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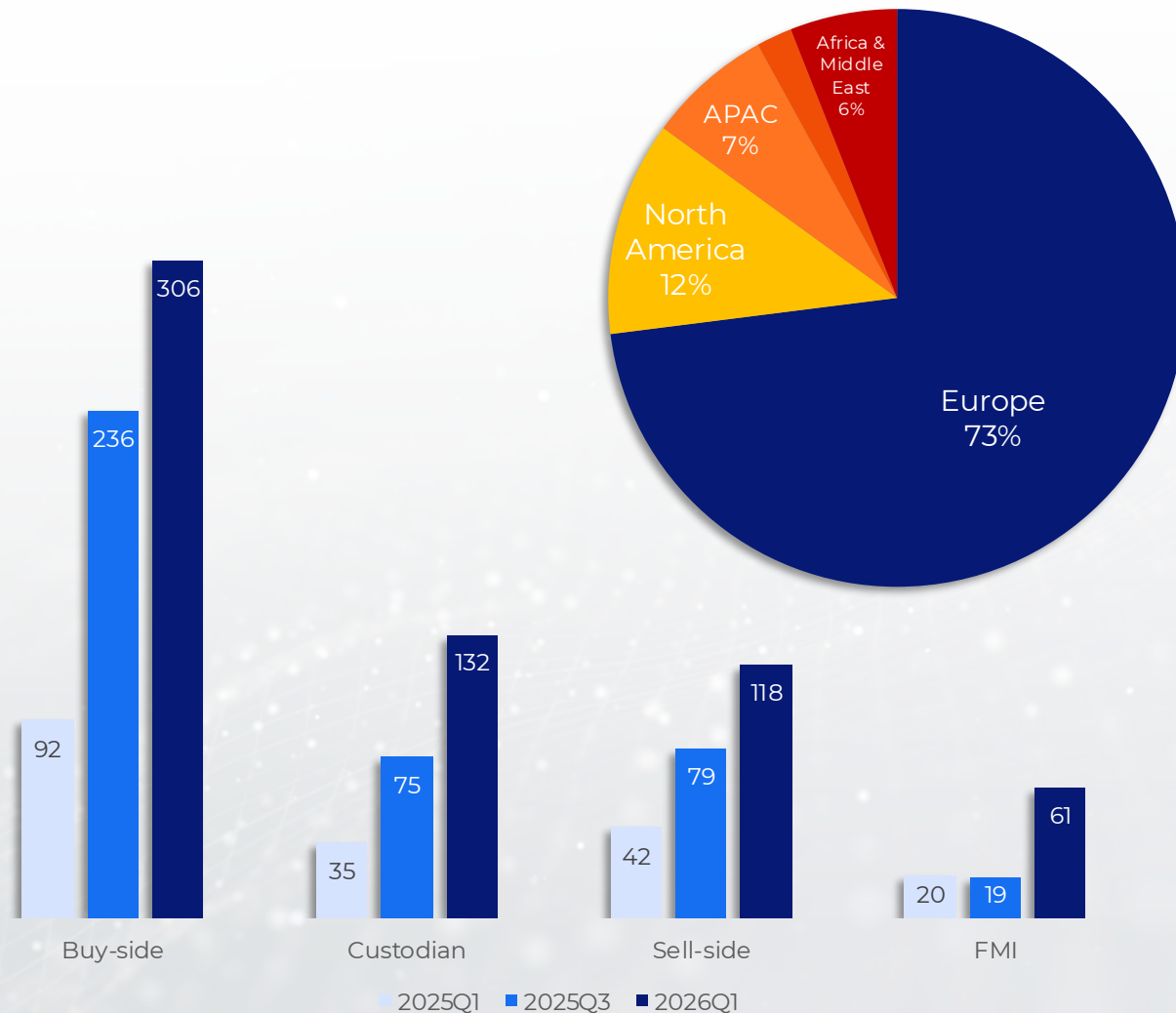
Accelerated settlements in the UK

Key Findings (Q1 2026)

Accelerated settlements in the UK



Who participated in the survey?



How ready is the global finance community for a transition to T+1 settlements in the UK?

Led by the UK Accelerated Settlement Taskforce, with the support of Euroclear, DTCC and an extensive range of industry associations around the world, this latest pulse survey provides fresh, statistical insights on where and how the journey towards T+1 in the UK is progressing.

These key findings are based on the results of our pulse check conducted in March 2026, drawing on insights from over 600 financial services professionals around the world.

This is a discussion document, and we look forward to discussing the results of this research with you – to help you make the case for transformation in your organisation.

Accelerated Settlements in the UK

Q1 2026 Pulse survey



The UK T+1 journey so far

With 83% of firms actively engaged on T+1, the UK leads the world in preparation

51% of firms have started their T+1 project work by Q1 2026

57% of the buy-side have yet to start development work

The T+1 impact

T+1's expected impact is reducing – but beyond settlements, T+1's impact on the wider trade cycle is becoming clearer

56% of firms in APAC expect T+1 to significantly impact them

British firms expect their work from 2024 to help them in 5 of 9 key areas

89% of UK fund managers are planning to change their fund dealing cycle as a result of T+1 in the UK

51% of firms have already automated settlement instruction processing, but less than half of firms plan to be live with PSET and partials soon

The T+1 runway

22% of firms are yet to complete a full cost assessment on the impacts of T+1

44% of firms in the UK Are still thinking about getting ready for T+1

63% of firms expect to complete their automation work in 2027

Clients, counterparties and custodians are a growing concern for up to 37% of firms

67% of respondents do not believe their service provider is ready to support their transition to T+1

The percentage of firms expecting to complete their T+1 builds in 2027 has doubled in the last year

34% of firms are scheduled to miss the 2026 market deadline for allocations and confirmations on T+0

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T+1 in the UK: What is it?



Market guidelines

Allocations by 23:59

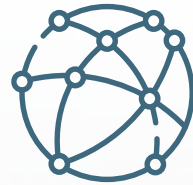
GMT on T+0
(by end **2026**)

Confirmations by 23:59

GMT on T+0
(by end **2026**)

Settlement instructions sent by 05:59

GMT on T+1
(by Oct 2027)



Technology recommendations

SSI automation (and adoption of FSS standards)

Automation of allocations and confirmations

Securities lending trade automation

Securities lending recalls automation

Use of split / partial settlements (to optimise settlement efficiency)

Use of trade shaping (to optimise settlement efficiency)

PSET / PSAF automation

Hold & release implementation

Changes to debt issuance processes

Changes to stamp duty processing

Changes to claims and corporate action processing

Unique trade identifier (UTI) adoption



Code of conduct



T+1 in the UK: The journey



T+1 in UK Timeline

2025

1 February
2025

Start date for:

- HMT to begin preparations to amend CSDR
- Trading venues to amend their rulebooks
- FMIs to review their systems and processes
- Publication of the CREST Transformation plan
- Automation of stock lending recalls / return instruction flows

1 April
2025

Start date for:

- Allocation and confirmation matching on T+0
- Adoption of industry standard and automated processes
- New post-trade policies and procedures
- Settlement instructions to be sent to the CSD as soon as possible
- Adoption of FMSB SSI Standards / Templates

2026

30 June
2026

Target completion date for:

- Publication of the CREST Transformation project plan

31 December
2026

Target completion date for:

- Allocation and confirmation changes, including policy and procedural changes
- FMI system updates
- Adoption of FMSB SSI Standards / Templates
- Automation of stock lending recalls

2027

11 October
2027

End date for:

- Amendment to UK CSDR
- Trading venue changes
- Trading parties to comply with T+1
- Change market cut off for stock lending recalls



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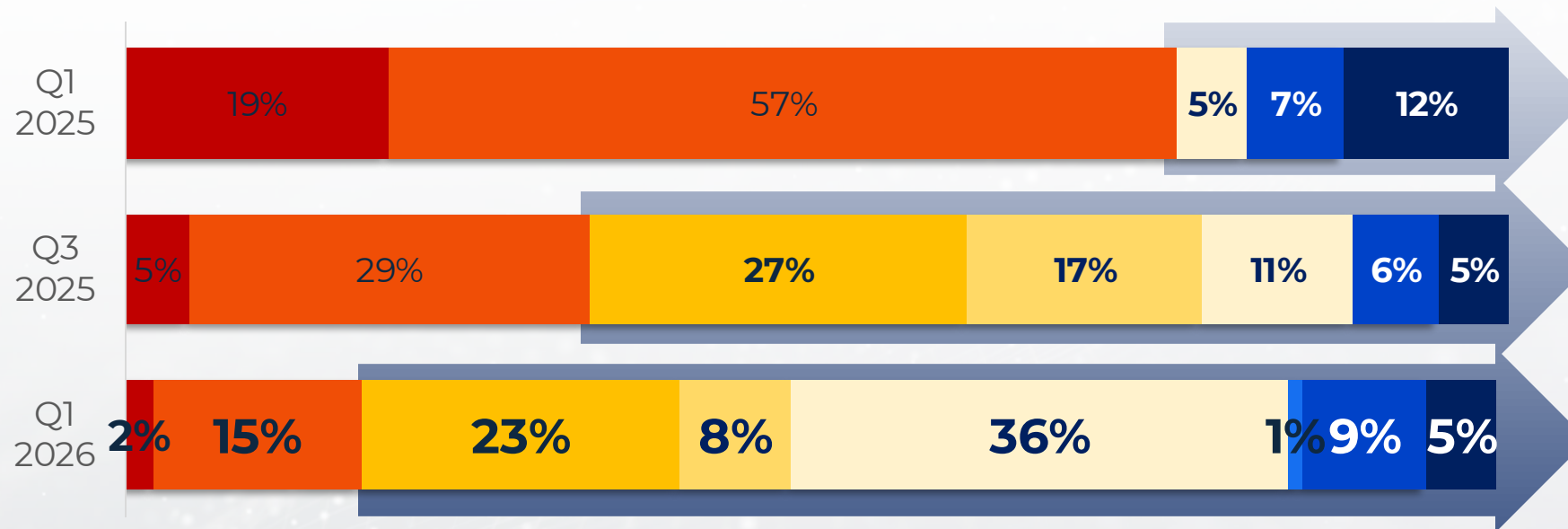
The UK T+1 journey so far



51% of firms have started their T+1 project work by Q1 2026



Preparation status for T+1 in the UK (% of respondents by status)



- No activity
- Reading the industry recommendations
- Mapping development requirements
- Preparing budget request
- Starting development work
- Testing
- Compliant with requirements
- Fully prepared

There are more people working on development work for T+1 than anything else.

