



**Aluminum Market** Update   
Industry Trends Survey

*Survey results:*

**Market sentiment and trends analysis**

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## *market trends*

At Aluminum Market Update, we aim to deliver valuable, data-driven insights for the aluminum industry. Our exclusive survey gathers input from key players in **manufacturing, distribution and related sectors**, providing a real-time snapshot of market trends.

Participation is invitation only, ensuring high-quality responses from industry professionals.

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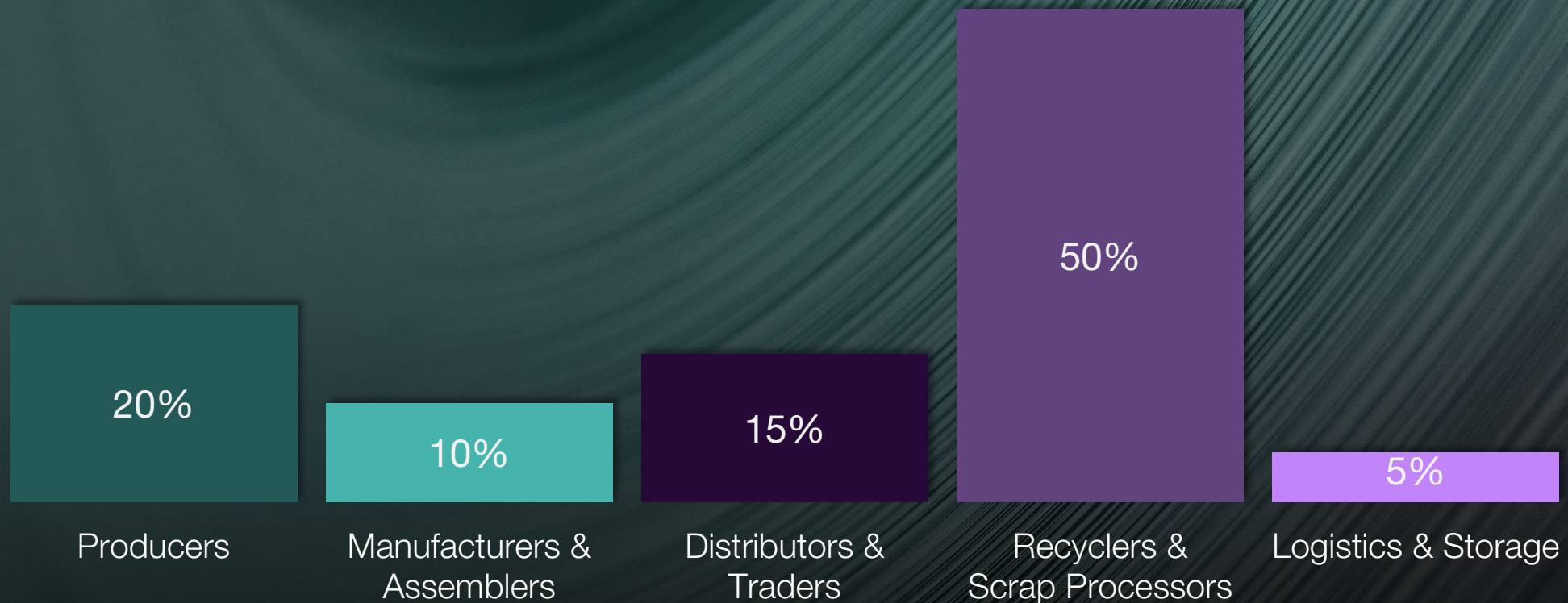
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# Survey participants

