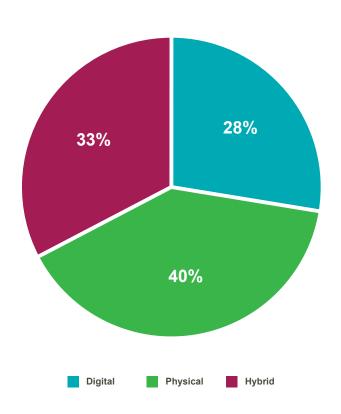
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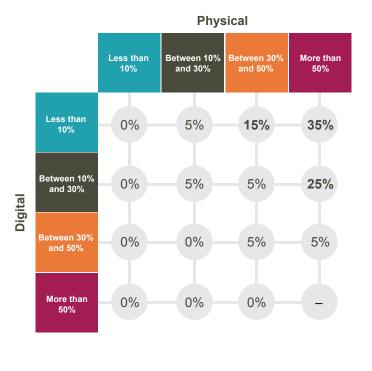




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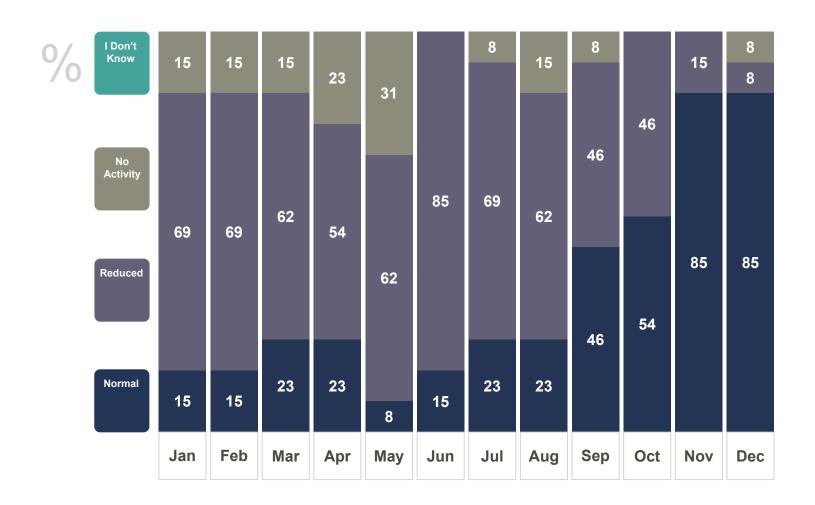








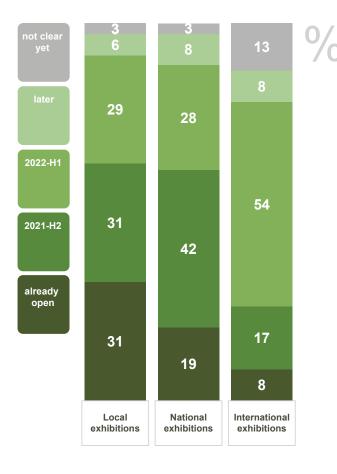
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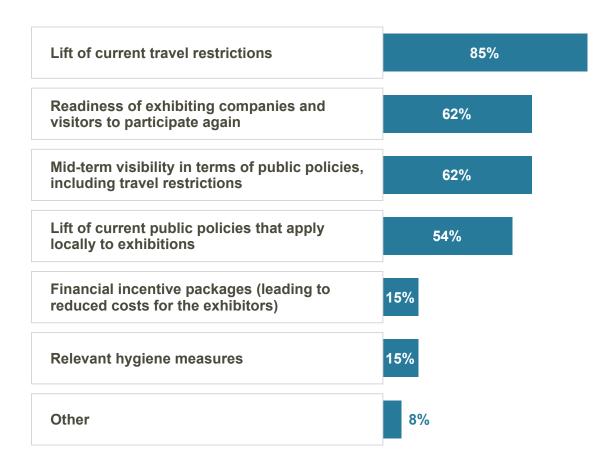




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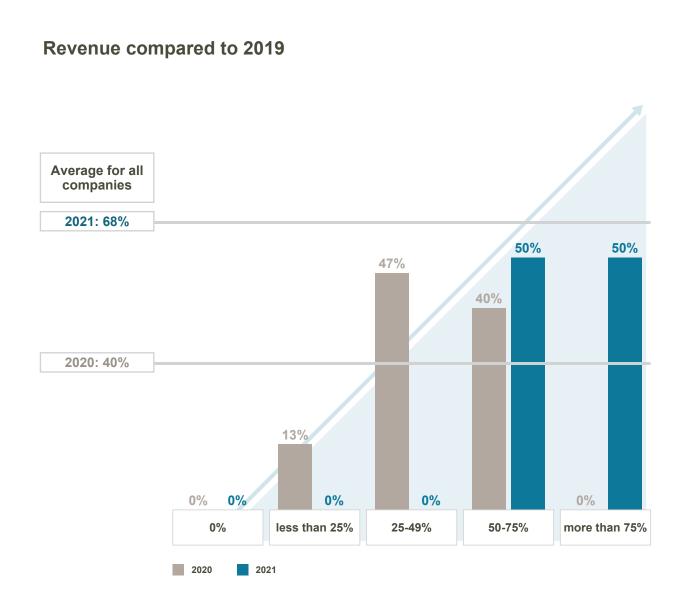


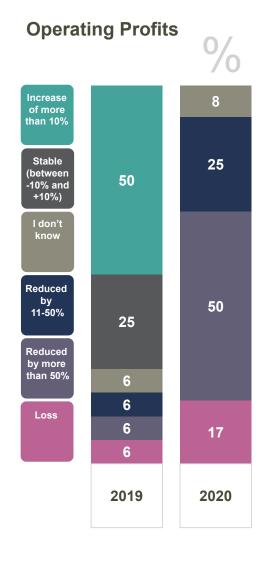
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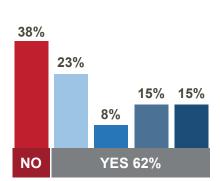




