INSIGHTS INTO THE FINANCIAL ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS OF HIGH-NET-WORTH BUSINESS OWNERS

Overall Sentiment

Current State

- Personal: 69% are confident they will achieve their personal financial goals
- Professional: Keeping staffing levels stable (58%) and investing in IT (27%)



Future State

66% plan to retire within the next 10 years



"In the depths of the recession, business owners had a great deal of fear about the financial impact of the downturn on their families. As the economy improves, and merger-and-acquisition activity strengthens, we see growing confidence. Business owners are looking to the future and considering succession and retirement planning."

 Mary Ann Sisco Senior Wealth Advisor

Achieving their Goals

To accomplish their financial goals, business owners take the following steps:

- Investment diversification 39%
- Save more 22%
- Hard work 15%





Financial Advice

- Only 15% make financial decisions on their own
- 55% rely on an advisor for some or all financial decisions they make
- Nearly two in three (64%) say they prefer to work with one financial institution



What type of advice and services are needed?

- 72% want tax planning advice
- 60% look for estate planning counsel
- Nearly half (48%) seek financial and investment planning assistance



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