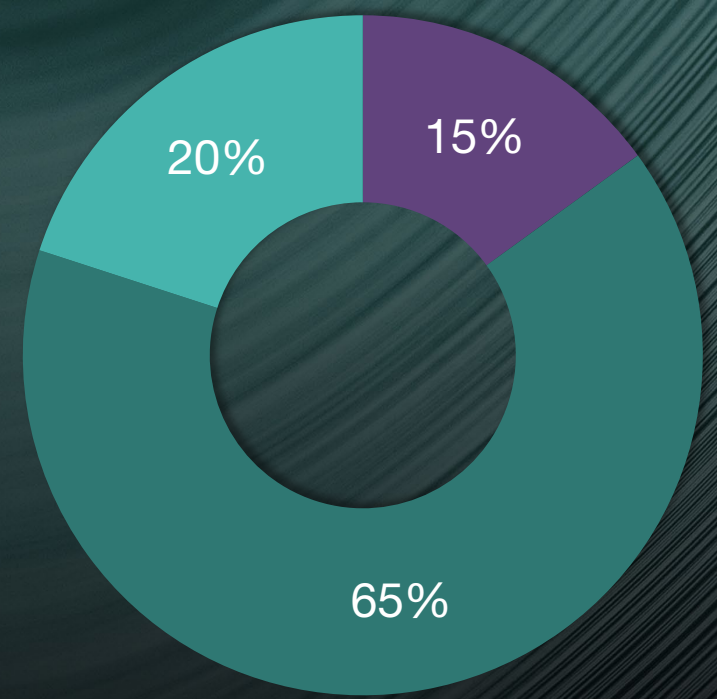
Our survey is by invitation only. Over 1,000 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



# Overall demand

How would you describe current demand for your products or services?

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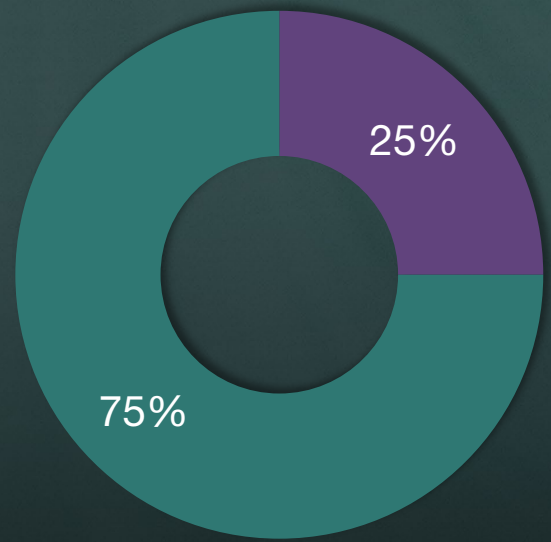


# Domestic demand by sector

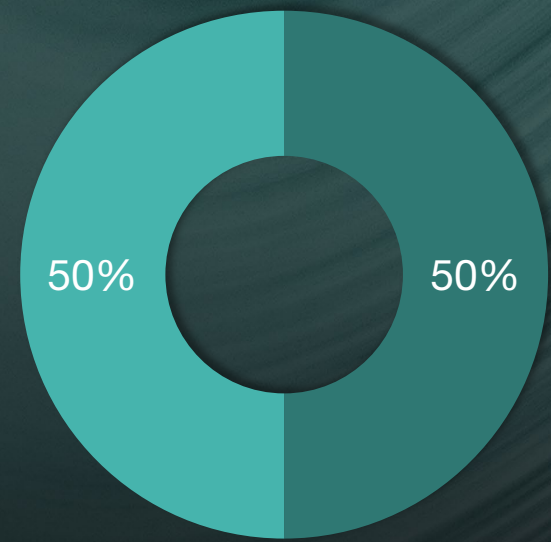
What's your outlook on overall US demand in your part of the aluminum market?

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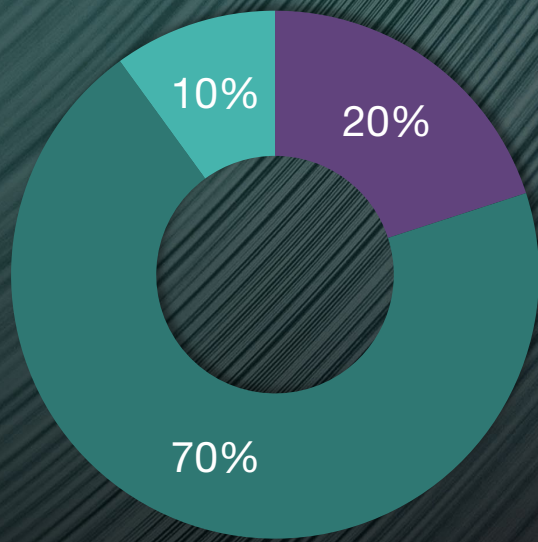
*Producer*