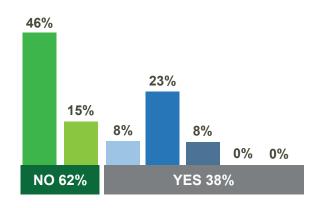




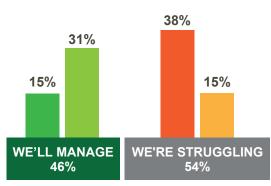
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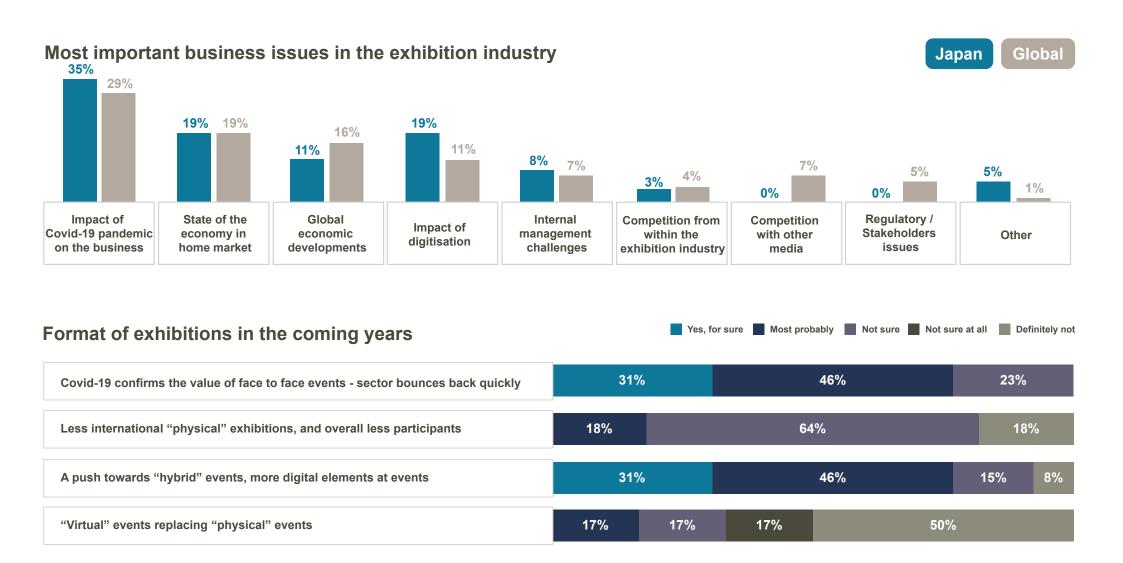
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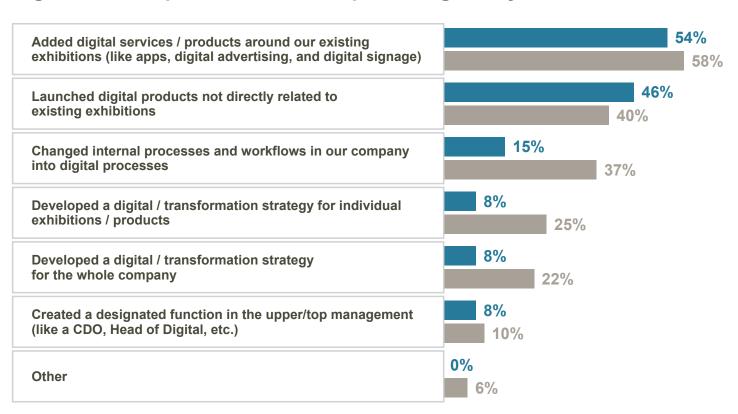








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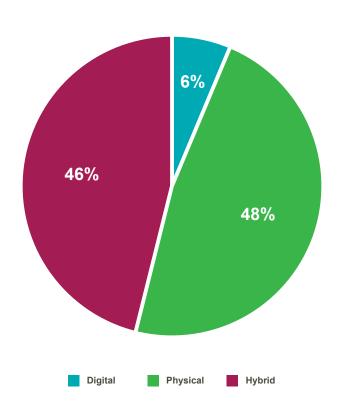


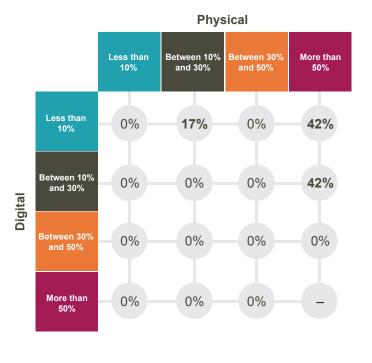




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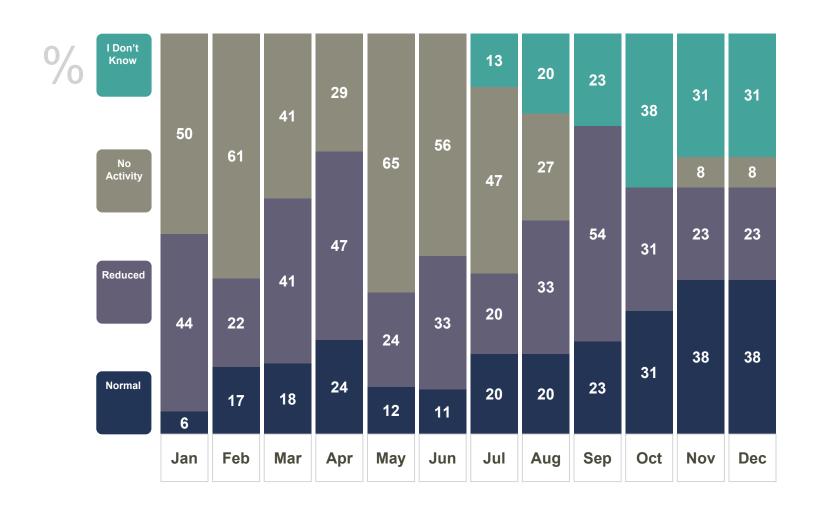








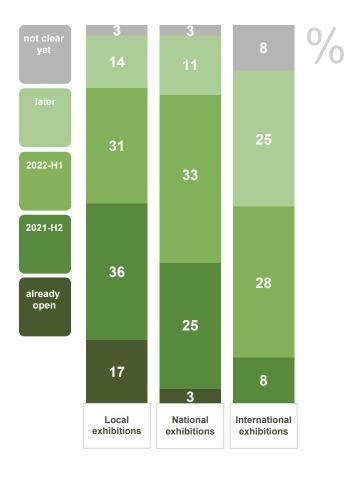
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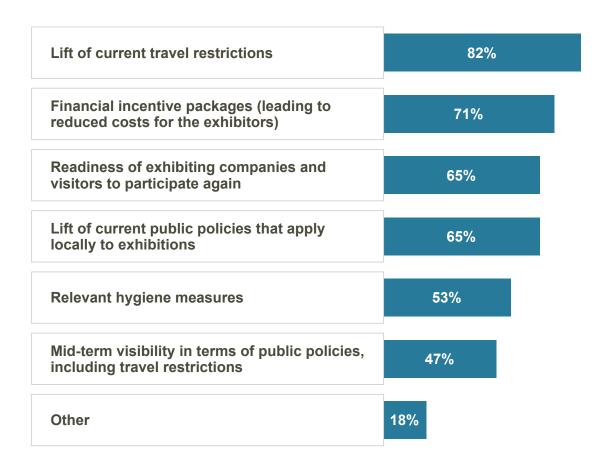