14% of firms see themselves as compliant or fully prepared today, up from 11% in Q3 2025.

Almost three times as many firms are starting their development work in Q1 2026 as six months ago.

Just 17% of firms are not yet in project mode to support T+1 in the UK.

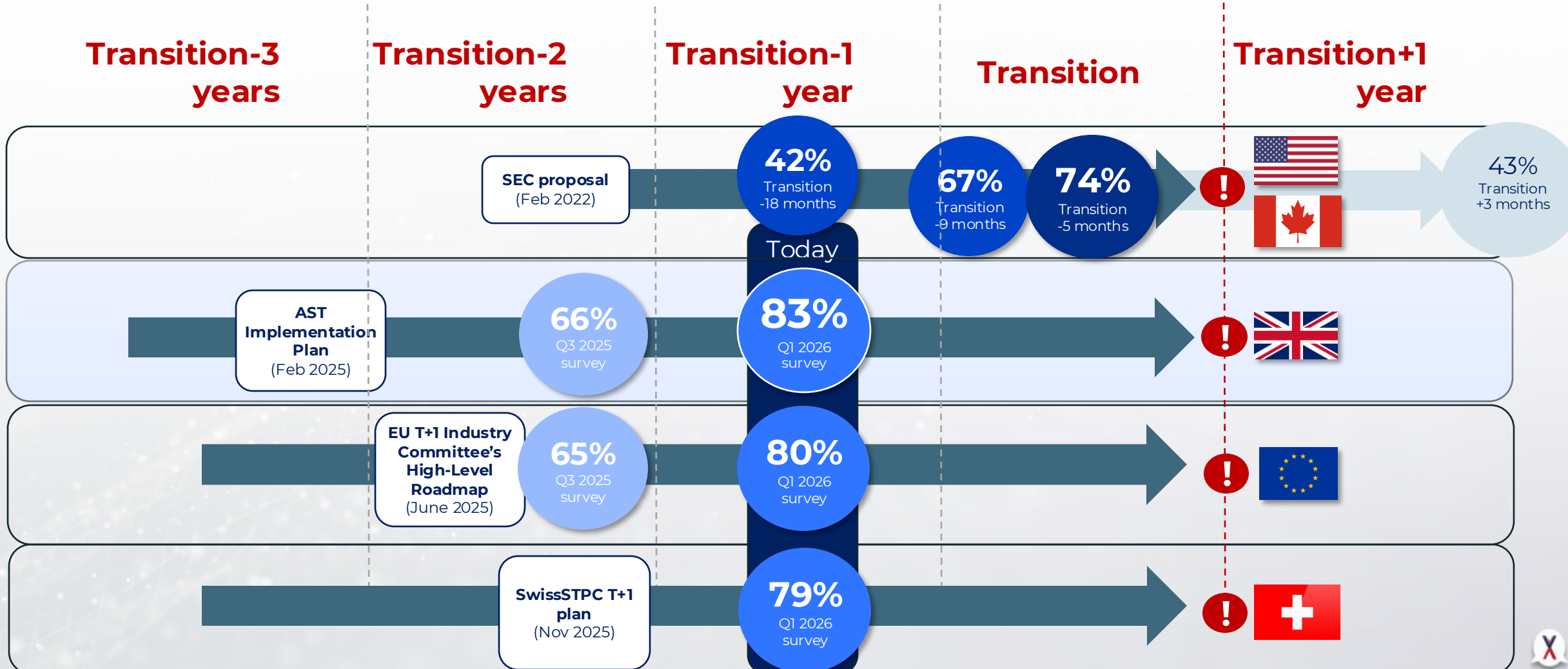
The number of firms still reading the industry recommendations has halved in the last six months.



With 83% of firms actively engaged on T+1, the UK leads the world in preparation



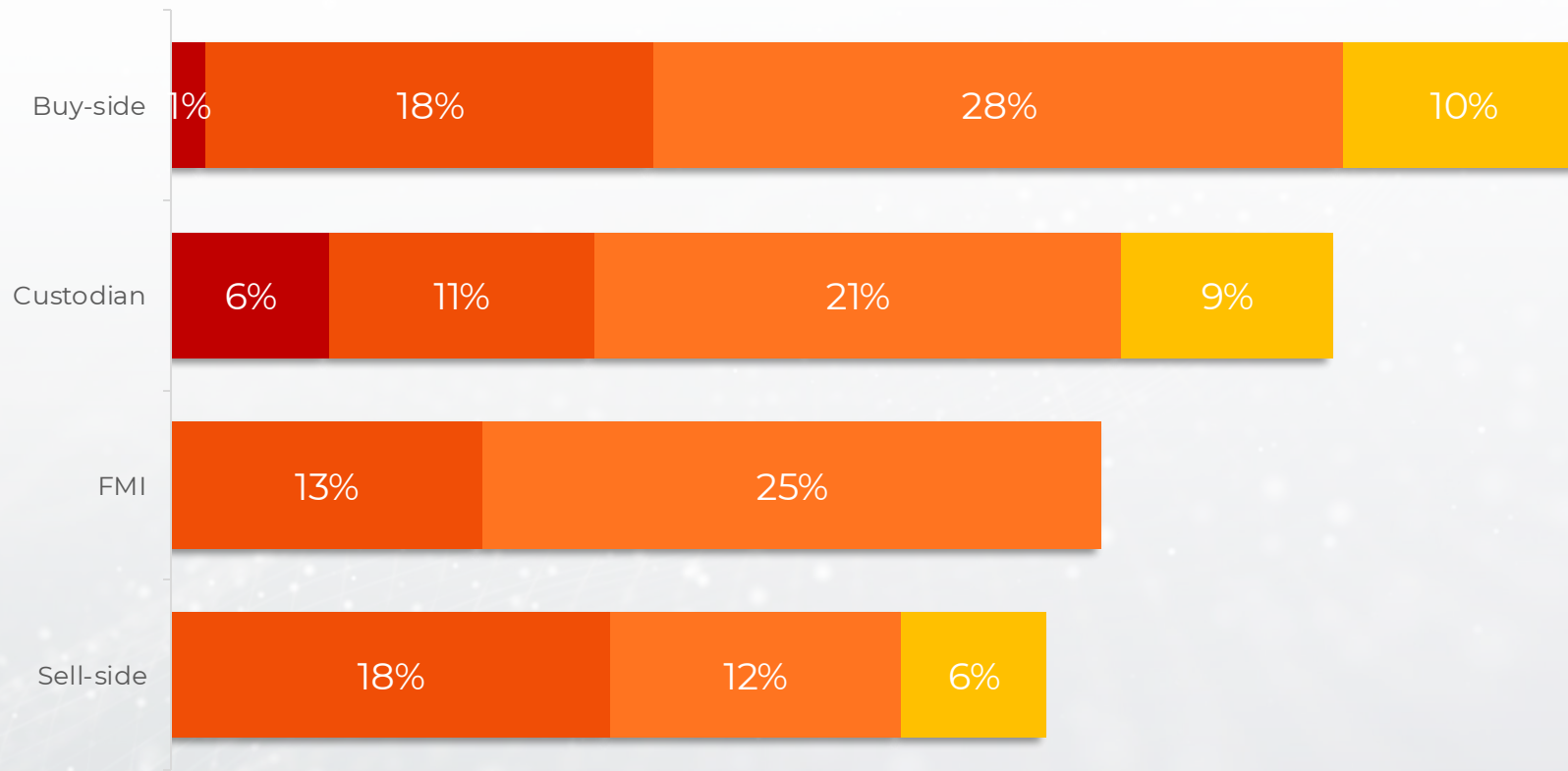
% of respondents actively preparing for T+1 by market and by year



57% of the buy-side have yet to start development work



% of respondents still in planning stages for T+1 in the UK
 (% of respondents by status, excluding those with project work ongoing), by firm type



■ No activity ■ Reading the industry recommendations ■ Mapping development requirements ■ Preparing budget request

The volume of firms still in preparation stages for T+1 has reduced by up to half since Q3 2025.

With more than one in two buy-side firms still not yet engaging, what impact will that have on their brokers and service providers?

At the top of the readiness chain, 38% of FMIs are still not yet in execution mode for T+1.

47% of custodians are also not yet engaging in project work – notably tier 2 and non-European custodians.