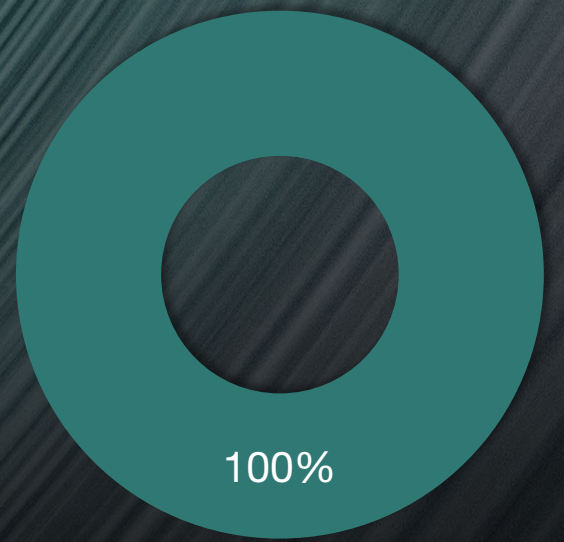
*Manufacturers & Assemblers*



*Recyclers & Scrap Processors*



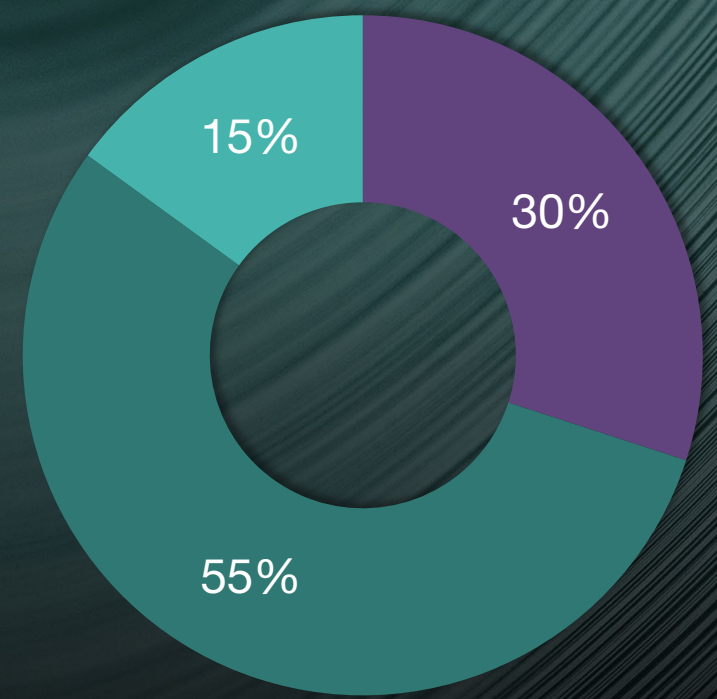
*Logistics & Storage*



# Export demand

How do you see the overall *export* demand?

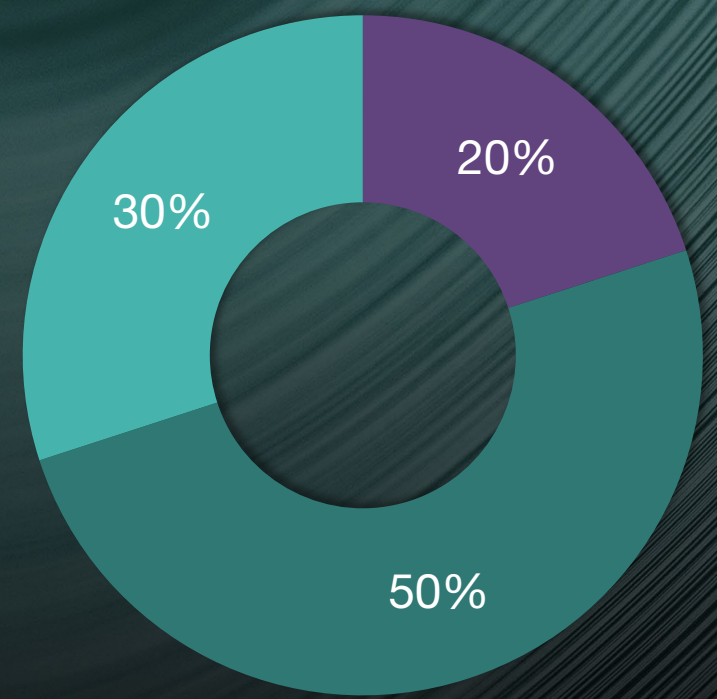
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# Business forecasts

How did your company perform last month vs. forecast?