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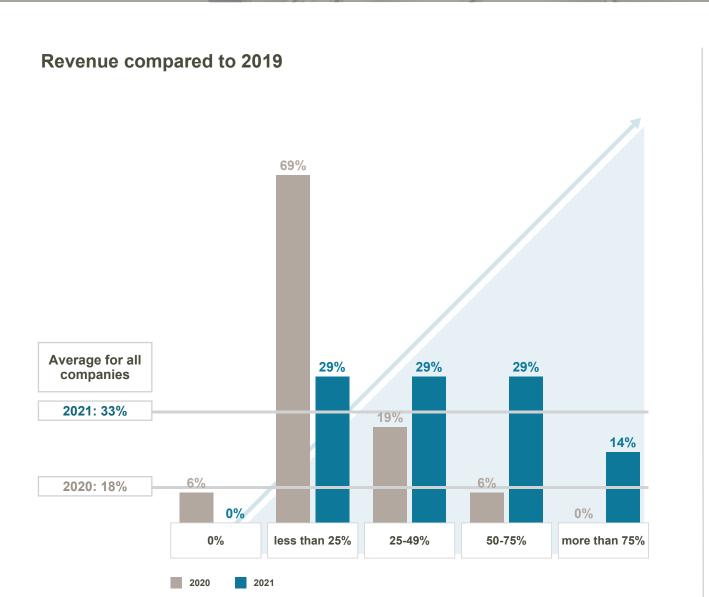


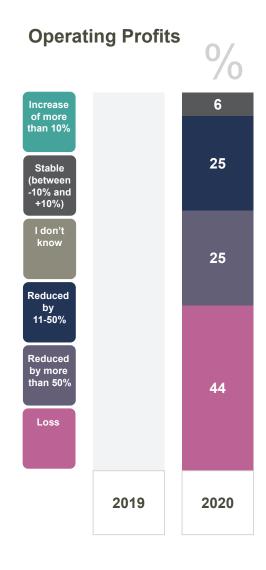
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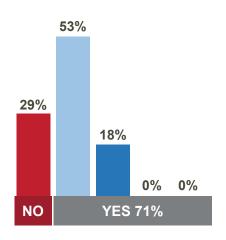




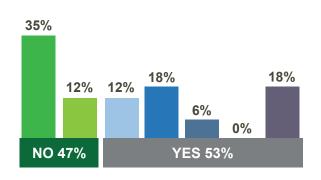




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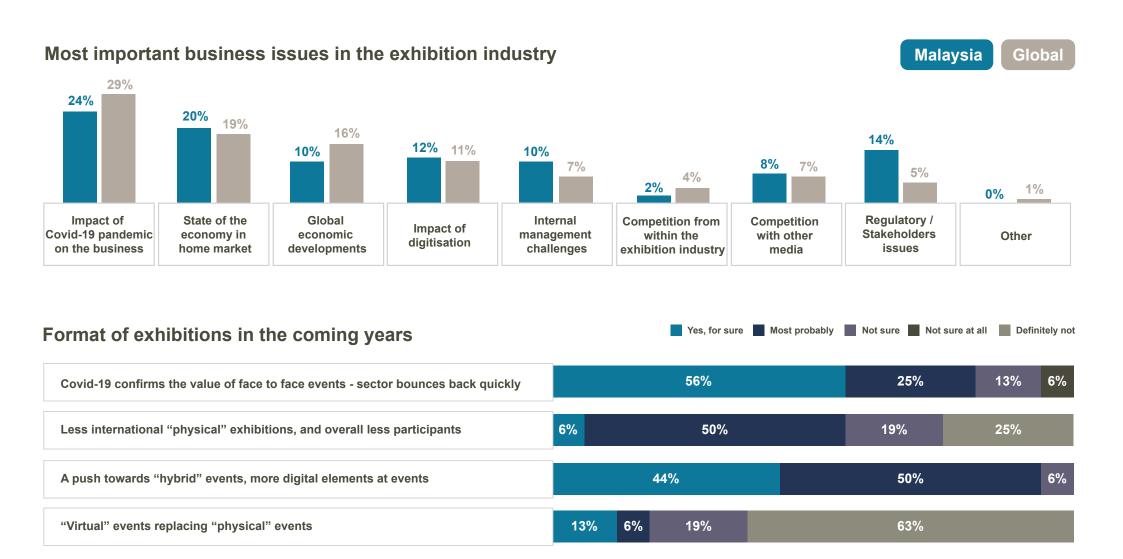
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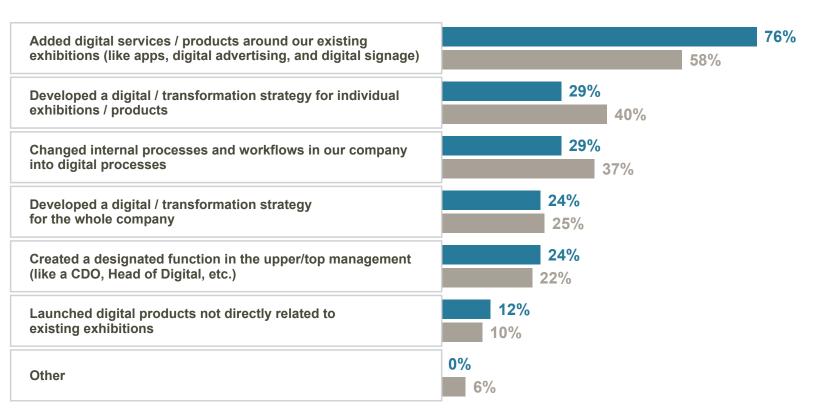




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Global

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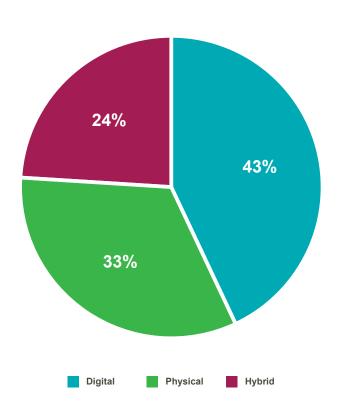