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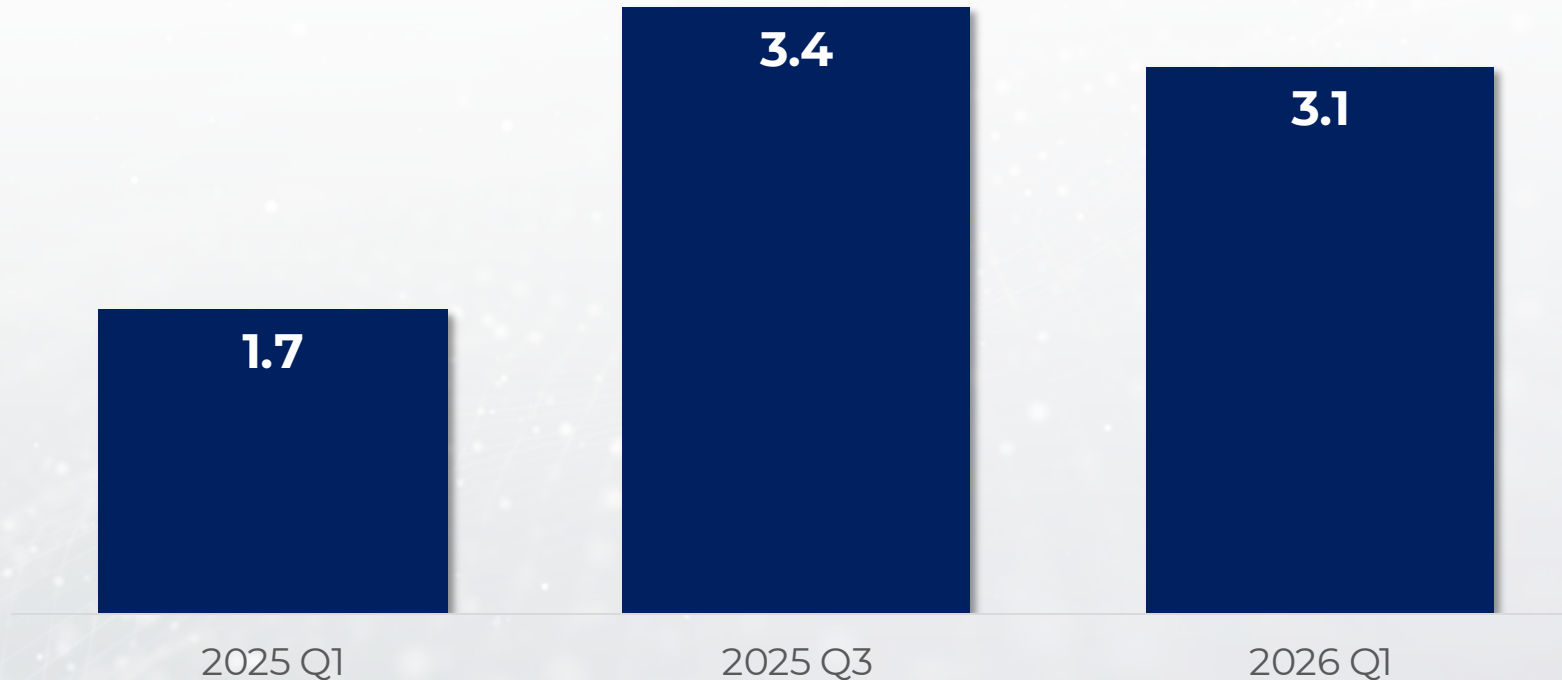
T+1's impact



T+1's expected impact is reducing



Perceived average impact of T+1 on trade processing over time
(where **5** is maximum impact; vs US 2024 transition)



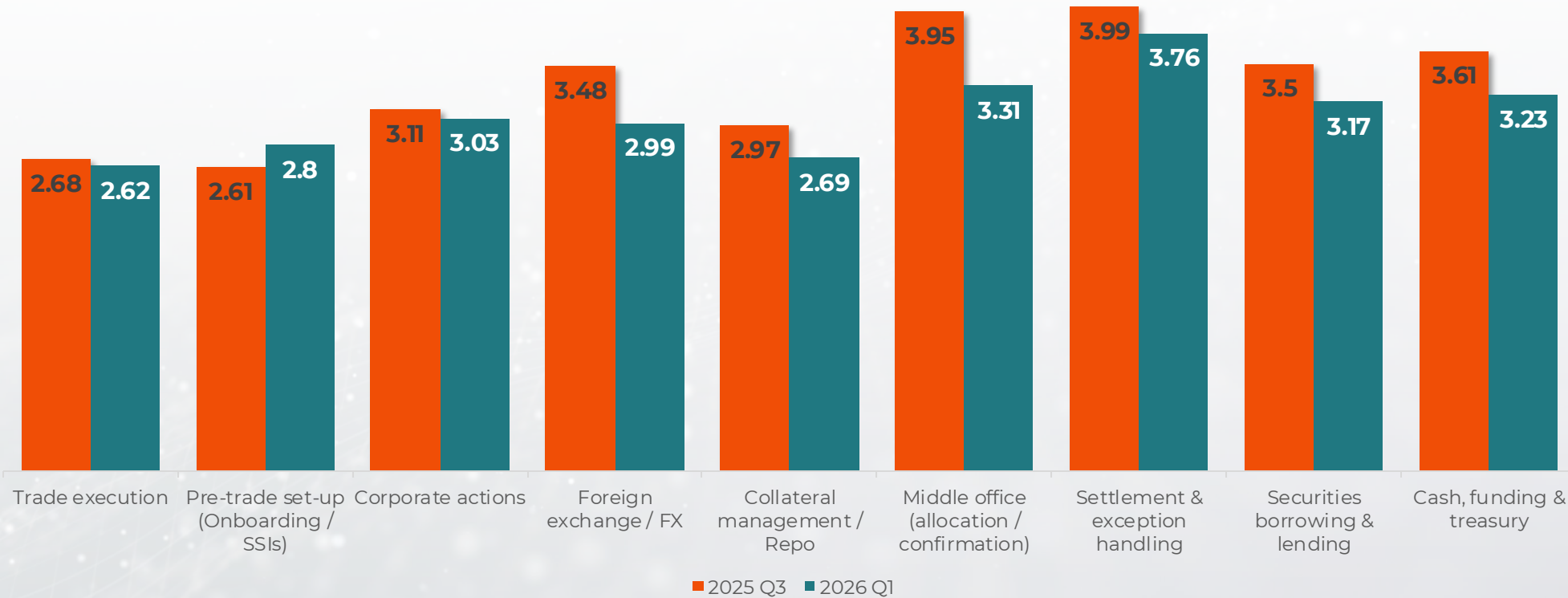
Perceived impacts of T+1 mirror industry preparations: an optimistic, early view (in Q1 2025) was replaced by qualified understanding (once implementation plans were published), and now issues are being addressed one by one.



T+1's impact on the wider trade cycle is becoming clearer and becoming less impactful as we tick off projects



Perceived average impact of T+1 on trade processing over time (versus Q3 2025)



As project teams have focused on managing the impacts of the pressing items (Settlements, fails, SBL), new areas of impact have emerged – needing fresh attention.

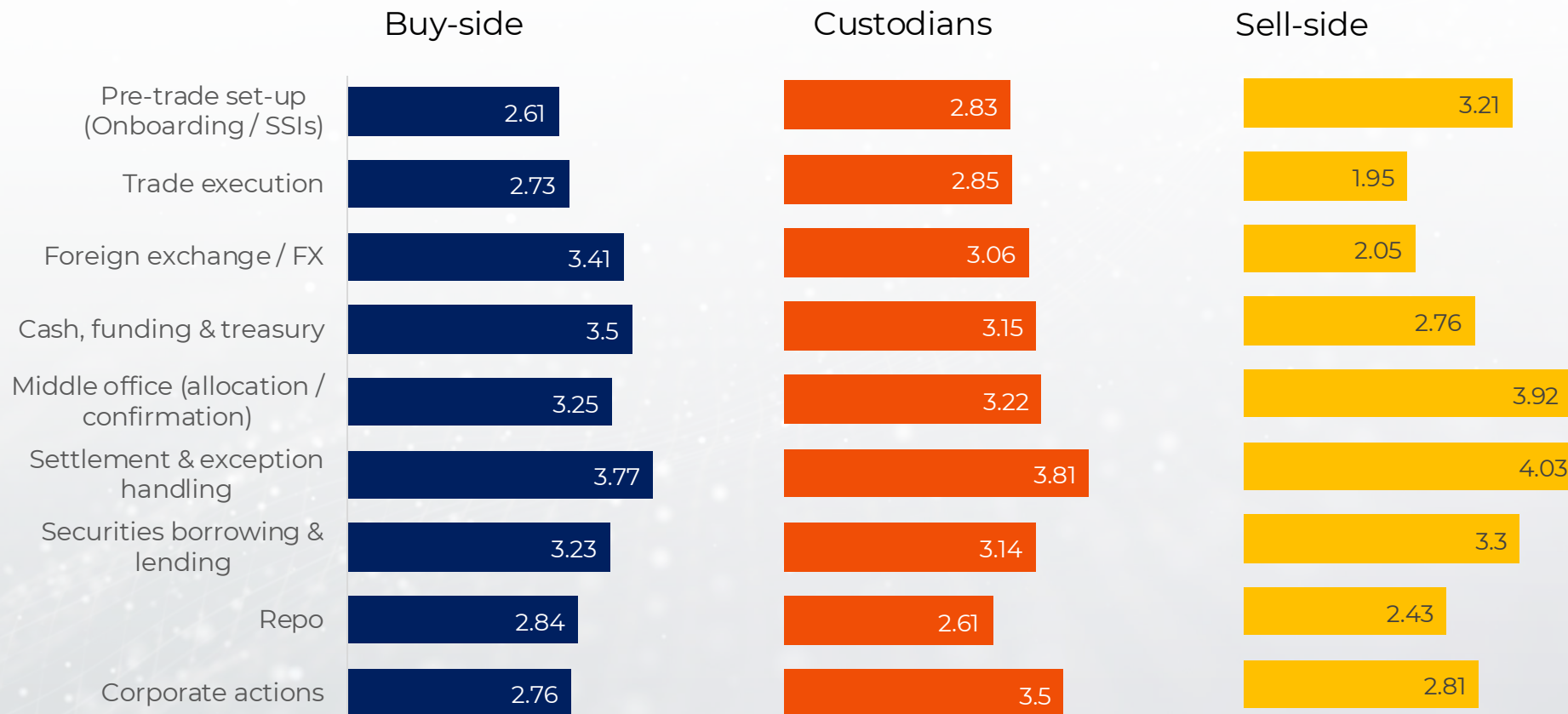
In the last six months, T+1's expected impact has grown to touch trade execution and client onboarding as the two areas of fastest growing concern.