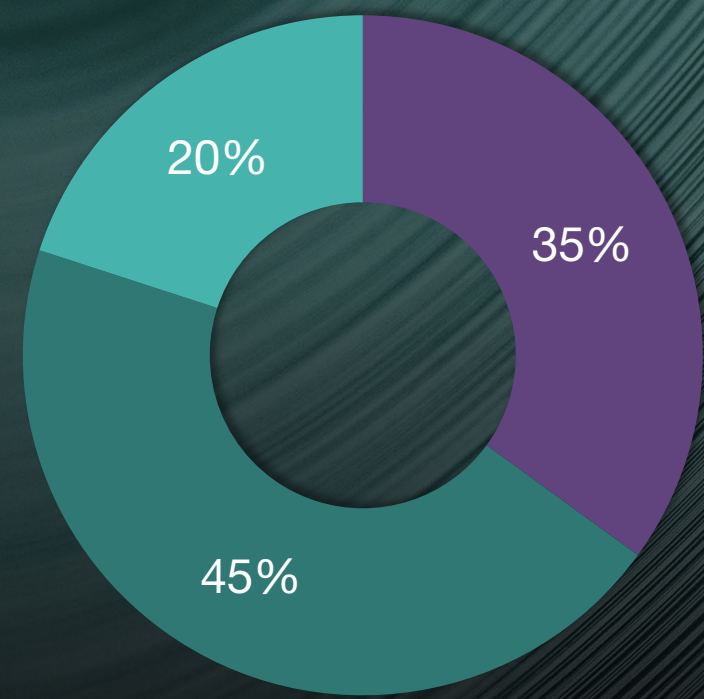
Beat forecast    Met forecast    Missed forecast



# Future market supply balance

Three months from now, how do you see the balance of the market?

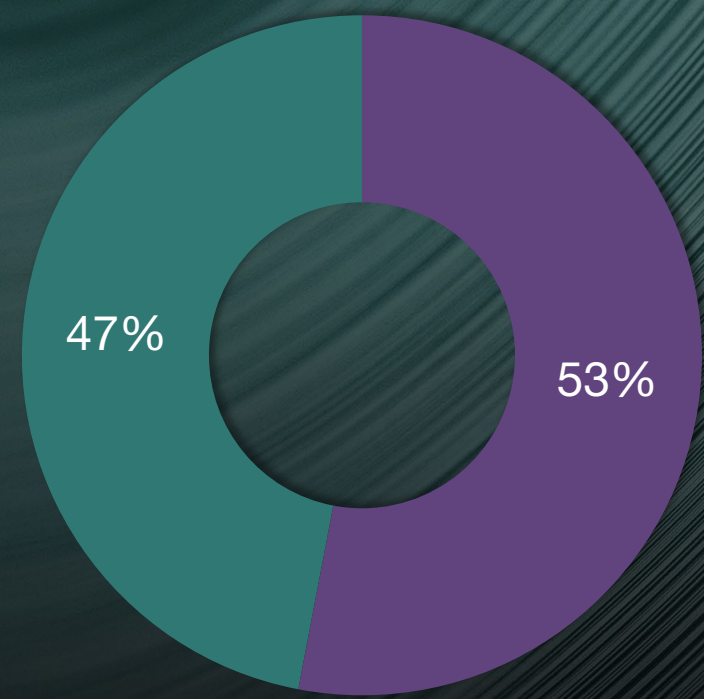
■ Oversupplied   ■ Balanced   ■ Undersupplied



# Aluminum supply vs. demand

Is new U.S. supply (primary/semi) keeping up with demand?