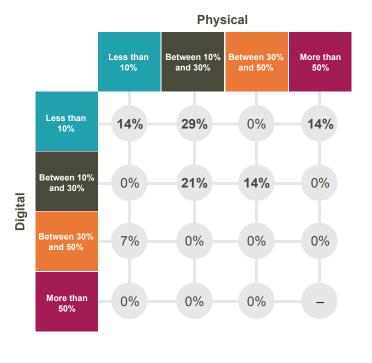




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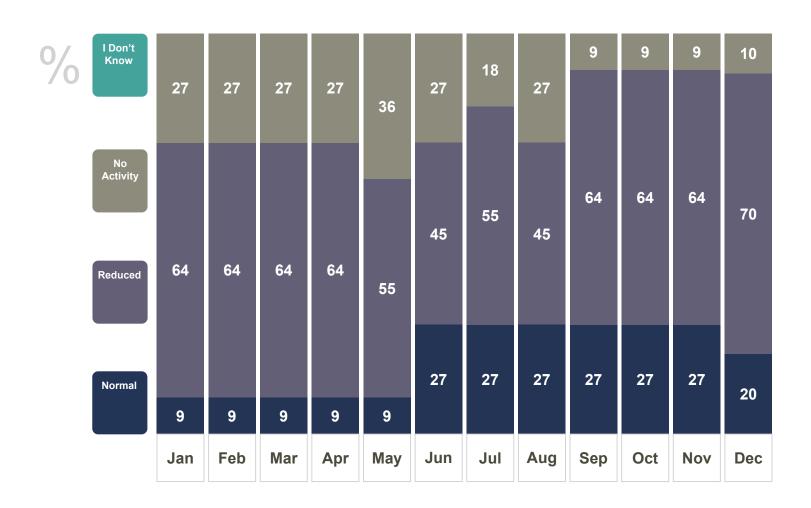








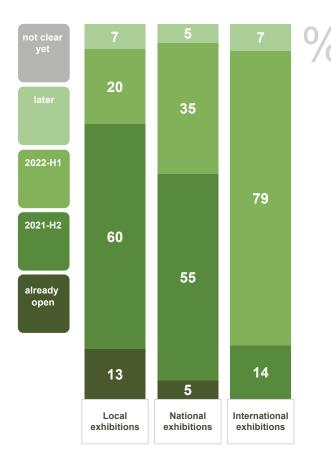
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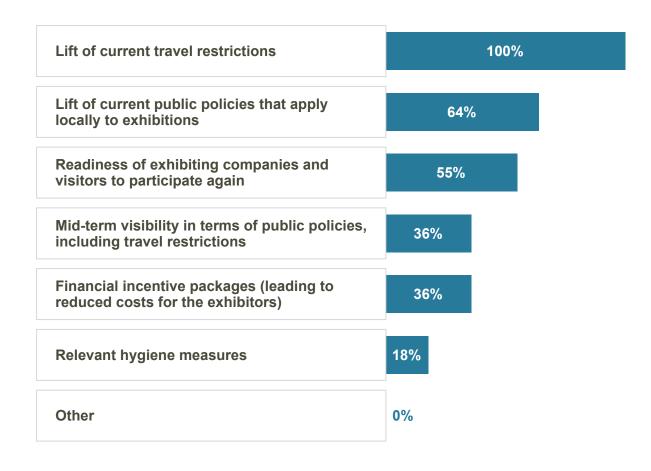




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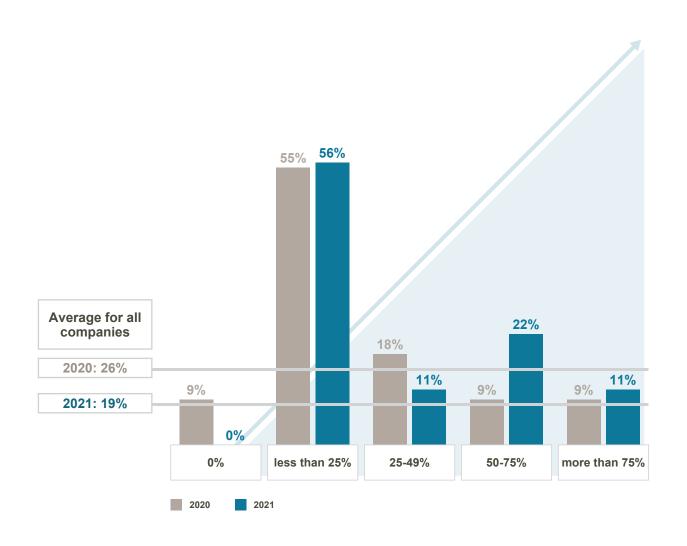
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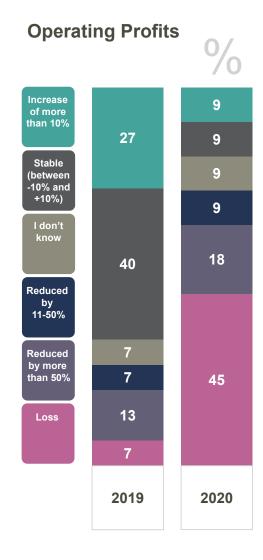








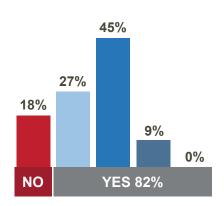




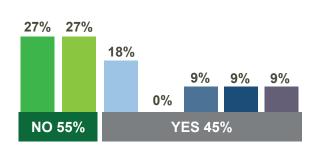




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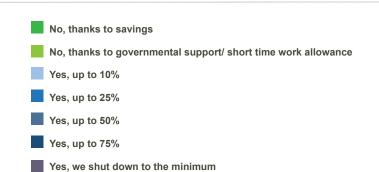
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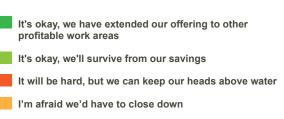


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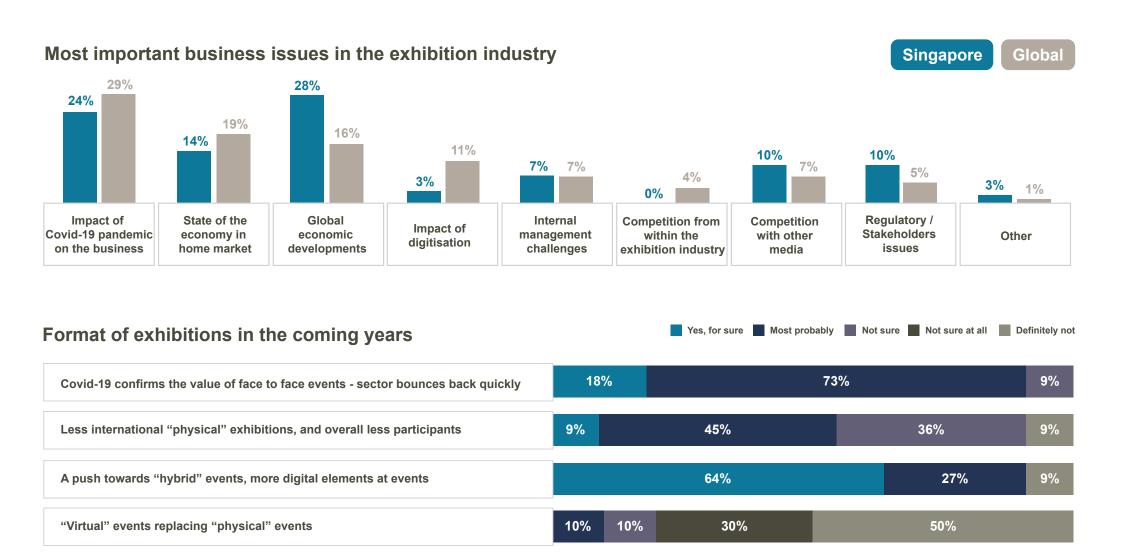