T+1's impact on firms is expected to vary



Perceived average impact of T+1 on trade processing over time (by segment)



Sell-side firms are struggling especially hard with settlement exceptions and with pre-trade set up – compared to their peers

For the buy-side, funding and FX is central to T+1

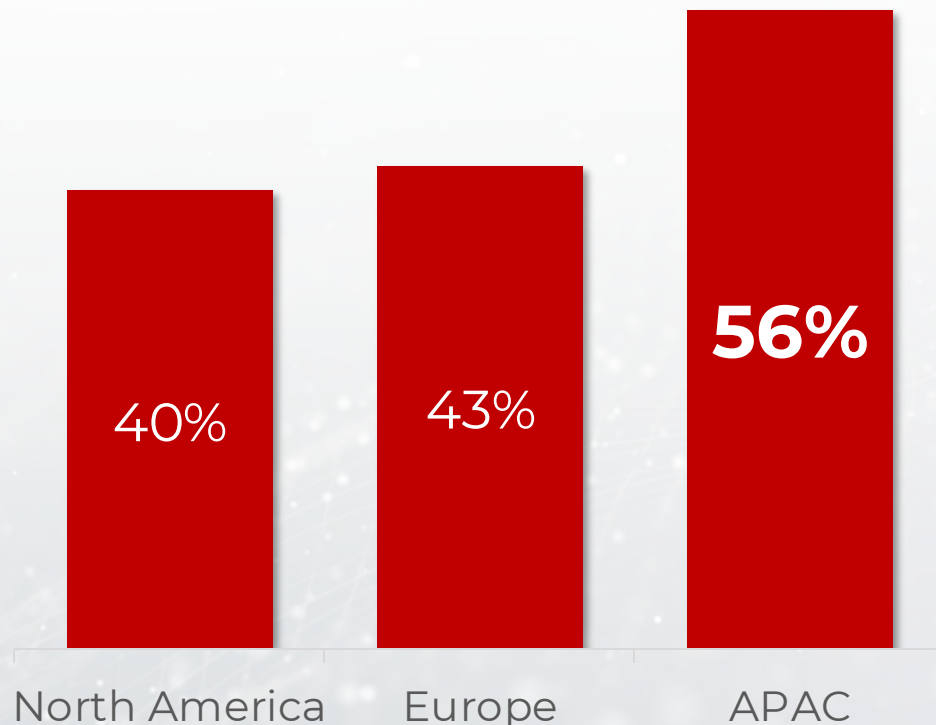
Corporate actions are now one of the highest areas of impact for custodians



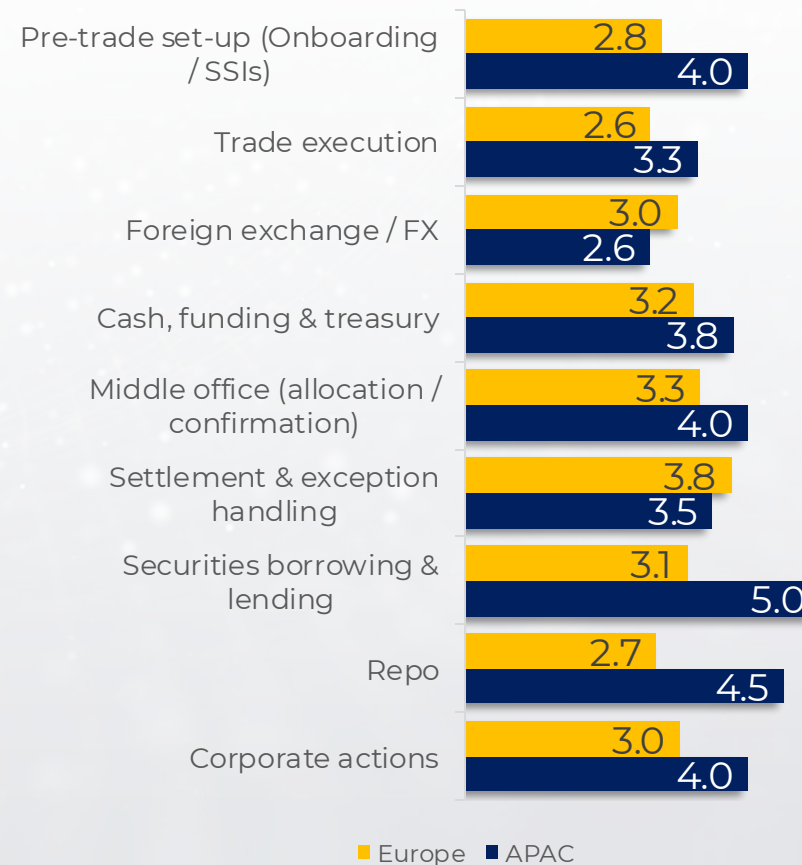
56% of firms in APAC expect T+1 to significantly impact them



% of respondents expecting to be significantly impacted by T+1



Perceived average impact of T+1 on trade processing (by region)



Asian respondents are expecting T+1 to hit them harder across almost every step in the trade cycle.

Time zones matter – Asian respondents (UK / Europe + 6-7 hours) will see the biggest shift to overnight processing of any region.

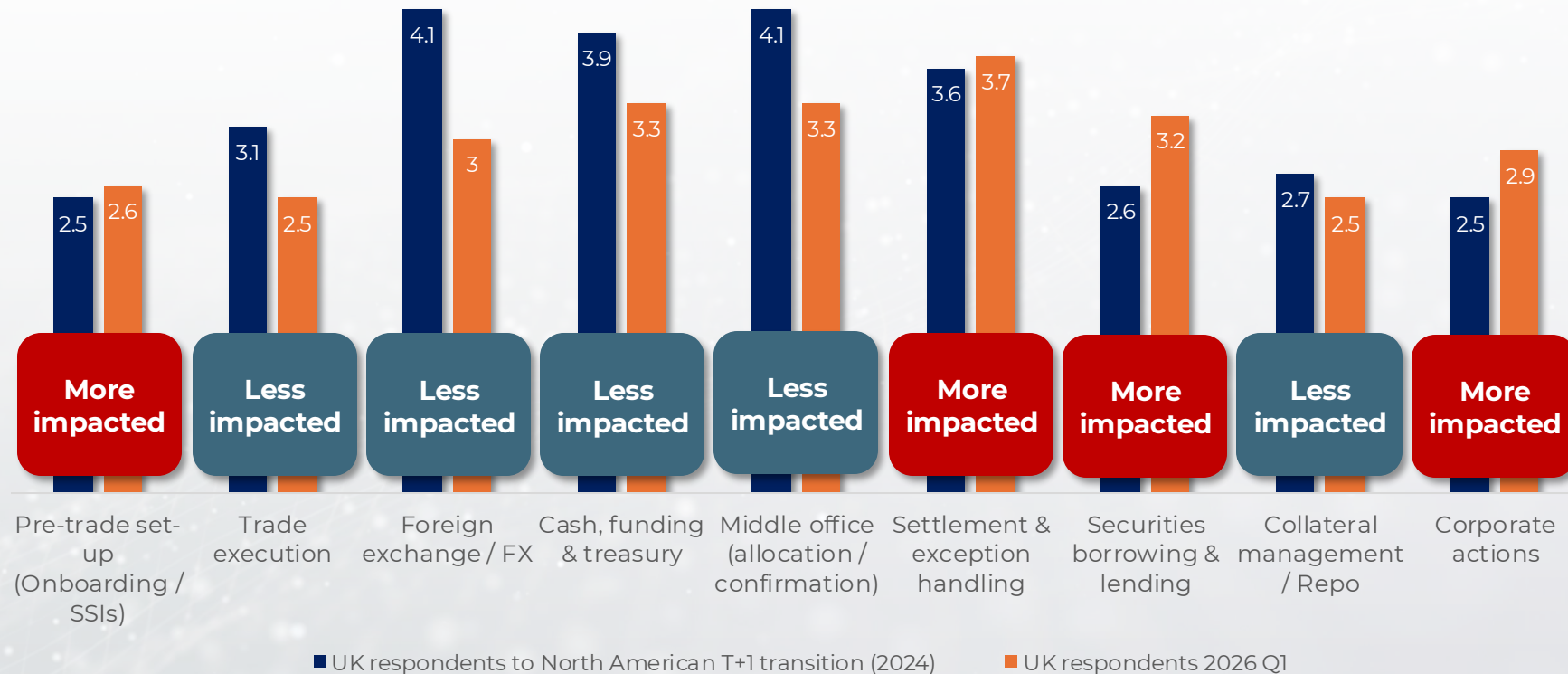
Unlike the US transitions, Asian buy-side firms do not hold significant, long EUR/GBP balances and so their funding is also expected to be significantly impacted



British firms expect their work from 2024 to help them in 5 of 9 key areas



Expected, average impact of T+1 on each area of trade processing (UK respondents in 2024 and 2026)



After the 2024 transitions for North America, most firms expect significant pay offs as they prepare for Europe: most of all in funding and middle office.

But without an integrated middle / back office platform (i.e. DTCC TradeSuite), settlements look set to be more impacted this time.