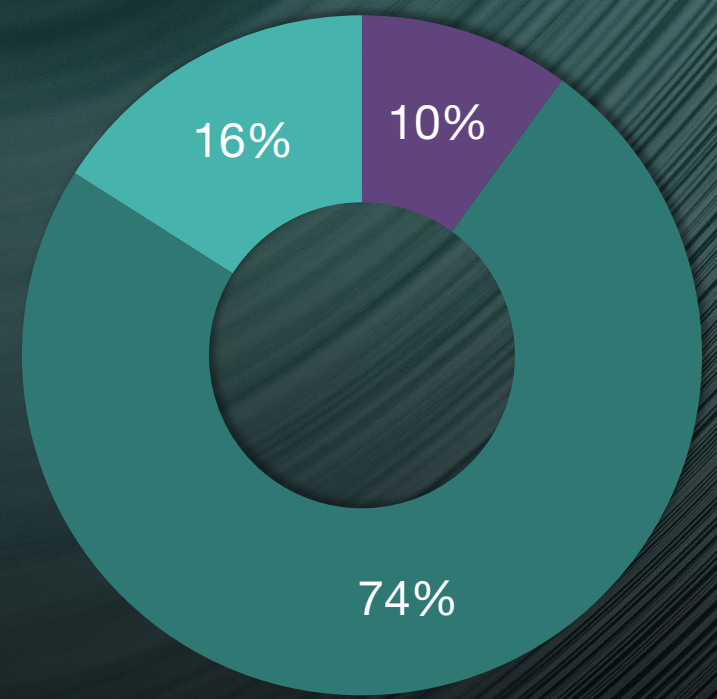
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# Supplier lead times

How are lead times looking from your aluminum suppliers right now?

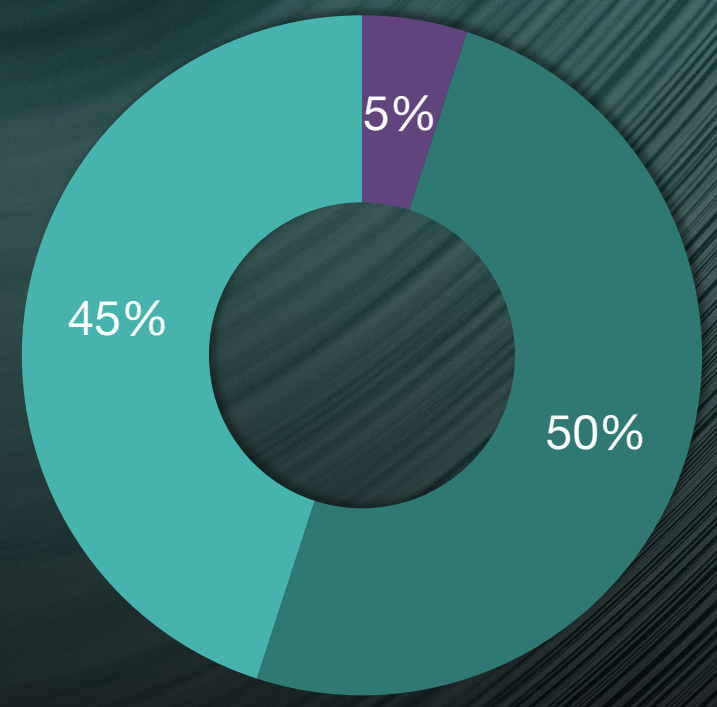
Improving      Stable      Worsening



# Inventory

How are you managing your aluminum inventory right now?

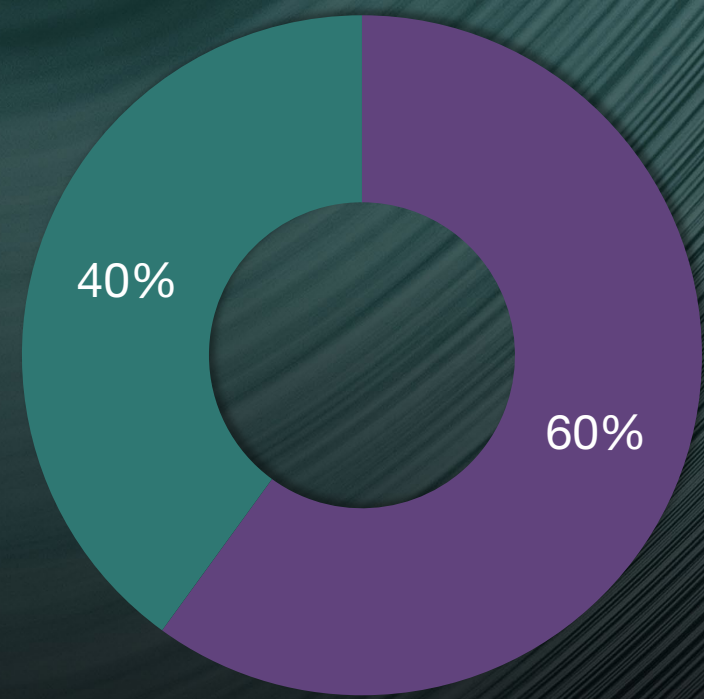
Building Maintaining Reducing



# Obsolete scrap demand

Is there enough obsolete scrap out there to meet demand?