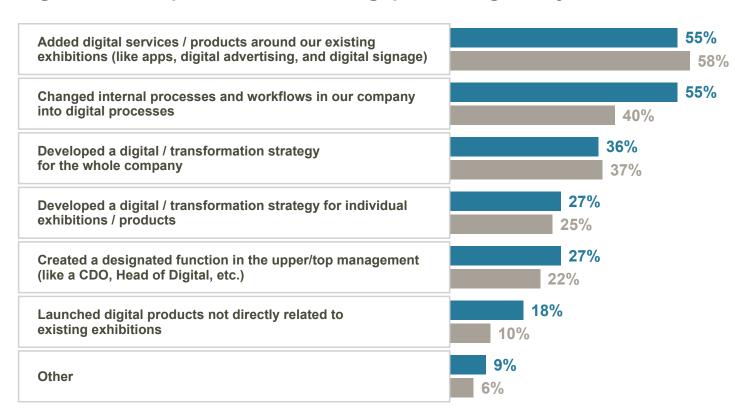




Singapore

Global

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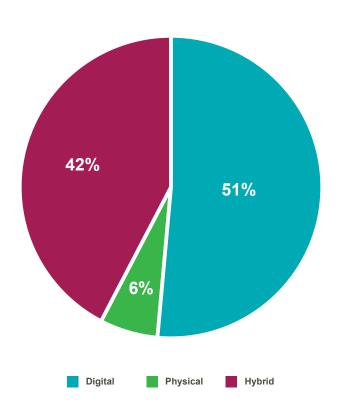


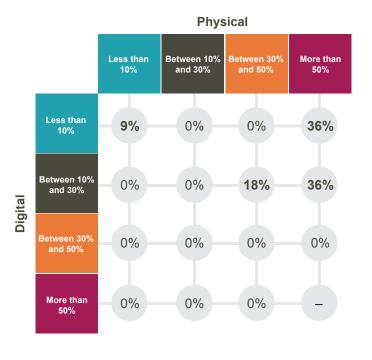




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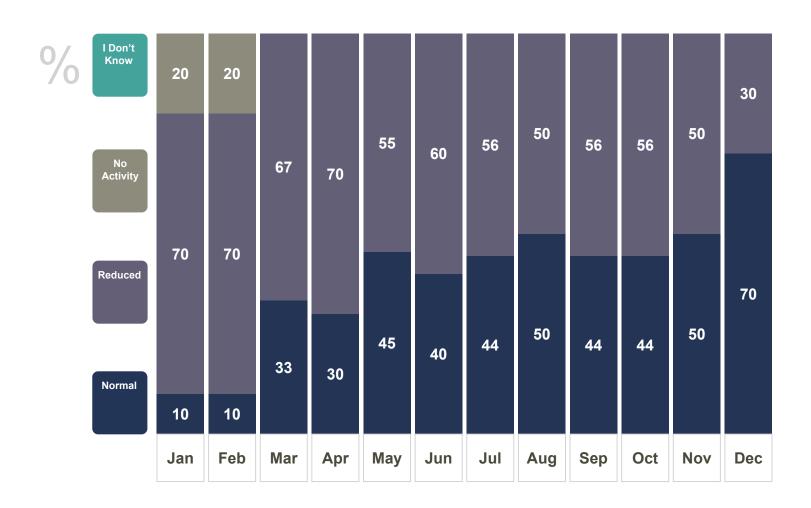








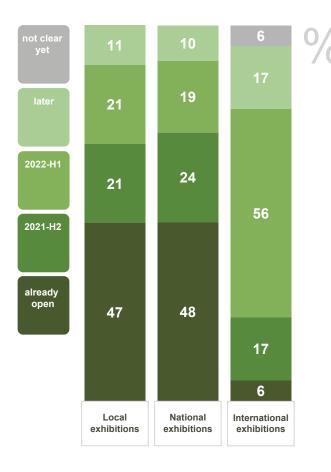
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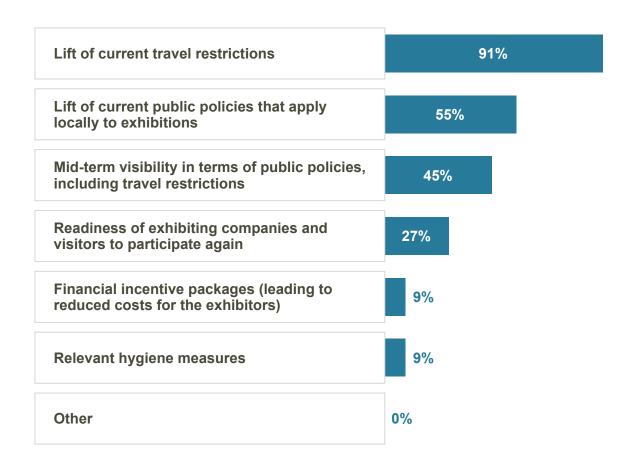




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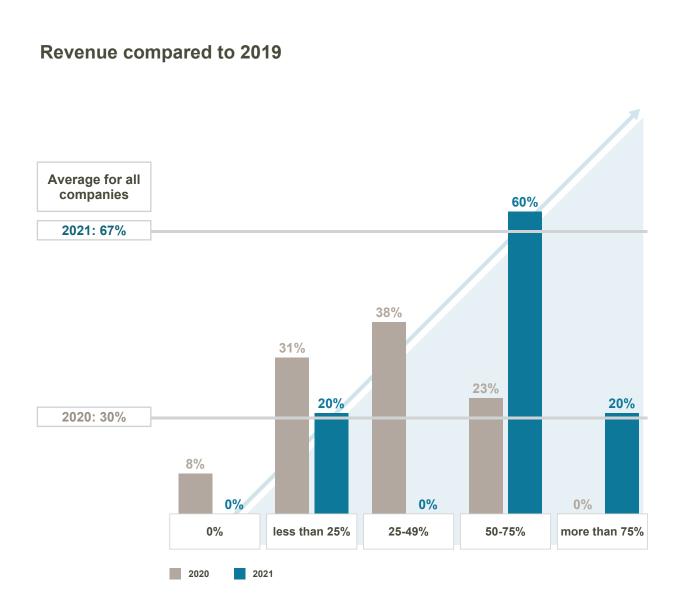