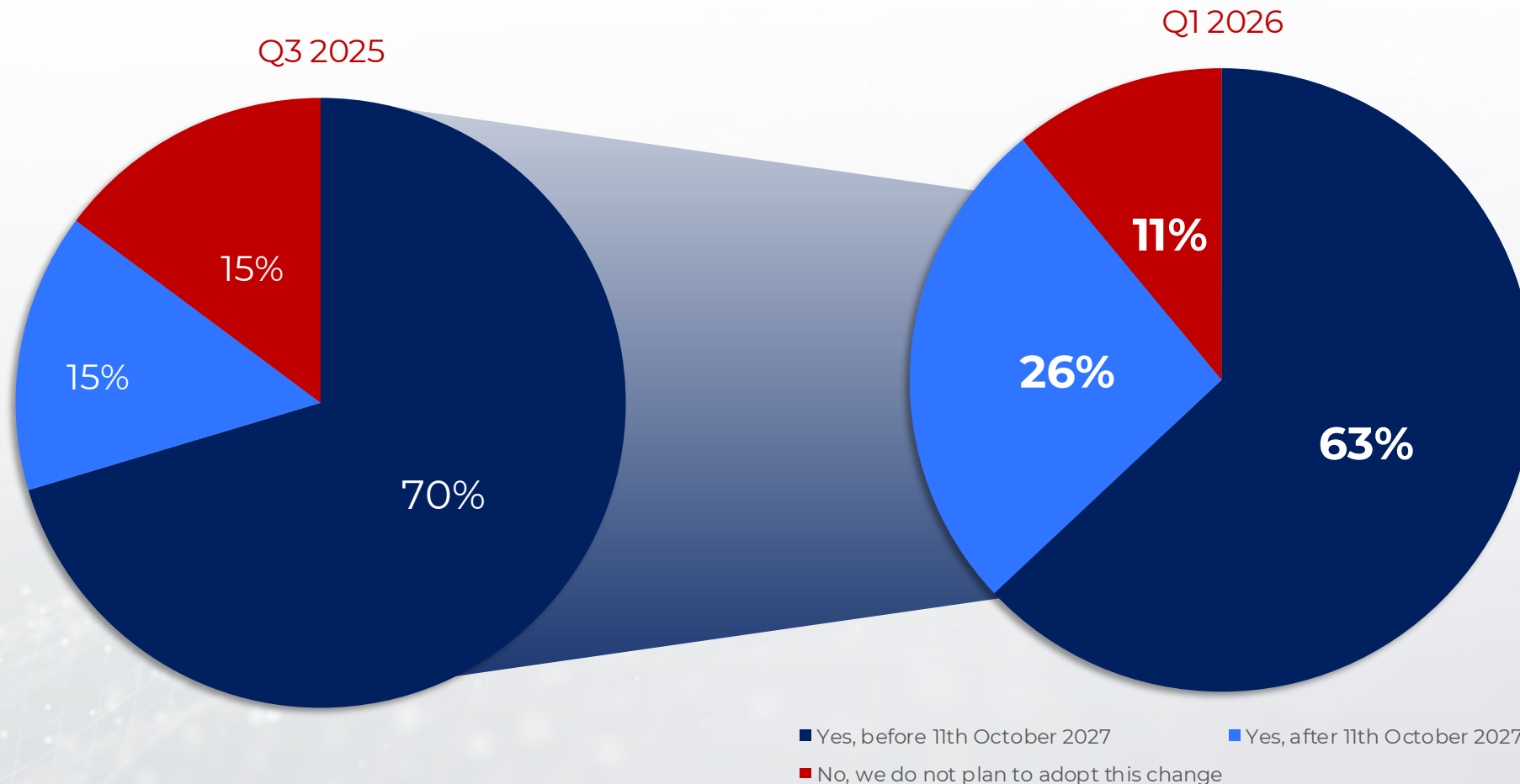
Are firms overlooking the regional complexities of FX and funding?



The number of UK fund managers planning to change their fund dealing cycle as a result of T+1 in the UK has increased by 4%



% of UK fund managers' plans to change their fund dealing cycle as a result of T+1 in the UK



The number of fund managers planning to shorten their dealing cycle ahead of the 11 October 2027 deadline has increased slightly, although more are doing this after October 11, 2027.

Firms continue to highlight the complexity of changing dealing cycles, including prospectus updates, transfer agent coordination and investor communication challenges.

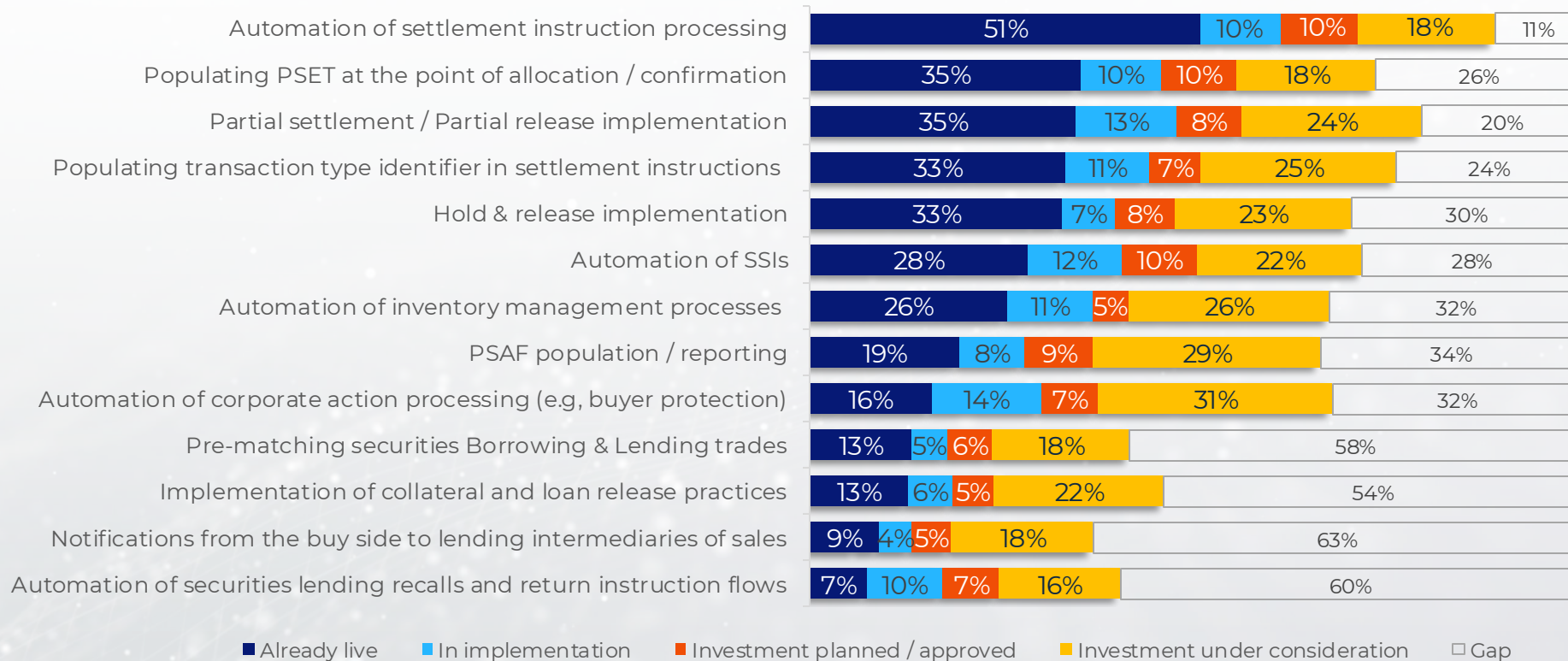
Question: Do you expect to change your fund dealing cycle as a result of the move to T+1 in each of the following markets by end of 2026?



51% of firms have already automated settlement instruction processing



Planned areas of investment for T+1 in the UK (% of respondents plans to invest in each area, excluding not relevant)



Almost every firm is focused on SI automation, with 61% set to be live soon.

Outside of SI automation, less than one in two firms is acting to increase automation across the trade cycle.



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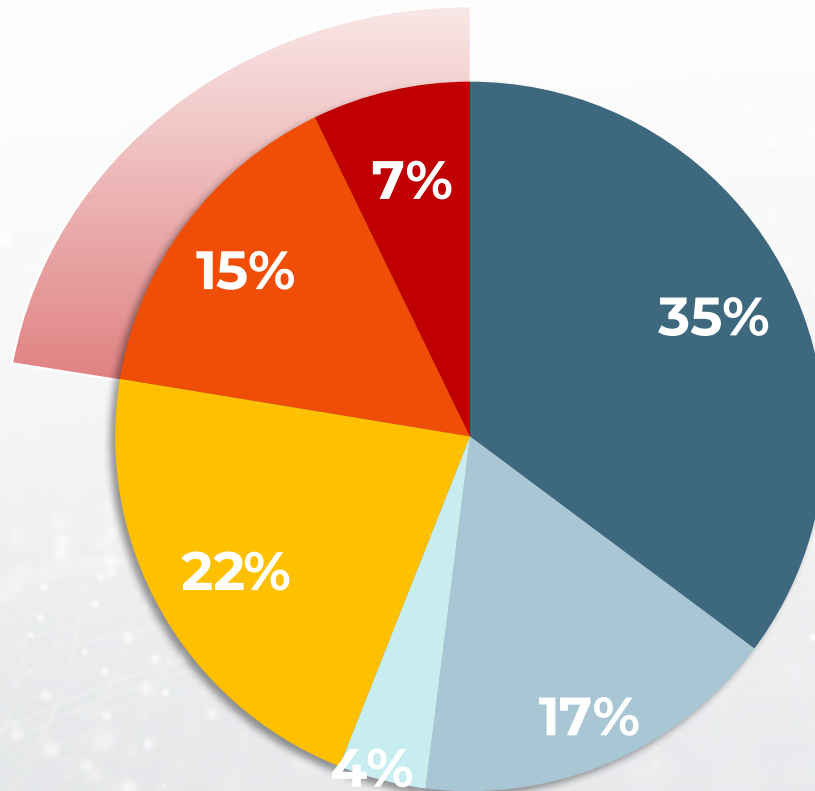
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% of respondents at each stage of their T+1 cost assessment and budgeting



- Costs assessed; budget approved
- Costs assessed; budget approval in progress
- Costs assessed; no dedicated T+1 budget
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- Cost assessment not yet conducted
- None of the above

52% of firms either already have budget or are in the process of obtaining it.