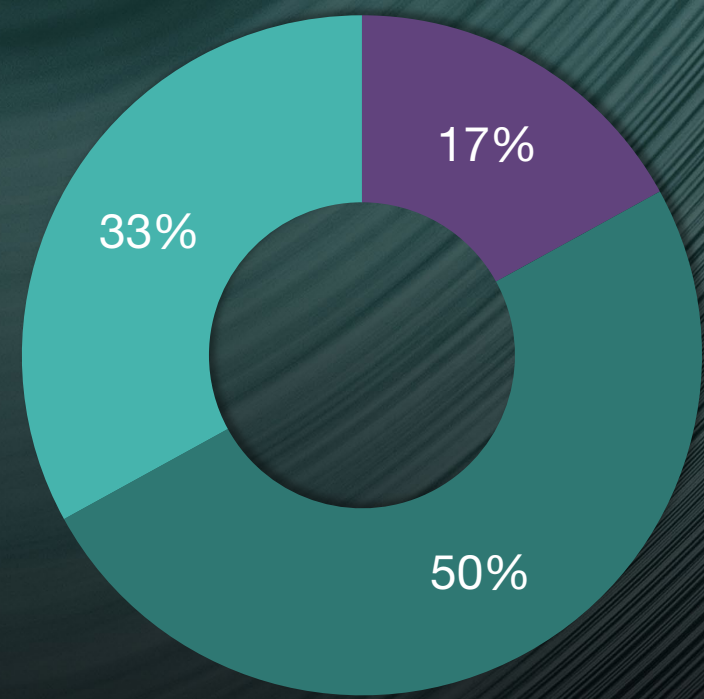
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# Near-term direction of Aluminum scrap prices

Where do you see the price of UBC trending next month?

76% or above    73% to 75%    72% or below

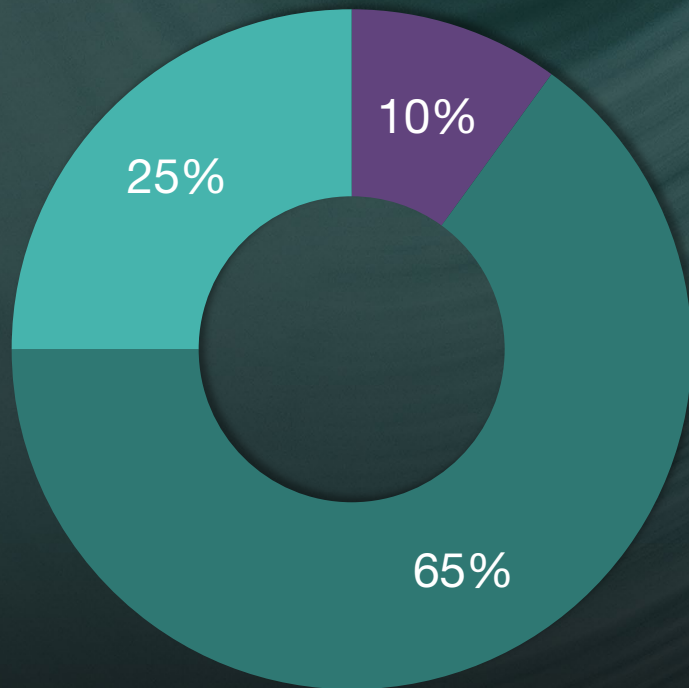


# Logistics trends

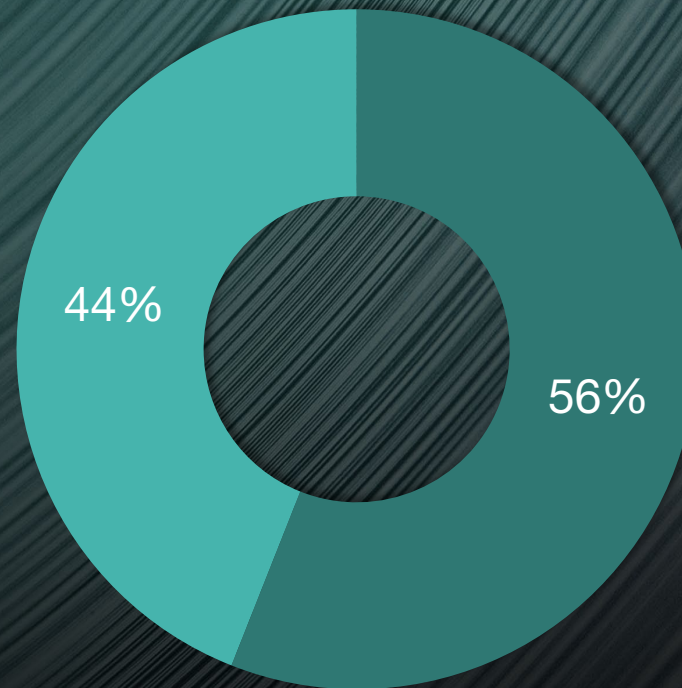
How do you see overall logistics costs?