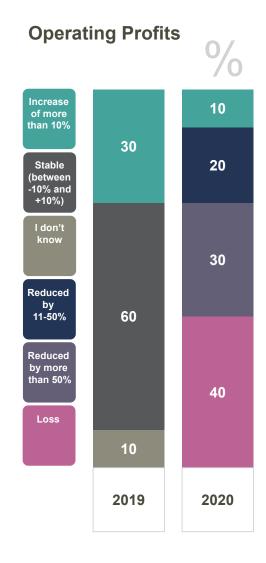
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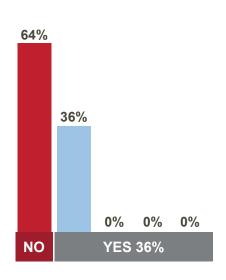




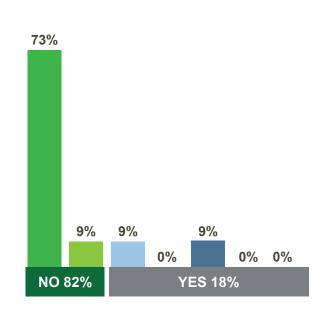




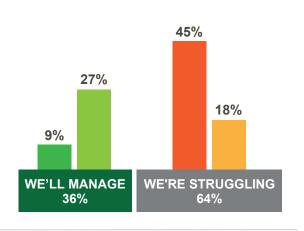
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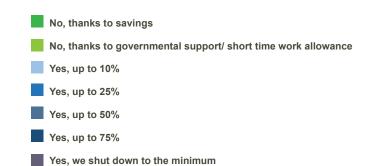
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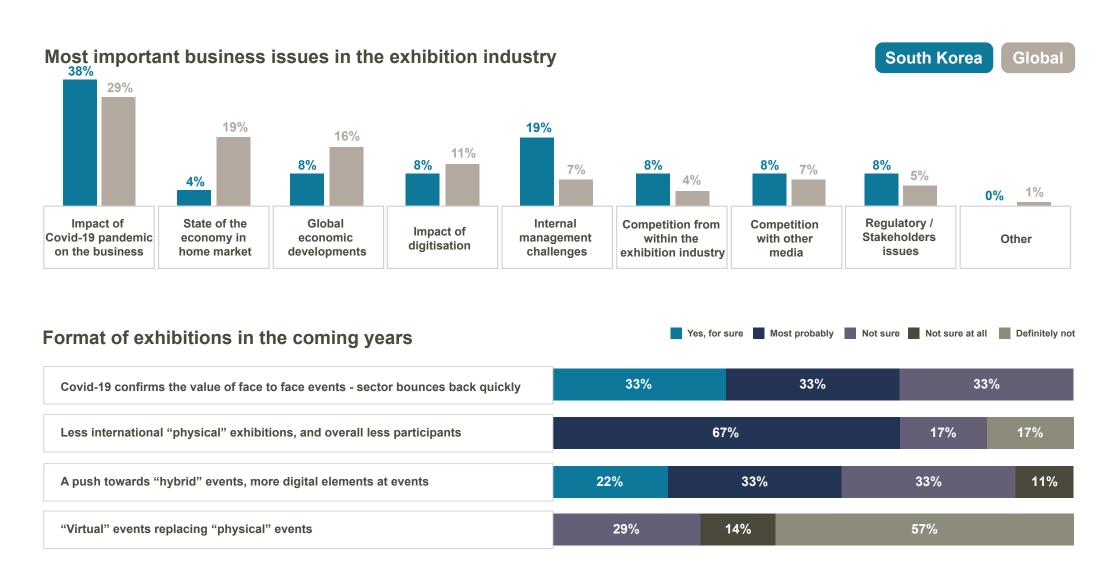
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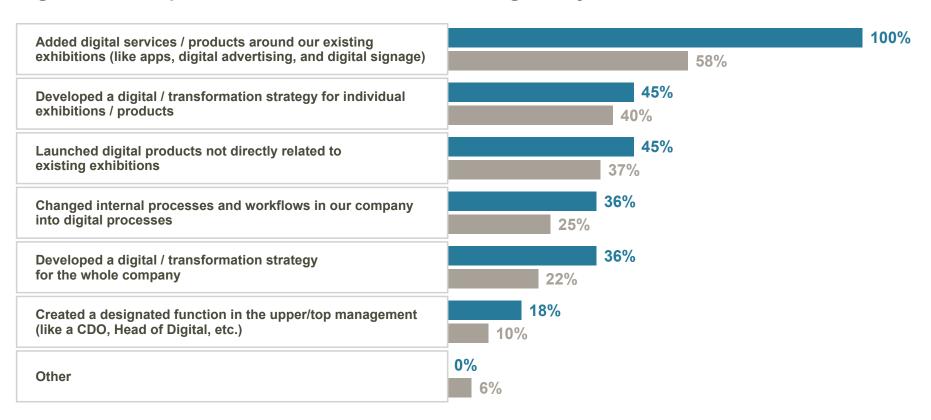




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Global

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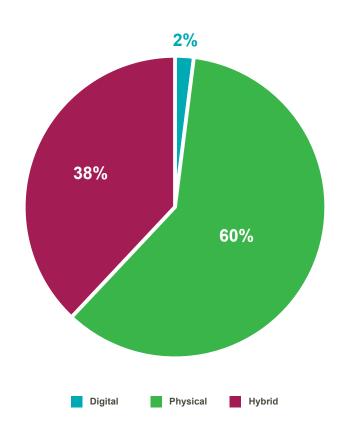