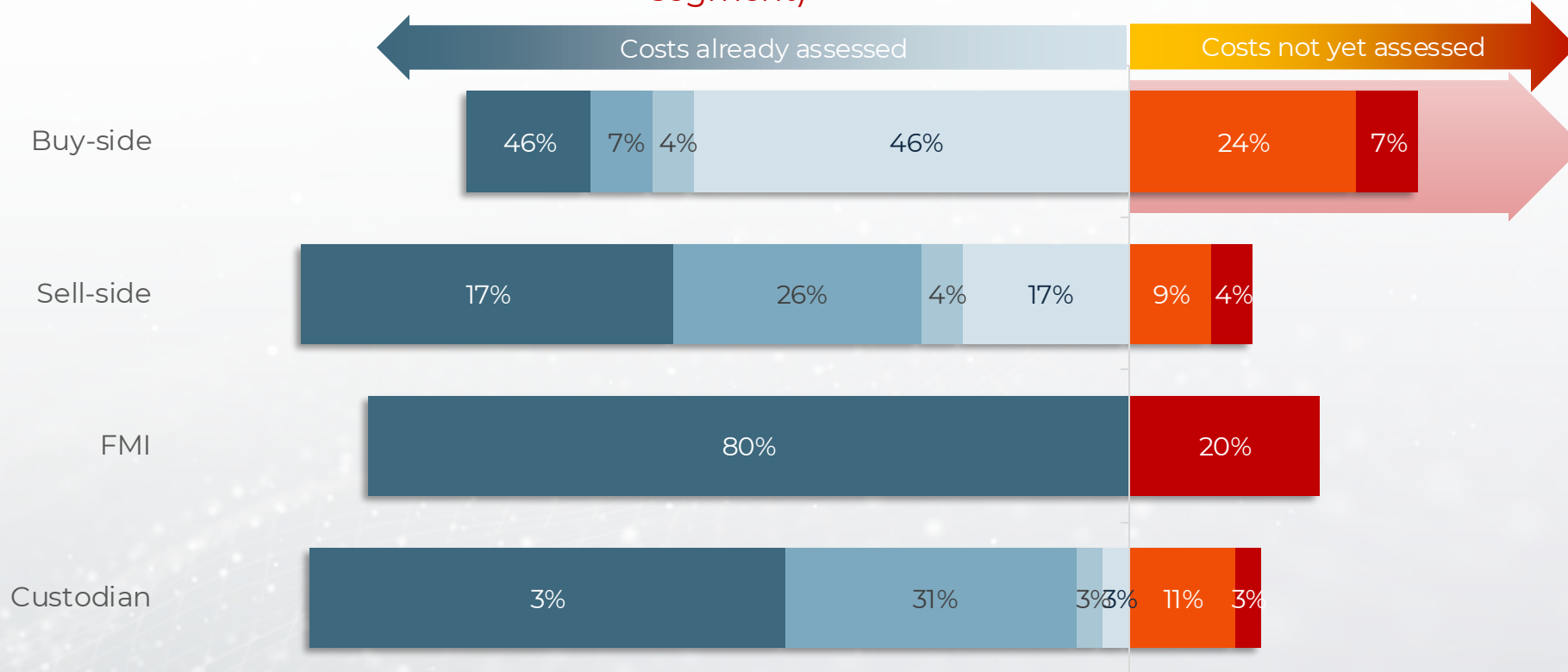
Just over one quarter of firms (26%) has no access to additional or to dedicated budgets for T+1.



46% of buy-side firms do not require additional budget to support the transition to T+1



% of respondents at each stage of their T+1 cost assessment and budgeting (by segment)



Over two thirds of the sell-side has already completed their cost analysis for T+1 – with funding being deployed today.

Only 24% of investors have done the same analysis.

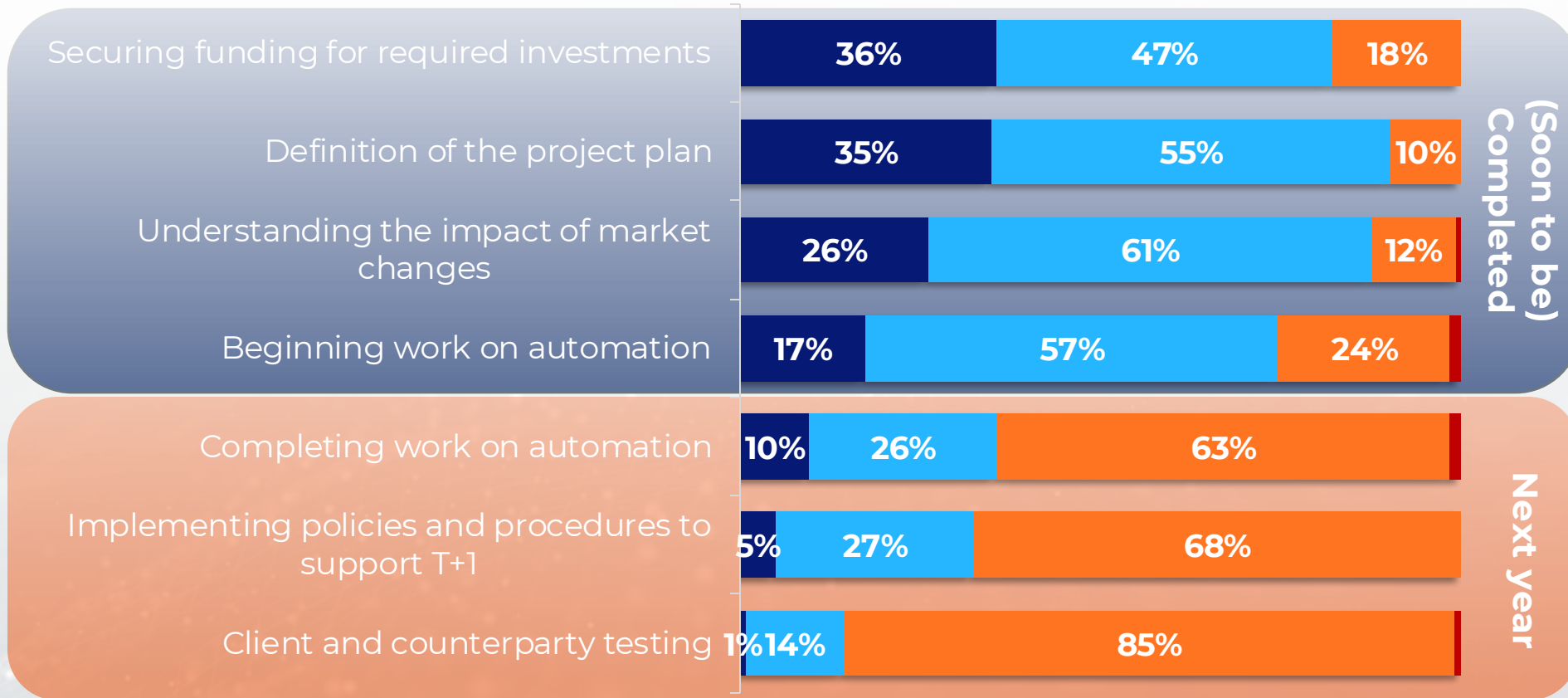
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63% of firms expect to complete their automation work in 2027



Expected completion date for key readiness milestones



■ Already completed / Compliant ■ 2026 ■ 2027 ■ 2028 or beyond

At the beginning of 2026, only one in three firms had scoped and funded their T+1 work. By the end of the year, 90% will have done so.

T+1 work is underway this year for 76% of firms – with 36% expecting to finish their T+1 projects in by end 2026.

2027 is the year when automation and governance will be put in place for >98% of firms.