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*Freight*



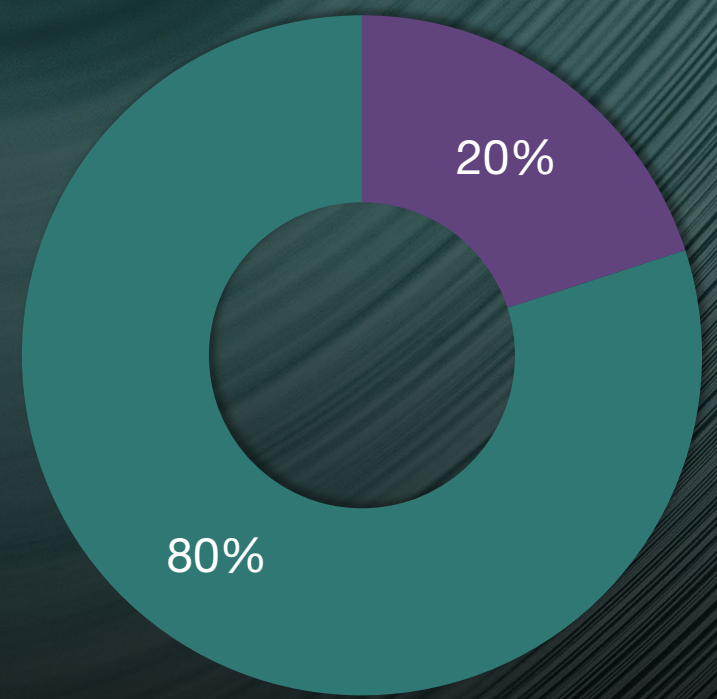
*Container*



# Near-term direction of Midwest Premium

Where do you see the Midwest Premium trending next month?

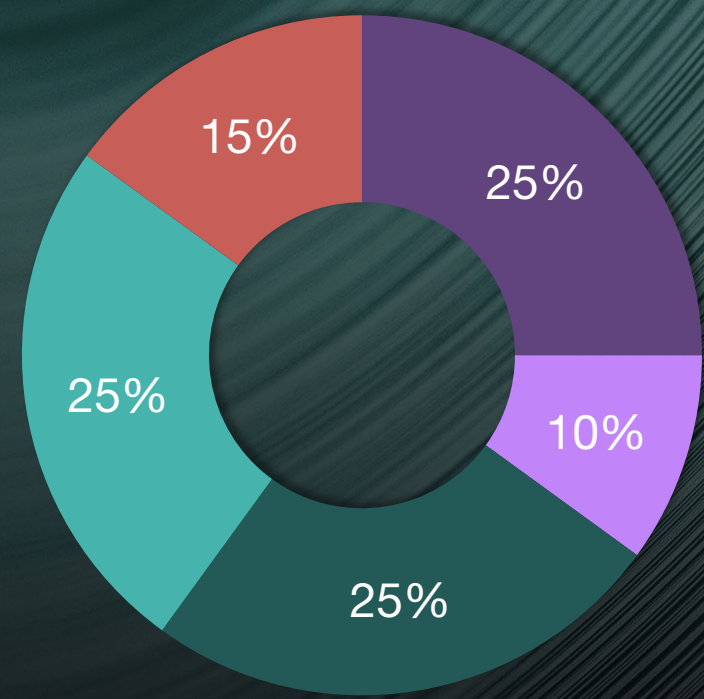
Higher Flat Lower



# Tariff impact

How are recent US tariffs affecting your business strategy?

- No Change
- Adjusting sourcing
- Pricing shift
- Pausing activity
- Too early



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