

ACG UK M&A Temperature Check Survey 2017

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Overview

In March 2017 ACG UK commissioned a survey of both members and non-members.

Designed to gauge market sentiment, the survey asked both groups to complete a short M&A Industry 'Temperature Check' on the mid-market to understand levels of optimism both in the UK and globally as well as where dealflow opportunities and challenges lie.

This is the 2nd survey conducted, with the previous one taken in 2016.



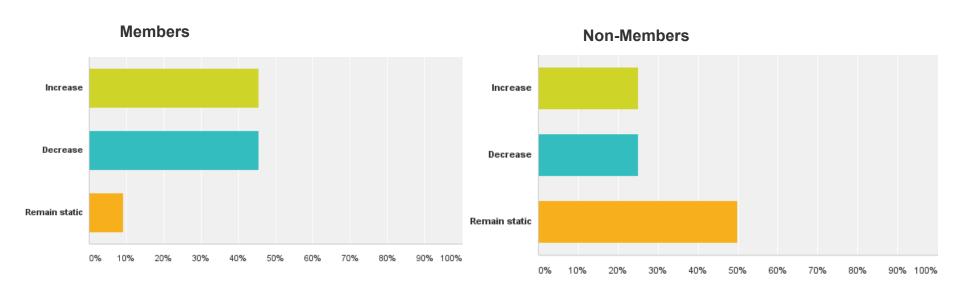
Do you expect UK M&A deal volumes to increase or decrease over the next 6 months? Select one option

Average ratings:

Increase = 35%

Decrease = 35%

Remain static = 30%



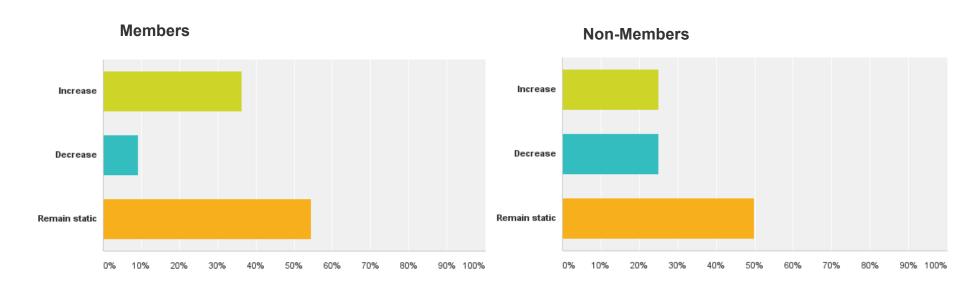
Do you expect that average valuation multiples will increase, decrease or remain static on average over this period? Select one option

Average ratings:

Increase = 31%

Decrease = 17%

Remain static = 52%



For each sector, please say whether you think it will see more or less activity over the next 6 months?

Members

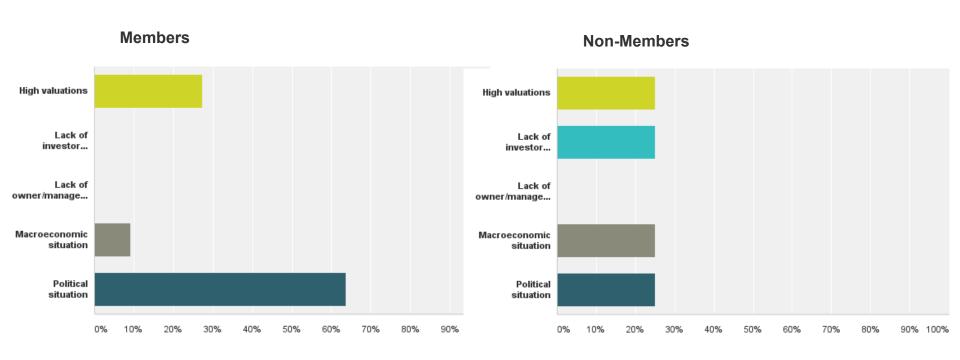
Non-Members

	More	Less	The same	Total	Weighted Average		More	Less	The same	Total	Weighted Average
TMT	50.00%	10.00%	40.00%			TMT	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%		
	5	1	4	10	1.90		0	0	3	3	3.00
Industrials	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%			Industrials	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%		
	2	6	2	10	2.00		0	0	3	3	3.00
Business services	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%			Business services	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
	5	0	5	10	2.00		4	0	0	4	1.00
Financial services	30.00%	50.00%	20.00%			Financial services	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%		
	3	5	2	10	1.90		1	2	0	3	1.67
Consumer	40.00%	30.00%	30.00%			Consumer	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%		
	4	3	3	10	1.90		2	1	1	4	1.75
Healthcare	60.00%	30.00%	10.00%			Healthcare	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%		
	6	3	1	10	1.50		2	1	1	4	1.75
Property/construction	10.00%	60.00%	30.00%			Property/construction	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%		
	1	6	3	10	2.20		0	1	2	3	2.67



What do you think is the biggest challenge to M&A transactions over the next 6 months?

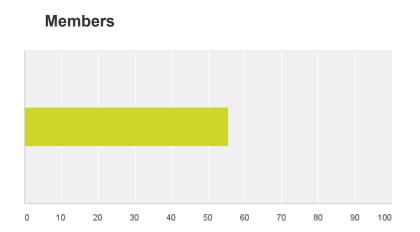
- 1: political situation
- 2: high valuations
- 3: macroeconomic situation

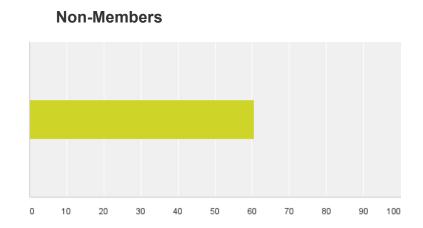




Overall, how optimistic are you about the UK M&A market at the moment?

Average rating = 58.5





Overall, how optimistic are you about the *global* M&A market at the moment?

Average rating = 61