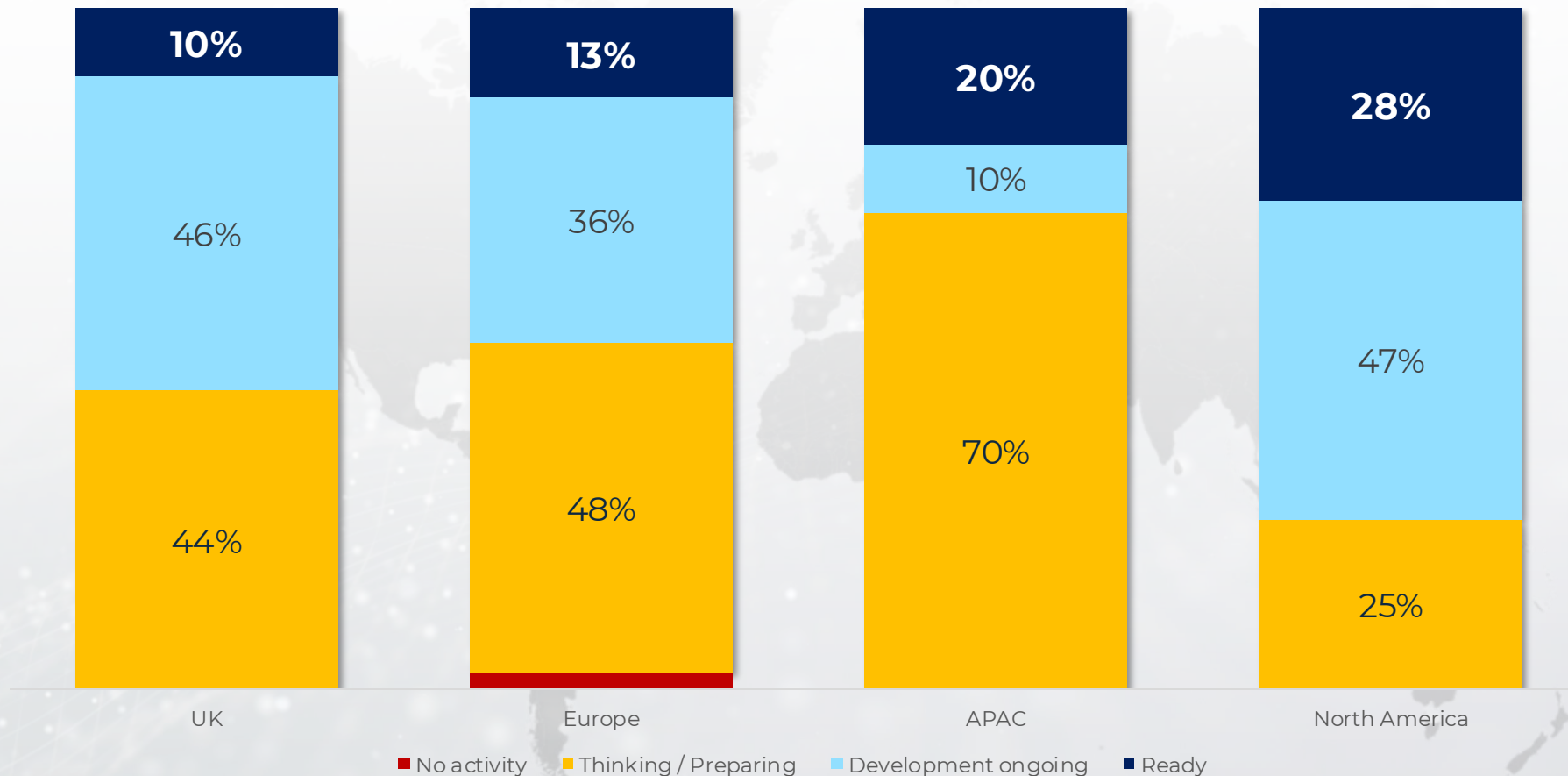
Almost no one expects their T+1 work to continue past 2027.



44% of firms in the UK Are still thinking about getting ready for T+1



Preparation status for T+1 in the UK (% of respondents by status)



Is Europe really the least prepared region for T+1? Twice as many firms in North America believe they are ready for T+1 than in Europe - and one in five firms in Asia-Pacific thinks so too.

Almost half of North American firms are in project mode for T+1.

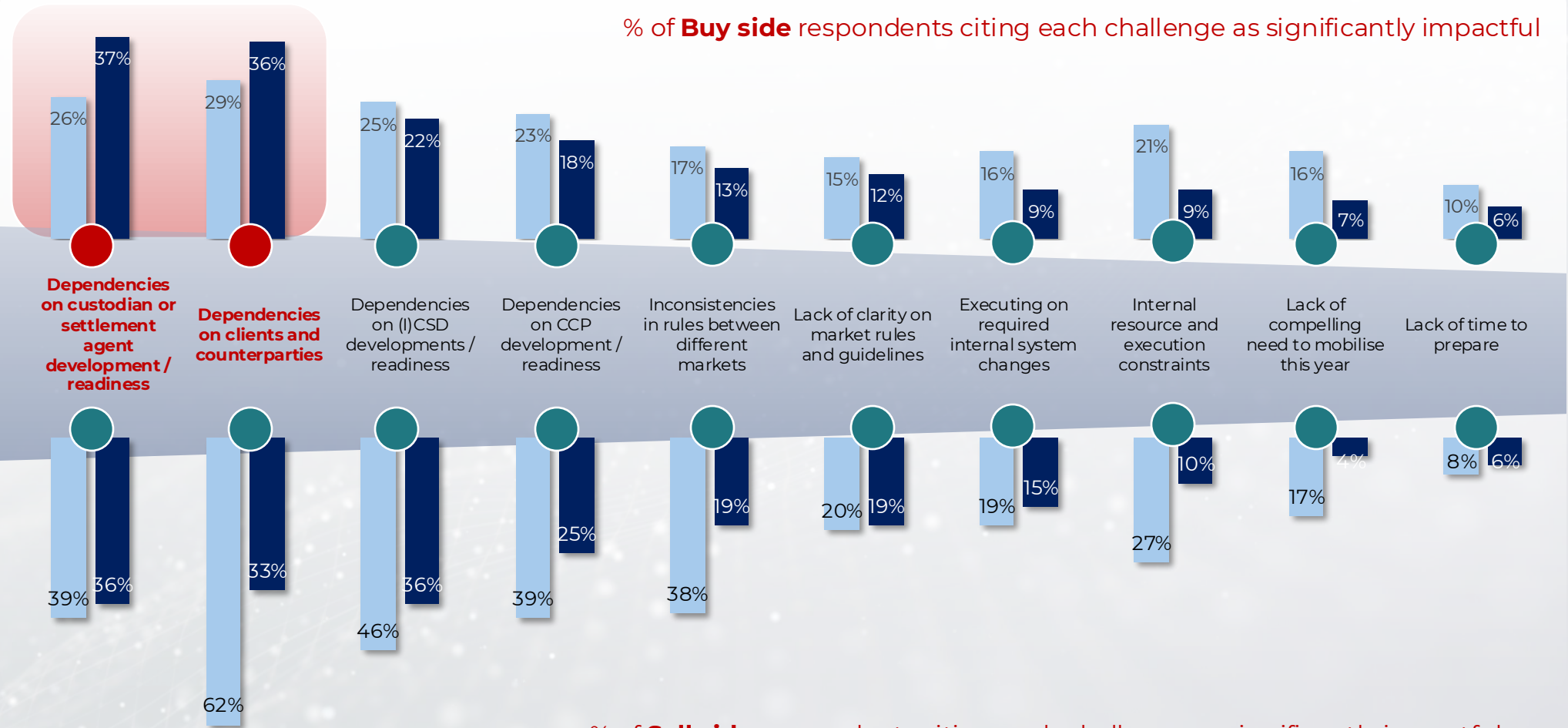
70% of firms in Asia-Pacific have not yet begun project work on T+1



T+1 issues are getting easier to manage, although clients, counterparties and custodians are a growing concern for up to 37% of firms



% of **Buy side** respondents citing each challenge as significantly impactful



% of **Sell side** respondents citing each challenge as significantly impactful

■ Q3 2025 ■ Q1 2026 ● Worsened since Q3 2025 ● Improved since Q3 2025

The last 6 months have seen a significant improvement in almost every key area of concern for the buy- and sell-sides: including clarity of rules and internal mobilization.

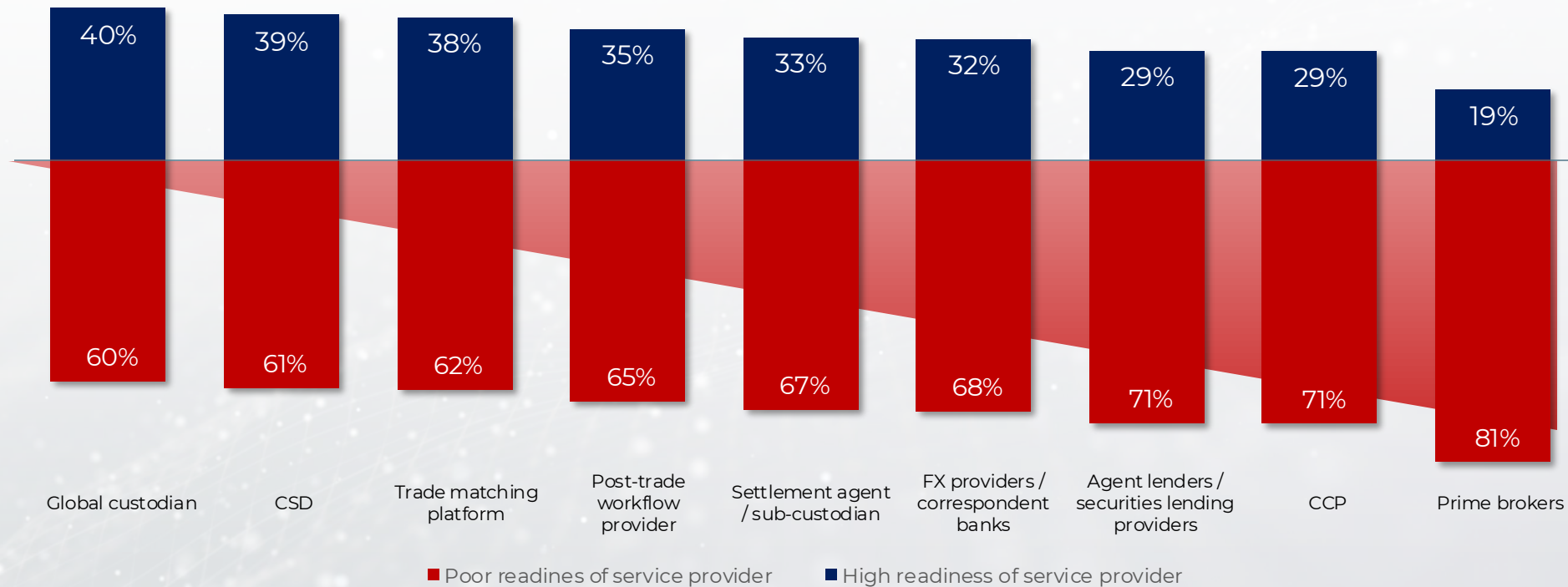
External readiness remains a pressing concern for over one third of respondents: with the buy-side increasingly anxious whilst the sell-side is increasingly confident



On average 67% of respondents do not believe their service provider is ready to support their transition to T+1



% of respondents who believe their **service providers** are ready to support them in the move to T+1 in the UK



Less than one in two firms sees their service provider as being able to support their T+1 preparations today.