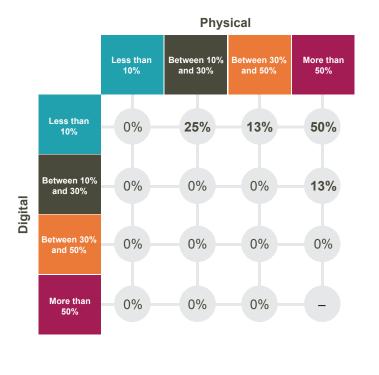




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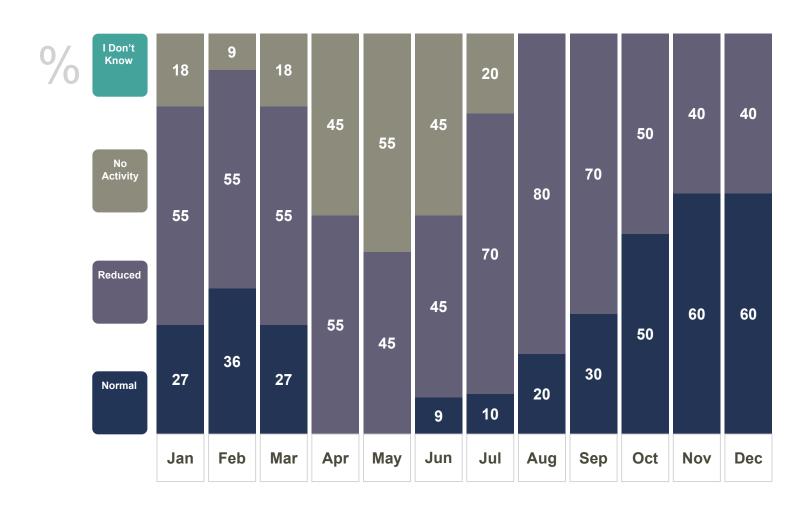
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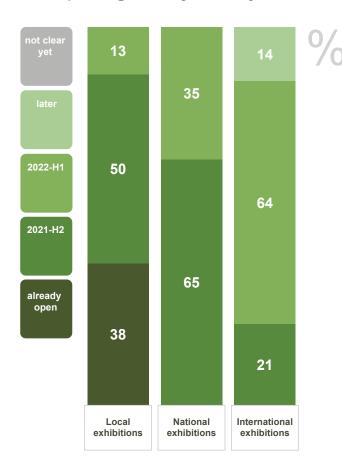


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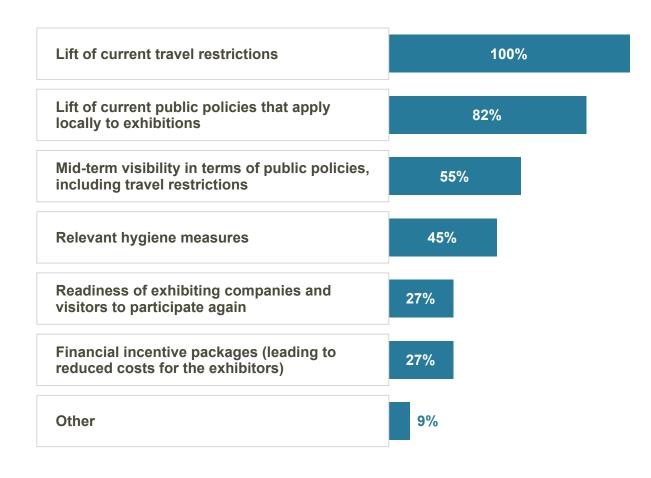




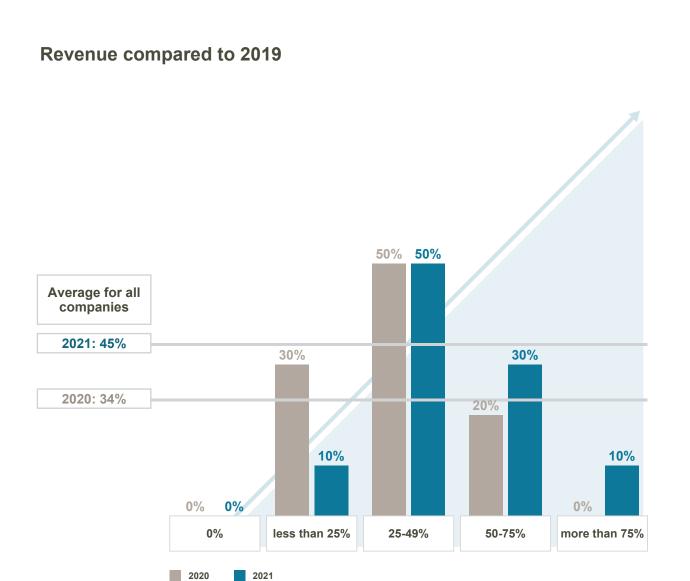
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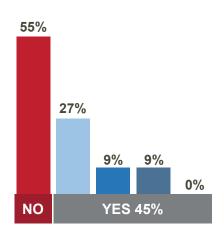




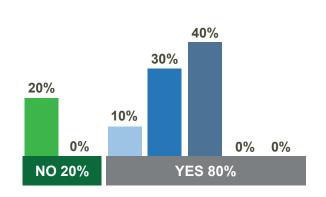




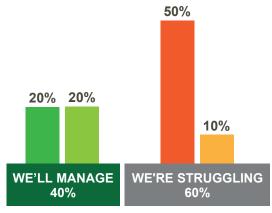
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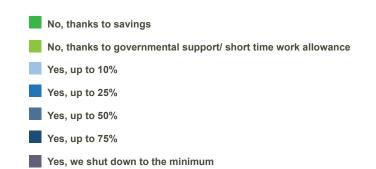
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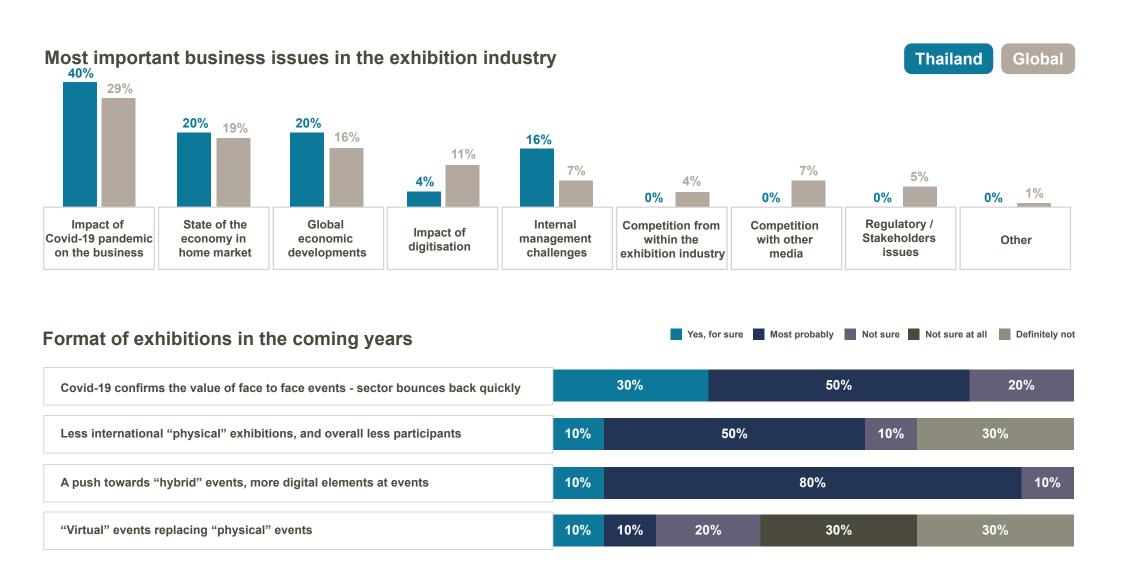
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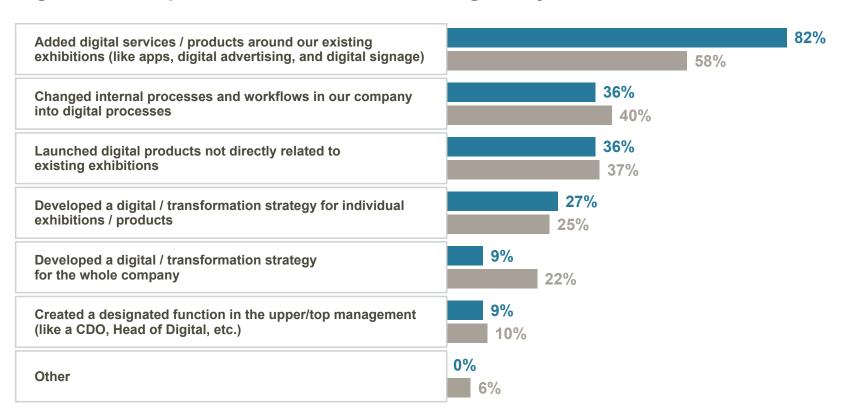






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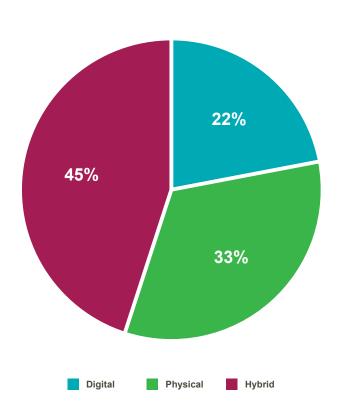
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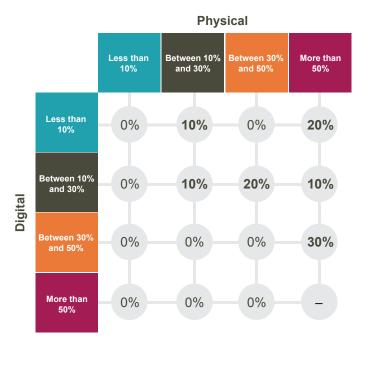




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Conclusion



The Global Barometer survey has been measuring the pulse of the exhibition industry since 2008. This 27th survey was concluded in June 2021 and includes data from 474 companies in 64 countries and regions. The report delivers outlooks and analysis for 24 countries and regions. In addition, it analyses five aggregated regional zones.

While the results highlight the strong impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the global exhibition industry in 2020, the situation is gradually improving, and there is a strong belief that the sector, primarily driven by physical exhibitions and business events, will bounce back quickly.

Globally the situation is gradually improving: the proportion of companies globally expecting "no activity" for the last quarter of 2021 has fallen from 53% in January to less than 10%, while the proportion of companies with "normal activity" has increased from 12% to close to 50%.

These results vary depending on region and are primarily driven by the currently confirmed or expected "reopening date" of exhibitions. While several markets reportedly reopened in June 2021, the majority of companies in all regions expect both local and national exhibitions to open again in the coming 12 months, and international exhibitions to reopen in the first half of 2022.

When asked what element would most help towards the "bounce-back" of exhibitions, the majority of companies rank "lifting of current

travel restrictions" (71% of answers), "readiness of exhibiting companies and visitors to participate again" (58% of answer), and "lifting of current public policies that apply locally to exhibitions" (55% of answers) as the key drivers.

On average globally, it is currently expected that 2021 revenues will represent 47% of those of 2019. In terms of profits, 51% of companies reported a loss in 2020, and 24% a reduction of their profit by more than 50%.

Overall:

- 48% of companies have benefitted from some level of public financial support; for the majority of these, this represented less than 10% of their overall 2019 costs.
- 57% of companies have had to reduce their workforce, over half of these have made reductions of more than 25%.
- 10% of companies state they will have to permanently close if there is no business for the next six months.
- For 57% globally, "it will be hard, but we can keep our heads above water", while 34% of companies consider they will manage.

In line with results from the last Barometer six months ago, "impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the business" and "state of the economy in home market" are considered to be the two most important



business issues, selected by 29% and 19% of respondents. "Global economic developments" (15% of respondents) "impact of digitisation" (10% of respondents) and "internal management challenges" (9% of respondents) also remain high on the list of key business issues.

The digitisation of products and services gained momentum throughout the pandemic, and 58% of respondents said they have added digital services/products (such as apps, digital advertising and digital signage) to their existing exhibition offerings. In addition, 40% have developed a digital transformation strategy for individual exhibitions or products.

In terms of future exhibition formats, global results indicate that:

- 78% of companies (up from 64% six months ago and 57% 12 months ago) of respondents are confident that "COVID-19 confirms the value of face- to-face events" anticipating that the sector will bounce back quickly (39% "Yes, for sure" and 39% "Most probably"), while 20% are "Not sure".
- 46% compared to 63% 6 months ago and 57% 12 months ago believe that there will be "Less international 'physical' exhibitions, and overall, less participants" (6% "Yes, for sure" and 39% "Most probably"), and 44% are "Not sure".

- 76% of companies 80% 6 months ago and 82% 12 months ago - consider that there is "A push towards hybrid events, more digital elements at events" (26% "Yes, for sure" and 50% "Most probably").
- 11% down from 14% 6 months ago and 17% 12 months ago agrees with the statement that "Virtual events replacing physical events" (3% "Yes, for sure" and 8% "Most probably"), 36% are "Not sure" and 53% are stating "definitely not".

THANK YOU TO ALL SURVEY PARTICIPANTS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION! THE NEXT GLOBAL BAROMETER SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN DECMEBER 2021 – PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Appendix: Number of survey replies per country Total = 474 (in 64 countries/regions)



North America	42	Europe	159	Middle East	25
Canada	3	Belgium	2	Lebanon	2
Mexico	21	Bulgaria	1	Oman	3
USA	18	Croatia	2	Qatar	2
		Czech Republic	1	Saudi Arabia	3
		Finland	1	United Arab Emirates	15
Central & South America	82	France	21		
Argentina	6	Georgia	1		
Bolivia	2	Germany	20	Asia & Pacific	147
Brazil	17	Greece	4	Australia	15
Chile	16	Hungary	1	China	21
Colombia	21	Ireland	1	Hong Kong	10
Costa Rica	2	Italy	21	India	24
Cuba	1	Netherlands	5	Indonesia	9
Ecuador	3	Poland	2	Japan	13
El Salvador	1	Portugal	4	Malaysia	17
Guatemala	4	Romania	1	New Zealand	1
Panama	3	Russian Federation	17	Pakistan	1
Peru	3	Slovenia	1	Philippines	1
Uruguay	3	Spain	16	Singapore	11
		Sweden	4	South Korea	11
Africa	19	Switzerland	1	Sri Lanka	1
Egypt	1	Turkey	12	Thailand	11
Libya	1	Ukraine	2	Vietnam	1
Rwanda	1	United Kingdom	18		
South Africa	16				

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