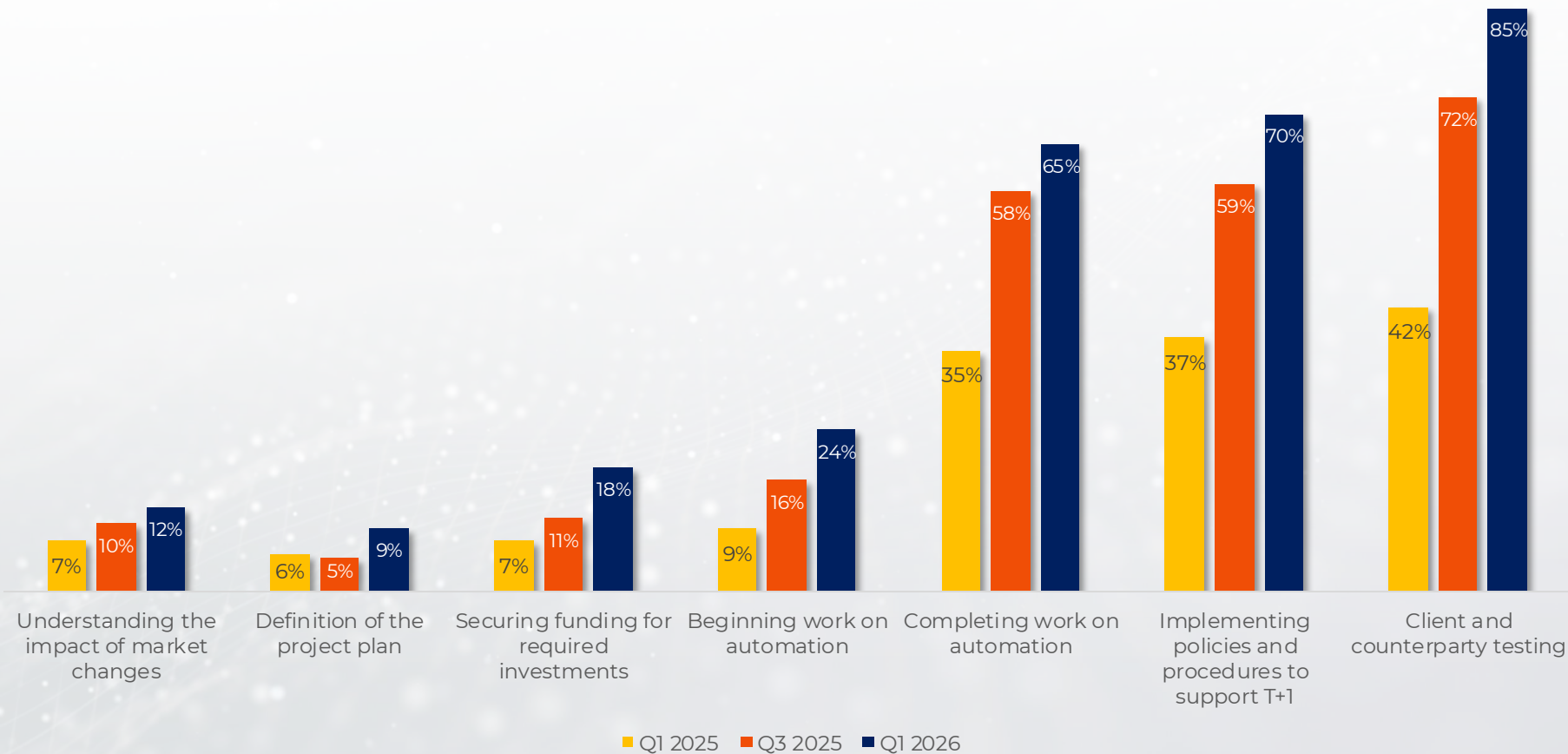
Only 19% of respondents feels that their prime broker is able to support them today



The percentage of firms expecting to complete their T+1 builds in 2027 has doubled in the last year



% of respondents expecting to complete the following tasks in **2027**
(at time of survey)



T+1 project time-frames are shifting to a growing concentration on 2027.

The volume of firms expecting only to fund their T+1 work in 2027 has grown by half since Q1 2025; as has the volume of firms expecting to begin their project work that year.

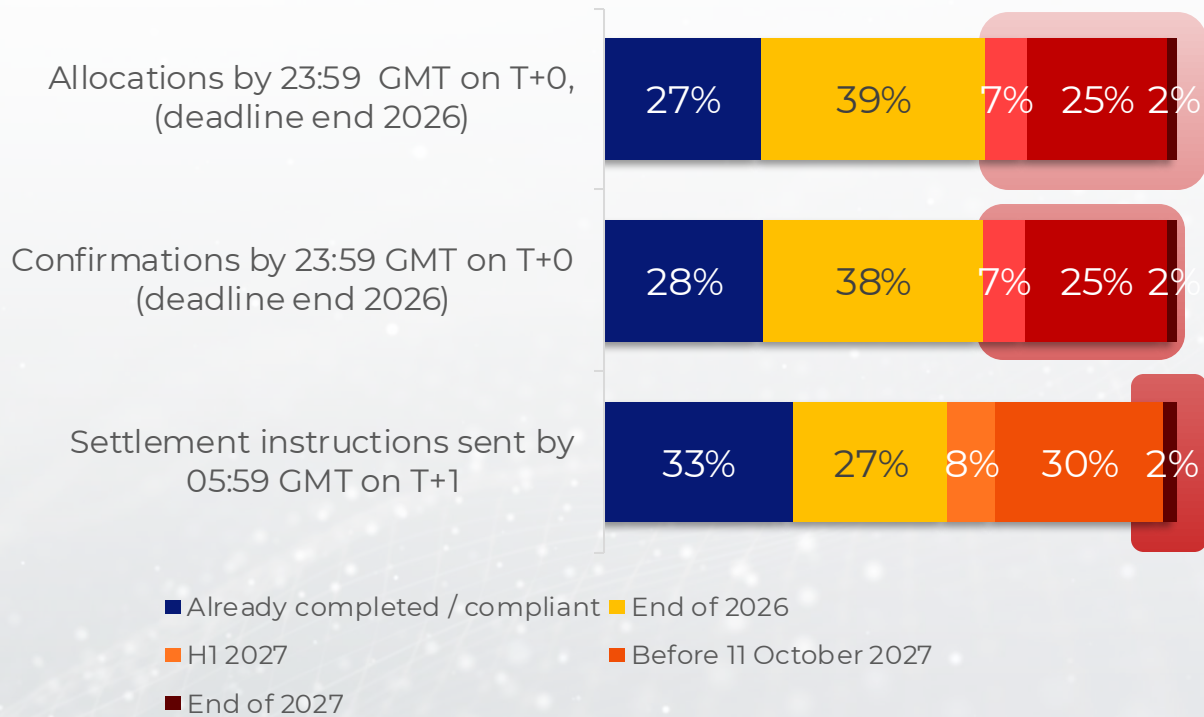
The slippage appears to be continuing even after the release of the implementation plans and handbooks.



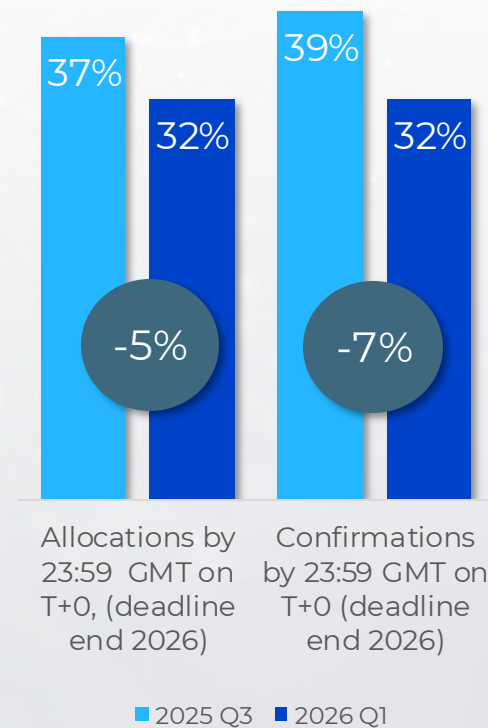
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Expected compliance dates versus market messaging guidelines (% of respondents by year)



% change in expected compliance by end 2026 (2025 vs 2026)



The number of firms missing the 2026 allocations and confirmations deadline has reduced from 39% in the Q3 2025 survey.

Awareness around the 2026 milestones is still a challenge for one in three respondents.

Question: By when do you expect to meet these deadlines for your UK market trades?



78% of FMIs will be ready for testing in Q1 2027 – the core industry window



Only 22% of FMIs and 17% of sell-side firms expect to be ready for testing in 2026.

36% of buy-side firms don't plan to run their own testing before T+1 – half of whom have no plans to test at all.

Of those who expect to test, around two-thirds expect to be ready in Q1 2027.





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